

Eleven years ago, Ursula Kaiser was told she had three months to live. Today she is...

# cancer-free

And her cure was anything but traditional

BY BILL CORNWELL

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Until the night the bleeding started, Ursula Kaiser assumed (and indeed was told by her doctors) that she was in perfect health.

After all, at the age of 53, she was scrupulous about her diet (she was a vegetarian) and her exercise regime (she was a highly competitive tennis player and an accomplished all-around athlete). She also received regular medical checkups — none of which had turned up signs of any problems. But then, the bleeding came, in the middle of the night, and Ms. Kaiser, terrified and alone, knew that something was wrong. Very wrong.

"I thought I was dying that night," says Ms. Kaiser, recalling that horrific episode some 11 years ago. "I had clots coming out of my body. I lost so much blood that I thought it was the end. I really did. I believed that I was dying. I had had physicals, but they never caught a thing. I had no idea until that night when the bleeding started that there was anything at all wrong with me."

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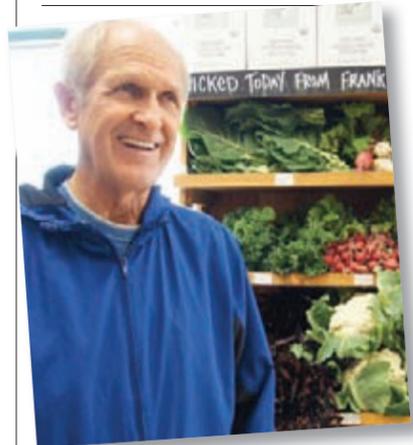
Happy and healthy at home in her Naples condominium, Ursula Kaiser reflects on how her decision to fight cancer using alternative treatments has left her cancer-free.

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## Hodges University gives humanitarian prize to Sproul family



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Hodges University has recognized Juliet "Judy" Sproul, Katherine "Katie" Sproul and Jennifer Sproul Sullivan as its 2010 Humanitarians of the Year. The award was presented before more than 400 people at a sold-out luncheon at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort.

"The Humanitarian of the Year Award recognizes those who have nudged society forward through their philanthropic

actions and who have touched the lives of so many people within our local community," said Dr. Louis J. Traina, vice president of university advancement for Hodges University. This is the 14th year in which Hodges University has bestowed this prestigious award upon a local individual or individuals.

Descendants of Collier County founder and pioneer Barron Gift Collier Sr., Judy Sproul, Katie Sproul and Ms. Sullivan have generously given back to the community in many diverse ways, reflecting a generational continuum supporting

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Clockwise from left: Katie Sproul, Jennifer Sproul Sullivan and Judy Sproul

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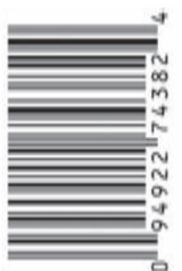
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## COMMENTARY

## The reincarnation of Joseph McCarthy



Look, look, look. Do you see what I mean?

Study the images carefully. What we have here, ladies and gentlemen, is photographic proof that hogs can be reincarnated as humans.

Wait, that can't be right. That must surely be the cynical evaluation of a liberal egg-head with heavily Buddhist leanings.

Hogs, after all, take care of their own. They're loyal, intelligent and ambitious. Call them smelly, if you will, or even greedy. But don't call them cruel and craven — or cowardly, weak, fearful, mean-spirited, abject, timorous, malicious and pusillanimous.

And for God's sake, do not ascribe conditions such as paranoid schizophrenia to hogs. They show none of the classic symptoms of the paranoid schizophrenics pictured here: anger, anxiety, argumentativeness and delusions of grandeur and persecution.

No, these images reveal something more specific than a hogs-to-human truth. They show that the late, lying master-of-manipulation — the schizophrenic U.S. Sen. Joseph McCarthy — came back to life about seven years after his death, in 1957, of hepatitis exacerbated by alcoholism.

That's right. Sen. McCarthy was reincarnated, Buddhist style. This time around, he's the gaseous master-of-manipulation and radio-TV schizophrenic, Glenn Beck.

Mr. Beck, born Feb. 10, 1964, has the chipmunk intensity of a better-fed McCarthy. He sports the same self-satisfied sneer as the spiteful frat boy (I'm sorry to say Sen. McCarthy was a member of that proud fraternity known as United States Marines, who lied about his war record repeatedly). And he exhibits the same general air of chemically or physiologically induced mania.

Fortunately, McCarthy-Beck was reborn just in time NOT to be included in my generation of baby boomers. That's a tremendous relief to me. We've already given the country enough wackos, as you can see by checking the morning lineup on 92.5 FOX News.

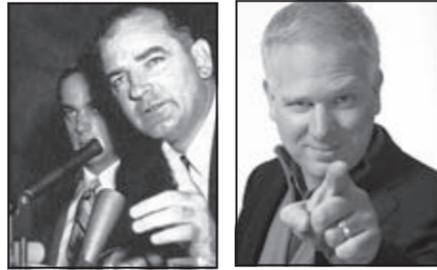
At FOX, listeners get to suffocate under an entire morning mudslide of craven male baby boomers. Mr. Beck juices up Rush Limbaugh (b. 1951), who juices up Sean Hannity (b. 1961), who in turn juices up Mark Levin (b. 1957). God, that's embarrassing to a man of my generation.

Embarrassing, but financially dazzling. Glenn Beck made \$32 million last year, according to Forbes Magazine.

Only \$2 million or so came from his contract with FOX. The rest came from books (\$12 million), a radio deal (\$10 million) and Beckian baubles, if you will — online stuff, a magazine and so on.

"I am not a journalist," Mr. Beck has said in an uncharacteristically truthful moment. But then he adds, "I am a conservative — I am much more a libertarian."

Here, Mr. Beck is baldly lying. I've known some real conservatives and libertarians, both. And they're nothing like Glenn Beck or Joseph McCarthy.



McCarthy

Beck

The good ones are moralists and honorable people. They care deeply about the country, the freedoms we share, and the American process — just like almost every other real patriot, whether liberal or conservative.

One honorable conservative is not another, of course. The late William F. Buckley was not George Will. Who in turn is not David Brooks or Joe Schmo.

But none of them display anything like the white-minstrel carnival barking and political hawking that characterize McCarthy-Beck's phlegmy contribution to the bawdy, brash, beautiful American parade.

No honorable conservative would ever be caught dead saying, as Mr. Beck did recently to Forbes, "I could give a crap about the political process. We're an entertainment company."

So all those tumorous distortions of honorable political ideas that Mr. Beck seems to spread lymphatically through the body politic are merely entertaining lies — the lies of a salesman hawking a toxic cure-all that carries only the power to make him rich.

No honorable conservative would ever imply an evil conspiracy of everybody

else in America, like Sen. McCarthy and Mr. Beck do so unhesitatingly: "You are seeing today an all out attempt to marshal the forces of the opposition, using not merely the communists, or their fellow travelers — the deluded liberals, the egg-heads, and some of my good friends in both the Democratic and Republican Parties who can become heroes over night in the eyes of the left-wing press if they will just join with the jackal pack." (That's Joseph McCarthy).

And no honorable conservative would ever insist that the thinking of a progressive like Teddy Roosevelt is the harbinger of Nazis and Communists, like Mr. Beck did in a recent television moment.

"Teddy Roosevelt took us into Russia territory," he announced, clucking alarmingly like Chicken Little. "The roots of progressivism lead to fascism, evolution not revolution, slowly step by step, one had the hammer and sickle, the other was a swastika, but on each banner read the words, in America, of this: 'Social Justice.'"

By Mr. Beck's maligning logic, if William F. Buckley or George Will or David Brooks call for "social justice" — say, by doing away with affirmative action, which is an honorable conservative idea also supported by some liberals — they must be Nazis and Commies. And if Nazis and Commies use the word "Truth" (which they did frequently), and Jesus also used the word "Truth" (ditto), He must be a Nazi and a Commie, too. Maybe even a Buddhist.

You see how that works? We're all one. Especially Joseph McCarthy and Glenn Beck. ■

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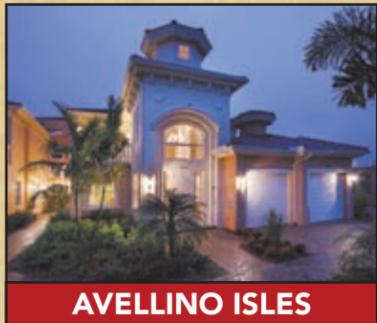


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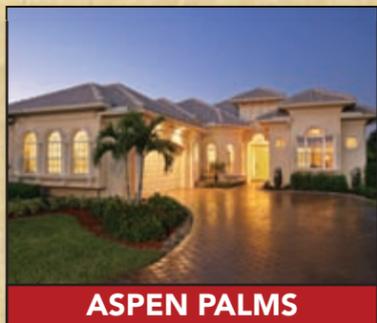


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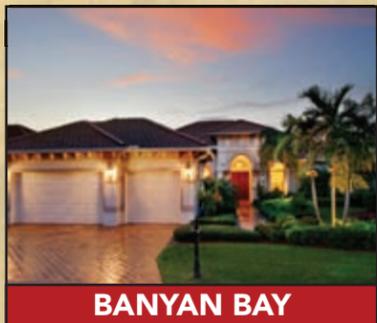


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# OPINION

## Why Obama needs a Republican Congress

BY RICH LOWRY

The undertakers of Bill Clinton's political doom showed up in Little Rock, Ark., in 1992 for a meeting with the president-elect two months before his inauguration. They were the leaders of the Democratic Congress, and they might as well have been draped in black crepe.

"You can trust us," House Speaker Tom Foley told Mr. Clinton, in an assurance as false as it was sincere. "We all want to make this administration succeed."

Two years later, President Clinton stood among smoldering political ruins. Democrats had lost both houses of Congress. A Republican upstart defeated Tom Foley. In trusting the Democratic leadership in Congress, Mr. Clinton nearly destroyed his presidency.

He learned a bitter lesson in the perils of trying to govern a center-right country in league with a left-wing Congress. It's not an accident that the most sustained period of political success for any of the last three Democratic presidents, outside of their initial honeymoons, came after Clinton lost Congress. Only then was he forced to govern from the center.

If President Barack Obama is ever

going to regain the ground he's lost as a bipartisan healer determined to transcend ideological divisions, he'll need Speaker Nancy Pelosi or Majority Leader Harry Reid or both shunted back to the minority. For President Obama, a Republican Congress could be a counterintuitive political boon.

Recent history suggests that there are two broad options for a Democratic president yoked to a Democratic Congress. He can, like Mr. Clinton and President Obama, get along with Congress and ineluctably get pulled to the left of the electorate. Or, he can, like Jimmy Carter, keep his distance and his relative moderation, and suffer an acrimonious relationship that brands him as ineffectual.

In theory, it should be possible to escape this double bind. But Democrats with control of both the executive and legislative branches have an irresistible FDR complex. They consider it their duty to establish vast new programmatic edifices, or die trying.

Outside of any ideological predilections, Congress is a drag. Congressional leaders generally don't make appealing national figures. They rule over an unwieldy (and often unseemly) institution and rise to prominence based on their appeal to their fellow members.

At the health-care summit, Ms. Pelosi and Mr. Reid characteristically jangled as President Obama soothed. He'd have been better off without them.

President Obama forcefully pushed for a stimulus bill loaded with years' worth of pent-up liberal spending priorities, a cap-and-trade bill greased with corporate giveaways, and the health-care bill that features a new partisan outrage every other day. All of this positions President Obama further to the left, and deeper into politics-as-usual, than before he signed up with Ms. Pelosi and Mr. Reid.

A Republican Congress would give him a handy foil and force him, right in time for his re-election campaign, into strategic bipartisanship. The Republican takeover in 1994 seemed the end for Bill Clinton. Long after Tom Foley had been forgotten, though, Mr. Clinton signed major bipartisan welfare-reform and deficit-reduction bills, while making incremental steps on health care that were popular and sustainable.

President Obama probably doesn't consider a Republican Congress in his interest. But with all he's done to bring one about, who knows? ■

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

## A defining moment for Obama



The forthcoming departure of Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens is a great loss to the country, especially to progressives.

Judge Stevens, a Republican, was appointed to the high court in 1975 by President Gerald Ford. During the next 35 years, he grew in office and eventually adopted liberal views about the death penalty, abortion rights, protection of gay rights and curbing executive power.

Judge Stevens is brilliant, eloquent, outspoken and unafraid to change his mind, as evidenced by some of his votes on the court. He voted in favor of affirmative action, after first questioning it. He declared that the death penalty was unconstitutional, after first voting to support it.

One of his outstanding lectures was titled: "Learning on the Job."

In the 2000 Supreme Court decision in *Bush v. Gore*, Judge Stevens blasted his conservative court colleagues for blocking a decision by the Florida Supreme

Court ordering a recount of the state's presidential vote. That U.S. Supreme Court decision ultimately gave the election to George W. Bush.

In a stinging dissent, Judge Stevens said the majority decision to block the recount brought into question public confidence in the integrity of the state judges who would oversee a recount.

"Although we may never know with complete certainty the identity of the winner of this year's presidential election, the identity of the loser is perfectly clear," Judge Stevens wrote. "It is the nation's confidence in the judge as an impartial guardian of the rule of law."

It was no sweat for President Barack Obama to name U.S. appeals-court judge Sonia Sotomayor as his first appointee to the Supreme Court and thus create a "Hispanic seat."

Six of the justices are Roman Catholics, two are Jewish and one (Judge Stevens) is Protestant. So it looks like a court nominee's religion is no longer an issue.

But ideology is, and that could present the president with a real dilemma as he seeks to replace Judge Stevens.

Obama's tendency is to avoid a fight, play ball, go along to get along, especially after the prolonged ordeal to pass his emasculated health-care-reform

legislation.

He is acutely aware that right-wingers who just say "no" to everything are going to closely examine his nominee with microscopes and fine-tooth combs in their hunt for any evidence of liberal values.

Talk of a possible appointment of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to the high court was quickly knocked down by White House press secretary Robert Gibbs.

Other contenders apparently are Elena Kagan, the solicitor general, who is viewed as a moderate; Judge Merrick B. Garland of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia — not the type to upset the apple cart — and Diane P. Wood of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in Chicago.

The president is getting lots of advice from legal scholars and pundits. He plans to meet next week with the leaders of both Democratic and Republican parties to seek their advice.

It's a defining moment to judge Obama for his character and courage in making this momentous choice for the high court. That appointment very likely will last longer than his presidency.

Let's hope he doesn't go wobbly on us. ■

## MOMENTS IN TIME

► On April 22, 1970, Earth Day, an event to increase public awareness of the world's environmental problems, is celebrated in the United States for the first time. Millions of Americans, including students from thousands of colleges and universities, participated in rallies, marches and educational programs.

► On April 23, 1859, William Byers distributes the first newspaper ever published in the frontier boomtown of Denver. Working with a hand press in the attic of a local saloon, Byers printed and distributed the first edition of *The*

*Rocky Mountain News*, beating the first release of competitor *The Cherry Creek Pioneer* by only 20 minutes.

► On April 24, 1800, President John Adams approves legislation to appropriate \$5,000 to establish the Library of Congress. The first books, ordered from London, consisted of 964 volumes. Today the collection, housed in three enormous buildings in Washington, contains more than 17 million books.

► On April 25, 1947, President Harry S. Truman officially opens the first White

House two-lane bowling alley. President Eisenhower closed the alley in 1955 and turned it into a mimeograph room, while President Nixon had a one-lane alley installed underground directly beneath the North Portico entrance of the White House.

► On April 26, 1954, the Salk polio vaccine field trials, involving 1.8 million children, begin in McLean, Va. On April 12, 1955, researchers announced the vaccine was safe and effective, and it quickly became a standard part of childhood immunizations in America. ■

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# 15 MINUTES

## From closets to fundraisers, organizing keeps enterprising teen busy

BY SUSAN POWELL BROWN  
Special to Florida Weekly

Remember this name: Parker Borelli. If you haven't heard it before, you can bet you'll hear it again.

To call Parker a planner would be an understatement. This kid has been organizing since he turned double-digits. Birthday parties, school dances, family vacations, local fundraisers. Not to mention his own design business — complete with contracts, customers, income and tax returns.

He credits his attention to detail to his father, Mark Borelli, and grandfather, Vincent Borelli, who have been building residential properties in Naples for more than two decades. He recalls going to work with his dad as a boy and seeing the meticulous effort that went in to every element of a building project.

Like a sponge, Parker absorbed it all. Then in ninth grade, when he saw some of his father's prospective closet design plans using metal building materials, Parker balked.

"You can't do that," Parker said, referring to the intended materials. His father told him if he could come up with something better, have at it. Parker embraced the challenge with gusto. The result? Organizing Your Space, a thriving business for custom closets, kitchens, garages, home offices, laundry rooms and more: Parker evaluates the space, finds out what the customer needs and goes to work on his computer, creating a custom plan for

his client's needs, desires, and budget.

But Parker's organizational skills go well beyond cabinets and shelving. He's organized two successful fundraisers, and is hard at work on a third — among other things.

As a board member of KIDSCAN, the junior board for the Cancer Alliance of Naples (his mother, Linda McMillan is an ovarian cancer survivor, and the cause is close to Parker), he orchestrated a fashion show last year at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club that featured designer Richie Rich as host, with Parker's classmates from Community School of Naples modeling the designer's trendy clothing. The event raised more than \$10,000 to benefit families affected by cancer within the Naples community.

Sonny Grech, director of public relations and marketing for CAN, marvels at Parker's focus. "He was prepared," he says.

"He was energetic, he was professional and he was determined to make this event happen."

These same qualities no doubt fostered the success of the most recent fundraiser Parker planned at the Waterside Shops to benefit the scholar-

ship fund at Community School. That event raised approximately \$17,000, Parker says.

He likes seeing all the pieces come together, and is currently working to coordinate another fundraiser for CAN — a fashion show at the PGA Tour Superstore, with models from area high school golf and tennis teams. Other activities include serving as treasurer for the Young Entrepreneurs Club and being a founding member of an investment club at his high school.

With this young man's demonstrated track record, it's no wonder his school administration approached him for a time-sensitive project. While all of his senior classmates are busy preparing their senior projects prior to graduation, the school asked Parker to tackle a special senior project of his own: video the other students' projects in the making in order to create a film to highlight the talents and efforts of the senior class, which the school will use in the future. Parker agrees the task is a challenging, but he's devised a plan to get it done.

He confesses he enjoys the planning more than the actual event because he worries about all the details. But in the end, whether he's organizing closet space or fashion shows or class projects, what he enjoys most about the creative process is seeing it all come together and performing a job well done.

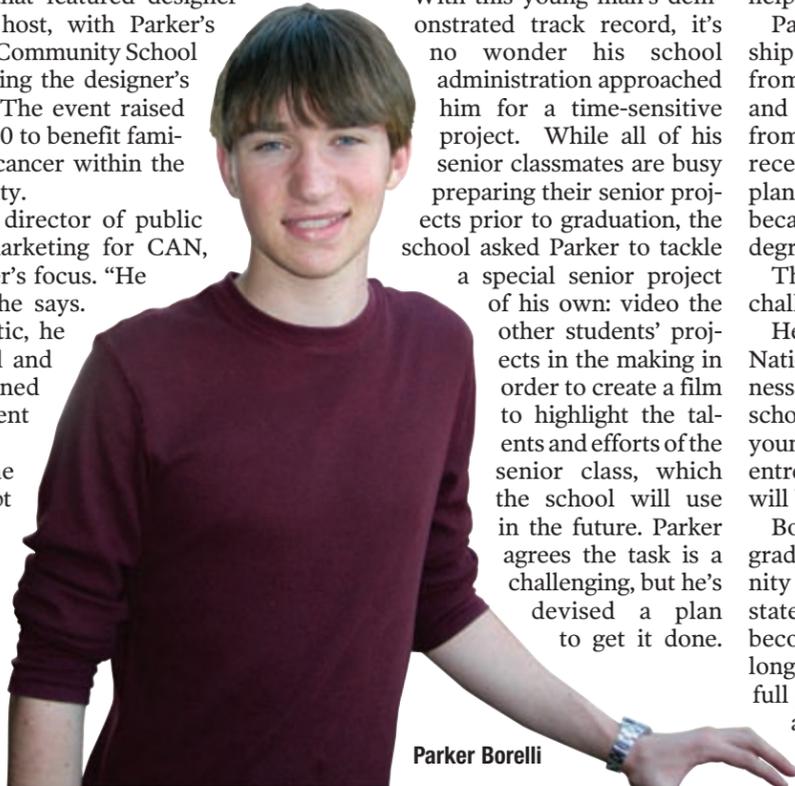
"I'm in awe with all he's done at his young age," Vincent Borelli says, adding his grandson possesses a keen interest in helping people.

Parker has received two full scholarship offers: the Presidential Scholarship from George Washington University, and the Distinguished Scholars Award from Southern Methodist University. He recently decided on SMU, where he plans to pursue a degree in business because, as he says, with a business degree, "You can do anything."

That's a statement no one is likely to challenge as far as Parker is concerned.

He's also a final contender for the 2010 National Federation of Independent Business Young Entrepreneur Awards. These scholarships were created to recognize young people who have demonstrated entrepreneurial spirit/initiative. Awards will be announced later this month.

Born and raised in Naples, Parker graduates May 28 from the Community School of Naples, whose mission statement is to prepare its students "to become independent thinkers and lifelong learners who strive to realize their full potential." Well done, CSN. Mission accomplished. ■



Parker Borelli

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## Youth Haven seeks girls for 'All About Me' group

Classes are forming for the next session of Youth Haven's popular "All About Me" self-esteem building group for girls. The six-week program is tailored to address emerging self-esteem concerns impacting emotional development, peer relations and overall happiness in all aspects of young adulthood.

Dates for the class have not been set yet and will be determined in an effort to accommodate those who express interest.

Open to girls ages 8-14, the classes are presented in an empowering group forum format by Melissa Sarantos, one of Youth Haven's staff clinicians. The group will meet once a week at Youth Haven, 5867 Whitaker Road in East Naples. Cost per participant, including all course materials and refreshments, is \$40.

"The societal pressures facing young girls nowadays to look a certain way or act a certain way in order to be accepted have never been higher," says Kim Weisberg, supervisor of Youth Haven's Children & Family Counseling Center. "The ramifications of not accepting yourself and having confidence in who you are undoubtedly affect all aspects of a young girl's life and behaviors both at home and at school."

The "All About Me" curriculum guides girls in discovering how to:

- Increase their self-confidence and sense of individualism
- Recognize their strengths and best attributes
- Interpret and dispute today's negative media messages and triumph over peer pressure
- Improve relationships with their parents and friends

"No one is perfect. We all have something uniquely beautiful about us. It is our hope that through this program, girls will learn to love themselves and appreciate others for their differences," Ms. Weisberg adds.

For more information or to register for an upcoming session of "All About Me," call Ms. Weisberg at 687-5172 or e-mail her at [kim.weisberg@youthhaven.net](mailto:kim.weisberg@youthhaven.net).

— *Youth Haven is Collier County's only emergency shelter for severely traumatized abused, abandoned and neglected children as well as a provider of home- and community-based parenting education, child abuse and homelessness prevention, crisis intervention and family support programs.* ■

## Middle-school kids have their night at Sun-N-Fun

Collier County middle school students are invited to a free night of fun at Sun-N-Fun Lagoon from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, April 24. The water park will be open just for kids in grades six, seven and eight for dancing, swimming, sliding and more fun, all under the supervision of volunteers from Drug Free Collier and the Collier County Sheriff's Office. Music will be by DJs Joe and Vinny Foo from B103.9.

A free night of fun for high-schoolers is set for 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 14.

Teens are encouraged to wear bathing suits (no cut-offs) and bring quarters for locker rentals. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

For more information, or two volunteer at the middle- or high-school free fun night, call Maribel DeArmas at Drug Free Collier, 377-4994 or e-mail [mdearomas@drugfreecollier.org](mailto:mdearomas@drugfreecollier.org) ■



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## CANCER

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The next day, Ms. Kaiser rushed to her gynecologist in Chicago, where she lived at the time. The doctor informed her that she probably had an ovarian cyst — a relatively benign problem that could be corrected by surgery.

She had the surgery, but the problem turned out to be anything but minor. Ms. Kaiser had advanced ovarian and uterine cancers that had spread to her lymphatic system. The prognosis was dire. At one point, she was told she had but three months to live.

Ms. Kaiser, who now lives in Naples, faced a life-or-death choice: Take the doctor's advice and pursue a regimen of chemotherapy and radiation treatments, or plot her own course and pursue alternative therapies.

Widowed and without children, she knew the choice was hers alone to make.

She decided to forgo standard medical practices and pursue the alternative route. With no time to spare, she

embarked on a frantic quest for something — anything — that could save her life.

Now, more than a decade later, Ms. Kaiser — lithe and looking far younger (even without makeup) than her 64 years — sits in her open and airy condominium on a marvelously sunny day and reflects on how that decision led to this current circumstance. She is cancer-free and living an even more vigorous and fulfilling lifestyle than she pursued prior to her illness.

Moreover, she is now on a mission to educate the public on ways to confront — and, she hopes, defeat — cancer.

“I want people to know that if you have cancer it isn't automatically a death sentence,” she says. “I know that for a fact.”

### Seeking alternative care

While Ms. Kaiser's story is extraordinary, it is by no means unique. She is part of a growing trend among mainstream physicians and cancer researchers to recognize that alternative therapies ranging from acupuncture to herbal remedies can be useful tools in fighting the dreaded disease. For almost two decades, the National Institutes of

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**Ursula Kaiser is cancer-free and living an even more vigorous lifestyle than before her illness.**

Health has been conducting research on, and in some cases validating, the efficacy of treatments that lie outside the norms of traditional medicine.

How and why these alternative therapies work is not always known, and researchers are quick to caution patients against ignoring the advice of their physicians. Still, many mainstream researchers concede that non-traditional treatments — such as those pursued by Ms. Kaiser — are worthy of study, consideration and, in some instances, application.

“Cancer patients feel helpless,” David Spiegel, a medical doctor who directs the Stanford University Center for Integrative Medicine, told the AARP Bulletin. “To the extent that we can give them a sense of power, of control, we can improve the quality of life and, I think, perhaps even affect the course of the disease.”

It is this sense of control that Ms. Kaiser sought upon receiving her diag-

“I will not die from cancer.”

— Ursula Kaiser, cancer survivor

nosis. She did not make her decision lightly, though. A native of Germany (she moved to the United States to work as an au pair in New York when she 21 years old), she had seen her father die an agonizing death from pancreatic cancer years earlier in that country, so she was fully aware of the seriousness of her situation. She carefully considered the pros and the cons of her decision before embarking on her journey of healing.

The physicians who initially treated her were not supportive.

“One doctor, who told me I probably had three months to live, asked me if I was trying to kill myself, to commit suicide,” she says. “I went from doctor to doctor, and they all recommended chemo and radiation, and I said that I simply can't do that. But I was not ready to give up or surrender. I knew I could find a way to successfully treat this disease.”

### South of the border

Ms. Kaiser, who had a highly successful career as a manufacturer and importer and exporter of kitchen utensils, began exhaustively researching alternative treatments and decided to seek help in Mexico, which has evolved into something of a Mecca for American cancer patients who disdain traditional approaches to the disease.

In Mexico, she was exposed to a variety of treatments — everything from ozone therapy to coffee enemas to nutritional approaches to the highly controversial drug Laetrile, which cannot lawfully be used to treat cancer in the United States.

“One of the things I learned, nutritionally, is that you can starve tumors,” she says. “Some foods, especially sugars, feed tumors, actually make them grow. If you deprive tumors of what they need, you can starve them.”

After several weeks in Mexico, she returned to Chicago and made another life-changing decision. She decided to sell her business and her home and move permanently to Naples, where she had a condominium that was used for vacations.

“It was a major change,” she says of the move, “but it was all part of totally restructuring my life. It has been a good move.”

### Working the puzzle

In Naples, Ms. Kaiser continued to explore and study non-traditional treatments and new ways of living her life.

“A doctor told me that treating an illness is like working a crossword puzzle,” she says. “You have to keep trying different things, different approaches, until you find a way to make the pieces fit. That is how you overcome illness, and that is what I have done.”

Ms. Kaiser concedes that some of the things she has tried — listening to the humming frequency of a bumble bee, for example — might seem totally nuts to those unfamiliar with or skeptical of alternative therapies.

“It's a mistake to reject something outright simply because it seems odd or unusual,” she says. “I did a tremendous amount of research and study.”

Ms. Kaiser admits that she was luckier than many cancer patients. She had sufficient financial resources and ready access to information that helped her enormously in her struggle and kept her outlook positive and hopeful.

She believes optimal treatment combines traditional, mainstream medical practices with alternative methods. But most physicians know little about non-traditional treatments, she says, adding

that means patients often must seek out these options on their own.

"I think most people need help evaluating these things, and that is what I do now," she says. Aiming to help cancer patients learn about their treatment options, she describes her role as a guide. "And I do not tell people to walk away from traditional treatments."

**The importance of mind power**

Ms. Kaiser says her personal experience shows that the power of faith and belief can be a potent force for healing.

"I was determined not to give up," she says. "I believed that I would get well. That belief is very important, regardless of the treatment. If someone believes that chemotherapy will help them, then that can be a powerful step toward ensuring that the chemo will do just that."

"The mind is crucial in all sorts of therapies. We should never underestimate its power."

Ms. Kaiser's observations are shared by others.

Gary Elkins, director of the Mind Body Medicine Research Laboratory at Baylor University, has said: "The concept of hope and a fighting spirit, how powerful can that be in fighting cancer? We don't know. But we do know that there's a very strong placebo effect in medicine. If a patient believes something will work, it often does. Researchers try to rule out the placebo effect in studies. But if you're in the business of caring for patients, if something works, we should use it."

Donald Abrams, a medical doctor and researcher at the University of California, San Francisco, told the AARP Bulletin: "My approach is if something is safe, and there's a chance that it may help, why not encourage patients who are interested to give it a try?"

**A wonderful life**

Ms. Kaiser continues on her path of education and sharing, especially in the area of nutrition. She adheres to a diet that is mostly vegetarian, although she does occasionally eat fish. She plays tennis and golf several times each week, lifts weights regularly, engages in yoga and takes long walks. She says her blood work continues to show an absence of cancer.

Save for occasional trips to the dermatologist, Ms. Kaiser does not see a medical doctor for ongoing care. She has blood work done through a local lab and consults with holistic health experts and nutritionists.

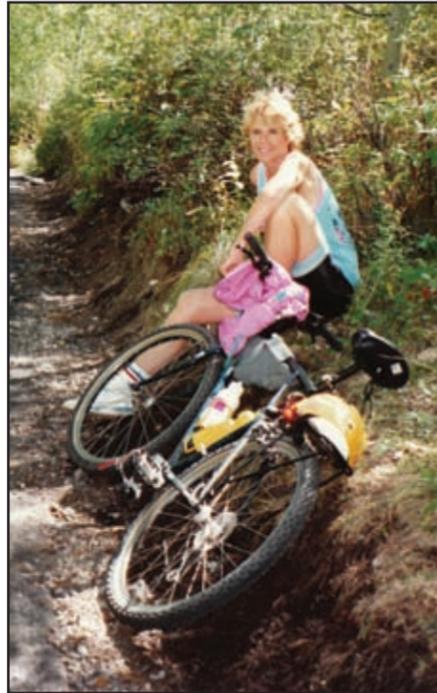
"I have wonderful life," she says. "Many doctors say that if you have had ovarian cancer you are at high risk for a secondary cancer, like breast cancer, but that has not been true for me. I don't believe that my case is an isolated one. I think others can have the same benefits that I enjoy, and that is what I am devoting my life to now."

Ms. Kaiser is at work on a book that tells her story and sets forth her views on alternative health care. She speaks to small groups interested in natural approaches to healing and offers support and guidance to those who have been diagnosed with cancer or are interested in natural ways to prevent the disease.

She welcomes inquiries from cancer patients or anyone interested in natural health regimes and can be reached at 594-1201.

When speaking of herself, Ms. Kaiser disdains words like "remission" or "cured" or even "survivor."

Instead, she prefers a simple statement of what she absolutely believes to be fact. "I will not die from cancer." ■



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Ursula Kaiser has enjoyed an active, busy lifestyle since she beat cancer more than 11 years ago.

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# Museum of the Everglades marks anniversary of Tamiami Trail, museum

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The Museum of the Everglades celebrates the 82nd anniversary of the opening of the Tamiami Trail and the museum's 12th anniversary with an afternoon of activities including an antique car parade and a walking tour of historic buildings on Saturday, April 24.

Festivities start at 11 a.m. with the arrival of antique cars from the Naples-Marco Island Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America. Opening ceremonies and "Hurricanes: Stories from the Past" will be presented at 11:30 a.m. and includes refreshments, cake and music by Snooker Joe Stem and Terri Rementeria. The walking tour begins after the entertainment and celebration.

The Tamiami Trail was a critical first step in Barron Gift Collier's plan to develop the county by connecting the east and west coast region via Florida's two leading cities. This stretch of U.S. 41 spans 275 miles, connecting Tampa to Miami. After more than a decade of construction and \$8 million, the trail opened officially on April 26, 1928.

"When it was built during the Roaring '20s, the Tamiami Trail was considered the eighth wonder of the world," said Timothy England, Museum of the Everglades manager. "For the first time, cars could travel comfortably over land across the southern tip of Florida. It opened up Collier County to great economic development."

The Museum of the Everglades opened April 26, 1998, to coincide with the anniversary



COURTESY PHOTOS



Left: Vintage cars lined up in front of the Museum of the Everglades for the museum's birthday celebration in 2009. Antique cars will return for the 2010 event on April 24.

more than seven years and considerable help from the current director of the Collier County Museums, Ron Jamro, to restore the building to its former glory and turn it into a museum.

The Museum of the Everglades, at 105 West Broadway, and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free and the site is handicapped accessible. For more information, visit [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com) or call 695-0008. ■

versary of the opening of the Tamiami Trail. Through the hard work of the Everglades community, a dream of Pauline Reeves and efforts of the Women's Club of the Everglades, a rundown building was turned into a museum. It took

## Archaeologists will lead walking tour of Fort Myers

In conjunction with the Florida Anthropological Society's annual meeting in Fort Myers, archaeologists Marion Almy and Lee Hutchinson of Archaeological Consultants Inc. will lead the 45-minute walking tour through downtown Fort Myers beginning at noon Friday, May 7. The tour will depart from Harborside Event Center at 1375 Monroe St. and will focus on the site of the U.S. military cemetery once associated with the Seminoles' Fort Myers and Fort Harvie.

The archaeologists will share excavation photos, maps, artifacts and stories about the 1992 discovery of burials and will lead participants to nearby locales where the city's history lies buried.

The Florida Public Archaeology Network is a statewide program dedicated to protecting and preserving the state's fragile cultural resources and involving the public in the study of the past. The Town of Fort Myers Beach hosts the Southwest Regional FPAN center, which serves Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee counties.

Reservations for the walking tour can be made by calling FPAN at 765-0202, ext. 152. ■

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# Animal services cleans up with towel donations for shelter



Hoping for a permanent home, this pup greeted potential adoptive families at Sun-N-Fun Lagoon during the Towels for Tails drive.

Visitors to Sun-N-Fun Lagoon dropped off more than 250 towels for the Collier County Domestic Animal Services shelter as part of the water park's Towels for Tails drive on Saturday, April 17.

"On a rainy weekend, it was a fantastic show of this community's dedication to helping one another," said Sid Kittila, operations coordinator for Collier County Parks and Recreation. "Any time our parks can help people or furry friends in the community, we feel it's a perfect fit."

The water park offered discounted admission of \$5 to anyone who brought a towel for DAS.

"With hundreds of animals at the shelter on any given day, we certainly can go through a lot of towels, Amanda Townsend, DAS director, said. "These generous donations help make the animals comfortable."

In addition to new or gently used towels, the shelter always welcomes donations of cat

litter and aluminum litter pans, paper towels, newspapers, unscented bleach, leashes, bird seed and cedar chips. Items can be dropped off at DAS headquarters, 7610 Davis Blvd., during business hours from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Tax-deductible cash contributions to the DAS Donation Trust Fund help pay for emergency medical needs of shelter animals and can be mailed to the above address in Naples, FL 34104.

Volunteers are also an important part of DAS. Caring individuals donate thousands of hours each year caring for shelter animals and providing customer service, clerical assistance and education to potential adoptive owners. Anyone who is 15 years of age or older can volunteer. The next volunteer training session is set for 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 15, at the shelter. For more information, call Kathlene Drew, DAS volunteer coordinator, at 252-8657. ■

## Volunteers are true library friends

Eve May and Jo Lozier have been named 2009 Volunteers of the Year by the Friends of the Library of Collier County.

Ms. May was tapped for the honor because of her efforts to implement her extensive international corporate marketing background in the Friends' new branding and public awareness campaign.

Ms. Lozier is a longtime member of the Friends of the Library's Marco Island Chapter, a significant financial contributor and a motivator for keeping the Marco chapter of the Friends



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active and productive.

Over the past 10 years, the Friends have contributed more than \$1.5 million to satisfy a variety of educational, recreational and technological needs at Collier County's 10 library locations. The organization relies in part on Friends membership dues to offer this assistance. Several

levels of membership are available, including a \$25 individual membership and a \$35 family membership. For more information about the Friends of the Library of Collier County, call 262-8135 or visit [www.collier-friends.org](http://www.collier-friends.org). ■

## Make a splash for Bear's Den Childcare Centers

NCH Childcare Services holds its 10th annual Children's Carnival Splish Splash Water Play Day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at the NCH Bear's Den Childcare Center behind the NCH North Naples Hospital.

Admission is \$10 per child for unlimited games and play on water slides and in bounce houses, sprinklers, ball pits and more. Pincher's Crab Shack is catering. Raffle tickets will be sold for prizes including dinners, bicycles, jewelry, a spa package and various gift baskets.

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# HODGES

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projects in the areas of children, the environment and education as well as professional business development.

Judy Sproul is a member of the executive committee and a board member of the Barron Collier Companies, a diversified real estate, agriculture, oil and mineral and investment company. A 36-year resident of Naples, she serves as chairman of the Naples Botanical Garden, is a board member of the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation, is a member of the Gordon River Greenway and was a member of the Chairman's Council of the YMCA. She was instrumental in the establishment of The Community School of Naples and as a past member of the Community School Board, the Collier campus of Edison State College, the Philharmonic Center for the Arts and Naples Historical Society.

Katie Sproul serves as president of agriculture and eastern lands for the Barron Collier Companies as well as the Halstatt Partnership, which encompasses Grey Oaks Country Club and LaPlaya Beach and Golf Resort. She also is a board member of the Barron Collier Companies. She has been active in a number of local business organizations, including serving as chair-elect of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and as past chair of the Junior Achievement Hall of Fame Advisory Board. She also is a board member of the Leadership Collier Foundation, Florida Chamber of Commerce and Florida Audubon Society. She earned a bachelor's degree from Cornell University and a master's in business administration from the Yale University School of Management.

Ms. Sullivan is a board member of the Barron Collier Companies and has

been involved with the Naples Botanical Garden, serving as event chair for the annual "Hats in the Garden." She also has been an active supporter of The Children's Museum of Naples; The YMCA of Naples, chairing the organization's annual Sneaker Ball; and with The Community School of Naples. Last year, she received the Women of Initiative Award from the Community Foundation of Collier County. She holds a bachelor's degree in business from Auburn University.

"For many years, the Sproul family has generously given of its time and talents to assist in the development of our local community and many worthy charitable causes," said Dr. Terry McMahan, president of Hodges University. "Now, they are passing this dedication to giving on to the next generation. We are delighted to recognize their many contributions through the years by naming them as our 2010



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# CLUB NOTES

## League of Women Voters has elections

The League of Women Voters of Collier County elected new officers and directors at its annual meeting. The officers are: Lydia Galton, president; Chris Straton, first vice president; Thomas McCann, second vice president; Marjorie Joder, treasurer; and Jinny Johnson, secretary. New directors are Sandy Parker, Bernice Schmelz and Eileen Mann; continuing directors are Rose DiBiasi and Anne Lewallen. Mollie Ottina is an appointed director.

Ms. Galton has been active in the League for four years, most recently as first vice president and co-chairman of the Government Committee. She has served as president of the Naples Garden Club and continues to serve on its board. She is a Greater Naples Leadership graduate.

"We know that people depend on the League for fair, unbiased information, and we look forward to educating them on the candidates and issues throughout this busy election season," Ms. Galton said. "Watch for our candidate forums and voter education programs this summer and early fall. And in August and November, please vote."

The new board will continue to support League committees focused on state and local issues in education, government, the justice system and social policy.

For more information about the League of Women Voters, call 263-4656 or visit [www.lwvcolliercounty.org](http://www.lwvcolliercounty.org). ■

## Marco Rotarians celebrate community

The Rotary Club of Marco Island holds its "Celebration of the Community" gala and silent auction beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, April 30, at San Marco Catholic Church. The club will present the Spirit of Marco Island Award to six individuals and one organization for "embodying the spirit of community." The award recipients are: Joe Granda, Donna and Stan Niemcyk, Linda and Alan Sandlin, Steve Stefanides and the Hideaway Beach Association.

Tickets are \$45 per person and include dinner (cash bar) and entertainment by Mitch Peters at the piano. Sponsors for the evening are Bill and Karen Young, Horizons Rentals, Iberia Bank, John Scott, Jim Steiner, Marco Office Supply and Marco Island Florist. ■

## Bridge enthusiasts donate to charities

The Duplicate Bridge Group of SWFL had its sixth annual awards luncheon at Royal Poinciana Golf Club of Naples on April 8. The group consists of 10 teams of eight women from Collier County and the same from Lee County. This year's recipients of the group's charitable donations were Bosom Buddies, St. Matthew's House and Our Mothers Home of SWFL.

The winners of this year's duplicate bridge tournament from Collier County were Grey Oaks, first place, and

Pelican Bay, second place; honorable mentions were The Country Club of Naples, Moorings Country Club, Collier's Reserve and Audubon Country Club. Lee County's first-place winner was Shadow Wood, and in second place was Highland Woods. ■

## League Club awards \$7,500 to help kids

Youth Haven Chief Executive Officer Ron McSwiney recently accepted an award of \$7,500 from The Community Trust Fund of The League Club Inc., allocated toward establishing mental health therapy scholarships for local children.

"Many children in our community are struggling each and every day with mental health challenges that significantly interfere with the way they think, feel and act," said Mr. McSwiney. "Without early intervention, focused treatment, and the development of coping strategies and healing opportunities, these young children often go on to suffer in silence. We thank the members of The League Club for joining with us to positively impact the lives of children in the community so as to negate the possibility of them continuing to suffer with grave emotional and behavioral problems long term."

This gift enables Youth Haven's Children & Family Counseling Center's team of licensed mental health clinicians to provide 150 new counseling sessions for children and adolescents whose families could otherwise not

afford this needed level of support for them.

The Children & Family Counseling Center at Youth Haven is one of Collier County's only behavioral health centers specializing solely on the therapeutic mental health needs of children and their families. The center, at Youth Haven's main campus at 5867 Whitaker Road in Naples, offers individual and group counseling services to toddlers, children, adolescents and adults to treat a range of behavioral and mental health issues. Counseling fees are calculated on a sliding scale based upon each family's ability to pay.

For more information, call 687-5172. ■

## Penn State coach coming to town



McQUEARY

The Penn State Alumni Chapter of Naples will hold its monthly luncheon meeting Tuesday, May 4, at the Shadow Wood Country Club at the Brooks in Bonita Springs. Lunch is at noon; social time begins at 11:30 a.m.

Mike McQueary, Penn State's wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator, will be the speaker. All Penn Staters and friends are welcome.

For reservations, call 597-2681. Reservation deadline is noon Friday, April 30. ■

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## CLUB NOTES

### Marco luncheon features Jackson Laboratory spokesman

The Marco Police Foundation holds its next "Lunch with the Chief" at noon Wednesday, May 19, at the Island Country Club. Keynote speaker Michael Hyde, vice president for advancement and external relations with The Jackson Laboratory of Bar Harbor, Me., will discuss the company's possible establishment of a genetics research institute in Southwest Florida.

Cost is \$22 per person. For reservations, call Debra Sanders at the Marco Police Foundation, 248-7419. ■

### Zonta seeking nominations for Woman of the Year

The Zonta Club of Bonita Springs is accepting nominations for its 2010-2011 Woman of the Year.

Since 1988, the club has selected a Woman of the Year who has worked hard

to make the Bonita/Estero community a better place to live and work. Past winners include: Arden McCurdy, Cherrill Cregar, Fran Luessenhop, Nancy Near, Marjorie Rubacky, Patsy Graham, Nancy Keefer, Diane Lepola, Barbara DuFrane, Jacky McCurdy, Marie Tranovich and Jane Hogg.

To nominate someone for the award, submit a brief biography about her education, careers and charitable activities. to: Y'Vonne Murray, president, Zonta Club of Bonita Springs, at murrayinflorida@comcast.net. The deadline for nominations is July 31. Nominees will be voted on by the club's board of directors, and the award will be presented at the club's Glass Slipper Ball on Friday, Nov. 19, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples. ■

### New society has adventure on the itinerary

There's a new ticket in town for those who seek travel adventure but don't want to go it alone. The Exploration Society is the brainchild of Jen Mitchell and Cassie McMillion of Betty Maclean Travel.

"We know there are travelers in our

area who are looking for exciting destinations and new adventures, but who want to share these experiences with new friends," Ms. Mitchell says.

When asked why she wanted to form the group, Ms. McMillion quotes St. Augustine: "The world is a book, and those who do not travel only read one page." I want to finish the book."

For more information, e-mail ExplorationSociety@BettyMacleanTravel.com. ■

### Get acquainted with Newcomers Club

The Naples Newcomers Club welcomes women who have been permanent residents of Naples for no more than five years and who want to meet others who are new to the area.

Members meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month, year 'round. In addition, groups within the club plan outings and dates to share varied interests, such as mah-jongg and duplicate bridge, gourmet cooking and discussions about philosophy.

For more information, call 298-4083 or visit www.naplesnewcomers.com. ■

### Guild formed to support Opera Naples

The Opera Naples Guild has been formed to foster community outreach and cooperation among arts organizations throughout Southwest Florida. Membership is open to all, and members will become involved with Opera Naples in numerous ways, including: volunteering in various capacities during the performance season and throughout the year; participating in educational outreach programs; attending dress rehearsals; participating in opera study groups, lectures and demonstrations; assisting with fundraising events; and traveling to performances by other opera companies.

The guild will also sponsor and/or assist with activities such as luncheons in advance of each new production, opening night cast parties and end-of-season events.

Annual membership in the Opera Naples Guild is \$35 per person or \$50 per couple. To become a member or for more information, call 514-SING or visit www.operanaples.org www.operanaples.org. ■

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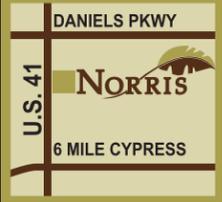
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## SPORTS SHORTS

## Get into the swing with CBIA at Vineyards

The Collier Building Industry Association and Insurance and Risk Management Services are holding a golf tournament at the Vineyards Country Club on Friday, June 4. Registration begins at noon, and the shotgun start is at 1 p.m. A scoreboard party and dinner will follow the competition.

Cost is \$125 per player and includes cart and green fees, two mulligans, 10 raffle tickets, one complimentary drink on the course and dinner following the tournament. For reservations or to sponsor a hole, call 436-6100 or visit [www.cbia.net](http://www.cbia.net). ■

## New Horizons tournament set for Worthington

The inaugural Super Kids Club tournament to benefit the student mentoring program at New Horizons of Southwest Florida tees off at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 8, at Worthington Country Club in Bonita Springs. A luncheon with a silent auction and a special performance by the Super Kids Choir will follow the tournament.

Founded eight years ago, New Horizons is dedicated to meeting the academic needs of at-risk children in Bonita Springs and Naples. The Super Kids Club and the Super Teens Club provide tutoring and lessons in Christian-based character building; the Super Teens

Club also offers leadership training and college and career planning. New Horizons also has the Super Kids Church and a teen sailing program. All proceeds from the golf tournament will help further these programs for the 200 youth that New Horizons serves.

Registration is \$125 per person; guests can attend the luncheon only for \$30. Hole sponsorships are \$150; site sponsors, with signage included, is \$500. Major sponsors are Wynn's Market, Sunshine Ace Hardware and Century Link. Hole sponsors and site sponsorship opportunities remain available.

For more information about participating in the tournament, making donations or volunteering with New Horizons of Southwest Florida, call 565-6714 or e-mail [NewHorizonsofSWFL@msn.com](mailto:NewHorizonsofSWFL@msn.com). ■

## Catch a fish for Make-A-Wish

The second annual Tri-Town Classic Fishing Tournament to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida is set for April 30-May 1.

The captains meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 30, at T.G.I. Friday's at Coconut Point. The competition begins at 7 a.m. Saturday, May 1, and the weigh-in and a

luau are from 4-7 p.m. at Hickory Bait and Tackle in Bonita Springs. Anyone can attend the party, which will include a pig roast and a live auction, for a \$10 donation to Make-A-Wish. For more information, call sponsor Tri-Town Construction at 895-2058 or e-mail [Melissa@Tri-TownConstruction.com](mailto:Melissa@Tri-TownConstruction.com). ■

## Mediterra tourney will benefit Parkinson association

The 12th annual Parkinson Golf Challenge to benefit the Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida takes place on Saturday, May 8, at the Club at Mediterra. Registration is at 8 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 9 a.m. Continental breakfast and an awards luncheon are included in the cost of \$225 per golfer or \$800 per foursome.

The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida is a predominately volunteer organization providing most programs and services free of charge to more than 1,000 families in Southwest Florida.

For more information or a golf challenge registration form, call 254-7791 or visit [www.pasfi.org](http://www.pasfi.org). ■

## Grey Oaks hosts chamber Spring Swing

Century Link and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce will hold the annual Spring Swing Golf Tournament on Friday, May 7, at Grey Oaks Country Club. The day begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at the clubhouse, followed by tournament play and dinner. Cost is \$500 for a foursome, \$135 for individuals. Register online at [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org). ■

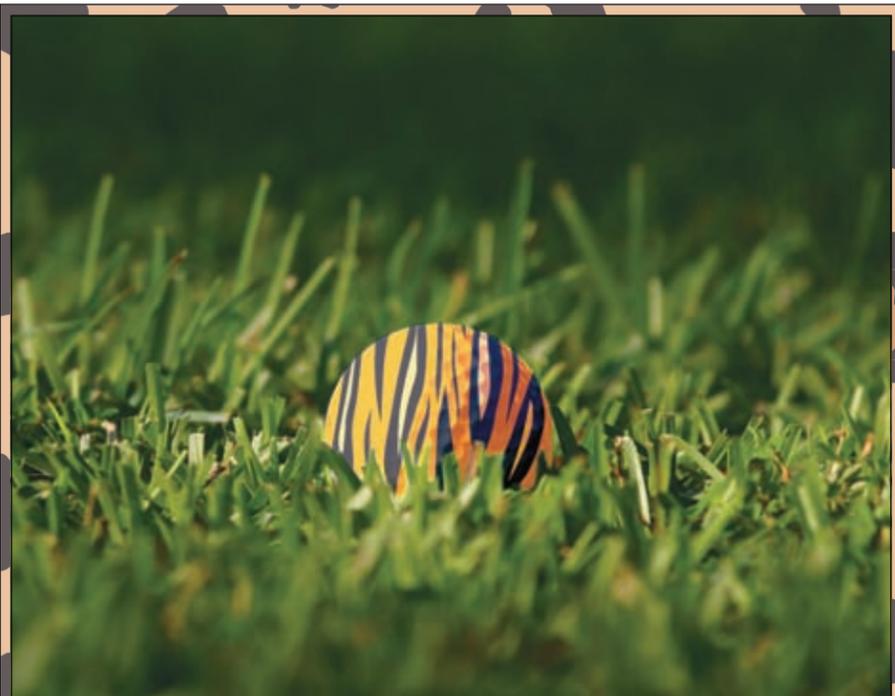
## Third annual Sports Camp Shootout set

The third annual Sports Camp Shootout takes place Saturday, May 22, at The Quarry. Cost is \$100 per player and includes 18 holes of championship golf with a cart, a box lunch from The Ale House and an awards banquet at the club. Players can also participate in a putting challenge, two longest drive contests, two closest-to-the-pin contests and a hole-in-one challenge to win a new car.

Proceeds benefit Sports Camp Inc., a nonprofit organization that helps Collier County families in need of after-school and summer childcare. Sports Camp's mission is to provide a safe and successful after-school environment for children through physical, mental and scholastic activities.

Registration forms are online at [www.sportsclubnaples.com](http://www.sportsclubnaples.com) and fees can be mailed to: Sports Camp Inc., P.O. Box 111030, Naples, FL 34108.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call 298-6407 or 398-2093. ■



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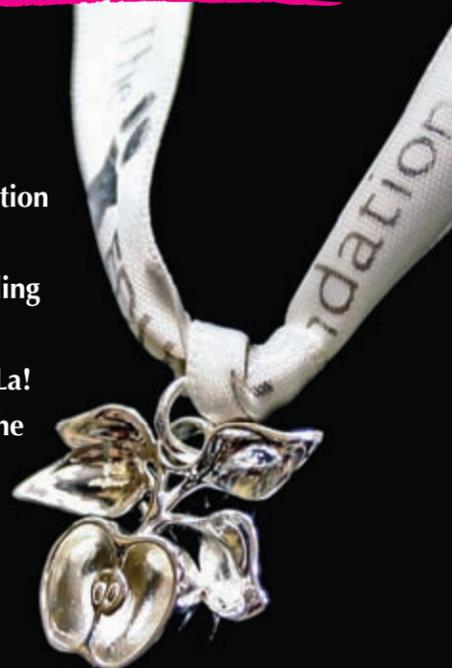
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# HEALTHY LIVING

## TO YOUR HEALTH

### Make a playdate to raise funds for autism

As part of Autism Month in April, the Dinosaur Playground holds its third annual "Playdate for Autism" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, at 4910 Tamiami Trail N. The playground will donate a portion of its proceeds to two organizations, Autism Speaks and Revolution Autism.

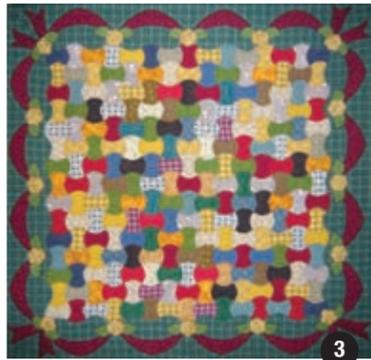
There will be arts and crafts, educational activities and a resource center with free information about autism and local autism services. Outback Steakhouse will provide free lunch. A free screening for developmental delays, courtesy of Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System, will also be provided. This is a great opportunity for parents who may have questions about their child's behavior or development.

For more information, call 430-7529 or visit [www.dinoplayground.com](http://www.dinoplayground.com). ■

### Marco Marriott massage will help cancer society

The Marco Island Marriott and its massage therapists are raising money for the American Cancer Society. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 23, customers are invited to enjoy a chair massage at the hotel resort's Balinese spa and buy a gift certificate for a future chair massage for \$1 per minutes. Those who make a minimum contribution of \$30 will receive a complimentary day pass to indulge in the spa's fitness classes, plunge pools, steam rooms, sauna, locker room and lounge.

For more information, call the American Cancer Society office on Marco Island at 642-8800. ■

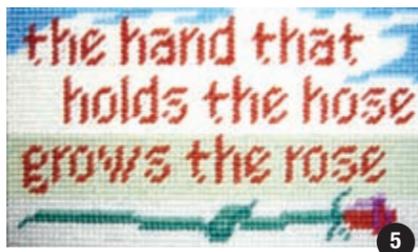


**1. There's A Bug In My Garden**  
59-by-59 inches; \$6,000  
Pat Kunicich says that with the exception of the bug, this work is completely pieced, not appliquéd, and the beads were sewn on one at a time.

**2. Pineapple Princess**  
Cotton fabrics  
27-by-27 inches; not for sale  
Judy Bauckham found this pattern in "Menehune Quilts," a book by Hawaiian quilt designer Elizabeth Root. The top was done with needle-turn appliqué and the quilting design is traditional echo quilting.

**3. Apple Core Crib Quilt**  
Hand-pieced, quilted and embroidered  
44-by-44 inches; not for sale  
Artist Aloyse Yorke says she is saving this special quilt for her first great-granddaughter.

**4. High Humidity**  
Commercial and hand-dyed cottons, 40-by-50 inches; \$800  
Veronica Zwehl says she created this piece in her North Carolina home as a gesture of acceptance to her husband, who wanted to spend winter months in Florida. It was the first work of art installed in their new Naples home.



## Fiber works, ceramics make up newest Art in Healing exhibition

The newest exhibit in the Art in Healing series at Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge features fiber art, quilts, mixed media textile art and needlepoint by seven artists: Judy Bauckham, Pat DeReamer-Surgener, Pat Kunicich, Glenna Treasure, Veronica von Zwehl, Charles Woodruff and Aloyse Yorke. Ceramic vessels by Joan Shapiro are also in the show.

"A Stitch in Time: Fiber Art in the 21st Century" is presented by The von Liebig Art Center in collaboration with Physicians Regional Healthcare System. A portion of sales will be shared between the individual artists, the art center and the medical center at 6101 Pine Ridge Road. The exhibit is on display through Aug. 18 for the enjoyment of patients and their families as well as hospital staff and the public. Gallery hours are 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. ■



**5. Truisms 1**  
Needlepoint, 40-by-30.5 inches; not for sale  
This is just one of the phrases in Charles Woodruff's piece that includes poetry, quotes and "some smart remarks."

**6. Edison's Bouquet**  
22-by-36 inches; \$3,000  
A photograph from the Edison & Ford Winter Estates inspired this piece by Glenna Treasure. "The phonograph speakers reminded me of bouquets of flowers," she says.

**7. Kyushu**  
Porcelain with various glazes, 15-by-5-by-5 inches; \$250  
This piece was created by Joan Shapiro.

**8. What If Shells Were Silk?**  
Color Xerox transfer on paper  
17-by-18 inches; \$250  
Pat DeReamer-Surgener hand-painted the shell designs on silk she hand-dyed.

## STRAIGHT TALK

### Community, board, staff share hospital's quest to achieve national excellence



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Joe Perkovich, our new NCH board chairman, recently led the 22-member board through an educational and organizational retreat focusing on our plan to accomplish our vision of achieving national excellence.

The key to realizing that vision is demonstrating undisputed health-care quality buttressed by solid finances. All of us have confidence that our team of 3,575 colleagues, 630 physicians and more than 1,200 volunteers is up to the task.

On quality, we have most recently received the HealthGrades award for being among the Top 5 percent in Women's Health Care. Internally, we have embraced the Lean Six Sigma discipline to improve the quality of process outputs. We are led in that effort by black

belts Sue Manning, Jodi Swartout and Chris Vasta, who help our more than 100 green and yellow belts on many collaborative efforts. These include sepsis, central line infection prevention and a hand hygiene pilot study.

We will also be using the comprehensive Thomson Reuters criteria to measure performance on mortality, complications, patient safety, core measures, length of stay, expense per discharge, profitability, cash/debt ratio and patient satisfaction. Our goal is to rank among the top 100 hospitals in our large community hospital peer group within the next four years. We have work to do, but we are within striking distance.

Regarding finance, even in the face of a difficult economy, we have more than doubled our reserves during the past 3½ years. Our profit margin has remained thin but positive over this same period. Adding to our challenge is that Medicare payments represent 60 percent of our income, and we must manage to our seasons, with the more than doubling of our census from

summer nadir to winter peak.

We've orchestrated a successful financial plan, including trimming non-core assets such as DSI; growing clinical partnerships with our oncologists; developing symbiotic relationships with our information technology partner, Cerner; and most recently, a game changer of "physician integration," starting with nine cardiologists. All of this has resulted in our "shadow bond rating" — an unannounced rating of our bonds by outside agencies — being raised from B to A. We're proud of this accomplishment, particularly in a recession, but we can't afford to get overconfident.

Ultimately we have a vision of building a "fortress balance sheet" to benefit patients, colleagues and the community we serve.

This is all possible, of course, because of our wonderful people. We serve patients, physicians and each other in so many ways — from Mike Riley, who has organized our dynamic strategic plan to attain national excellence; to

Beth Jameson, who leads our two prevention-oriented Wellness Centers; to Mary McElligott at our von Arx Diabetes & Nutrition Center, who helps diabetics improve their own care; to Dr. David Lindner, critical care physician, who volunteered to help me serve Easter dinner in the downtown cafeteria.

Of our patients for total joint replacements, 7 percent come from outside Southwest Florida. As they share the NCH story and tell their friends about the compassionate and competent care they receive here, we grow closer to attaining our vision of national excellence.

The board is on board and leading the way. Our community supports us philanthropically, and we support the community's health. Working together, being adaptable and sharing the vision will make the journey both satisfying and successful for all of us. ■

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

# HEALTHY LIVING

## Infectious Disease Specialists opens practice in Naples



RACKLEFF

Infectious Disease Specialists of Southwest Florida has opened at 5385 Park Central Court, behind the Sports Authority at Pine Ridge and Airport Pulling roads. Dr. Dean Rackleff, board-certified infectious

disease specialist, says his practice provides comprehensive care for a variety of chronic, acute and seasonal illnesses, including diabetes-related infections, cellulitis, osteomyelitis, wound care, antibiotic-induced allergic reactions, sexually transmitted infections, food-borne illnesses and tick-borne infections.

Dr. Rackleff and his staff provide routine immunizations and travel medicine services, such as vaccinations. They also diagnose and treat travel-related illnesses and provide hospital- and office-based infectious disease consultations and evaluations. The new office features an infusion area for the delivery of intravenous antibiotic therapy.

In practice for 15 years, Dr. Rackleff has maintained his solo practice in Southwest Florida since 2005. He served as a U.S. Navy physician for several years and then completed a fellowship in infectious disease at Tulane University Medical Center and earned a master's of public health and tropical

medicine at Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in New Orleans, La. In addition to his practice responsibilities, he has served as a medical director of Naples Community Health Wound Healing Centers and is the chairman of the Infection Control Committee for Physicians Regional Health System.

For more information, call 455-9946. ■



## March of Dimes walk steps out May 1 at Cambier Park

The March for Babies, coordinated by the March of Dimes, is the year's biggest fundraiser for March of Dimes. It combines corporate sponsorship, walker fundraising, vendor campaigns and personal commitments to raise money for March of Dimes research and community programs. This work helps moms have full-term pregnancies and babies begin healthy lives.

The Collier County walk steps out Saturday, May 1, at Cambier Park. Registration will begin at 6 p.m. and the march will start at 7 p.m., followed by an awards ceremony and a concert in the park. More than 500 walkers are expected, and the goal is to raise \$120,000.

Presenting sponsor is Physicians

Regional Medical Center; Wells Fargo/Wachovia is also a major sponsor.

To register as a walker or to create a team, visit [www.marchforbabies.org](http://www.marchforbabies.org). For more information, contact Regina Toops at [rtoops@marchofdimes.com](mailto:rtoops@marchofdimes.com) or Roxann Franklin at [rfranklin@marchofdimes.com](mailto:rfranklin@marchofdimes.com).

Serving as the March for Babies 2010 chairman is Dr. John Iacuone, executive director for The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida/Lee Memorial Health System.

The March of Dimes is the leading nonprofit organization for pregnancy and baby health. For the latest resources and information, visit [www.marchofdimes.com](http://www.marchofdimes.com). ■



## East Collier Relay For Life takes place next month

The inaugural East Collier Relay For Life takes place Saturday and Sunday,

May 22-23, at Eagle Lakes Community Park. The relay celebrates the lives of cancer survivors, memorializes those who have died from the disease and raises funds and awareness for American Cancer Society programs and services in the community.

The American Cancer Society encourages everyone to get involved by visiting [www.relayforlife.org/eastcollierfl](http://www.relayforlife.org/eastcollierfl) and registering as a team, a cancer survivor or a donor. There are also numerous ways for individuals and businesses to support the Relay For Life.

For more information, call Melissa Pfeiffer at the American Cancer Society 261-0337, ext. 3860. ■

## Children's hospital screens for autism

The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida and Ronald McDonald House Charities of SWF conduct free autism spectrum disorder screenings for children ages 18 months to 5 years.

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.

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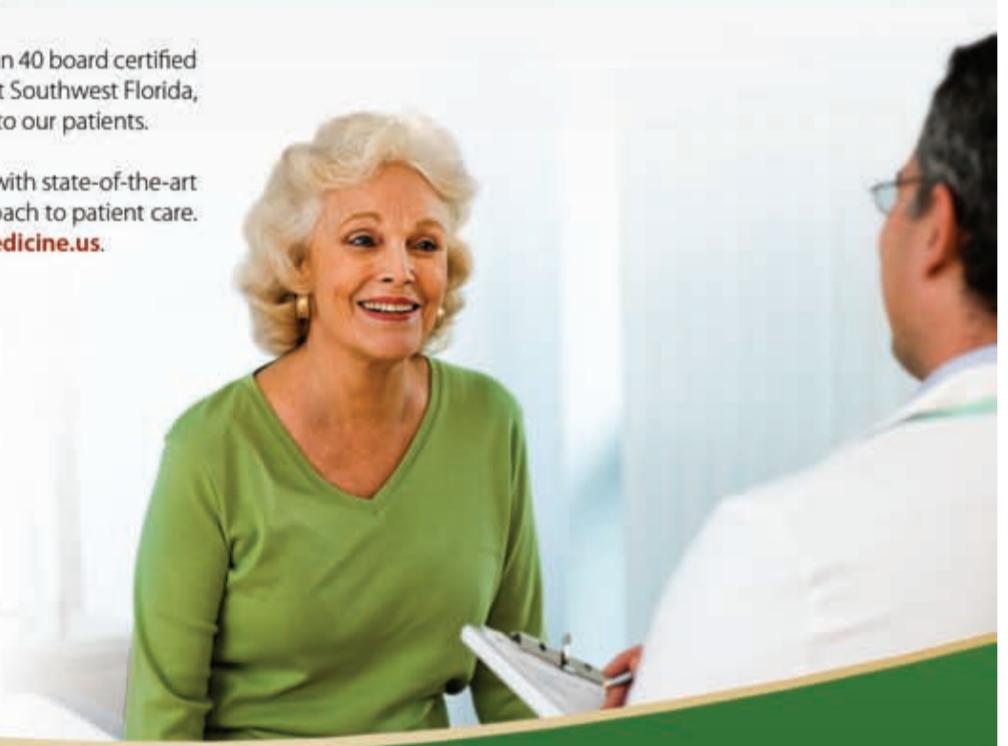
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# OUTDOORS

## Good Fortune passengers have a peek at osprey pre-school

BY ART RITAS  
Special to Florida Weekly

This might be the most exciting time of year for bird watchers on the Conservancy Good Fortune cruises. Osprey pre-school is in session as young birds fledge and learn the diving/fishing skills that will, they hope, sustain them through their long lives. Judy Hushon, a volunteer naturalist, sent this report after a recent lunch cruise:

"We pulled near the osprey nest where the two juveniles had fledged and were practicing their flying, one at a time, accompanied by their mother. Then she handed one of them a stick, about a foot long and a half-inch around from the nest structure, and had the young osprey fly with it. She lectured all along the way, teaching him to carry it front to back, using his rotating claw — just the way he will carry fish in the future. Meanwhile, the other baby back on the nest was crying what seemed to be, 'Me too! Me, too!'"

John James Audubon, in his "Ornithological Biography," notes that the young are fed by their parents until fully fledged and able to feed on their own. Indeed, the young are often fed even after they are independent and capable fishers. Mr. Audubon also observes that, "The fish hawk differs from all other birds of prey... it never attempts to secure its prey in the air, although its rapidity of flight might induce an observer to suppose it is perfectly able to do so."

Mr. Audubon observed what we often



Osprey

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see from the deck of the Good Fortune. The osprey hovers at 60 to 70 feet in the air, then dives at 30 to 50 mph. It hits the water talons first, often plunges completely below the surface and then emerges with a fish securely grasped.

The osprey has an extra thick coating of oil on its wings — waterproofing — that allows it to dive below the surface of the water in order to impale an unsuspecting fish. The submerged osprey pops up a moment later with a fish clasped in razor-sharp talons. Ospreys have been observed flying off with fish weighing more than 5 pounds. This is pretty remarkable considering an osprey weighs 3.5 pounds. Its long, gull-like wings with the distinctive bend at the "elbow" are an adaptation that allows the bird to push

out of the water and into the air with a heavy meal.

Mr. Audubon's beautiful "Birds of America" depicts the osprey in the air carrying a fish nearly its own length in the aerodynamically correct position. The fish, mouth agape and looking stunned, may know what's next.

In addition to seeing many active osprey nests with fledglings in various stages of development, Good Fortune passengers have been treated to skillful demonstrations by another species of plunge diver: the brown pelican.

"How much can that bird hold in its pouch?" asks a passenger.

"If it's successful," says the naturalist, "it can take in 16 pounds, twice its own body weight, in water and fish. Then it drains the water and tilts the head back to swallow the fish. Incidentally, Mr. Audubon observed slaves on Florida plantations shooting brown pelicans, then skinning and either smoking or salting them."

The passengers seem to contemplate the grim past, but the mood lightens with flashes of pink: glorious roseate spoonbills landing on the rookery island just before sunset. "Wow," says naturalist Darlene Meadows. Capt. Arne Kelsey smiles. ■

— Art Ritas is a volunteer with the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Daily tours aboard the Good Fortune end April 30 and will resume in January 2011. Inquiries about arranging private tours during the summer months can be made by calling 403-4326.

### Summer hours, eco-camp set at Conservancy of SWF

>> Beginning May 1 and through Oct. 31, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida Nature Center will be closed on Sundays. The center will be open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Electric boat cruises will be available, weather and tide permitting, at 10 a.m. and noon Monday through Saturday.

>> The Conservancy Wildlife Clinic will continue to operate from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. 365 days a year. If you find any injured, sick or orphaned wildlife, call 262-CARE.

>> Summer eco-camp at the Conservancy is for kindergarten through eighth-grade graduates. Weeklong sessions run June 14 through the week of July 19 and feature field trips to eco-destinations, hands-on exploration and live encounters with native wildlife including birds, reptiles and marine animals.

This year's eco-camp themes are "Step Outside," designed to transform campers into budding biologists, and "WOW! Wonders of Wildlife," which includes encounters with animals to transform campers into wildlife "experts."

Since the Conservancy Nature Center is undergoing major renovations, the number of camps and participants in each camp is limited this year. Sessions are moving to the FGCU Renaissance Academy Naples Center at 1010 Fifth Ave. S.

Registration forms and more information are available at [www.conservancy.org/camp](http://www.conservancy.org/camp).

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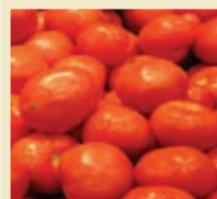
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# OUTDOORS

## Small but mighty, the least tern is still threatened

BY LEE BELANGER

Special to Florida Weekly

The least tern, as you might guess, is the smallest of the terns, weighing only 1.5 ounces and maturing to a mere 9 inches. But don't underestimate this bird's might. When defending its nest, the least tern's shrill shriek and repeated dives at any intruder send larger animals, including humans, running.

Males and females look alike. The non-breeding adults have black bills and yellow legs and feet. During breeding season, the bills turn yellow. These birds sport grey wings with white bodies, a black cap, and a deeply forked tail.

Terns and gulls belong to the family, Laridae. Both have webbed feet and usually nest on the ground near water. Terns have narrower pointed wings, pointed bills, forked tails and slimmer bodies. They often aim their bill downward while flying or hovering over water searching for food. Least terns tuck their wings back, dive and then catch small fish with their bill. Their diet is mainly fish, but occasionally they will eat shrimp and marine worms. They usually hunt along the coast, but will seek out small fish in rivers and ponds.

Least terns live only in the western hemisphere. They are a migratory bird, arriving in Florida for the nesting season (March-August) and migrating to South America for the winter.

They nest in colonies from a few nests to several hundred, depending on their



ROOKERY BAY / COURTESY PHOTO

### Least terns

past success, food availability and predators. Least terns return to the same nesting sight each year unless the sight becomes unsuitable or disappears entirely. They prefer to nest on coastal beaches, barrier islands and increasingly on spoil islands well above the mean high tide line.

Males spend much time courting females. During this unusual courtship ritual, the male brings a fish to the female. Once the female accepts the fish, the male helps hollow out a shallow depression called a scrape in loose sand or gravel. The area must be almost devoid of vegetation that could hide predators. Both male and female incubate the eggs. One to three tiny spotted cream-colored eggs hatch in about 21 days if conditions are right. Within three to four days, young leave the nest but cannot fly for about four weeks.

Many factors threaten their survival. Dogs, cats, raccoons, gulls, crows and raptors feed on eggs or chicks. Vehicles, volleyballs and unwary beachgoers crush

the tiny eggs and chicks. Each time an adult bird must fly and dive to defend its nest, the adult loses energy reserves. If this happens repeatedly, the adults will abandon the nest. To lessen this hazard, many public beaches rope off areas to protect nesting birds. Because of the greatly reduced nesting sites, the least tern is designated a threatened species by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Numbers once in the millions are now estimated to be a few thousand.

There are several things we can do to help these terns avoid extinction:

1. Report new bird colonies to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (863-648-3203)
2. Collect and properly dispose of fishing line and trash that can kill birds.
3. Keep your distance from nesting sites to avoid causing birds to fly.
4. During nesting season, watch for birds flying overhead. They may be warning you of a nesting area.
5. Support natural areas such as Rookery Bay where nests are protected.
6. Buy hunting and fishing licenses (even if you don't use them) to help fund conservation efforts. If enough people follow these suggestions, perhaps the least tern will once again thrive in Southwest Florida. ■

— Lee Belanger is a volunteer at Rookery Bay National Estuarine Reserve. To contact her, e-mail [Lungwort@aol.com](mailto:Lungwort@aol.com).

### Don't miss these Earth Day events

>> **The Naples Botanical Garden** celebrates Earth Day with tours, educational programs and a ladybug release on Thursday, April 22. Thousands of ladybugs will be released throughout the day in the Children's Garden. For times and topics of tours and other programs, call 643-7275 or visit [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org). Regular admission applies.

>> **The Naples Zoo** throws its Party for the Planet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 24. Waste Management of Collier County's "Cycler" the robot will be a guest of honor, and activities will include face-painting and flower-planting, recycling tattoos and coloring books. For more information, visit [www.NaplesZoo.com](http://www.NaplesZoo.com).

>> **The Sierra Club Calusa Group and the Haphehatchee Center** celebrate Earth Day Festival all day Saturday, April 24, at the Koreshan State Historic Site in Estero. The opening ceremony is at 9:45 a.m.. The day's events include free kayak rides beginning at 10:30 a.m. and children's activities beginning at 11 a.m. The Lions Club of Estero & South Fort Myers will serve hot dogs and organic free range beef barbecue; For Goodness Sakes will serve organic veggie wraps, turkey wraps and drinks; and Ben and Jerry's will be there with ice cream. Numerous local artists will display their work, some of which will be raffled off. Entertainment on the green includes:

- 10:30-11:30 a.m., The Robin Scofield Band
- 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., The James Willhite Band
- 1-2 p.m., The Lids
- 2:15-3:15 p.m., The Skunk Monkeys
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# PET TALES

## Pets go green, again

Easy Earth-friendly tips for animal lovers

BY DR. MARTY BECKER & GINA SPADAFORI  
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Does a renewed interest in “green” products mean the economy’s improving? We’re not sure, but we’re still delighted to see retailers and pet owners again trying to reduce the “carbon pawprint” of pets.

Recently, the national chain Petco put on an event at its more than 1,000 stores to promote products that are more eco-friendly — an event in which the PetConnection team was involved. But, of course, it’s possible to do a lot with what you have by making a few good decisions.

Here are a few tips:

■ **Go for green products.** When looking to buy pet-care items, look for items made from recycled materials (such as toys made from recycled water bottles or cat litter made from recycled newspaper) or from renewable materials (such as collars made from hemp or litter made from wheat, corn or even green tea leaves). Also consider switching to a pet food that’s made locally from sustainable or organic ingredients, a move that cuts down on the “food miles” (fuel used to move merchandise) and the waste issued from concentrated animal feeding operations.

• Meat protein is a must for carnivores



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— especially cats — but if you’d like a pet who can go completely green when it comes to food, adopt a bunny. They thrive on veggies, and will love your kitchen trimmings. (Not to mention, rabbit waste is great for supercharging the compost pile!)

• A few of the pet-product companies that have made an effort to “go green” include West Paw, Planet Dog, Castor and Pollux, and Earthbath — and the number is growing every day.

■ **Pay attention to packaging.** Pet food, pet toys, pet supplies, pet cleaning and grooming aids, pet medications — pretty much all of these have one serious environmental problem: packaging. Look for alternatives, such as bulk buying that reduces throwaway containers, and use products that come in recycled and recyclable packaging.

■ **Toss with caution.** Always dis-

pose of drugs, pesticides, shampoos, chemicals and the containers they come in safely. Flea-control products, as well as many pet shampoos and dips, need to be disposed of carefully as well, according to federal, state and local guidelines. (As for those flea-and-tick products, don’t overdo it, and follow directions carefully.)

■ **Handle the “do” responsibly.** Biodegradable poop bags are a must, otherwise the poop you pick up will still be in the landfill decades from now.

■ **Take a hike, or a bike.** If you’ve gotten in the habit of driving to the dog park, consider that six legs in motion — yours and your dog’s — is good for you both. Put your walking shoes on, snap the leash to your dog’s collar and get your exercise in your own neighborhood. Walking (or jogging) is great, and if you want to add two wheels to the mix, look for accessories that allow you to safely take your dog biking with you. Be careful though: Exercise in the cool morning only, and don’t let your dog overheat.

■ **Don’t litter — and do adopt.** Remember to consider adoption when it comes to choosing a pet. Great pets can be found at any shelter, and don’t forget to check out rescue groups as well — Petfinder.org can be a great resource for looking. And do make sure your own pet isn’t accidentally “littering.” Fences, leashes and neutering can all prevent “oops” litters. ■

### Pets of the Week



>> **Bonanza** is a 2-year-old neutered rat terrier/beagle mix who weighs about 30 pounds. He has a cropped tail and is completely adorable.



>> **Cortnee Rose** is a 2-year-old spayed golden retriever/Labrador mix. She’s sweet girl who weighs about 40 pounds.



>> **Butterbean** is a very sweet, 1-year-old spayed calico who promises to be your forever friend.



>> **Love Story** is a 6-year-old neutered miniature poodle. He weighs about 10 pounds and would make a great portable companion.

### To adopt a pet

This week’s pets are in foster homes with volunteers with Brooke’s Legacy Animal Rescue. Volunteers and animals are at Petco on Naples Boulevard from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday. For more information, call Brooke’s Legacy at 434-7480, e-mail brookeslegacy@gmail.com or visit www.BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.com.

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# MUSINGS

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When the sky darkens, and the sea below me becomes sluice, pent up behind failing floodgate, I find my pirate-self aground. Not running, but in a slow hypnotic climb up a ladder of air roots I am emerging. There are always more roots than there were on my last sojourn. These roots grow quickly, and would certainly surprise me if I had any clarity of memory. I have certainly been here before, boyishly climbing into devolved arboreal home. You, or a child, might call it a tree house.

But I am merely emergent, right now, mourning mouthed and coffee-less, a dreamer not discerning up or down in a gravity free field. I am disheveled, and the world flaunts itself, odalisque in negligee. This consummate distraction makes me wonder as I ascend, skin prickling with the certainty of being apprehended.

In my tree house suspended between up and down, between the shifting airiness and liquidity of sea and sky, I seem to remember the 12-foot tall prickly pear fence, which guards my ladder. I know it had been merely green, giving others small hair-like spines that detach and penetrate invading skin and giving me medicine and intoxicants.

Now my cactus is aflame in pink, surprisingly flowered, with anthers sensitive to touch that curl over freely to deposit pollen. They are as new as the air roots, appearing out of emptiness.

And I have arrived in the rain, floodgate now above.

The rain is ejaculation, momentary prayers, mantras of assent in descent, everywhere indecent and shamelessly wetting worlds. One large cold drop splats at my feet. Perhaps I created it.

I have been trying to tell you, but you are silent, a silence of multiple spin meanings that carry me from agony to ecstasy, rivulet webs writhing unseen. With each telling you become less visible. From no response you have progressed to complete disappearance. To whom can I cry out if not to you?

But still I feel you hovering in breezes that surround my innermost heart-mind. I smell you in burning wax suspended before flowing into the great seal. You are the rain, falling just and unjust, just right, perfect. You are located in front and I am bi-located inside.

Then every face is merely skin over a morphing hidden manifestation of you. The migratory seedpod has burst. The little messy masses of its inner children run amok, dancing into little stories that elude me, wordless.

But it is real. I know. It is as real as the Mexican coat of arms. The eagle there perches on prickly pears and holds in



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mouth rattlesnake. Incomprehensible stories appear on solid political ground. Not merely flagged nor breeze blown nor merely Western is this ancient battle. In other climes it manifests as bird-

ish garudas and snake-like nagas. These creatures are Eastern and animal and divine, in ancient feuds calmed by Buddha himself.

In between the calm Buddha places the snake-like nagas swallow stones to heavy themselves in order to tire the flying garudas who swoop them up.

Did these stones come from subterranean mines? Did Shiva find them next to the sources of air roots as he passed through a dark corridor into the center of the earth? Perhaps he had a halo of fire around his head glowing like a miner's lamp. Perhaps his footprints are still glowing in the dark. Perhaps my air roots are his messy hair awash in the sacred river waters.

There is no simple story here. There is just a prose poem crying out in a wet night, the last whimper before the stones themselves are forced to speak. Slaked and slain, awash and aground, crazy in the vastness of your silence, I am. The songs pray in my head like barely audible recordings, un-owned and insignificant inside the voiceless taciturn lull that is your loving me rootlessly, ruthlessly. ■

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# BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE

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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES BUSINESS INDUSTRY

“It was one of I’d say the five worst seasons in the last 35 years. The entire winter, the whole three-month period, was kind of overcast. We had a real lack of sun besides the cold temperatures. Even days when it was in the 60s and 70s, the sun wasn’t shining.”

— Frank Oakes, owner of Oakes Organic Farm and Food & Thought Organic Market and Restaurant



Frank Oakes at his Food & Thought Organic Market and Restaurant.

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## Late harvest blooms after cold winter

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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The year began on a low note for farmers whose harvests were stalled by nearly two full weeks of frosty January nights, a cold spell not seen in Southwest Florida for decades. In the last three months, plants normally loaded with various types of tomatoes, peppers, and eggplants — a group of vegetables similarly affected, experts say — were held back by the cold.

A large percentage of plants that should have produced squash, green beans, corn and cucumber also stopped growing or were ruined. Farmers in Southwest Florida lost an estimated 70 percent of their winter vegetable crops and \$200 million in revenue due to the

Expect lower prices  
on tomatoes,  
peppers, squash

cold snap. Meanwhile, vegetable lovers paid more at grocery stores and outdoor markets when those crops were in short supply.

“The ability of the plants to photosynthesize and take nutrients into their leaves was interrupted by that damaged tissue,” said Roy Beckford, an agriculture and natural resources agent at the University of Florida.

In most cases, the plants were only

interrupted, not frozen to death. Now that the warmth is back, growers are gearing up for a late harvest that promises to flood the market with produce. It could result in lower prices for stay-at-home dads shopping for nutritious side dishes, and professional chefs alike. Besides the stalled tomato, eggplant, pepper and squash crops, the herb hit hardest by the cold was basil says Santiago De Choch, manager of the GreenMarket at Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers. That’s now also coming back.

“And it’s a popular one,” Mr. De Choch said.

The weather in January also prevented some wasps and moths from pollinating the plants at night, Mr. Beckford

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## WEEK at-a-glance



### That’s the ticket

See who found their way to Wanderlust, and more business events. B7 ▶



### Knowing what counts

Supervisor of Elections Jennifer Edwards votes for accuracy, efficiency and education. B2 ▶



### A grand lifestyle

Check out the Barcelona Grande in the Cordoba neighborhood at Lely Resort. B9 ▶

## The battle cry for China to revalue its currency

A current and important international and U.S. national issue is currency manipulation.

The focus is not on just any currency being manipulated; it is largely on the Chinese Yuan or Rimi. The question is whether the Yuan is undervalued relative to the U.S. dollar and therefore hurting our trade balance and our ability to create new U.S. jobs.

The short answer is that Chinese products are cheap — we buy a lot of their “stuff.” The U.S. could have or should



have been manufacturing this “stuff” in the U.S. and have created U.S. jobs and that an upward revaluation of the Yuan is, at least, a step in the direction of creating more American jobs. The short and not so sweet answer is that the

revaluation of the Yuan could also hurt the U.S. by not letting us achieve that goal of job creation and it could have other unintended consequence

Most understand that China has always manipulated its currency but the manipulation, on balance, has served certain U.S. economic purposes. It facilitated a large amount of trade and cheap imports that kept our inflation rate low, fueled U.S. investment in China and vice versa and enticed China’s purchase of U.S. bonds (financing our budget deficit). In

the wake of the financial debacle, having their currency fixed to the U.S. was critical to maintaining stable world trade. Overall, it suited U.S. preferences but, for those with long term vision, it did not necessarily work to our advantage.

Since most other major currencies “float” (currency values are set by a free market of buyers and sellers in the foreign exchange markets), what is the background of the Yuan fixed exchange? The Chinese Yuan has been fixed to

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# BUSINESS PROFILE

## Former teacher still an educator as supervisor of elections

BY MARY LOU SMART  
Special to Florida Weekly

With sharp focus, delivering accurate results using economical systems and simple and effective operation is a cinch, right? Not quite, but that's exactly what happens at the Collier County Supervisor of Elections Office. Transparency is more than an election-year buzzword in the venue where the public is welcome, education and security are priorities and glass walls are the norm.

Jennifer Edwards didn't set out to work in elections, a calling she seems perfectly suited to. "No," she admits. "And as election administrators across the country, we laugh about that because it's not something that in fifth grade you think, boy, I really want to work in an election office."

By the time she moved to Southwest Florida in 1984, she had spent several years in the field of education. A background that included financial and operational audits of Kentucky schools led to work with the Collier County budget office in 1987. She also served as the county's human resources director for five years.

When Mary Morgan, a popular 20-year supervisor of elections, decided to retire six months before the end of her term, Mrs. Edwards applied for an appointment by the governor to complete the term and ran for election at the same time. She secured the appointment and won the election.



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Jennifer Edwards

No sooner than the paint had dried on the new elections supervisor's parking space, all hell broke loose with the George Bush/Al Gore presidential election, and we learned about hanging chads.

"When I hear people say that their vote doesn't count, I always go back to the 2000 election," Mrs. Edwards says. "In the state of Florida, there was only a 537-vote difference between Gore and Bush. How can you even think that your vote would not count?"

Ever since that presidential election, in which the United States Supreme Court had the final say, Mrs. Edwards has been part of election reform in Florida. One of the biggest changes to Florida election law occurred in the legislative reform package of 2002 mandating a change in voting systems. Collier County, along with 12 other counties in the state, has changed twice since

2000, and now uses a total touch screen system.

The aim of the Supervisor of Elections Office and its 22 employees is to conduct elections and to educate. Mrs. Edwards and her staff work to keep the voter registration roll as accurate as possible by continually confirming that addresses are correct and that voters on the roll are eligible to vote in Collier County. They also send out notice of elections, sample ballots and absentee ballots to 176,000 registered voters in every election cycle.

"We look to the candidates and we look to the parties to turn out the voters. That is their responsibility," she says.

Education outreach includes frequent student tours and school elections (the office even conducts the Lely High School homecoming king and queen election). Another element of the office's education mandate is training more than 1,000 people to work at each election.

Education also involves shedding light on misconceptions. Following the tumultuous election of 2000, many started using absentee ballots with the thought that they are more accurate. Not true, according to Mrs. Edwards, who says there is no difference in the way absentee votes are tabulated. There is also a misconception that absentee ballots are counted only in disputed outcomes. While that might be true in other states, every eligible vote is counted in Florida.

The Collier County Supervisor of

Elections Office has conducted two elections this year: one for the city of Naples and one for the city of Marco. It's conducted two recounts in the past six months: one in Everglades City where there was a difference of one vote, and one in the city of Marco where there was a seven-vote difference between candidates.

"Recounts have always validated the results and our methods," Mrs. Edwards says. "If we've had a difference, it is maybe one or two votes, but that's it."

Required by law to conduct business in the sunshine, the office holds a public meeting prior to early voting to test the equipment. The office tests ballots in every manner in which a voter can vote. But accuracy is not the only goal. "People go to the grocery store every day, but they do not vote every day," she reasons. "We want voting to be comfortable, welcoming and enjoyable."

Mrs. Edwards is energetic, warm, friendly and eager to have visitors to her office. After Gov. Jeb Bush appointed her in 2000, she was unopposed in her bids for reelection in 2000, 2004 and 2008.

"I'm very proud of what we do," she says. "I have outstanding staff members who share my passion for what we do. Our focus is always on what we can do to educate registered voters and what we can do to improve the system as much as possible."

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# BUSINESS BRIEFS

## Local winners collect 2010 Image Awards

The Southwest Florida Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association recognized the best public relations, communications and marketing efforts in Southwest Florida during the past year at the 2010 Local Image Awards banquet earlier this month. Winners demonstrate the best examples of innovation, planning and design.

The Grand All Image Award, FPRA's highest honor, was given to Sarah Owen of Community Cooperative Ministries Inc., Melinda Isley, APR and Lucy Costa of Promotional Incentives for their work on the "NoFood4You" public service program. This project also won an Image Award in its category and a Judges' Award for maximizing results with a minimal budget.

Other awards presented:

- Image Award and Judges' Award: "Power to Share - An LCEC Community Partnership" by Teresa Renkiewicz and the Lee County Electric Cooperative public relations team
- Image Award and Judges' Award: "Cat Poo Coffee" by Bennett's Fresh Roast and Melinda Isley, APR
- Image Award: "The Million Dollar Coupon" by Tina Haisman, APR, CPRC

- Image Award: "Tweet Town Hall 'Real People, Real Time, Real Policy'" by Cyndee Woolley, APR

- Award of Distinction and Judges' Award: "Girls Night Out for Blessings in a Backpack" by Samantha Scott

- Award of Distinction and Judges' Award: "Love that Dress!" by Christin Collins, TLC Consulting and PACE Center for Girls, Lee County

- Award of Distinction and Judges' Award: "Spend a Night In - Instead of a Night Out" by Kevin Lewis and Michelle Phillips of Southwest Florida Addiction Services and Susan Bennett, APR, CPRC of Susan Bennett Marketing and Media

- Award of Distinction and Judges' Award: "POPS POST, Florida Gulf Bank's Intranet Newsletter" by Phyllis Ershowsky, APR, CPRC, Marie Mosley, APR and Stephen Gray-Blancett

- Award of Distinction: "Lee County Port Authority Crisis Management and Communications Plan" by the Lee County Port Authority

- Award of Distinction: "Celebrate Bonita! Festival 10th Anniversary by Phyllis Ershowsky, APR, CPRC, Marie Mosley, APR and Len Eckert

- Award of Distinction: "March of Dimes - 20th Annual Signature Chefs Auction" by Samantha Scott

- Award of Distinction: "Tyson Chicken Delivery" by Sarah Owen of Community Cooperative Ministries Inc., Tyson Foods and Melinda Isley, APR

- Award of Distinction: "Terry Wynter Auto Service Center Web Site" by Priority Marketing and Terry Wynter Auto Service Center

- Judges' Award: "Estero Fire Rescue Budget 2009" by Susan Lindenmuth, Assistant Fire Chief Mark Wahlig and Fire Chief Scott Vanderbrook of Estero Fire Rescue

Event sponsors were AirTran Airways, Paragon Flight Training, Bob Evans Restaurants, Lee County Port Authority, The Cooper Group, Creative Events & Rentals, Full Circle Productions and Gulf Coast Business Review.

For more information about the local chapter of FPRA, visit [www.fpraswfl.org](http://www.fpraswfl.org).

## Public relations firms join forces

Gravina, Smith, Matte & Arnold Marketing and Public Relations and m.creative have joined forces. Melinda Isley, APR and principal of m.creative, has become a partner in Gravina, Smith, Matte & Arnold, joining principals Amy Gravina, APR; Laurel Smith, APR; Tina Matte and Sharon Arnold.

Gravina, Smith, Matte & Arnold has specialized in developing long-term marketing and public relations programs for Southwest Florida's leading businesses and organizations since 1983. m.creative

has provided a full range of public relations services including media relations, graphic design, advertising and social media programs since 2000.

Ms. Gravina, Ms. Smith and Ms. Isley hold bachelor's degrees from University of Florida's College of Journalism and are accredited by the Florida Public Relations Association, which named them Public Relations Professionals of the Year in 1987, 1988 and 2004, respectively.

Ms. Isley also studied graphic design at the Southeast Center for Photo/Graphic Studies in Daytona Beach. She served as creative director and public relations manager for Southwest Florida companies before launching m.creative. Her clients include Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Community Cooperative Ministries Inc., Harbour House at the Inn, accounting firm Myers, Brettholtz & Company PA, attorneys Osterhout, McKinney & Prather, and The Veranda restaurant.

Gravina, Smith, Matte & Arnold's clients include BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company, Bell Tower Shops, Bonita Bay Group, Bonita Springs Utilities, Celebration of Reading, Hope HealthCare Services, McCaw Wealth Management Group, Naples Winter Wine Festival, Southwest Florida Transportation Initiative and The Immokalee Foundation. The firm is headquartered in Fort Myers. For more information, call 275-5758. ■

## MONEY

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the U.S. dollar (at Yuan 6.83/U.S. dollar) since July 2008. It was allowed to appreciate over the period 2005-2008 by some 21 percent, having been fixed before 2005.

Not all major international currencies "float," many are tied to the U.S. dollar. Singapore, Hong Kong and others are examples. China is not the only country

with a fixed exchange rate to the dollar; it is just the most important trade and financial partner of the U.S. not allowing a float.

U.S. law requires a bi-yearly report by the Department of the Treasury (with consultation of the International Monetary Fund) about whether countries have unfair trade advantage by manipulating their currencies relative to ours. The Treasury report is due but it is delayed. Hmmm.

The delay does not diffuse this hot Washington issue. It's a hot issue for politicians (Democrat or Republican) from states with high unemployment,

especially in the manufacturing sector. Since job growth has been elusive in this economic recovery, the battle cry for jobs is easily embraced and willingly takes this issue hostage.

Everyone is for job growth. But is the currency issue all that simple?

If your retail business (mega-sized, mini-sized or a single store/boutique) depends on cheap imports, an undervalued Yuan is definitely in your interest — you import cheap and can tack on a good size margin when selling. However, if your business is U.S. based manufacturing (machine tools, equipment, tech products, etc.) or any U.S. business that needs open export markets for sales, you are probably more interested in a fairly valued Yuan. That makes your products attractive in the U.S. and the world marketplace.

Has the U.S. encountered this problem before? Well, not exactly the same, but similar. The last country that ran a huge trade surplus with the U.S. and held huge foreign exchange reserves was Japan... before it deflated. Japan, from 1970 to the mid-1990s, was jawboned into devaluing its currency vis-a-vis the U.S. dollar. The U.S. thought such would improve our trade deficit with Japan and create jobs in the U.S. It didn't happen. Even after a huge appreciation in the Japanese yen during those years, the U.S. trade deficit with Japan ballooned. And the much anticipated U.S. job creation never occurred. Did the bad news end there? No. Some feel that the revaluation upward of the yen was part of the reason for its deflation. It was an unintended consequence that continues to plague Japan.

How could this be? The issue is not

just currency values; the issue is very much tied to the savings rate. The Chinese are big savers, as were the Japanese. Some 1.3 billion Chinese saving a lot — not earning much but clearly not buying a lot. Selling to savers is not so easy; selling to spenders — to the millions of U.S. consumers — is a lot easier. Currency changes do not necessarily change behaviors. At least for the consumer, to buy "stuff" means you have someplace to put the "stuff." It's easy for Asians to carry a high-end cell phone but there is little room for their "stuff."

Some of the more important issues for the U.S. appear to be to get China to allow free conversion of its currency, improve the U.S. savings rate (not from economic duress but from economic/tax incentives) and continue to build our high-tech industries with which China can not compete, at least right now.

Even if the U.S. really knew what was in our best interest and politicians could agree on the issue, it seems that we have less and less negotiating leverage. Yes, we are in a marriage of liabilities with China but they have some \$800 billion in U.S. dollar assets. Clearly China has more wiggle room in their dealings.

Best to talk to your investment adviser and understand the impact that currencies fluctuations and rate changes have on your portfolio. ■

— Jeannette Rohn Showalter is a Southwest Florida-based chartered financial analyst, considered to be the highest designation for investment professionals. She can be reached at [jshowaltercfa@yahoo.com](mailto:jshowaltercfa@yahoo.com). ■

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# FARMS

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explained. Even after the cold snap ended, a preponderance of overcast days meant some plants were slow to get back in their seasonal groove. A wet, El Nino season also ruined some crops. Farmers either replanted some of their crops or waited out the effects of this year's chilly interruption.

"I've been farming here since 1976, and it was one of I'd say the five worst seasons in the last 35 years," said Frank Oakes, owner of Oakes Organic Farm and Food & Thought Organic Market and Restaurant in Naples. "Overall, the entire winter, the whole three-month period was kind of overcast. We had a real lack of sun besides the cold temperatures. Even days when it was in the 60s and 70s the sun wasn't shining."

The harvest is better late than never. Peak harvesting season in Southwest Florida usually starts around December and ends in mid April. Harvesting a month or two late means farms both large and small may lose profits. Some of their crops will hit the market just as tourist season winds down, and competition from growers a few hundred miles to the north becomes unavoidable.

## Smaller farms

Rabbit Run Farm in Buckingham is beginning to see a wealth of varieties bloom and spill over the sides of the above-ground pots where they mature on nearly 5 acres. Owner Denise Muir uses a soil-less, hydroponic method to grow vegetables such as chocolate peppers, Casper eggplant and heirloom squash and tomatoes — to name just a few. Ms. Muir also grows myriad lettuces, herbs and edible flowers. Many of those crops were also stalled by the cold and are now reaching maturity.

But now that tourist season is winding down, the chefs who come to Rabbit Run for ingredients may not need as many. Chef Jeanie Roland at The Perfect Caper in Punta Gorda incorporates local produce into lunch and dinner specials when she can.

"I try when they're available and this has been kind of a rough winter as far as that went," she said.

Ridgway Bar & Grill in Naples features a Rabbit Run House Salad and Rabbit Run Caesar Salad using Ms. Muir's produce.

"The lettuce is just spectacular and our customers have really bought into the fact that we're using a fresh, locally grown product," said Chef Tony Ridgway.

Strawberries are Rabbit Run's largest crop, and survived the chill without major setbacks. But other crops that bloomed late may not find a buyer. Ms. Muir says the Saturday public market at her farm is also a source of revenue.

"We have like eight different types of eggplant from all over the world, so normally we're picking them all winter long," Ms. Muir said. "It's definitely been a big challenge this year because everything went to sleep. Now all our eggplant is literally loaded with bloom, and nobody's going to be here for the restaurants to have it. It's kind of discouraging because we've had people asking and asking for them."

In Punta Gorda, 55-acre Worden Farm suffered minimal financial setbacks overall. Owner Eva Worden attributes that to a wide variety of produce grown, including a larger number of cold tolerant plants. They also sell their produce directly to home cooks instead of relying on business from restaurants or exports. Most of their revenue comes through farmers' markets and a Com-



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**Above: At her Rabbit Run Farm in east Lee county, Denise Muir holds a little purple eggplant. Left: Strawberries are the largest crop at Rabbit Run Farm.**

munity Supported Agriculture program. For \$600 per peak harvesting season — the beginning of December to mid April — people can pick up their vegetables on a weekly basis, getting a big box of whatever is available at Worden. Oakes Organic Farm in Naples offers a similar program for the same price.

"Our losses were not nearly as great as some of our fellow farmers — not to say it wasn't a challenging season, because it was," Ms. Worden said. "The plants that were out there were growing much more slowly than usual. We also experienced intense flooding events that caused us to lose many crops."

## Bigger farms

Bigger farms that grow tomatoes, squash or peppers on hundreds of acres say the late harvest is a double whammy. After losing up to 30 percent or more of their winter crops, they are being forced to compete with growers a few hundred miles north who are beginning their own harvesting season now.

"Not only did they lose the crops they had, but the crops they put in the ground now are competing against another market area," said Robert Halman, an agriculture agent for the University of Florida in Collier County. "(Farms) were out of business for almost two months. Now we're at the stage where they're starting to do some harvesting."

Pacific Collier Fresh Company in Immokalee is expecting to take significant price cuts on bell peppers, its largest crop, because of the late harvest.

"You're going to reach a point where it's going to be a bloodbath," said John Hood, farm manager at Pacific Collier. "Central Florida's going to come in. Georgia's going to come in."

Troyer Brothers potato farms, which own about 3,500 acres in Lee County, harvests white, red and yellow potatoes. Compared to the group of vegetables hit hardest by the cold snap, the company did well this year. Farmers were able to save most of their crop and are only about a week behind schedule for harvesting.

"It was probably the coldest winter since 1989," said Aaron Troyer. "It's the coldest longest that I can remember, certainly a one-in-25-year event type deal. And we've been so wet also, because it's been El Nino season. Considering we had all those conditions, it's amazing we even had a crop to sell."

Pacific Collier's Mr. Hood is hoping his bell peppers will be snapped up by shoppers, even though the company will probably have to settle for lower sales numbers.

"All you can do is continue with what you got, take what's hurt and nurse it along the best you can and hope the market will respond enough that you'll be able to recoup some of your losses," he said. "You don't know that you're even going to come close to breaking even. Chances are your going to take a loss with the year even with the high prices."

## Rising popularity of local farms

Mr. Oakes describes his farm, restaurant and markets as "militantly

organic."  
 "We have a very loyal clientele and base, and as bad as our growing season was our business actually increased overall," he said. "People are trying to get closer to their food sources, which is a very good thing."

While most farms don't insist on 100 percent organic produce, many are striving to meet the demands of not just chefs, but a larger group of consumers who strive to eat locally grown fare for reasons based on taste, ethics and philosophy.

"I think the chefs are excellent ambassadors for using high quality products. They help to educate the general population about the benefits of using high quality produce," Ms. Worden said. "So they're much more visible than the hundreds of thousands of community supported agriculture projects around the country."

Of course, chefs have also taken note of this trend.

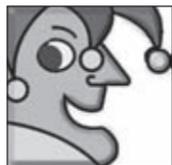
"The biggest growth in the food industry right now is local farmers trying to promote special items on menus," said Chef Martin Murphy of KitchenAid Culinary Center at Robb & Stucky Casual Living Outdoor in Bonita Springs. "I'm small, and the philosophy we try to promote here is sustainability."

Chef Brandon McGlamery of Luma on Park in Winter Park was trained to use the seasonal offerings of local farms. He updates his menu on a near daily basis, a challenge many chefs aren't willing to face.

"I think it's easier once you get in the mindset," he said. "And it also allows you and your staff to change the menu. It gives more flexibility to certain dishes."

"Say the crop wasn't as big as you really needed it to be... you can use that item, say if it's Florida spring onions, as part of dish. You make a spring onion sauce. You stretch it out and you still feature the beauty of that vegetable on the menu."

Chef Ridgway in Naples agrees. "When you work with small farmers, you have to be able to fluctuate with what they have," he said. "Those are challenges chefs don't like to take on at times." ■



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So while a falling dollar does erode U.S. consumers' purchasing power, it can boost

results for investors in U.S. companies with substantial international revenue. The weak dollar of recent years made many domestic companies' earnings stronger.

But now the dollar has been gaining strength, which could squeeze profits for big global players. The news isn't all bad, though. Many international enterprises take hedging steps to protect themselves to some degree from currency exchange risks — locking in some exchange rates via contracts, for example. A strong dollar can also help some companies: If they buy many products or services internationally, they'll get more bang for their buck. Companies that do a lot of their manufacturing abroad, or that outsource much of their white-collar work, will find that their dollar will go further now.

When you're assessing potential investments, take a closer look at how much of their sales come from outside the U.S. A healthy chunk of international revenue can be an excellent defense against a dropping dollar. Currency effects and other aspects of a global economy can have a major impact on your investments' results. ■

## My Dumbest Investment

### Golden ticket

Early in 2006, I was poking around Fidelity's Web site, looking for funds for my 401(k). I did a little research (emphasis on "little"). I saw that gold funds were at the top of all the charts for performance, so I plunked almost my entire \$40,000 into a Fidelity gold fund. I lost 40 percent of my 401(k) in just a couple of days, and then watched it continue to fall. I yanked it out just before gold recovered.

— Francine, Portland, Ore.

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Gold can be very volatile, too. In 2005, the price of gold per troy ounce was below \$500. Early in 2008, it soared above \$1,000, then dropped to around \$700, and now sits around \$1,100.



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## Last week's trivia answer

Established in 1945, my parent company, with more than 100,000 employees and more than 5,000 products, is one of the world's largest bakers and Mexico's biggest food company. Its distribution network of more than 39,000 routes guarantees fresh delivery to more than 1,800,000 points of sale in 17 countries. Based in Pennsylvania, I'm its U.S. division, and the brands I bake include Arnold, Boboli, Entenmann's, Oroweat, Freihofer's, Mrs. Baird's, Tia Rosa and Thomas', of English muffin fame. Some of them trace their roots to the early 1900s. Many women would be insulted to be called by my name. Who am I?

(Answer: *Bimbo Bakeries USA*)



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### The best stock

**Q**What's the best all-around stock? — F.W., Davenport, Iowa

**A**If there was certainty about what the best all-around stock is, then we wouldn't need to diversify — we could put all of our money in that stock. Unfortunately, there are few sure things in the stock market. Who would have thought long ago that Kmart would ever enter bankruptcy, not to mention Texaco or General Motors? There was much faith in Enron at one time, too.

That being said, many blue-chip companies are good all-around investments, offering expected growth over time, along with rising dividend payments. Think, for example, of Johnson & Johnson, McDonald's, Home Depot or PepsiCo. They recently offered dividend yields near 3 percent, and their dividend growth has averaged more than 10 percent over the past five years. Sporting competitive advantages, their businesses and stock prices will also likely grow over the years to come.

(Home Depot is a "Motley Fool Inside Value" recommendation, while Johnson & Johnson and PepsiCo are "Motley Fool Income Investor" picks. "Motley Fool Options" has recommended a long call option position on Johnson & Johnson and a diagonal call position on PepsiCo.)

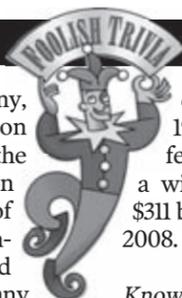
**Q**I'm new to investing and recently found a stock trading for \$0.55 per share that pays out \$1.52 per share in a dividend! What's the deal? — C.T., online

**A**Think twice about any stocks trading below \$5 per share. They're penny stocks and are often volatile and risky. This one happens to be a Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT), which must pay out most of its earnings as a dividend. The \$1.52 was paid last year, when the company was in better shape. This year's dividend is likely to be far smaller.

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countries. My name reflects a 1999 merger. My symbols have featured a large striped feline and a winged, hooved beast. I raked in \$311 billion in 2009 and \$477 billion in 2008. Who am I? ■

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## The Motley Fool Take

### Scoring big in India

Taco Bell is off to a flying start in India, with its first unit, in Bangalore, averaging more than 2,000 customers a day. That's great news for owner Yum! Brands (NYSE: YUM), which also operates Pizza Hut and KFC. Yum! intends to open 1,000 new outlets in India by 2015. International expansion is a key focus for chain restaurants, as saturation and a stagnant economy have caused a fast-food slowdown in the United States. Emerging markets offer the potential for decades of growth, which is why McDonald's plans to double its presence in China by 2013. (Yum! already has some 2,800 locations in China.)

It's not easy to bring American restau-

rant chains to new countries, but Yum!'s quick start in India and fantastic success in China is promising. The company adapts well to foreign markets: As most Indians have never tried Mexican food, it created a "tacopedia" to guide them through the new experience.

Yum!'s management likens India to China 10 years ago. Considering that China now generates about 34 percent of Yum!'s revenue, the company clearly sees a great opportunity. Investors should recognize their opportunity as well. Yum! continues to position itself to take advantage of emerging middle classes and should enjoy steady growth through the coming decades. ("Motley Fool Options" has recommended a bull call spread position on Yum! Brands.) ■

# BUSINESS MEETINGS

► The **Public Relations Society of America, Gulf Coast Chapter**, presents "Getting Broadcast News Coverage - The Invisible Reporter" beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 27, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker will be former TV news anchor and reporter Trey Radel, executive director of Prosperity Florida. Cost is \$24 for PRSA members, \$29 for non-members and \$15 for students. For more information or to register, contact Kathy Saenz at [krsaenz@ingagenetworks.com](mailto:krsaenz@ingagenetworks.com).

► The Neapolitan Chapter of the **American Business Women's Association** meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, at the Hilton Naples. Reservations are required no later than noon Thursday, April 22. Visit [www.abwaneapolitan.org/reservations.asp](http://www.abwaneapolitan.org/reservations.asp).

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► Dora Watson of Merrill Lynch hosts a wine tasting and **presentation about risk management** in retirement at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the Capital Grille. Attendance is free, but reservations are necessary. Call Ms. Watson at 649-2967 or e-mail [dora\\_watson@ml.com](mailto:dora_watson@ml.com).

► The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce holds its next **Business**

**After 5** networking from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at the Country Club of Naples, 185 Burning Tree Drive. Cost is \$5 for members, \$25 for non-members and \$10 for future members. Visit [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org) for more information.

► **Leadership Collier** Class of 2010 holds its graduation at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the Naples Botanical Garden. The evening includes awards and recognition, heavy hors d'oeuvres and cocktails. Cost is \$35 per person. Visit [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org) for more information.

► The **Naples Area Board of Realtors** holds a new member orientation session from 8-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 27, at NABOR headquarters, 1455 Pine Ridge Road. Visit [www.NABOR.com](http://www.NABOR.com) or

call 597-1666 for more information.

► The **Lee-Collier Networkers** meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., Tuesday, April 27, at Shula's Steakhouse at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker Bill Slepceivich from Slepceivich Financial Group will discuss "Marketing to Create Loyalty." Cost is \$28 prepaid online (\$25 for members) and \$32 at the door (cash or check only). Visit [www.leecolliernet.com](http://www.leecolliernet.com) for details.

► The **Goal Setters Business Network International** weekly breakfast meeting starts at 8 a.m. Wednesdays at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1225 Piper Blvd. Cost is \$10. Call Lola Moore at 398-3006 or Kelly Salmons at 597-0787 for more details. Next meeting: Wednesday, April 28. ■

# NETWORKING

## The 21st annual Wanderlust travel auction A benefit for FGCU's Resort & Hospitality Management Program



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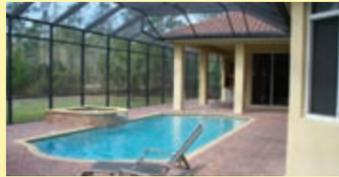
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**Bayfront**, 451 Bayfront Pl, #5407 - Spectacular view of Naples Bay! Marble flooring, 9' ceilings, crown molding, arched terrace and over 2500 lavishly updated SF in the heart of Downtown Naples. 3/2.5 (C6354) Barbara Morley, 269-6966 **\$1,495,000**



**Pelican Bay**, 806 Slash Pine Ct - 100% RENOVATION! Completed in '09. UPGRADES incl new TILE roof, new Hurricane windows, resurfaced pool, new kit w/stainless appls & more. Over 5800 T sq ft. 3/2.5 (H4744) Hutchison-Carmony Team, 272-7000 **\$1,390,000**



**Golden Gate Est**, 3410 3rd Ave NW - Come home to quality & this Italian-inspired executive family home. Live the Naples' lifestyle in a home lovingly designed for your family's comfort & security! 4+Den/5 (H4907) Debra Wine, 451-0314 **\$1,200,000**



**Pelican Bay**, 721 Shadow Lake Ln - Immaculate home with west exposure to rear. 3BR, 2.5 Baths, fire place, volume ceilings with wonderful natural light. Pool and spa. 3+Den/2.5 (H4918) Jim Scartz, 877-9726 **\$1,099,000**



**Moorings**, 540 Rudder Rd - Private beach access! Spacious split flr plan pool home on lg lot w/SW exposure, mature trees, indoor/outdoor entertaining. Walk to beaches, shops & restaurants. 3/3 (H4901) Kelly Kent, 250-5480 **\$795,000**



**Park Shore**, 738 Old Trail Dr - A surprise! Wonderful addition of 4th BR or den to this sunny traditional POOL home on south-facing pvt fenced lot surrounded by fruit trees & tropical foliage. 3+Den/2 (H4883) Nan Dietrich, 564-2906 **\$775,000**



**Moorings**, 1947 Crayton Rd - 4 minutes to beach & Gulf. Oversized lot, renovated pool home, 3 BRs, fam rm, new tile & Berber, granite, stainless appls, dble gar. Over 4000 T. sq ft. 3/2 (H3039) Hutchison-Carmony Team, 272-7000 **\$759,000**



**Park Shore**, 250 Park Shore Dr, #103 - AMAZING VIEWS OVER VENETIAN BAY, HUGE 3 BEDROOM LIVES LIKE A HOME. Tile floors, covered parking, friendly, 24 owner bldg. Docks available for lease. 3/2 (C6371) Nan Dietrich, 564-2906 **\$749,000**



**Park Shore**, 250 Park Shore Dr, #101 - Stunning views south over Venetian Bay plus 3 bedrooms in move in condition! Wait until you see the just renovated lobby and social room. Wowee! 3/2 (C6177) Nan Dietrich, 564-2906 **\$749,000**



**Oyster Bay**, 1323 Chesapeake Ave, #2-B - Stunning complete redesign in sleek luxury contemporary style at every turn. 3BR & 3 baths are elegant & only steps down to your own dock. View of the Bay too! 3/3 (C6410) Nan Dietrich, 564-2906 **\$725,000**



**Pelican Marsh**, 9109 Troon Lakes Dr - Superb detail, meticulous 2600 SF home. Open floor plan, lake view, spa, summer kitchen. Tile, gourmet kitchen, granite in baths, shutters & extra storage. 3+Den/2.5 (H4756) Laurie Bellico, PA, 293-9389 **\$695,000**



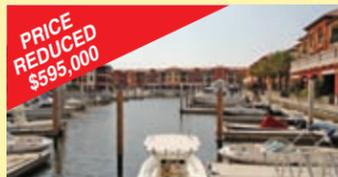
**Kensington**, 4360 Kensington High St - CEO's Exec. Naples 2-story Villa, over 4000 T. Sq Ft., New pool & spa, Office-family room plus bedroom with ensuite bath. Secluded yet on the golf course. 3+Den/3 (V1366) Hutchison-Carmony Team, 272-7000 **\$675,000**



**Hammock Isles at The Vineyards**, 5588 Hammock Isles Dr - Serene Preserve Setting! Upgraded Isabella fl plan w/Plantation Shutters, built-ins, Bamboo flooring, whole-house generator, paved pool & spa deck Call today! 3+Den/3.5 (V1359) Barbara Salinas, 449-2733 **\$649,000**



**Windstar**, 3682 Haldeman Creek Dr, #7 - Attached Villa in pristine condition, superbly maintained, overlooks your sparkling pool & privacy landscaping to the lake & golf course. Completely renovated. 3/2 (V1334) Nan Dietrich, 564-2906 **\$639,000**



**Naples Bay Resort**, 1540 5th Ave S, #3-268 - Enjoy luxury living with a waterfront address! This 2 bed, 2 bath residence in Naples Bay Resort features a master suite with custom designed walk-in. 2/2 (C5694) Laurie Bellico, PA, 293-9389 **\$625,000**



**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 **\$619,900**



**Eden On The Bay**, 352 Steerforth Ct - West of 41! 2004 luxury villa on cul-de-sac lake lot. \$35,000 elec. shutters, lg. lanai, pool/spa, summer kitchen, tile, cherry cabinets w/ granite, Jenn-Aire. 3+Den/3 (H4984) Laurie Bellico, PA, 293-9389 **\$619,783**



**Cove Towers**, 425 Cove Tower Dr, #1602 - Expansive Gulf Views, finest quality upgrades throughout and Robb & Stucky interior make this residence an amazing value. Ask about Tarpon Cove membership. 2+Den/2 (C6442) Barbara Morley, 269-6966 **\$599,000**



**Belle Lago**, 8570 El Mirasol Ct - Aragon Open floor plan w/3 car garage, on a cul-de-sac. Gourmet eat in kitchen w/island, gas stove, custom cabinets, granite counters, walk in pantry, SS appls. 4/3.5 (H4578) Kelly Kent, 250-5480 **\$579,000**



**Old Naples**, 882 7th Ave S, #B - Old Naples. Totally renovated, great location & priced to sell. Hardwood floors, granite in kitchen & baths & stainless appliances. Walk to 5th, 3rd & beach. 2/2.5 (C6449) Barbara Morley, 269-6966 **\$575,000**



**Old Naples**, 284 2nd St S, #284 - ONE BLOCK TO THE BEACH w/a brand new kitchen, new doors, covered parking and tile floors. Two blocks to 5th Av S. What a buy at this price to be in Old Naples! 2/2 (C6485) Nan Dietrich, 564-2906 **\$549,000**



**Pelican Bay**, 6361 Pelican Bay Blvd, #403 - 180 degree sunset views! This creampuff condition condo will make you unpack your bags & stay. 2 BR plus convertible den, NOW REDUCED! 2+Den/2 (C5040) Nan Dietrich, 564-2906 **\$549,000**



**Old Naples**, 1222 Gordon Dr, #3 - Outstanding renovation in convenient location between The Pier & Third Street. High end appointments normally found in multi million dollar properties. Turnkey. 2/2 (C5000) Merry Coolidge, 450-4924 **\$535,000**



**Eden On The Bay**, 361 Mallory Ct - A casually well-designed & decorated 2005 home in one of Naples' best kept secrets West of 41. Private corner preserve lot, pool, spa, tile, granite & more. 3/2 (H4368) Laurie Bellico, PA, 293-9389 **\$495,000**



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



**Worthington**, 13881 Tonbridge Ct - Stunning pool home 3 car garage. UPDATED granite, fresh paint, stainless appliances & shows like a model. Inc. fam. Room off the kitchen. 3/2 (H4334) Sharon Hammond-Turnblad, 851-6918 **\$419,900**



**Cedar Creek**, 8900 Creek Run Dr - Absolutely gorgeous, totally updated, professionally decorated, 3-car garage w/circular drive, on private lake preserve. Must see. 4/3 (H3789) Jim Scartz, 877-9726 **\$419,000**



**Imperial Golf Estates**, 1917 Countess Ct - Light & bright great room floor plan on premium cul-de-sac half acre lot. Spacious pool home has 2,694 sq. ft. of living area. Great privacy. 4/3 (H4912) Debbie Frost, 250-8701 **\$390,000**



**Naples Imp Co Little Farms**, 1171 26th Ave N - Location in the heart of Naples on Lake! Beautifully updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath pool home with long lake views. Spacious & private fenced in yard. 3/2 (H2497) Kelly Kent, 250-5480 **\$375,000**



**Glen Eden**, 14612 Glen Eden Dr - Beautiful Lake Views! W of US41. Near bches, public boat ramp, shops & dining! Gated comm., walk to pool/spa, clubhouse & fitness. Arch detail, crown molding. 2+Den/2.5 (V1273) Kelly Kent, 250-5480 **\$369,000**



**Big Cypress**, 80 Cypress Point Dr - ENCHANTING TROPICAL PARADISE! Charming home with fenced backyard, Seminole Chickee Hut, and extra large pool surrounded by lush plantings. 2/2 (H3829) Sally Pratt, 280-2219 **\$359,000**



**Country Club of Naples**, 277 Burning Tree Dr - No HOA fees & optional golf/club mbshp. Ranch style home w/pool. Large corner lot w/oaks & tropical foliage, tile roof, 2 car garage. Close in location. 3/2 (H1046) Lisa M. Richardson, 250-8008 **\$339,500**



**Carlton Lakes**, 6078 Highwood Park Ct - Come see the deer! Meticulous SFH on oversized cul-de-sac lot. Preserve view, ext. lanai, 2000+ SF, lg living area, plenty of windows for natural light. 3/2 (H4794) Laurie Bellico, PA, 293-9389 **\$330,000**



**Old Naples**, 530 2nd St S - Grab this chance to update 1st flr furnished condo West of 2nd St S, closest to beach that condos are allowed in Old Naples. Covered prkg & block from 5th Ave S. 2/2 (C6482) Nan Dietrich, 564-2906 **\$300,000**



**Island Walk**, 3257 Barbados Ln - Immaculate neutral décor villa. Great as investment as stable tenant would like to remain on. Easy living with open airy fl plan & wide views of landscaped area. 2/2 (V1355) Tracy L. Sharer, 784-3934 **\$274,900**



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The rear-view of the Barcelona Grande

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## Million-dollar details turn heads toward the Barcelona Grande

### SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Barcelona Grande model in the Cordoba neighborhood at Lely Resort is turning heads with its architectural detail and interior design.

In the heart of Lely Resort, Cordoba is an enclave of 50 Mission-inspired, maintenance-free single-family homes in the midst of three championship golf courses.

The Barcelona Grande is one of two furnished models in the neighborhood. The two-story model offers 2,219 square feet of living area under air with two master suites and 3½ baths. Downstairs has a great room, a master suite and a private den; the upstairs is a second master suite. In an innovative twist, the upstairs master suite can be locked off from the main living area of the home so that the downstairs can serve as a potential rental home with the owners able to secure the upstairs area for privacy.

Michael and Roberta Valentine



A fountain graces the entrance to the Cordoba enclave.

of Valentine & Stone Interiors used Caribbean island blues with accents of terracotta and soft green throughout the Barcelona Grande. Wood ceilings in the living/dining area add warmth and intimacy; the same wood ceiling on the lanai

expands the space and joins the outside natural setting with the indoors.

Custom artwork by Michael Valentine also adorns the home.

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## REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

➤ **Michele Harrison** has been named Realtor of the Year 2009 by the Naples Area Board of Realtors. The award, announced April 17 at the NABOR Night of Honors banquet at Heritage Bay Golf & Country Club. An active member of NABOR for many years, Ms. Harrison served as the association's president in 2005. She has also been president of the Collier Building Industry Association

and serves on the board of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. With 32 years of professional experience, she is a broker associate with John R. Wood Inc., a certified residential specialist, certified real estate brokerage manager and certified new home professional.



HARRISON

➤ CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples announces that **Jim Clement, CPM** is the new director of asset ser-

vices, leading the property management division and related services. Mr. Clement joined CBRE in 1996 in Columbus, Ohio, and brings more than 16 years of experience in real estate management to his new position in Southwest Florida.

**Mike Concilla**, former director of asset services, is now a sales and leasing associate primarily specializing in retail properties. Mr. Concilla has 20 years experience as a leasing and construction professional and six years of government planning experience that he brings to his new position in brokerage.

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**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



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**BONITA BAY - ESTANCIA** ▲ 4801 Bonita Bay Blvd. #2102 - Luxurious, former model 3BR+den home is being offered fully-furnished. Fabulous Gulf views, fantastic amenities. **\$1,195,000**  
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**PARK SHORE - SAVOY** ▲ 4041 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. #1403 - Picture postcard setting for this updated 2 bedroom, + den residence. Awesome Gulf views. Granite, ceramic floors. **\$1,175,000** | Fred Alter | 269-4123



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



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**PELICAN LANDING PALM COLONY** ▲ Second-floor residence with mile-wide golf, lake and fountain views. Turnkey furnished 3BR with 2,565 total SF. **\$349,000** | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



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**PELICAN LANDING SOUTHBRIDGE** ▲ White glove clean! Private & quiet location, Fantastic, 2BR +den home. Glass-enclosed lanai. New granite counters. **\$258,500** | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**PELICAN LANDING - POINTE** ▲ Blissful and peaceful location. A lovely 3BR/2BA condominium. New features, 1,430 SF under air, detached garage. **\$199,000** | Stephanie/John Coburn & Pam Umscheid | 948-4000



**CAXAMBAS COURT** ▲ Slocum-Christian waterfront with 243 ft. of direct access water frontage. Great docking facility. Quality built. **\$9,500,000**  
Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133



**HIDEAWAY BEACH** ▲ Premier beachfront home with guest suite. Luxurious appointments, 6BR+, 8,800 A/C SF. Beautiful beach, Gulf views. **\$8,900,000**  
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**MADEIRA #PH202** ▲ Beachfront penthouse with 6,500+ SF of living area, Gulf, beach & island vistas from 2,140 SF of multiple terraces. **\$7,495,000**  
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**MADEIRA #PH201** ▲ 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



**CAXAMBAS COURT** ▲ Gulf & Caxambas Pass views. Spacious 4 bedroom with 3,600 SF of living area. Offered at lot value. Dock included. **\$3,250,000**  
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**MADEIRA #1005** ▲ One of the last interior 3BR/3.5BA finished residences. Kira Krumm Interior Designs. Beach views, resort living. **\$2,749,000**  
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**CAPE MARCO - VERACRUZ** ▲ #801 - Exquisite beachfront 8th floor 4BR/4.5BA estate with 4,709 SF A/C. Fabulous views, five-star amenities. **\$2,300,000**  
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**MADEIRA #302** ▲ Spectacular views, tastefully appointed 3BR/3.5BA with 2 balconies. World-class living in a beachfront location. **\$2,095,000**  
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**HULL COURT** ▲ Elegant indoor & outdoor living with spectacular views, 130 ft. of water frontage, dock-lift, quick Gulf access. **\$1,995,000**  
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**CAPE MARCO - BELIZE** ▲ #2105 - Beautiful dream home in the sky. Over 3,600 SF of living area, 11'4" high ceilings, 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. **\$1,975,000** | Chris Adams | 404-5130



**HIDEAWAY BEACH** ▲ Absolutely breathtaking views! Gorgeous, custom-built multi-level 5BR/3.5BA backing up to the Gulf/preserve. **\$1,950,000**  
Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133



**MADEIRA** ▲ 350 S. Collier Blvd. Situated along Crescent Beach, Madeira embraces pretty panoramas. Amenities invigorate mind, body and spirit. **From \$1,547,000** | Laura Adams | 404-4766



**COPERFIELD COURT** ▲ Custom Rutenberg built 3BR/4BA + den home on tip lot, 175 ft. of water frontage & dock. Newly painted inside & out. **\$1,450,000** | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222



**BARBADOS AVENUE** ▲ Builder's own custom-built 3BR+den home, 3,200 SF A/C, great waterway views. Dock, 20,000 lb. lift, River access. **\$1,299,000**  
Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133



**HOLLYHOCK COURT** ▲ Meticulously maintained 3BR+den, 3-car garage, dock with 12,000 lb. lift (direct access), lanai, heated pool/spa. **\$1,079,000**  
Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133



**TRAVIDA TERRACE** ▲ Gorgeous Estate Area 5BR/4.5BA home, 5,400 SF under air. On a hill for great views, no need for flood insurance. **\$1,000,000**  
Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133



**THE PRINCE #1007** ▲ Beautifully decorated condominium with Gulf views & numerous upgrades. Faux painting, granite, stainless & more. **\$949,000** | Natalie Kirstein | 784-0491



**PIER 81 SOUTH #303** ▲ Luxury waterfront living! Spectacular Bay, River and marina views. Upgraded 2BR+den, fully amenitized community. **\$815,000** | Natalie Kirstein | 784-0491



**GRANADA DRIVE** ▲ Furnished 3BR/2BA + study custom home built in 2003 by J.J. Baker, 2,250 SF under air. Heated pool, 3-car garage. **\$549,900**  
Elizabeth Summers | 269-4230

1670 Copeland Drive - Gated, dramatic negative edge pool/spa. Family room, 3BR/4.5BA, den, 125 ft. of water frontage, direct access dock. **\$4,175,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

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

1458 Butterfield Court - Breathtaking views of Marco River from eye-catching spacious home. Alarmed, 4-car garage. Dock with lift. **\$2,499,000** | Natalie Kirstein | 784-0491

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

882 Magnolia Court - Panoramic views! Tip-lot location, 163 ft. of direct access, deep-water frontage, 3BR/3BA, dock with 20,000 lb. lift. **\$1,975,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

HIDEAWAY BEACH 871 Sea Dune Lane - Bright, exquisite home boasts a built-in pool & spa. Pickled red cedar ceilings, fireplace, 2nd floor loft. **\$1,198,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

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

633 Crescent Street - Incredible remodeled 3BR/3BA pool home. Direct Gulf access, 70' dock, 30' boat slip & lift. Many special features. **\$1,089,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

189 Columbus Way - Quality built custom 4BR/3.5BA + office home by Ross Tackett. Pool, spa, new seawall, dock with 14,000 lb. lift. **\$1,000,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

1131 Vernon Place - Old Florida style home w/quick direct access and 160 feet of waterfront, large wraparound verandas, new floors & paint. **\$899,000** | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

721 Rose Court - Beautifully remodeled 4BR+den home, quick river access, long water views, car aficionado's dream - a 5-car garage. **\$890,000** | Natalie Kirstein | 784-0491

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

30 Copperfield Court - Gorgeous 3BR+office, 2003-built, J.J. Baker "Lakeview" model. Lanai with pool. Dock with lift. Walk to beach. **\$800,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

350 Rockhill Court - Spectacular, open 3BR+den custom pool home, quick, direct River access, 100' of water frontage (60' dock in place). **\$799,000** | Natalie Kirstein | 784-0491

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

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

1955 Sheffield Avenue - Builder's home in a private setting with walk out lower level & views of Barfield Bay. Three-story, 5BR, pool/spa. **\$787,000** | Chris Adams | 404-5130

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

761 Nautilus Court - Enjoy quick, direct access to River/Gulf. Wide water views, immaculate 3BR+family rm pool home, turnkey furnished. **\$759,900** | Elizabeth Summers | 269-4230

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! **\$700,000** | 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. **\$685,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

1562 Jamaica Court - Enjoy long & lush views of 16th fairway. Spacious screened lanai, heated pool, custom-built 3BR/2BA plus loft. **\$609,000** | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

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. **\$599,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

1624 Villa Court - Great value for waterfront home. Beautifully updated 3BR/2BA home. Pool, interconnecting waterway views, dock. **\$599,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

1554 Jamaica Court - Scenic lake/golf views, 3BR/2BA home with updated kitchen and many new features. Large lanai, heated 15x30' pool. **\$575,000** | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

1370 Bayport Avenue - Outstanding golf course views! Quiet location, well-maintained 4BR/3BA + den home. Expansive screened lanai/pool. **\$498,000** | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

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

394 N. Collier Blvd. - Large 3BR home in mint condition! All Thermopane windows provide a quiet spot. Heated pool, disability accessible. **\$349,000** | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

#### Condominiums/Villas

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. **\$2,390,000** | Natalie Kirstein | 784-0491

CAPE MARCO - BELIZE 970 Cape Marco Drive #2107 - Stunning 3BR/3.5BA+den with over 3,844 SF of living area. Views of the Gulf. Beach access, luxurious amenities. **\$2,298,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

MADEIRA 350 S. Collier Blvd. #102 - Beach house extraordinaire! Enjoy stunning sunsets on your oversized terrace with private steps to the beach and pool. **\$1,999,999** | Natalie Kirstein/ML Meade | 784-0491

HIDEAWAY BEACH - ROYAL MARCO POINT (RIVI 4000 Royal Marco Way #526 - Stunning, panoramic views of the beach and Gulf. Beautifully upgraded, marble floor and spacious glassed-in lanai. **\$1,880,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

CAPE MARCO - VERACRUZ 940 Cape Marco Drive #805 - Many decorative accents, 3BR/3.5BA beachfront condominium. Gated, beach, city & Pass views. World-class amenities. **\$1,700,000** | Natalie Kirstein | 784-0491

MADEIRA 350 S. Collier Blvd. #606 - Views of the Gulf from the beachside balcony and living areas of this professionally decorated 2,974 SF residence. **\$1,595,000** | Chris Adams | 404-5130

HIDEAWAY BEACH - RIVIERA 5000 Royal Marco Way #731 - Upgraded throughout! Offering 3 BRs, glassed-in lanai with seating overlooking the Gulf, beach & sunsets. **\$1,450,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

HIDEAWAY BEACH - RIVIERA 5000 Royal Marco Way #635 - Beautifully upgraded, pristine 3BR/3.5BA+den, move-in ready. Gorgeous front to back views of Gulf, River & Bay. **\$1,350,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

CAPE MARCO - MONTERREY 980 Cape Marco Drive #1505 - A \$600,000 dollar remodel was just completed! Breathtaking views, new designer furnishings included. Resort living. **\$1,299,999** | Dave Flowers | 404-0493

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

HIDEAWAY BEACH - ROYAL MARCO POINT I - 3000 Royal Marco Way #PH-L - 3BR offering marble flooring, columns, glassed-in lanai. Beautiful beach, Gulf & sunset views. **\$950,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

#### Condominiums/Villas

PIER 81 SOUTH 1069 Bald Eagle Drive #S-701 - Spectacular water views from every window-River/Gulf/Bay Views! Sunrises/sunsets, professionally decorated 2BR+den. **\$850,000** | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

CHALET 520 S. Collier Blvd. #603 - Spacious 2BR/2.5BA beachfront condominium, over 1,800 SF of living area! Gulf & beach views, recently furnished. **\$799,000** | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685

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

THE ESPLANADE I 720 N. Collier Blvd. #204 - Magnificent Smokehouse Bay views await you in this waterfront condominium. Crown mouldings, new tile throughout. **\$749,000** | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685

MARCO BEACH OCEAN RESORT 480 S. Collier Blvd. #501 - Private courtyard, updated corner 2BR/2BA. 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

PRINCESS DEL MAR 174 S. Collier Blvd. #205 - Attractively priced 3BR/3BA beachfront condominium. Lovingly updated, over 1,900 SF A/C, breathtaking Gulf views. **\$695,000** | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

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

SOUTH SEAS TOWER III 380 Seaview Court #1705 - Stunning SW views! Delightful beachfront 2BR/2BA condominium, weekly rentals. Resort amenities, docks for lease. **\$575,000** | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

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 w/new A/C & updated kitchen. **\$539,000** | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

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

CAMELOT 961 Collier Court #305 - Remodeled, turnkey furnished 3 bedroom retreat. Two large terraces. Rooftop garden, bayside pool, walk to beach. **\$459,000** | 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. **\$419,900** | Elizabeth Summers | 269-4230

SOUTH SEAS EAST 601 Seaview Court #C608 - Gulf, Bay and Skyline views! Furnished 6th floor two bedroom, two bath corner residence. Boat docks for lease. **\$399,000** | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

BAYSIDE CLUB 838 Elkcam Circle #205 - Magnificent Smokehouse Bay views, 2BR/2BA condominium. Newer appliances, many upgrades, turnkey furnished. **\$365,000** | Elizabeth Summers | 269-4230

TRADEWINDS 180 Seaview Court #914 - This residence is being sold turnkey with the exception of wall hangings and artwork. Pool, tennis, beach access. **\$350,000** | Richard Marquardt | 289-4158

SANDS OF MARCO 133 S. Collier Blvd. #C-206 - Enjoy Gulf sunsets from this 2BR/2BA island retreat. Tropical grounds, large pool, spa, cabana and 2 tennis courts. **\$305,000** | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

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# NEWSMAKERS

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**Rosana Watts, CPM** is a new real estate manager for the asset services division. Ms. Watts brings 18 years of property management experience to her new position, with her expertise primarily in the retail sector.

**Drew Robinson** is the new director of marketing and research. Mr. Robinson has 32 years marketing experience of which 14 years have been in the Southwest Florida commercial real estate market.

**Rob Mintz**, former director of marketing and research, is now a sales and leasing associate primarily specializing in office properties. Mr. Mintz brings

more than a decade of market research and analysis experience to his new position in brokerage.



MEADE

➤ **M.L. Meade** has been honored as a Top Producer for 2009 by the Women's Council of Realtors, Naples-on-the-Gulf Chapter. A Realtor with Premier Properties of Southwest Florida, Ms. Meade works from the Esplanade Office on Marco Island and received an award for sales in the \$5 million to \$9.9 million range. She serves on the board of directors of the Marco Island Area Association of Realtors.

➤ The Grant Group at the Fifth Avenue office of Coldwell Banker residential real estate has earned the company's International President's Premier award for 2009. The award is bestowed upon fewer than 1 percent of all Coldwell Banker sales associates nationwide. The Grant Group is comprised of **Doug Grant, Clay Cason, Paul Leck, Barbara Leiti, Rick Leiti, Judy Martin, Craig Palmer** and **Loretta Young**.

➤ **Erin Risher** was named Top Producer for listings and sales in March at Weichert, Realtors - On the Gulf. Ms. Risher has been a member of the Weichert sales team since March 2009.

➤ **Georgia Pyne** and **Steve Messenger** have joined Downing-Frye Realty Inc. as sales associates. Ms. Pyne has more than 20 years of real estate experience in Evanston and Winnetka, Ill. She has earned the senior real estate specialist designation and is a member of the Naples, Florida and National associations of Realtors.

Mr. Messenger has more than 10 years of real estate experience in Florida. He started his real estate career with the Southwest Florida division of a national homebuilder and he was a multi-million dollar producer. He has earned the Certified Sales Professional designation from the National Association of Home Builders and is a member of the National, Florida and Bonita Springs-Estero associations of Realtors.

➤ **Joe Tomaino** is a new sales associate at Quail West in North Naples. Mr. Tomaino has more than 20 years of experience, specializing in development sales in Pelican Marsh, Bonita Bay and Mediterra. With more than \$260 million in sales, he has achieved numerous awards from the Collier and Lee county building and industry associations. After a two-year career change into general real estate with John R. Wood Realty Inc., he has returned to his roots in development sales at Quail West. ■



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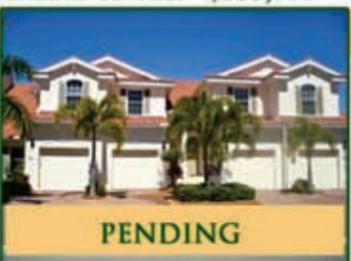


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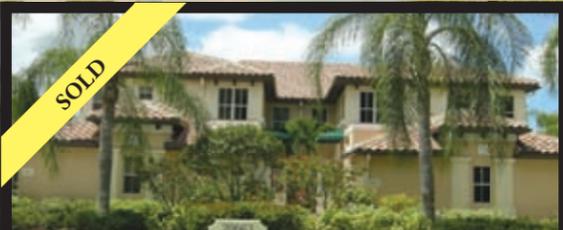
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The Barcelona Grande's great room/den.

**BARCELONA**

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A private, gated side entry with a brick paver sidewalk brings visitors to the entrance of the home. The custom-built wooden mahogany door has distressed glass and wrought iron detailing.

The gourmet kitchen has a stainless steel Kitchen Aid appliance package, a tray ceiling, granite counter tops and a built-in wine cooler.

The master suite features warm cream walls, plantation shutters and sliding glass doors to courtyard. The master bath has separate vanities and a seated make-up area. Completing the downstairs living area is a full bath with leafy tropical wallpaper, granite countertops and European style wood cabinetry.

The Barcelona Grande's design includes an L-shaped courtyard accessed via both the great room and the master suite. A perfect place for entertaining, the courtyard blends the outdoors with the indoor living area. One of the most attractive features of the home is the outdoor living

room concept off the master suite and the great room. Within the screened and partially covered lanai area, homebuyers have the chance to customize an outdoor living area with an array of options including pools, spas, water walls, fountains, fireplaces and fire pits.

Tim Clark, vice president of sales at Lely Resort, says the home provides "rich detailing and interior appointments usually reserved for million dollar-plus homes." Prices in Cordoba begin at \$376,900.

The Cordoba neighborhood took home five Sand Dollar Awards from the Collier Building Industry Association shortly after its debut last year. Among the awards was Product Design of the Year for a Single Family Model Home.

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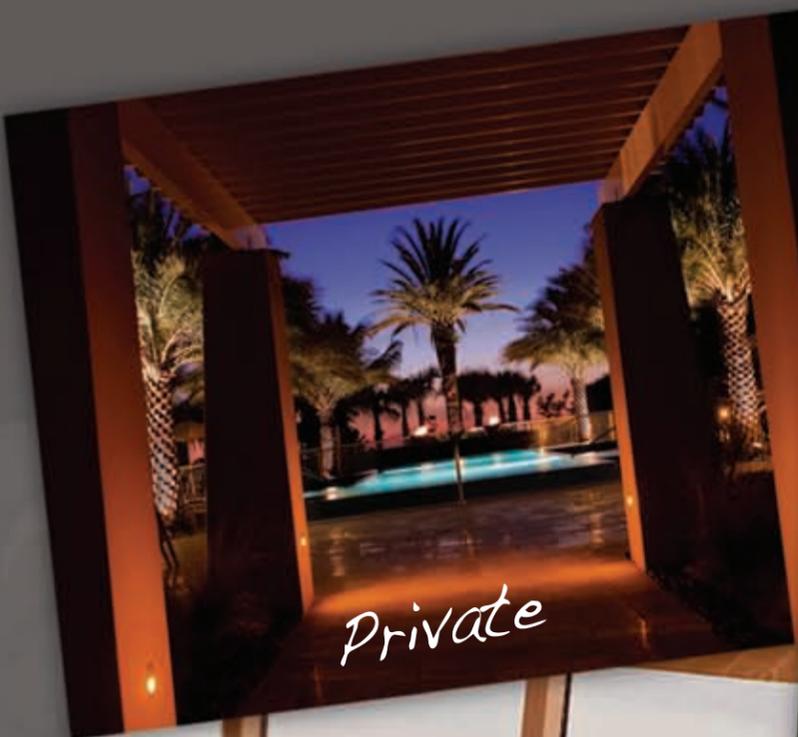
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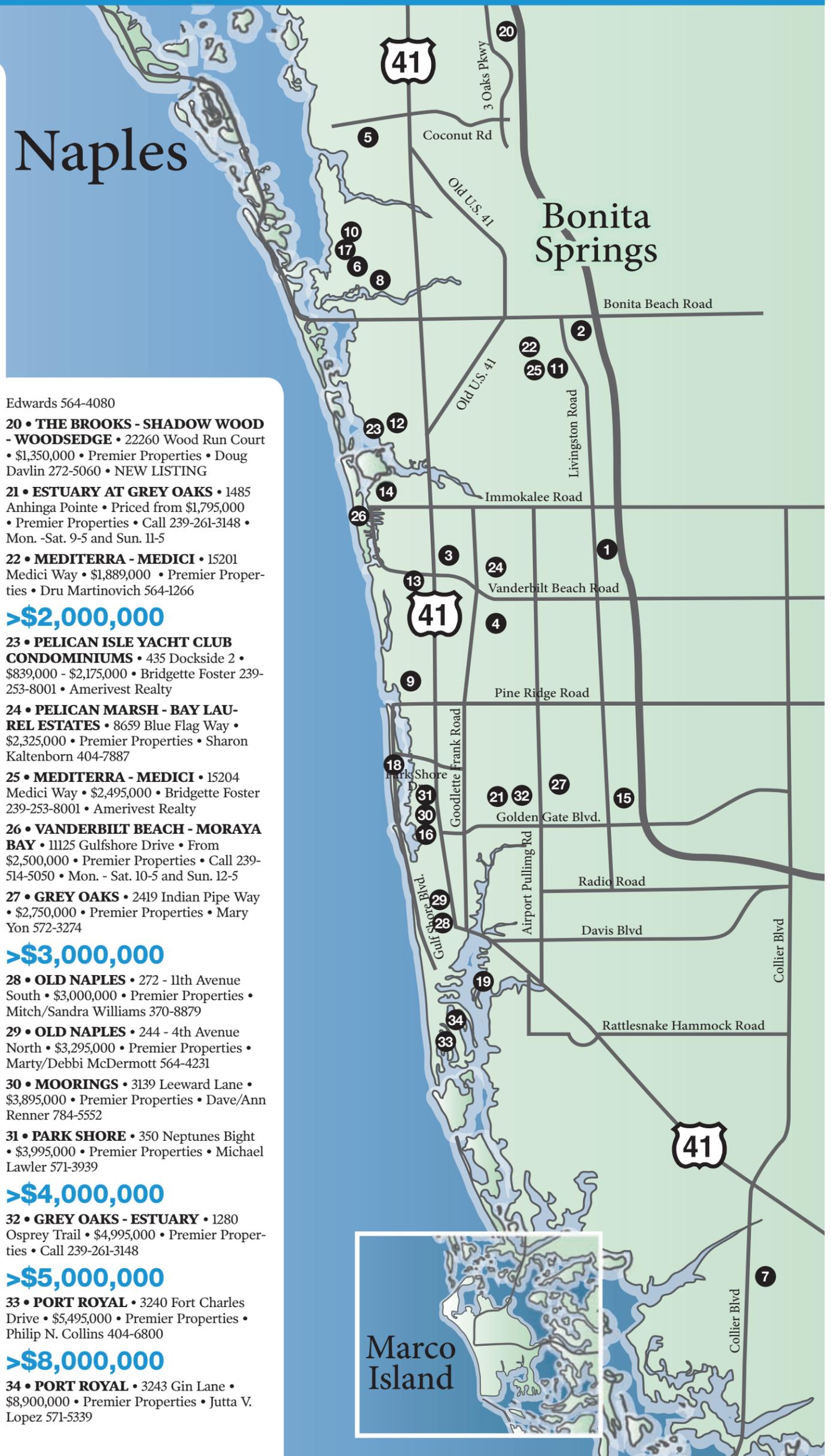
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# XANADU

Annie Golden

plays Aphrodite in musical at Phil

BY NANCY STETSON

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You can call Annie Golden a sex goddess, but she'll correct you.

She's actually a love goddess.

Or at least, she plays one on stage.

"Love and sex are not the same thing," she says — although she allows that it's the best of both worlds when the two go together.

In the national tour of "Xanadu," Ms. Golden plays Aphrodite, the goddess of love. Erato, the goddess of sex, is played by



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Top: Annie Golden and NaTasha Yvette Williams in "Xanadu." Above: Annie Golden. Left: The "Xanadu" goddesses.



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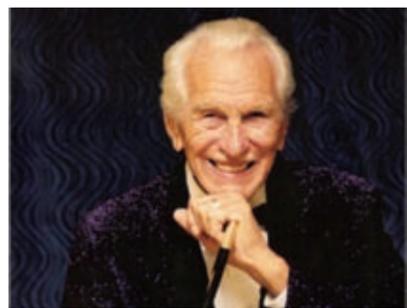
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## Fight club's unexpected sex appeal



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This past weekend, I attended a mixed martial arts tournament where I sat so close to the ring, sweat from the fighters rained down on me whenever an opponent landed a blow. Actually, that might have been spit. At any rate, it was a slugfest, and I was in the middle of it.

The tournament went down at a martial arts studio where a thick blue mat covered most of the floor. In the back third of the room, strips of colored cloth marked off the edges of the ring, nothing like the thick, elasticized ropes that surround WWE platforms, the kind perfect for, say, a springboard clothesline or a flying forearm smash. Mixed martial arts fighters don't rely on pageantry.

I'm working on a photography profile of one of the trainers, so I was at the tournament, camera in hand, more as official photographer than spectator. I had a seat in the 2-foot strip of space between the far corner of the ring and the wall, more in the fighting than beside it. In the first round, a pair of lightweights threw punches and standing kicks, then locked in a grapple that sent them both tumbling backward, toward the far wall, and directly on top of me. In the same motion, I tucked my

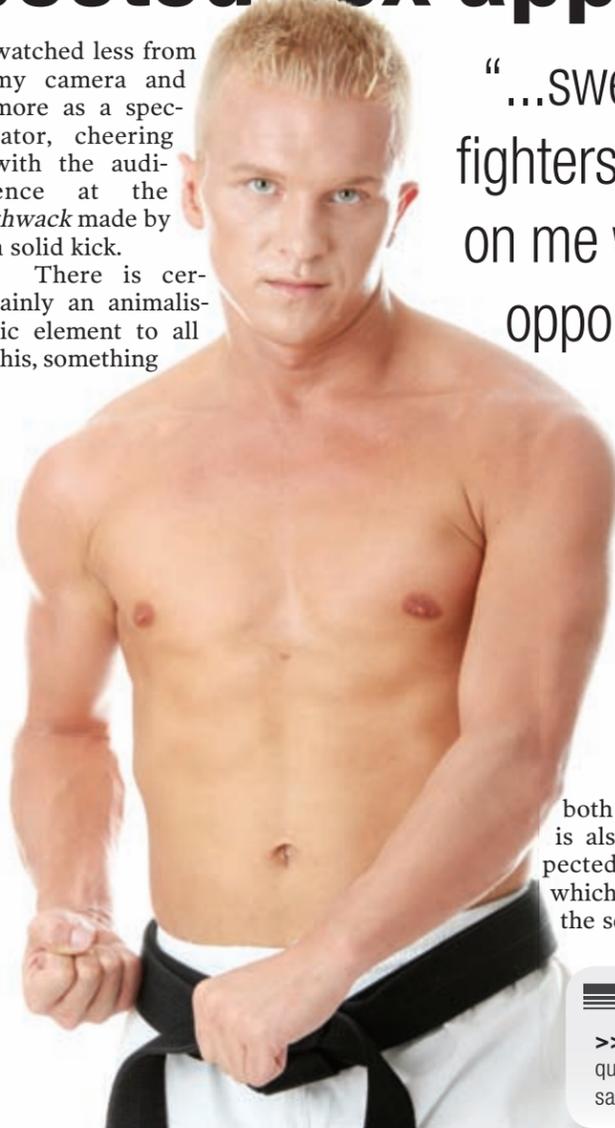
camera with my left hand and raised my right hand to protect myself, shielding my face from the fighters' fall and catching one of them in the center of his back. They righted themselves and stepped back into the ring. A man next to me asked if I was all right. I was. What's more, I had an imprint of the fighter on my hand, the memory of his warm back, the feel of his damp t-shirt, the sensation of muscles beneath his skin. Suddenly, the context of the fight changed.

The lightweight round ended and the judges called a winner. In the intermission before the next fight, hip-hop played on the sound system, and the violent, pulsing base tapped into the charged energy of the room. I pulled my eye away from my camera and, for the first time, surveyed the audience that was almost all men: trainers, fighters and men who had once been both. In one corner, a tall man in a White Sox jersey leaned against the wall. He was built thick through the chest and arms, and he had a handsome profile. He must have seen me looking, because he turned to me, and I could see that he was blind in one eye, in the way that happens when a referee doesn't call a fight in time.

The fights progressed along weight classes, so that we worked towards the heavyweights, and the punches in the ring became increasingly harder, the kicks inflicted more damage. Referees had to stop fights to clean up blood. I

watched less from my camera and more as a spectator, cheering with the audience at the *thwack* made by a solid kick.

There is certainly an animalistic element to all this, something



"...sweat from the fighters rained down on me whenever an opponent landed a blow. Actually, that might have been spit..."

both primal and brutal. But it is also appealing in an unexpected way. Sometimes, that which is most dangerous is also the sexiest. ■

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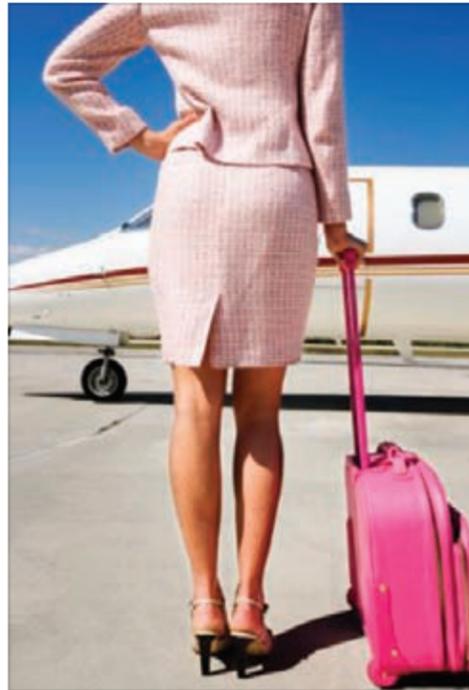
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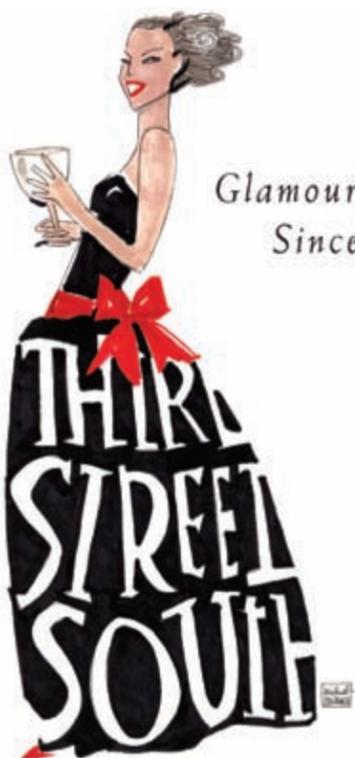


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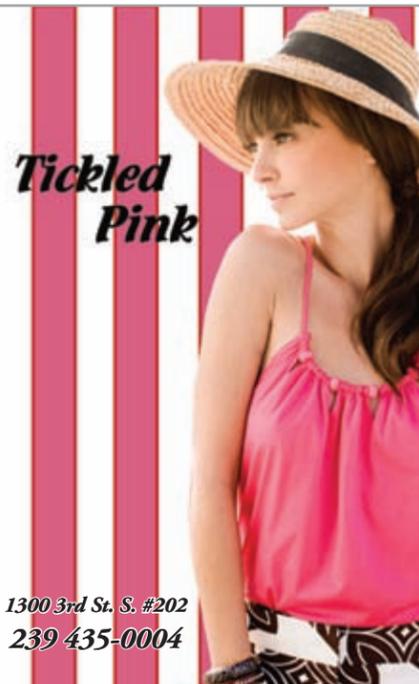
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# XANADU

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another actor — a “much younger, show-girl type of girl,” she says.

The Tony-nominated musical is a campy reinterpretation of the 1980 movie that featured Olivia Newton John, Michael Beck and Gene Kelly. The stage show has more humor than the film ever did. Charles Isherwood of *The New York Times* called it “silly bliss” and “outlandishly enjoyable and irresistible!”

It's at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts in Naples for four performances, April 23-25.

While it pokes fun at the movie, the musical does so in a “sweet, genuine way,” Ms. Golden says. In addition to Aphrodite, she also plays Calliope, the muse of heroic poetry. “We all get to be diaphanous, wearing these gorgeous, heavenly Grecian costumes,” she says.

The goddesses have come down from Mount Olympus to inspire an artist during what is supposed to be the Renaissance in Venice, Italy. But due to a big glitch in the time-frame continuum, they wind up in Venice Beach in Santa Monica, Calif., in the 1980s. The person they seek to inspire turns out to be Sonny Malone, who paints murals on walls and sidewalks, and whose timeless dream is to build a roller disco. (It is, after all, the '80s).

“He's a Valley boy, a sweet guy,” Ms. Golden says about Sonny (played by Max Von Essen). “He's knock-down, drag-out gorgeous, and he doesn't know it or care, he's so devoted to becoming an artist. Then he meets this girl who says, ‘You are worthy and you are gifted. You're not a fool to follow your dream. Let me show you how to go about it.’”

The girl is Kira (Anika Larsen), leader of the muses who embrace the task of inspiring the hunky young artist. But when Sonny falls in love with Kira, two evil sisters attempt to thwart the romance. “They keep throwing a wrench into the works,” Ms. Golden explains.

## Ahead of the Cirque

Written by Tony nominee Douglas Carter Beane (“The Little Dog Laughed” and “As Bees in Honey Drown”), “Xanadu” mixes roller-skating with disco music and Greek mythology, using an Electric Light Orchestra score.

One of the joys of the show, says Ms. Golden, is that the casts gets to sing classic pop songs written by Jeff Lynne of ELO and John Farrar — songs such as “I'm Alive,” “All Over the World,” “Magic” and, of course, “Xanadu.”

In addition to numbers made popular in the movie, the musical includes “Strange Magic,” “Evil Woman” and “Have You Never Been Mellow.”

“And we get to dance the Tony-nominated choreography by Dan Knechtges,” Ms. Golden adds.

Although the movie was panned when it hit the theaters three decades ago, its soundtrack was a big success.

When it played on the HBO Family channel one recent Sunday, the cast gathered together at their hotel to watch.

“People were pointing, saying ‘Look, they have aerialists! Look, someone's doing flips! Someone's on roller skates!’” Ms. Golden says. “And I said, ‘It sounds like Cirque du Soleil, ahead of its time.’”

## A Cinderella story

A native of Brooklyn, Ms. Golden has had an eclectic career in theater, television and movies.

She started out, however, as the lead singer of The Shirts, a band that headlined at CBGB's in the 1970s. The East Village club — where Ms. Golden became friends with the Ramones, Talking Heads and Deborah Harry of Blondie — was also where she was discovered



NaTasha Yvette Williams, Annie Golden, Anika Larson and Max Von Essen in “Xanadu.”

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by movie director Milos Forman, who took her “from the Bowery to Broadway,” as she puts it.

“I had this career, and he came to CBGB's,” she recalls. “He was either slumming or talent scouting.” It was the latter. Seeking singers to be in his movie, “Hair,” Mr. Forman chose Ms. Golden to be a leading lady.

“He gave me a career,” she says. Since then, she's worked with Jerry Zaks, George C. Wolfe and Stephen Sondheim, among others.

She originated the role of Lynette “Squeaky” Fromme in the Off-Broadway world debut of Mr. Sondheim and John Weidman's “Assassins.” (Ms. Fromme was the woman who attempted to murder President Gerald Ford.)

She also created the role of Georgie Bukatinsky in the Tony-nominated “The Full Monty,” performing on Broadway. She worked with Terrence McNally, who adapted the movie for stage.

And her voice was on the original demos for the Broadway musical “Hair-spray.”

“If you Google my name and ‘Hair-spray,’ you can hear (the demos) on YouTube,” she says.

Way back when Ms. Golden auditioned for “Hair,” Marc Shaiman was her accompanist. The two became fast friends, and that's what led to her recording the “Hair-spray” demos — for which Mr. Shaiman composed and co-wrote the lyrics — decades later.

Though she was performing in “The Full Monty,” she took a night off when “Hair-spray” opened. At the party afterward, she says, “I had backers come up to me and say, ‘Your voice is on the demo! That made me invest my money in this show.’”

Ms. Golden still sounds amazed by her Cinderella story.

“It seems my career has been creating movies out of stage productions or making stage productions out of movies,” she quips. Either way, it's allowed her to work with “the finest of films... the finest of hysterical source material... the finest of writers.”

She performed with Colleen Dew-

hurst, Jason Robards, Kyra Sedgwick and Campbell Scott in Eugene O'Neill's “Ah! Wilderness,” was Audrey in “Little Shop of Horrors” prior to the Broadway production, and played Lucy Schmeeler in “On the Town” at the Delacorte Theatre in Central Park and in the Gershwin on Broadway.

On television, she portrayed Cliff Clavin's girlfriend on “Cheers” and Sonny Crockett's auto mechanic on “Miami Vice.” She's had guest spots on “Law & Order” and “Law & Order: SVU.”

And she'll soon be seen on the big screen in “I Love You Phillip Morris!” with Jim Carrey and Ewan McGregor. It's the directorial debut for John Requa and Glen Ficarra, who wrote “Bad Santa.”

She respects singers such as Pink, who share her punk sensibilities.

“I love the way she sings, the way she writes,” she says. “I love the way she assaults and attacks a song.”

She also loves TV shows that “have women of a certain age,” she says, naming Kyra Sedgwick in “The Closer,” Glenn Close in “Damages,” Holly Hunter in “Amazing Grace” and Katey Sagal in “Sons of Anarchy.”

At 58 years old, she says, “It bodes well for me that they have a career.”

## R-E-S-P-E-C-T

“Xanadu” is her first national tour. “I'm having a blast,” she says.

But she's very familiar with the show; she was a pit singer in the Broadway production, singing on the bandstand. And she once filled in for two different actors in two separate performances on the same day, playing one evil sister at the matinee and the other in the evening show.

As she's playing the love goddess, Aphrodite, does she have any love or relationship advice?

“Respect is the most important thing,” she says. “Respect.”

She recalls working on “Saturn Returns” years ago (with Richard Rodgers' grandson, Adam Guettel, who wrote the musical “The Light in the Piazza”). “During a rehearsal, someone

“During a rehearsal, someone asked, ‘If you were in love with someone ... would you want them to love you or respect you?’ Everyone was saying love. But I said, ‘Honey, if they don't respect you first, love is never going to last.’”

asked, ‘If you were in love with someone, if you had a crush on someone, would you want them to love you or respect you?’

“Everyone was saying love. But I said, ‘Honey, if they don't respect you first, love is never going to last.’”

“Respect is the most important thing to me — in working relationships and in social situations, too.”

It's how she approaches her career. “I was a girl in a punk rock band,” she says. “I came to a career where people train for their profession and their artistry, and I had no training whatsoever. I felt, oh God, I didn't train my voice. I didn't train to act. I thought I'd be outted as a charlatan. But people did respect me, I was fortunate.”

It was because she respected her position and the gift she possessed. It worked, she feels, because she realized she had a gift, and she wanted to rise to the occasion. “Then you're a sponge. You take everything in and learn from everything, from bad behavior and good behavior.

“So my advice is: respect.” ■

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■ **I'll be Seeing Youz... A Bronx Boys Musical Perspective of World War II** - By Franc D'Ambrosio at 7:30 p.m. April 23 at the Norris Center. 213-3058.

■ **Xanadu** - At the Philharmonic Center for the Arts April 23-25. 597-1900.

■ **Menopause the Musical** - At the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall April 27-29. 481-4849.

■ **Ring of Fire** - At Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre through June 5. 278-4422.

■ **Dinner Theater** - Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding is presented by The Big Cypress Dinner Theatre at Big Cypress Marketplace April 24 and 25. Tickets include Italian buffet and show: \$32 per person. 774-1690 or BigCypressMarketplace.com.

■ **The Emperor's New Clothes** - At Broadway Palm Children's Theatre April 28-May 1. 278-4422.

■ **Romeo and Juliet** - By KidzAct, the youth theater of the Naples Players,

at 11 a.m. April 24, on the outdoor Baker Stage, 701 5th Avenue South. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **The Importance of Being Earnest** - By the Naples Players at the Sugden Theatre April 21-May 15. 263-7990.

■ **Gotta Sing, Gotta Dance** - By Lee Roy Reams April 22-25 at TheatreZone's G&L Theatre. 1-888-966-3352

■ **The New Kid** - By Florida Rep's Lunchbox Theater April 24 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. 332-4665 or www.floridarep.org.

■ **The Fourth Wall** - By The Marco Players through April 25. www.TheMarcoPlayers.com.

## This week's symphony

■ **A Swinging Benny Goodman Tribute** - By the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts at 8 p.m. April 22. 597-1900.

■ **Latin Fiesta** - By the Southwest Florida Symphony at 8 p.m. April 24 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. 418-1500.

■ **Pops No. 4** - A Long and Winding Road: The Concert - Starring Maureen McGovern at the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts April 27-May 2. 597-1900.

## Thursday, April 22

■ **Art Party** - A reception is hosted by Webster & Company for artist Mally Khorasantchi from 5-8 p.m. at the Miro-mar Design Center, 10800 Corkscrew Road. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and wine. RSVP to 498-9074.

■ **Free Film** - In honor of Earth Day, the film "Earth" is shown at 2 p.m. at the Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. 263-7768 or 262-4130.

■ **Art Affair** - The Art League of Bonita Springs presents Affairs of the Arts No. 17, "Cruising the Chocolate River," from 6-9 p.m. on the terrace of the Cocohatchee Nature Center. Enjoy cocktails, music, an authentic Florida buffet and a river cruise. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org

■ **Funny Guy** - J. Chris Newberg tonight through Saturday at the Off The Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island. 389-6900.



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Say "I do!" to "Joey and Maria's Comedy Italian Wedding" at the Big Cypress Dinner Theatre. The "ceremony" begins with a lunch buffet at noon Saturday and Sunday, April 24-25. After that, things get wild and crazy, in true Italian wedding style. Tickets are \$32. Call Big Cypress Marketplace at 774-1690 or RSVP online at www.bigcypressmarketplace.com.

■ **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, April 23

■ **Chamber Concert** - American Virtuosi Chamber Concerts are performed at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. 333-1933.

■ **Live X** - Alice in Chains performs at 6 p.m. at City of Palms Park. \$29. www.99xonline.com.

■ **Weekend Concerts** - Gulf Coast Town Center offers its free Weekend Concert Series in Market Plaza from 7-9 p.m. Tonight: Acoustic rock by Derrick Trenholm. 267-0783 or gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

## Saturday, April 24

■ **Movie Night** - "The Princess and the Frog" is shown at sunset at the Nor-

ris Center. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. 213-3058.

■ **Earth Day** - Koreshan State Historic Site hosts Earth Day events from 9:45 to 6:30 p.m. Bring chairs of blankets for the music on the green. \$6 parking; free admission. 777-0186 or 992-0311.

■ **Museum Event** - A birthday celebration for the Museum of the Everglades and the Tamiami Trail is set for 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at 105 W. Broadway, Everglades City. Free admission. 695-2397.

■ **Weekend Concerts** - Gulf Coast Town Center offers its free Weekend Concert Series in Market Plaza from 7-9 p.m. Tonight: Contemporary rock by Acoustic Addition. 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, April 25

■ **Special Concert** - An Eastertide concert, with the 90-voice combined choirs and 11-piece string orchestra of Ave Maria, starts at 3 p.m. at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive, Naples. 304-7034.



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The Waterfront Studios and Gallery at The Esplanade on Marco Island hosts the opening reception for an exhibit of oil paintings by Pat Perrotti from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, April 22. Ms. Perrotti began her art studies several years ago at the Marco Island Center for the Arts. *Sisters*, above, is part of her newest exhibit. A portion of all sales will benefit the Marco Island Center of the Arts.

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Two-time Grammy-winner Clay Hess, above, comes to The Norris Center along with Paul Brewster, Cory Walker, Jason Jones and Jon Garon for the final bluegrass concert of the season. Show time for "Thundering Bluegrass" is 7-10 p.m. Saturday, May 1. Tickets are \$20. Call The Norris Center at 213-3049.

■ **Piano Concert** - Trinity by the Cove features "A Cathedral Evensong: the Virtuoso Piano" by the choir of Trinity by the Cove at 4 p.m.

■ **Estero Feast** - The third annual Taste of Estero is set for 1 a.m.-5 p.m. at Estero Community Park, 9200 Corkscrew Palms Blvd. Enjoy more than 30 food vendors, kids' events, games and live music. Free admission. [www.tasteofestero.com](http://www.tasteofestero.com) or 248-1609.

■ **Jazz Music** - The Naples Daily News Jazz Band performs from 2-4 p.m. at Cambier Park. 213-3058.

■ **Water Ski Show** - A free water ski show by the Southern Extreme Water-Ski Team starts at 4 p.m. every Sunday at Miromar Outlets near the Restaurant Piazza.

## Monday, April 26

■ **Naples Jazz** - "Classical Jazz on 5th" is performed at 8 p.m. at the Sugden Community Theatre, 701 Fifth Avenue South. 434-8505 or [www.ClassicChamberConcerts.org](http://www.ClassicChamberConcerts.org).

■ **Love Trivia?** - The Pub at Mercato has Trivia Night every Monday at 7:30 p.m. 594-9400.

## Tuesday, April 27

■ **Art Invitation** - Artist in the Garden is set for 8 a.m.-noon at the Naples Botanical Garden. Artists and photog-

raphers can set up easels and tripods and be inspired by the garden's beauty. 643-7275.

■ **History Program** - "History of the Working Waterfront" is presented at 2 p.m. by Lois Bolin of Naples Backyard History at Headquarters Library, 2385 Orange Blossom Blvd. 593-0177.

■ **Team Trivia** - Boston Beer Garden Team Trivia is played at 9 p.m. every Tuesday at 2396 Immokalee Rd. 596-2337.

## Wednesday, April 28

■ **Art Walk** - The Esplanade on Marco Island hosts an art walk themed "Art in Bloom" from 5-8 p.m.

■ **Pirate Night** - Join The English Pub every Wednesday for Pirate Night and Hermit Crab Races as well as live entertainment at 6:30 p.m. 775-3727 or [www.naplesenglishpub.com](http://www.naplesenglishpub.com).

■ **History Tours** - Walking tours of the Naples Historical District start at 10 a.m. at 137 12th Ave. South. Requested donations are \$15 adults, \$5 children. Reservations are required: 261-8164.

■ **Song Night** - Wednesdays are Singer/Songwriter Night from 7-10 p.m. at Fred's Diner, 2700 Immokalee Road, Naples. 431-7928 or [www.freds diner.com](http://www.freds diner.com).

## Upcoming events

■ **Opening Reception** - Florida West Arts Gallery in Bonita Springs presents Artescape Florida West 2010 April 29-May 20, with an opening party from 5:30-7:30 p.m. April 29. Enjoy traditional, contemporary and new directions in art. 948-4427 or [info@floridawestarts.com](mailto:info@floridawestarts.com).

■ **Special Show** - Maria Callas is portrayed by Elizabeth "Bonnie" Bozzo at 2 p.m. April 29 at Headquarters Library, 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. Free. Registration is required: 593-0177.

■ **Art Studios** - The Art League of Bonita Springs presents an art walk at the Promenade at Bonita Bay, 26811 S. Bay Dr. from 4-7 p.m. April 29. Enjoy art and musical entertainment. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

■ **The House of Bernarda Alba** - By The Laboratory Theater of Florida April 29-May 15 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. 333-1933.

■ **Derby Party** - The Art League of Bonita Springs presents "Affairs of the Arts No. 18 - You Can Bet On It" at 5 p.m. May 1. Catch the excitement, and flavors, of the Kentucky Derby in Bonita Springs for \$120 per person. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

■ **Live Music** - Angie & Perfect Gentlemen perform from 6-8 p.m. April 30 in the restaurant piazza at Miromar Outlets. 948-3766.

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## THEATER REVIEW

# Flame sparks, sputters in 'Ring of Fire'

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I can't remember feeling so mixed about a show before.

What did I think about "Ring of Fire," which just opened at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre?

I hated it. Then I loved it. Then I hated it again.

I was bored, I was frustrated, I was entertained. Then I was bored again.

"Ring of Fire," of course, is a revue of Johnny Cash songs.

Performed by eight singers and six musicians, it's a wildly uneven production, with a few songs that amuse or move you, and far too many that make you wonder how soon the show will end.

To clarify one thing from the start: There is no Johnny Cash impersonator in this show. "Ring of Fire" opens with the singers walking out one-by-one and declaring, "Hello! My name is Johnny Cash."

It's a Spartacus kind of moment; we're meant to embrace them all as representatives of the great singer.

A great idea. Too bad it's not executed well.

The singers sing one of Mr. Cash's songs and recite some biography about his history, going back a couple generations. Then they sing another song or act out a scene from his life with brief dialogue and song.

As a man and woman sang a duet and the other singers coupled off and looked on with empty smiles, I thought: "This is just like 'The Lawrence Welk Show!'"

I guess that's fine if you like that kind of thing, but Mr. Welk was known for presenting the most bland and insipid music, carefully calculated not to offend.

The Man in Black, however, always seemed to have an edge to him that spoke of hard times and sorrows. That's why "Sunday Morning Coming Down," performed by Kelly Cusimano, Diana Fox and Marija Reiff, doesn't work in "Ring of Fire" — it just sounds too pretty.

But "Folsom Prison Blues," performed by Scott Moreau, does work. He's able to give it the grit and menace it deserves. (In fact, the whole section of prison songs, with the men circling about, hitting bars of metal together for percus-



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**Above and left: The cast of "Ring of Fire" represents the different stages of Johnny Cash's career.**



sion, possessed an energy that many of the other numbers lacked.)

Act One really didn't catch fire until Ms. Reiff performed "Flushed From the Bathroom of Your Heart," a novelty number. Dressed up like a little china doll, she delivers it with perfect loopiness, a deliberately over-the-top performance. You could almost feel the audience sit up and take notice.

The first act ended on a high note, with "Ring of Fire" and "Jackson." Unfortunately, the energy drooped again after intermission.

The costumes didn't help.

At the beginning of Act Two, the women are decked out in what look like Mormon cheerleading outfits, seemingly designed to make their bodies as unat-

tractive as possible. Each dress is a different color — blue, red, purple, green. With white pointy collars, white short sleeves and white pleats in skirts hitting just below the knee, the outfits look like something cobbled together as a first attempt in Home Ec, by someone living on the prairie in a different era.

Costume designer John P. White's creations are as erratic as the show itself. Some — particularly some of the men's — are top-notch and perfect, while others seem amateurish, or like people trying to dress up like cowboys.

Toward the end of the show, Mike Long performs in a long black raincoat. I don't know if it's supposed to be a duster, but it just looks like it was the wrong size, as if he were a kid wearing his father's raincoat.

Dominic Lau's set is simple: chain-link fencing and corrugated metal, with acoustic guitars hanging from them, and two multi-tiered platforms with wooden steps. With such a static set, the actors have to move around a lot to provide some motion onstage.

The band, which stays on-stage throughout and interacts with the singers, is the best thing about this show. It consists of musical conductor Loren Strickland on piano, Tom Weaver and John McCarty on guitars, Chris Rose on stand-up bass, Jason Labrador on fiddle and Gary Leone on drums.

If only the rest of the show matched

their quality. But the musical quickly disintegrates into "Hee-Haw" material.

Todd Meredith tries his best to sell "A Boy Named Sue," but it comes across as silly. (It never made sense to me why Sue didn't just change his name or adopt a nickname.)

There are a few fine exceptions in "Ring of Fire," however. Ms. Mills almost stopped the show with her rendition of "All Over Again" receiving thunderous applause. Oddly, she's underutilized, only appearing on stage from time to time (along with Adam Clough.)

And Mr. Labrador's fiddle playing, especially on "Orange Blossom Special," is sizzling, though I wish the audience had continued to urge him to play yet even faster.

But then, just before the big finale, the show loses whatever momentum it had, grinding to a halt with "Ragged Old Flag." Mr. Long recites the lyrics and talks about how we have the right to burn the flag. And then he adds, "We also have the right to bear arms, so if you burn the flag, I'll shoot you" — a sentiment that seems contrary to everything America stands for. I don't know which was more troubling: the idea of advocating murder as an American value, or the fact that the comment received applause from some in the audience.

"Ring of Fire" ends with everyone standing in a line, playing acoustic guitar and singing "I've Been Everywhere." It's a lively song, with the cast singing out names of towns. It has energy, but by then, it's too late.

This production lacks the authenticity that made Mr. Cash's songs connect with people. It could be the show itself; the Broadway production closed after a month.

This "Ring of Fire" has its moments — Ms. Mills's solo, the musicians, the men harmonizing, any time Mr. Moreau sings.

But this shorter-than-usual musical felt as if it ran longer than usual, and that's not good.

If you want a ring of fire, first you have to have a spark. ■

### in the know

- >> **What:** "Ring of Fire"
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# GIVING

## Wine festival founders award \$5.9 million to children's charities

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The Naples Children & Education Foundation, the organization that founded the Naples Winter Wine Festival, presented grants totaling \$5.9 million to organizations supporting underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County. Twenty children's charities received \$5.3 million in grants, and \$603,350 was awarded to several organizations to fund a new behavioral health initiative called Collier H.U.G.S.

"For some organizations, these grants are lifelines to continuing their efforts on behalf of children in need; for others the funding enables them to expand programs and services," said NCEF trustee The Honorable Francis Rooney, who along with his wife Kathleen co-chaired the 2010 festival.

The check presentations, which were combined with a celebration of NCEF's 10 years of transforming children's lives, took place April 18 at the Naples Botanical Garden. Attendees included leaders of charitable organizations, festival patrons and volunteers.

"The grant committee was particularly sensitive to the impact the struggling economy is having on children," said 2010 grant chair and NCEF trustee Anne Welsh McNulty. "The allocation of funds to battle the growing epidemic of family homelessness is just one example."

According to the county's public schools system, the number of school-aged homeless children has risen from 600 to 900 in the past year. One organization, Youth Haven, was awarded an NCEF grant of \$175,000 for its Caring for Families Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program.

Ms. McNulty also noted that this year NCEF was able to pursue a broader spectrum of solutions for at-risk children by combining its grants with funds from new federal relief programs such as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

"Charities are responding to the economic downturn by getting leaner and doing more with less," she said. "Some are going down the path of independence, having leveraged NCEF funds over the years to make them stronger, more fiscally independent organizations."

The nonprofits that received the largest grants this year were the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County, which was awarded a \$1 million grant for summer programming at its Collier County center and an Immokalee site; and Guadalupe Center of Immokalee, which received \$750,000 for its early childhood education programs and after-school and summer programs.

Other organizations that received grants were: **Able Academy**, \$125,000; **Catholic Charities**, \$110,000; **Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida**, \$125,000; **Collier**

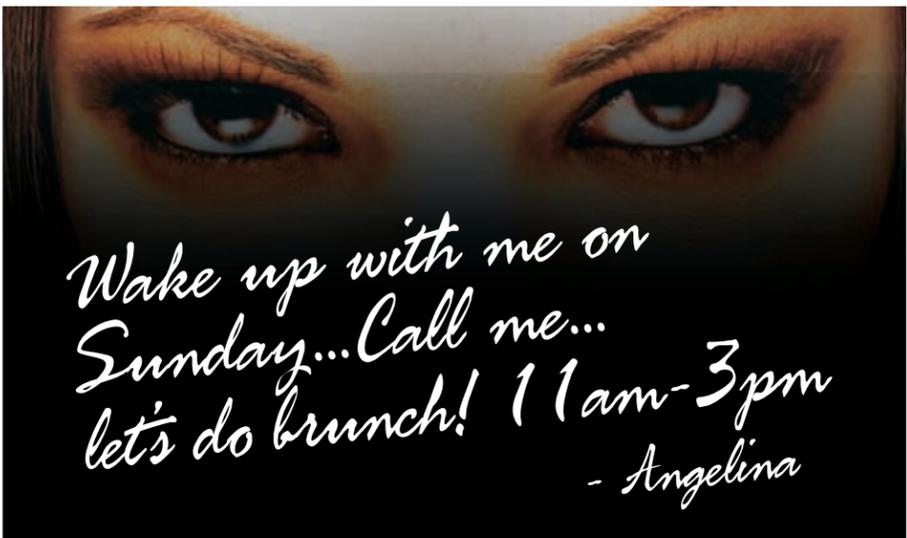
**Child Care Resources**, \$150,000; **Collier County Child Advocacy Center/CPT**, \$460,000; **Eden Florida**, \$125,000; **Early Learning and Literacy Model Program**, \$350,000; **Foster Care Council**, \$245,000; **Fun Time Early Childhood Academy**, \$105,000; **Immokalee Child Care Center**, \$175,000; **Immokalee Housing & Family Services**, \$145,000; **Marco Island YMCA**, \$200,000; **Redlands Christian Migrant Association**, \$295,000; **Shelter for Abused Women & Children**, \$305,000; **St. Matt's Kids Camps** \$25,000; **Tutor Corps**, \$70,000; **YMCA of the Palms**, \$385,000; **Youth Haven**, \$175,000; **Collier H.U.G.S. (Health Under Guided Systems)**, \$603,350.

Social services agencies in Collier County are largely dependent on foundation grants, fundraising activities and private funding to meet expenses and expand their programs. To determine grant recipients for its yearly grant cycle, NCEF evaluated applications based on factors that include program cost per child, return on investment, financial health and leadership of the organization, effective and efficient spending of previous NCEF grants, program sustainability and community impact. In addition, the foundation sets aside a portion of past festival proceeds for long-term strategic initiatives dedicated to closing severe gaps in four areas: early learning, medical/oral health, out-of-school programs and behavioral health.

In addition to charitable check presentations, the April 18 event featured a bountiful buffet of the culinary specialties of 11 Naples Originals restaurants as part of the celebration marking NCEF's 10-year anniversary. The event brought together three of Naples most successful homegrown organizations: NCEF/Naples Winter Wine Festival (the nation's most successful charity wine auction since 2004 as ranked by Wine Spectator); the independent restaurants group of Naples Originals (among the strongest groups of independent restaurants in the country as measured by Flavor Technology's Nathan Schmidt); and Naples Botanical Garden (a 170-acre garden that has broken the traditional boundaries of how gardens are experienced by the public).

Since 2000, the Naples Children & Education Foundation has been dedicated to making a profound and sustainable difference for Collier County children in need. The foundation's sole fundraiser, the Naples Winter Wine Festival, has raised \$82.5 million over 10 years, with proceeds helping nearly 100,000 children. Major initiatives that NCEF has funded in collaboration with other private and public entities have included a pediatric dental clinic and an early learning center.

The 2011 Naples Winter Wine Festival is set for Jan. 28-30. For more information, visit [www.napleswinefestival.com](http://www.napleswinefestival.com). ■



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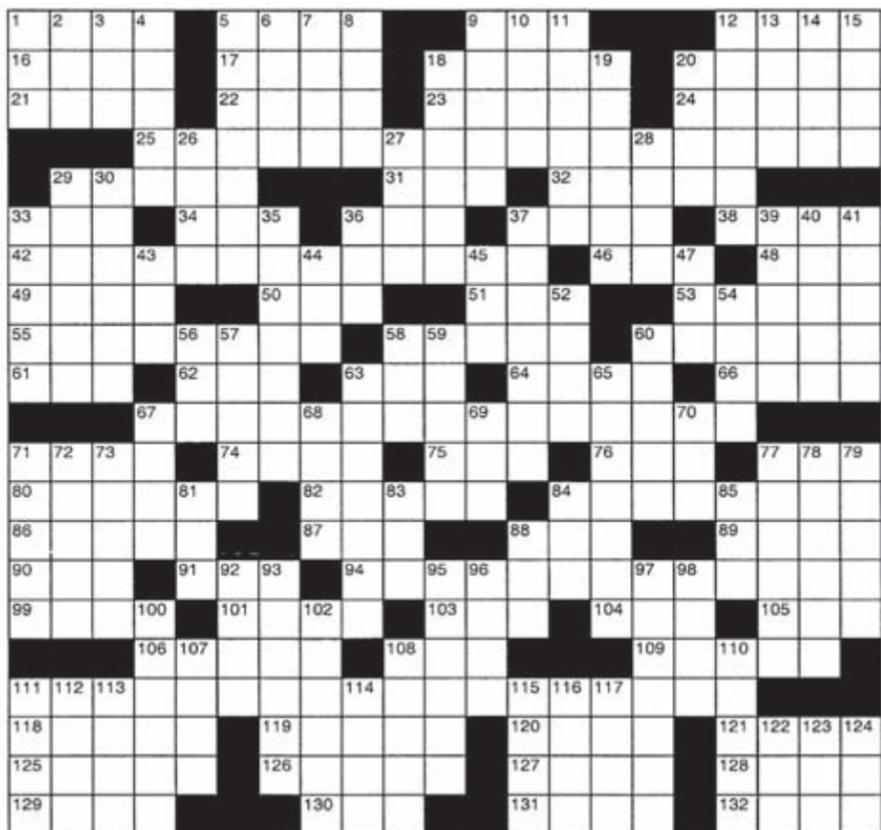
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  - 48 Neighbor of Tenn.
  - 49 Notes from Verdi?
  - 50 Noun suffix
  - 51 "The Simpsons" character
  - 53 Propelled a shell
  - 55 First name in art
  - 58 Hitching post?
  - 60 Fleet
  - 61 Boxer Norton
  - 62 Ferret's foot
  - 63 Bandleader Lyman
  - 64 Despot
  - 66 List entry
  - 67 Diaper stocks ...
  - 71 Mock
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  - 75 Daniel — Lewis
  - 76 Diving bird
  - 77 Comic Philips
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  - 82 Surrealist Max
  - 84 Chorus
  - 86 Playground feature
  - 87 Actress Susan
  - 88 Flicka's food
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  - 90 Chinese export
  - 91 Mouth piece?
  - 94 Cutlery shares ...
  - 99 Active volcano
  - 101 Some computers
  - 103 Chanteuse Lemper
  - 104 Cobb and Hardin
  - 105 '75 Abba tune
  - 106 Polish coin
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  - 109 Like a hot fudge sundae
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  - 118 Actor Warner
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  - 7 Author Morrison
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  - 9 Like some eyes
  - 10 Rave's partner
  - 11 With 69 Down, fluffy feline
  - 12 Flu symptom
  - 13 Valhalla villain
  - 14 "— o'clock scholar"
  - 15 Cornmeal concoction
  - 18 Stargazed
  - 19 Hardly hyper
  - 20 New York university
  - 26 Aware of
  - 27 Textbook heading
  - 28 Writer Hunter
  - 29 Posh party
  - 30 Elixir
  - 33 Teacher's aid
  - 35 Logging-camp feature
  - 36 Provost of "Lassie"
  - 37 Compassion
  - 39 Metal measure
  - 40 — la Cite
  - 41 Lady of the house
  - 43 Fled
  - 44 Start to cry?
  - 45 — bran
  - 47 Rocky hill
  - 52 — Major
  - 54 In the thick of
  - 56 Gibbon or gorilla
  - 57 Stallone role
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  - 59 — a hand (aids)
  - 60 Press one's point
  - 63 Poppins' portrayer
  - 65 Equity expert
  - 67 Actor Wallace
  - 68 Enraged
  - 69 See
  - 71 "Beau —" ('39 film)
  - 72 Cove
  - 73 Jones of the Stones
  - 77 Slip by
  - 78 Tennis great Gardner
  - 79 Accepts authority
  - 81 "Aladdin" frame
  - 83 Carrie or Louis
  - 84 Opening
  - 85 EMT's skill
  - 88 Shade
  - 92 "— Fire" ('85 hit)
  - 93 Turkish titles
  - 95 "Guys and Dolls" author
  - 96 Coup d'—
  - 97 Cleanliness
  - 98 "Unto us —
  - 100 Schedule
  - 102 People from Prague
  - 107 Take a taxi
  - 108 Tower material?
  - 110 Brash Nash
  - 111 Tiers
  - 112 Gallimaufry
  - 113 Magie and Mineo
  - 114 "Cat on — Tin Roof"
  - 115 Actual
  - 116 Auel heroine
  - 117 "Confound it!"
  - 122 Stout relative
  - 123 Send out a page
  - 124 Big bang letters

## HOROSCOPES

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Accepting new commitments when you haven't yet finished the batch on hand could be a bit rash. Better to ease up on the new ones until you get further along with your current lot.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Reward yourself for what's sure to be a dynamic week with a getaway to someplace wonderful, hopefully with a wonderful someone. You'll return refreshed and ready for what's ahead.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Some people might be anxious about your plans. So you need to take time to explain what you expect to do and how you expect to do it. And don't forget to ask for suggestions.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Dealing with an unfamiliar problem can be difficult. The wisest course you can take is to ask for advice from those who have been where you are and have come through it. Good luck.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Tackle a frustrating job problem by considering possibilities you might have ignored before. This reassures colleagues you're serious about finding a solution, even if it's not totally yours.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Your balanced approach to life proves to be helpful this week when someone you care for needs your spiritual comfort, while someone else benefits from your tough-love practicality.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Once again, you're

likely to be asked to keep a secret for someone. But do you really want to do so? Be honest with yourself and with your needs before you make any such commitment.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Taking a more direct approach from the more diplomatic one you've used before could make a difference in finally resolving a too-long-held disagreement. Try it.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Being asked for advice is flattering to the Sea Goat, who has a habit of saying the right thing. This time, expect someone to be especially impressed and to act on that sentiment.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** With a number of pressures easing, your project could be making a lot more progress than you expected by this time. That's great news. But don't let yourself be distracted; stay with it.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** An interesting challenge looms that could be exactly what you've been looking for. Discuss this with colleagues who could have much to contribute and who might want to join with you.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** The Lamb is usually excited about taking on a new challenge. But if that's a touch of doubt you're feeling, maybe it's you telling yourself to go slow on this until you learn more about it.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** Your heart is always open to offer loving concern for others. And they, in turn, reach out to complete the circle.

By Linda Thistle

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## LATEST FILMS

### 'Kick-Ass'

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★★★★

Is it worth \$10? Yes

A funny thing happens when you dare to be different, and it's called "greatness." Granted it doesn't happen all the time, but when a movie is as subversive, funny, hyper-violent and creative as "Kick-Ass," few other words properly describe it. Director Matthew Vaughn's film blends comic book fantasy with real-world obsessions, and the result is a wonderful mix of superhero exploits and geekdom.

Dave (Aaron Johnson) is a high school loser. He masturbates constantly, daydreams, and lives alone with his father (Garrett M. Brown). He's never had a girlfriend, and his friends Marty (Clark Duke) and Todd (Evan Peters) don't have much going for them either.

Dave's obsession with comic books, coupled with a profound sense of justice, lead him to become Kick-Ass, a real-life superhero patrolling the streets with the intention of protecting the innocent. "How come nobody's ever tried to be a superhero?" Dave asks with determination and admirable motives before heading out to fight crime.

And then he gets his ass kicked. And I mean royally kicked, to the point where he's hospitalized and comes out so full of metal he quips his insides "look like Wolverine's." Undeterred, he's back in his ill-fitting green and yellow wetsuit in no time, and soon discovers Big Daddy (Nicolas Cage) and Hit-Girl (Chloe Moretz, fabulous), who are more than capable of kicking someone's ass. The trio teams up to stop a Mafioso (Mark Strong) and his twerpy son (Christopher Mintz-Plasse, aka McLovin') from taking over the city. One foe Dave can't conquer, however, is Katie (Lyndsy Fonseca), on whom he has a huge crush. Too bad she thinks he's gay.

So much of what you expect to happen in "Kick-Ass" doesn't, and as a result the film has a palpable creative energy that constantly goes in a new, fresh



direction. For movies today, this is both rare and inspiring. Mr. Vaughn, who also directed "Layer Cake" and "Stardust," has crafted an instant classic, the type of movie everyone will be talking about all summer. There are traditional superhero elements everywhere — references to Superman, Batman and Spider-Man can't be missed — and yet the movie feels entirely original.

Yes, it's violent. That's part of the fun. It's funny, too, but it's much more than a silly satire comedy. The subversive tone of the title — just say "Kick-Ass" and look at the film's poster to know what I mean — says it all. When it's over, you won't believe what you've seen, but you'll want to see it again. ■

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#### did you know?

>> Mark Millar, the creator of the comic on which the movie is based, explains the origins: "I had a drawing of two superheroes — a young girl dressed like Robin and a big guy dressed like Batman, but I thought they were too out there to be the leads... I (also) had this notion when I was 14 of becoming a crime fighter. So then I had a drawing of a superhero going out on his first night, and getting stabbed and run over by a cab. Then I realized the two projects belonged together."

## CAPSULES

REVIEWED BY DAN HUDAK  
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### Handsome Harry

★★★

(Jamey Sheridan, John Savage, Aidan Quinn) A 52-year-old electrician (Sheridan) visits his old Naval buddies (Savage, Quinn) in an attempt to discover the truth about a hate crime they committed 30 years earlier. Some of the histrionics/fights are a bit forced, but overall this is an interesting character study that grows more fascinating as layers of truth are unveiled in unexpected ways. Not Rated: Adult themes.

### Date Night

★★½

(Steve Carell, Tina Fey, Mark Wahlberg) During an innocent "date night" out in New York City, a case of mis-

taken identity finds happily married Phil (Carell) and Claire Foster (Fey) on the run from the mafia and corrupt cops. The movie is better than the unfunny trailer makes it look, but there still aren't enough laughs to make it worth recommending. Still, fans of "The Office" and "30 Rock" (i.e. fans of Carell and Fey) may be satisfied. Rated PG-13.

### Clash of the Titans

★★★

(Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson, Ralph Fiennes) Perseus (Worthington) leads a group of warriors against giant scorpions, Medusa, the Kraken, Hades (Fiennes) and more in this tale of Man vs. Gods loosely based on Greek mythology. The story is flat, but you buy your ticket to see great visual effects and action, both of which the movie ably delivers. Rated PG-13. ■

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**Eyes on the Prize**  
**Mississippi: Is This America? 1963-1964/Bridge to Freedom**

Mississippi's grass-roots civil rights movement becomes an American concern. A decade of lessons is applied in the climactic and bloody march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala.

> **FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 8:30 P.M.**  
**FGCU Perspectives**

Florida Gulf Coast University faculty members discuss issues of importance to Southwest Florida. Hosted by Kevin Pierce.

> **SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 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.

> **SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 8 P.M.**  
**Nature**  
**Fellowship of Whales**

This is the story of the first year in a humpback whale's life as she learns lessons from her mother. Together, they make the long journey from Hawaii to feeding grounds off Alaska.

> **MONDAY, APRIL 26, 9 P.M.**  
**American Experience**  
**My Lai**

What drove a company of American soldiers to murder more than 300 unarmed Vietnamese civilians? Eyewitness accounts of Vietnamese survivors and men of the Charlie Company 11th

Infantry Brigade, and recently discovered audio recordings from the Peers Inquiry, recount one of the darkest chapters of the Vietnam War.

> **TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 8 P.M.**  
**NOVA**  
**Mind Over Money**

In the aftermath of the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, this is a penetrating exploration of why mainstream economists failed to predict the crash of 2008 and why we so often make irrational financial decisions.

> **10 P.M.**  
**Your Voice Our Economy...Where Do We Go From Here?**

Re-air of a live, call-in studio show featuring a panel of regional leaders who will discuss the future potential of economic recovery in SW Florida. Panelists include: Jim Moore, Lee County Economic Development Office; Tammie Nemecek, Economic Development Council of Collier County; Don Root, Charlotte County Economic Development Office; Dr. Richard Pegnetter, Lutgert College of Business, FGCU; David Plazas, conversations editor at *The News-Press*. Hosted by Rachelle Grossman.

> **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 8 P.M.**  
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## TEA

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# FLORIDA WRITERS

## Recollections of the Holocaust by American soldiers

"The Liberators: America's Witnesses to the Holocaust," by Michael Hirsh. Bantam Books. 356 pages. \$27.00.

BY PHILIP K. JASON  
Special to Florida Weekly

The great body of witness testimony to the Holocaust is survivor testimony. It has a relatively long history in print, and it will always be central to our understanding of both the monstrous and the courageous in human nature. It has, quite rightly, been given a privileged position, even while Holocaust deniers somehow manage to construe it as fabrication or delusion. As the generation of those who escaped or survived the Holocaust vanishes, and as their voices are stilled, other kinds of evidence and testimony need to be encouraged and enshrined in collective memory. Michael Hirsh's "The Liberators" performs an important part of this task by presenting, at a distance of 65 years, the memories of those once-young Americans who liberated the Nazi death camps.



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Mr. Hirsh, a Punta Gorda resident, sought out and interviewed more than 150 U.S. veterans, including nurses and ambulance drivers, who came upon

the immense collection of atrocities during the spring of 1945. His plan is essentially chronological, following U.S. forces through April and early May as they took control of one camp, and then another, and then another — until they had put an end to the Nazi death machine.

The author sketches the early life of each liberator and provides details about each individual's entrance into military service, unit assignments, and combat experiences (as appropriate) before becoming part of the liberation effort.

The majority of these liberator-witnesses were not prepared for what they encountered: the astounding piles of human remains, the methodologies and instruments of annihilation, the horrifying sight of barely living survivors — maltreated, malnourished, and almost insanely grateful. Indeed, without the Allied march to victory, the liberation would not have happened, and countless more of those herded together for extinction would have met that fate.

These young Americans were strongly affected by what they discovered, and for many it was a life-altering experience that often led to decades of nightmares and other post-traumatic stress disorder symptoms. Quite a few of the liberators had kept their experiences bottled up until Mr. Hirsh located them and persuaded them to call up those painful memories.

Recurrent themes in the testimony include the almost unbearable stench

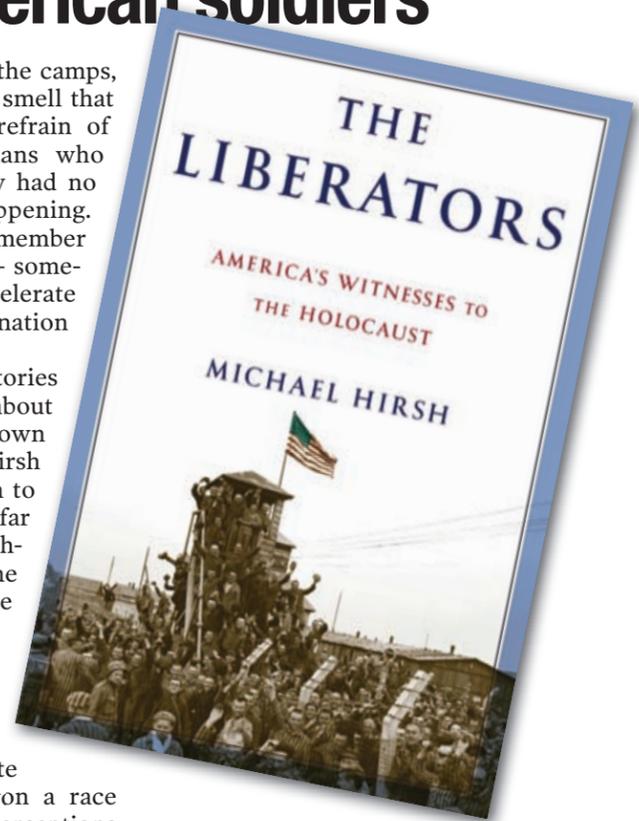
of death that radiated from the camps, an overpowering, pervasive smell that would seem to belie the refrain of neighboring German civilians who inevitably claimed that they had no idea about what was happening. Many of the liberators remember signs of the Nazi effort to — somehow — simultaneously accelerate and conclude the extermination goal and hide or disguise it.

While most Holocaust histories review events and statistics about a narrow range of well-known concentration camps, Mr. Hirsh has paid particular attention to the many others that are far less known, bringing a much-needed understanding of the unbelievable scope of the Nazi enterprise of evil.

The liberators, men and women now in their 80s and 90s, have with this book begun to receive the recognition, respect and tribute they deserve. Mr. Hirsh won a race against time, rescuing the perceptions and understandings of those who were there before it was too late.

This book is not at all pleasant reading, but it is necessary reading. You will need to put it down many times, but you will have to pick it up again and continue. Its power and authenticity are beyond question.

"The Liberators" is one of several titles of military interest by Michael Hirsh. Others include "Para-



rescue," "None Braver" and "Your Other Left! Punch Lines from the Front Lines." He is also the co-author (with Michael Schiavo) of "Terri: The Truth." Before turning author, Mr. Hirsh, a Vietnam combat veteran, produced television documentaries and specials for PBS, CBS, ABC and HBO. He is the recipient of many awards, including the prestigious Peabody. ■

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## Ray Charles tribute features Motown favorites

Ellis Hall and The Truth will perform their acclaimed tribute to Ray Charles, Motown and soul music at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 12.

Mr. Hall has performed and recorded with a host of musical luminaries, including his mentor, Mr. Charles, and since Mr. Charles' death has committed himself to making sure the music, life and legacy of the pioneering R&B star live on. "Higher and Higher: Celebrating the Legacy of Ray Charles, Motown and Beyond!" features a number of Ray Charles classics, Motown favorites and a couple of Ellis Hall originals.

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Ellis Hall as Ray Charles.

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"Spinning Wheel" and "You've Made Me So Very Happy," as well as new arrangements of classic songs, the band continues to play to sold-out audiences around the world.

Tickets are \$49.

## Simon and Garfunkel tribute takes the stage

Jim Witter, who wowed audiences at the Phil with his Elton John/Billy Joel show, "The Piano Men," returns to pay tribute to Simon and Garfunkel at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 10. "Feelin' Groovy: A Musical Journey through the '60s" goes back to the days of flower power, peace signs, VW buses and Mrs. Robinson. Selections will include "The Sounds of Silence," "Scarborough Fair" and "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

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Baby boomers, rejoice!  
It's time to smile your way down memory lane during Pops 4, the season's final concert in the Philharmonic Orchestra's Pops series at the Phil.

Principal Pops Conductor Jack Everly returns to the helm for eight performances Tuesday, April 27, through the matinee on Sunday, May 2. That means there's no excuse for not re-immersing yourselves in all that defined that turbulent, yet oh-so-musically tasty decade.

Coupled with the seemingly endless mellifluous repertoire of award-winning, vocal sensation Maureen McGovern during the second half of the evening, you have the makings for yet another blockbuster pops event.

## The '60s

Americans became divided by the Vietnam War. There were "Hell no!

We won't go!" rallies. Sit-ins. Love-ins. Weed. Haight-Asbury. Janis Joplin. The Beatles. Sweet James Taylor. Bob Dylan. Scraggly long hair. Earth Shoes.

In a flash it all comes back.

And then you realize the stark reality of it all: The decade that forever changed America was 50 years ago. It feels like yesterday — until you look in the mirror.

The memories will come flooding back when Everly steps to the podium. The evening opens with his arrangement of "Baby Boomer Prelude." I'll be interested in seeing just how many selections in the medley you instantly recognize. Not to fret if you have a "senior moment," though, as most baby boomers do from time to time!

"Abbey Road," one of the songs that forever defined the Beatles, is next on the program, followed by another of the maestro's arrangements, this time one titled "Wonderful World of '60s TV."

Remember "Love Story" with the young Ali McGraw and Ryan O'Neal? Remember, "How long does it last? Can love be measured by the hours in a day?" Remember, "Love means never having to say you're sorry?"

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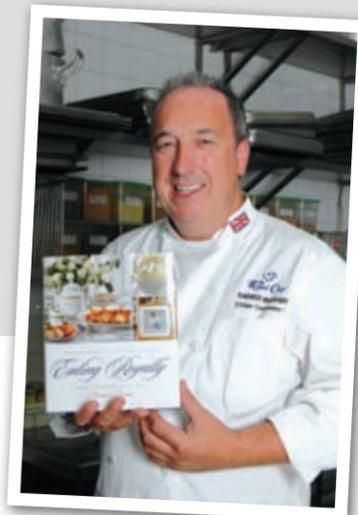
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ond half of the program.

Pops 4 comes on the heels of the Philharmonic Orchestra's Classical program titled "Musical Landscapes," which was sold out when I attended last Thursday.

That concert was the first time I ever recall praying that a particular selection was finally over. It certainly had nothing to do with the maestro's conducting, which, as always, was a thing of beauty to observe. And it had nothing to do with his pre-concert discussion, which was entertaining and informative.

Nor did it have anything to do with the solid performance of principal violist Jessie Goebel, who was the featured soloist for the opening selection of Berlioz' "Harold in Italy." I usually love Berlioz; and I'm definitely a fan of Ms. Goebel, who consistently offers up beautiful contributions in performance after performance. She is a fine violist, and except for a few moments when I felt the orchestra overpowered her, she was superb last week.

The problem was the composition itself. Theoretically, the piece had something to do with admiring the wonders of nature. Theoretically.

Berlioz himself admitted to concerns when he was asked by Paganini to create a composition so he (Paganini) could show off his newly acquired Strad viola. Unhappy with his creation, Berlioz made substantial changes before "Harold in Italy" saw the light of day. Except for the stirring opening and the closing portion of the fourth movement ("Orgy of the Brigands"), I found the selection insipid and disjointed. It should have stayed somewhere in the

hinterlands of Italy, never to see the light of day.

Several concertgoers around me were nodding off; one, who I see at every concert, shook his head during the intermission and gave it a thumbs down. And yet, overall, the audience gave it prolonged applause.

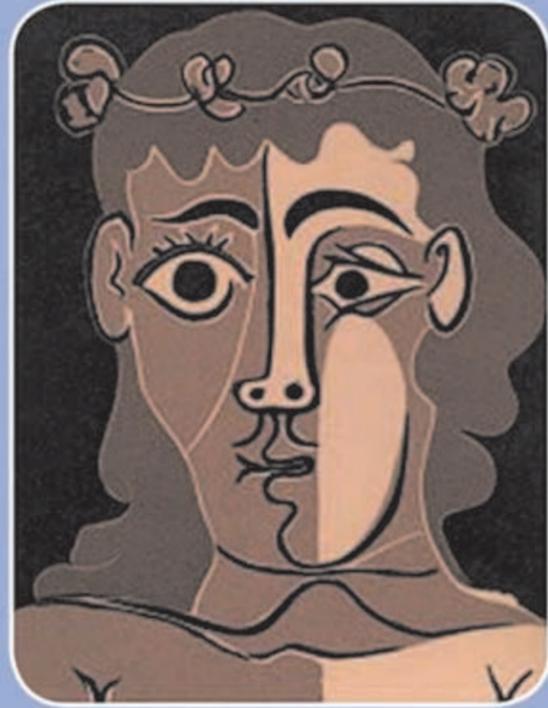
The second half of the program was a different matter altogether. It is impossible not to like Wagner's "Twilight of the Gods," Siegfried's Rhine Journey from "Götterdämmerung." But the evening's pièce de resistance was Gershwin's "An American In Paris." Matt Sonneborn, principal trumpet, shined, and the entire brass section sparkled in this oh-so-familiar, energetic selection. Concertmaster Glenn Basham and Suzanne Kirton, principal flute, made delicious little solo contributions, and the entire percussion section combined to make this modern classic all anyone could wish for. ■

*Peg Goldberg Longstreth was trained as a classical musician. She owns Longstreth-Goldberg Art Gallery in Naples.*

## in the know

- >> **What:** Pops 4: "A Long and Winding Road"
- >> **Who:** The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra with Maureen McGovern
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Young Mr. Madruga studies jazz piano with William Noll, artistic director of Classic Chamber Concerts, and began his playing career at age 12 at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. He now lives with

his parents in Miami where he is also enrolled at the New World School of the Arts. He recently performed at the White House and has also performed as a solo artist at The Kennedy Center, Tanglewood and Carnegie Hall.

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## 'The Importance of Being Earnest' is chockful of Wildean wordplay

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The stylish wit of Oscar Wilde comes to downtown with The Naples Players' production of "The Importance of Being Earnest." Running through May 15, it's a sophisticated comedy of courtship and manners with lavish costumes and frisky dialogue.

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The cast consists of Mark Vanagas as Jack Worthing, Jessica Walck as Gwendolyn Fairfax, Jasmine Vizena as Cecily Cardew, Robert Armstrong as Algernon Moncrief, Tricia Laycock as Miss Primm, Megan McCombs as Lady Bracknell, Sepp Ronay as Rev. Chasuble/Lane, and John Van Engelen as Merrican.

"The Importance of Being Earnest" is directed by Artistic Director Dallas Dunnagan; costumes in the highest Victorian style are by Dot Auchmoody; and set design is by New York set designer Todd Potter.

Show times are 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$10 for

students (18 and younger), and are available at the box office at the Sugden Community Theatre, online at [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org) or by calling 263-7990.

Also coming up from The Naples Players:

- "Romeo and Juliet," by the young performers of KidzAct, will be presented on the outdoor Baker Stage at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 24. Tickets are \$10.

- A limited engagement of the raucous, mature comedy "Greater Tuna" takes place in the intimate Tobye Studio from May 12-22. Tickets are \$20.

- ETC... Readers Theatre presents "Mirandolina," a full-length classic comedy about the battle of the sexes, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23. Tickets for \$10 will be available April 23.

- Auditions for ages 8-14 for the fully staged KidzAct musical productions of "The 101 Dalmatians" and "Cats" take place by appointment on Tuesday, May 25. Call 434-9230, ext. 10.

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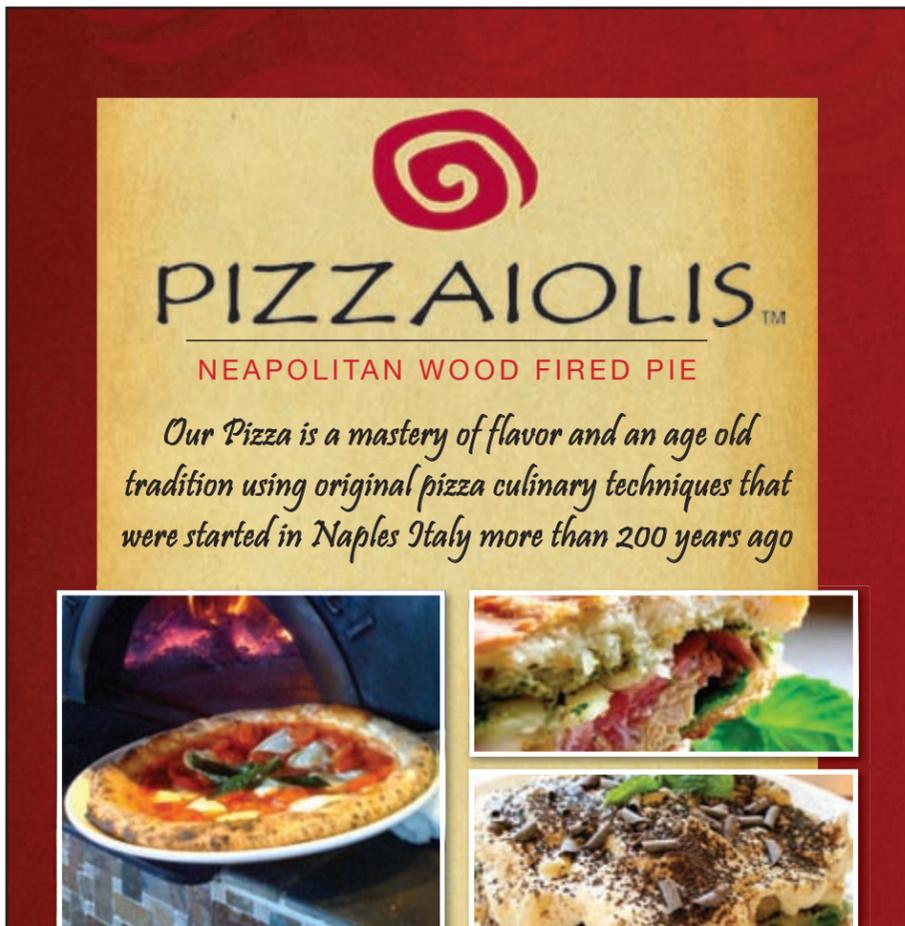
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- >> **Who:** The Naples Players
- >> **Where:** The Sugden Community Theatre
- >> **When:** Through May 15
- >> **Tickets:** \$30 (\$10 for students)
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SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

TheatreZone brings song-and-dance sensation Lee Roy Reams and his one-man show, "Gotta Sing, Gotta Dance," to the G&L Theatre at the Community School of Naples for four performance only, at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 22-24, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Tickets are \$38-\$43.



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Musical. His song-and-dance show has taken him around the world, from Venice's Teatre La Fenice and Brazil's Manaus Opera House to the Istanbul Hilton, London's Palladium, New York's Carnegie Hall and the White

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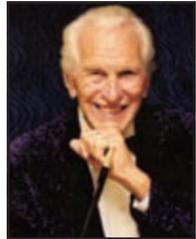
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*The New York Times* hailed Mr. Reams as "Broadway's song-and-dance man non pareil" for his leading role in David Merrick's legendary "42nd Street." For his performance in that 1980 production, he was nominated for a Tony Award and for a Drama Desk Award for Best Featured Actor in a

# Crayton Cove gallery welcomes John Calvert

John Calvert, the Hollywood actor, daredevil and magician who turns 99 in August, will perform a magic show and discuss his life's work and adventures at 8 p.m. Friday, April 23, at the Phil Fisher Gallery, 810 12th Ave. S. in Crayton Cove.

Mr. Calvert and his wife and assistant, Tammy, will arrive in Naples from an engagement at the Magic Castle in Hollywood. Earlier this month, an 81-minute documentary titled



CALVERT

"John Calvert: His Magic and Adventures" was premiered in Hollywood. Excerpts from the film will be shown at the gallery.

Naples resident Eddy Lester is Mr. Calvert's manager and has arranged the local appearance.

Gallery owner and artist Natalie Guess says the evening is a continuation of efforts to bring evenings of culture and entertainment to the Crayton Cove area.

Tickets are \$20 per person in advance and \$25 at the door. Visit the Phil Fisher Gallery in Crayton Cove or Guess-Fisher Gallery on Fifth Avenue South, or call Mr. Lester at 774-0106. ■

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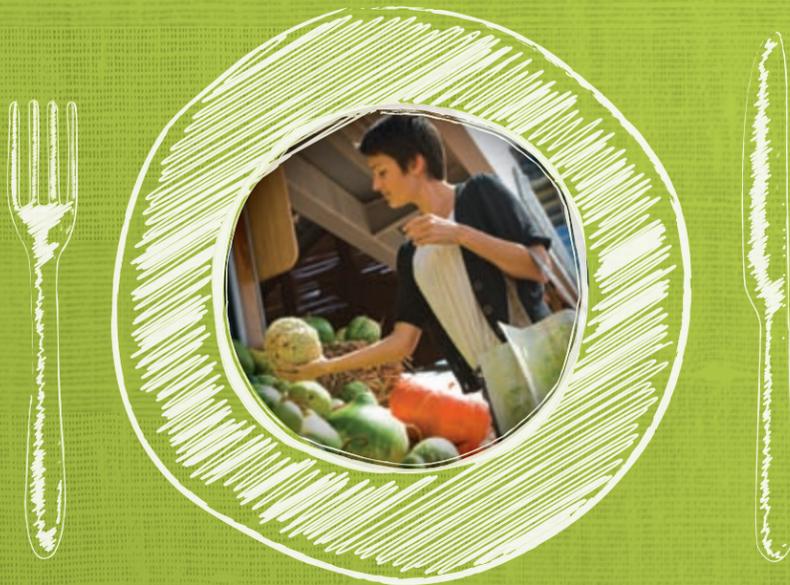
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**'I'll Be Seeing YOUZ...' brings back a Bronx boy's memories of WWII**

**SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY**

Gulfshore Playhouse and The Norris Center present the world premiere of "I'll Be Seeing YOUZ... A Bronx Boy's Musical Perspective of World War II," starring Franc D'Ambrosio as part of the season's cabaret series.

The show features stories from Mr. D'Ambrosio's colorful family and popular war songs from 1939-1946. Only two performances will be given, at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 23-24. Admission of \$42 per person includes wine, water and snacks.

Mr. D'Ambrosio is perhaps best known for his portrayal of the Phantom in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Tony Award-winning Musical, "The Phantom Of The Opera." Affectionately known as "The Iron Man of The Mask," he held the title as the World's Longest-Running Phantom for more than a decade, until 2008.

His resume also includes an Academy Award-nominated film, an Emmy Award-nominated television show, a four-time Tony Award-nominated Broadway show, Two Grammy considerations and a National Theatre Award nomination.

He played the role of Anthony Corleone, the opera-singing son of Al Pacino, in Francis Ford Coppola's "Godfather III." He sang the Academy Award-winning theme song, "Speak Softly Love," in the film and on the Original Motion Picture Soundtrack. His performance so impressed Luciano Pavarotti that it led to an invitation to study with the legendary tenor at his home in Italy.

"I'll Be Seeing YOUZ..." is his third



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Franc D'Ambrosio

one-man show, following

"Franc D'Ambrosio's Broadway: Songs of The Great White Way" and "Franc D'Ambrosio's Hollywood: Songs of The Silver Screen," both of which have toured to critical acclaim in the United States, Europe and South America.

For tickets and more information about Gulfshore Playhouse and The Norris Center's co-production of "I'll be Seeing YOUZ..." call The Norris Center at 213-3049. ■

**in the know**

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## Western-style ball will help kids in foster care

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Proceeds from the Boots, Boogie and Bourbon Ball will benefit the council's efforts to help children who are in the foster care system. Tickets are \$150 per person. For more information, call Stan Appelbaum at 947-2213.



## Let It Be at Mercato for Youth Haven

The first annual British Invasion event to benefit the children of Youth Haven is set for 6-9 p.m. Saturday, May 22, on the rooftop parking deck at Mercato. The ideal answer to a hard day's night,

the festivities will take concertgoers of all generations back to the '60s with a musical tribute to The Beatles by the tribute band Let It Be. Food with British flair and beer, wine and specialty Beatle-themed cocktails will be provided by The Pub at Mercato.

Tickets for \$75 per person include hors d'oeuvres, one drink ticket, musical entertainment and valet parking. Groovy attire is encouraged.

The British Invasion raffle will have a grand prize of a trip for two to Las Vegas to see "LOVE," the Cirque du Soleil celebration of the musical legacy of The Beatles at The Mirage. Raffle tickets are available for a suggested minimum donation of \$25. Winners need not be present at the event.

For more information or to purchase event and raffle tickets, call Jamie Gregor at Youth Haven, 687-5153 or e-mail jamie.gregor@youthhaven.net. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

## 'Racing for Rescues' helps humane society

Fancy hats, mint juleps and cosmo "paw" litans will be the order of the evening at "Racing for Rescues," a Kentucky Derby cocktail party to benefit the Humane Society Naples from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Port Royal Club. Post time is 6:10 p.m.

Tickets are \$75 per person, \$125 per couple. For reservations and more information, call Patricia Connell at 643-1880, ext. 18, or e-mail patricia@hnaples.org. ■

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# SAVE THESE DATES

## Robin Givens will share story at Shelter lunch

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children announces that actress, author and domestic violence survivor Robin Givens will be the keynote speaker at the 11th annual Mending Broken Hearts



GIVENS

with Hope luncheon, which takes place Friday, Feb. 18, 2011, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples.

Married in 1998 to boxing legend Mike Tyson, Ms. Givens found herself in the national spotlight 16 months later as rumors of abuse surfaced. In her memoir, "Grace Will Lead Me Home," she explored her family's secret legacy of intergenerational violence and how the consequences haunted her own life through her marriage to Mr. Tyson.

In her luncheon presentation, she will share how she found her voice as an advocate for victims of domestic violence and how sharing her story has helped her "take the sadness away."

Tickets for Mending Broken Hearts with Hope are \$300 per person and \$1,500 for patrons. Sponsorships are available.

For more information, call Mary Ann Green at 775-3862, ext. 211, or e-mail [mgreen@naplesshelter.org](mailto:mgreen@naplesshelter.org).

## Pirate Ball bounty will benefit kids' museum

The Children's Museum of Naples will reap the benefits from Culinary Concepts' sixth annual Yabba Island Pirate Ball on Wednesday, April 28, at the Yabba Island Grill.

Live auction highlights include: golf at Seminole in Juno Beach, Fla., and National in Southampton, N.Y.; the chance for your child to be featured in the inaugural C'mon calendar, shot by Heather Donlan Photography; a trip to New York City and a behind-the-scenes tour of the Teen Vogue offices; and several VIP wine dinners. Treasure chests will also be sold, with each holding a special bounty.

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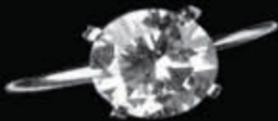


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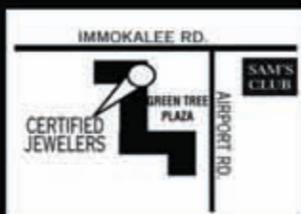
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# VINO

## The name's the same, but rosés are nothing like they used to be

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It's getting too hot for big, brawny reds, but it's not quite steamy enough to uncork the light whites that work so well poolside. That can only mean it's rose season.

Many wine drinkers turn up their noses at roses, perhaps remembering the not-so-good-old days of Mateus and Lancers. About the only thing today's roses share with those wines of yore is the name. Roses are gaining a following as more wine lovers discover how luscious and varied they are.

I asked those in the know to share some of their favorites. Interestingly, three people named Whispering Angel from the Cotes du Provence Chateau d'Esclans in France. Patrick Leon, a former winemaker from Chateau Mouton Rothschild, is responsible for this wine and the great care taken in its production, including harvesting the grapes at 2 a.m., when they are cool. It sells for about \$24.

"It's the favorite rose in the store," Jessica Palmer of Decanted in Naples told me. "It has a complex balance of strawberry, with light oak, reminiscent of a chardonnay. The low tannin and acidity lead to a crisp finish."

Frank Pulice, of Austin's Wine Cellar in Fort Myers, described

the same wine as "dry, yet fruity, balanced, succulent and palate-cleansing."

Ben Sandstrom, manager of Haskell's The Wine People in Naples, said he relishes its "lighter color, almost an imperial pink, with lavender and cream flavors but intense minerality and significant dryness." He added Whispering Angel is great with many foods, including seafood, or fresh greens and fresh fruits.

Beyond the Whispering Angel, there was little consensus among the experts I queried about rosé. So here's a baker's dozen worth trying:

• **Domaine de Fayel Rosé 2008:** "Made principally from the cabernet franc grape, this wine has enough acidity to pair well with most foods," Jason Adams, owner of Real Wine, a new shop and Internet retailer just north of Bell Tower Shops in Fort Myers, said. "Salmon in color, it has medium body and nice light cherry flavors." About \$8.

• **Elisabeth Rosé 2008:** "Made from organically grown syrah and grenache grapes, using natural yeasts and finished in stainless steel," according to Mr. Pulice. "Delicious flavors of strawberry, raspberry and cherries, a wonderful mouth

feel and good acid balance. I would serve this with a seared meat dish." About \$21.

• **Etude Pinot Noir Carneros 2007:** "Nice red cherries, raspberries and strawberries start on the nose and move to the palate," Mr. Pulice noted. "Delicious and satisfying, it's excellent with red fruits like apples or cherries." About \$25.

• **Guigal Cotes du Rhone Rosé 2008:** "This has deep rich color and flavors, with nice fruit flavors," Mr. Sandstrom said. "It's similar in style to a Spanish rose, on the dry side, with an underlying minerality, leading to its crisp finish." About \$16.

• **Graham Beck Brut Rosé 2007:** "This is a nice sparkling rose from South Africa," Ms. Palmer of Decanted said. "Made in the traditional champagne style, it ends with a crisp citrus cleanliness with a medium finish." About \$15.

• **I'M Deep Rosé 2007:** "This is produced by Rob Mondavi in honor of his mother, Isabel Mondavi," Sukie Honeycutt, co-owner of Tony's Off Third in Naples, told me. "Cabernet sauvignon grapes sourced in Napa Valley produce a dry wine, with strawberry and cherry flavors, and good structure and acidity." About \$15.

• **Montes Cherub Rosé de Syrah 2008:** "This Chilean syrah rose has red fruit flavors. It can be enjoyed as an aperitif or would pair well with roast chicken or grilled salmon," Ms. Honeycutt said. About \$20.

• **Van Duzer Pinot Noir Rosé 2008:** "Made from 100 percent pinot noir, there is raspberry and watermelon on the nose,"

said sommelier Thom McKay of the Wine Merchant in Naples. "That is followed by delicious flavors of strawberry and rhubarb pie." About \$15.

• **Domaine du Dragon Cotes de Provence Rosé 2008:** "A typical rhone-style blend, it starts with a floral nose and develops into raspberry, white pepper and peach flavors with good acidity," Mr. McKay said. About \$24.

• **Mas de Gourgonnier, Les Baux de Provence Rosé 2008:** "Light in color and very dry, this crisp rose comes from a small district south of the Rhone. With flavors of pink grapefruit and white pepper, it pairs well with seafood dishes," Mr. McKay said. About \$19.

• **Joguet Chinon Rosé 2008:** Mr. Adams said this wine, with a delicate strawberry flavor and beautiful acidity, pairs well with a light fish dish or salad. About \$18.

• **Muga Rosato Rioja 2009:** "This shows a little spice from the tempranillo grape, and has big fresh flavors from the garnacha," according to Mr. Adams. "Light cherry nose and palate, with an earthiness ending in spice on the finish." About \$12.

• **Schramsberg Brut Rosé 2006:** "I like starting with bubbles," Mr. Sandstrom said. "The Schramsberg Rose trumps other sparkling roses in price and quality. Packed with lots of fruit flavors, mostly strawberry, with good body, and a nice dry finish that lingers. You're still thinking about it after your last sip, and it leaves you begging for more." About \$36. ■



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# FLORIDA WEEKLY CUISINE

## Aptly named Art of Being feeds mind, body and soul



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At six weeks of age, The Art of Being is a mere infant, but chef and proprietor Charles Bartholf is clearly an old soul.

How else to explain the harmonic convergence of pure food, attentive service, artful ambience and soul-satisfying music found in this impressive new venture?

"I have found in the hectic lifestyle so many people live, we get caught up in the doings of life," he writes on his menu. "At The Art of Being we invite you to take your own time to just be... with great food, art, music and friends... It is our intention to provide you with an experience like no other."

Based on the almost four hours we spent there, I'd say he has succeeded admirably. The experience was so enjoyable, my companion and I hated to leave. Even more refreshing was that the staff encouraged guests to stay as long as they liked.

The Art of Being occupies a storefront in the Pavilion Shopping Center behind Fleming's Steakhouse. It used to be an Italian restaurant, but all that remains is the faded sign out front that likely will soon disappear.

The establishment has two rooms — one with a bar, tables and a small space for the musical entertainment; the other with booths, banquettes and standard tables as well as a set of semi-circular red couches that invite patrons to sit in front of the fireplace, have a drink and enjoy the vibe.

The bar's sleek glass surface is outlined by lights that shift colors periodically. The bartender has concocted cocktails to match each of the shades, our well-informed server (and part-time chef) explained.

Bright colors — aqua, pink, lemon and orange — zig and zag across the booths and floor, all painted by Mr. Bartholf, who also creat-

ed lovely stained glass flowers that hang over a fireplace and agate candle covers that grace each table. The walls serve as an art gallery, with works by local artists changing monthly.

The menu consists of a dozen small plates in a style the chef describes as "contemporary eclectic" cuisine. All are crafted from organic, primarily locally grown vegetables, free-range poultry and hormone- and anti-biotic-free meats. The offerings will change often.

Everything, it seems, has been carefully out and designed, leaving no rough

edges to fray patrons' nerves.

Although the wine list is stellar — with more than two dozen by-the-glass selections and ample descriptions of every bottle — I had to try a specialty cocktail first. The Antioxidant contains VeeV acai liqueur (\$1 from each bottle purchased goes to replenish the Brazilian Amazon rainforest), Pama (pomegranate) liqueur, lemon and a splash of sour mix on the rocks. The name comes from the fact that both pomegranate and acai are said to possess antioxidant properties. Besides the healthful aspects, it was a refreshing drink, both tart and fruity.

(We went on to sample a MacRostie chardonnay and Domaine du Dragone rosé with our early courses and finished our meal with an effervescent Moscato de Asti La Spinetta Biancospino that paired beautifully with cheese and dessert.)

The Art of Being doesn't serve the three-bite variety of small plates. Portions are designed to create a satisfying, but not gluttonous, meal. Every dish we tried was perfectly cooked

and plated.

From the "On the greens" section, we tried a salad of seasonal greens, caramelized onions, Navoo blue cheese, walnuts and green apples lightly dressed in pear vinaigrette (\$7) and one of marinated baby artichokes with porcini mushrooms, firm black beans, baby corn and a mellow balsamic vinaigrette (\$10).

We moved on to seafood, with the steamed clams (\$9), which came on ying and yang plates. The clams were perfectly steamed and served with broth rich in garlic, lemongrass and basil butter. Also right on the mark was a trio (\$10) containing a delicate stone crab, two moist and marvelous scallops and a couple of mounds of lobster in a light, creamy sherry remoulade that tempted me to lick my plate.

For a third course, my fish-loving companion enjoyed grilled mahi (\$9) with acai, peppers, caramelized onions and sun-dried tomato risotto, while I had the grilled chicken (\$7) with enoki mushrooms, caramelized Vidalia onion, wild rice and sauvignon blanc reduction.

We could have stopped then, but moved on to the cheese plate (\$9), which turned out to be a slab of granite topped with five varied but compatible cheeses

### in the know

The Art of Being,  
Pavilion Shopping Center, 8971 Tamiami Trail, Naples; 431-6755

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

- >> **Hours:** 5-11 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 5 p.m.-1 a.m. Thursday through Saturday
- >> **Reservations:** Accepted
- >> **Credit cards:** Major cards accepted.
- >> **Price range:** All plates \$7-\$10.
- >> **Beverages:** Full bar.
- >> **Seating:** Booths, banquettes, conventional tables indoors and on the patio, or at the bar
- >> **Specialties of the house:** Grilled and chilled asparagus; steamed clams; fennel-crusted cod; trio of lobster, stone crab and caramelized scallops; grilled grass-fed filet of beef tenderloin; grilled chicken
- >> **Volume:** Low to moderate
- >> **Parking:** Free lot
- >> **Web site:** www.theartofbeing.us

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

accompanied by bread and apples.

With French pastry chef Pierre Horvath in the house, dessert at The Art of Being is a must. We ordered a port wine poached pear (\$7) with crème anglaise and chocolate sauce and a nightly special, lemon coconut custard pie (\$7). The former, topped with a homemade tuille, was elegant and exquisite; the latter was a symphony of lemon, coconut and creamy goodness served warm and topped with a sculpted sugar garnish.

The service staff was uniformly skillful and friendly, looking sharp in their red jackets with black collars and cuffs. They explained the small plate concept and the chef's philosophy and paced the meal to suit whatever time frame customers specified. Most tables lingered over food and drinks, obviously enjoying themselves.

We sipped dessert wine while listening to a blues group work its way through a couple of sets, talked with the diners at the next table and found ourselves living in the moment — aka just being — for the first time in a long time.

I bet that as word gets out, a lot of people will clamor to take a lesson in living from The Art of Being. ■



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**Top:** For dessert, a port wine-poached pear with creme anglaise and chocolate sauce.  
**Above:** Clams come in stylish ying and yang dishes.  
**Left:** Pastry chef Pierre Horvath's sweet finishes also include lemon coconut custard pie.

### diningCALENDAR

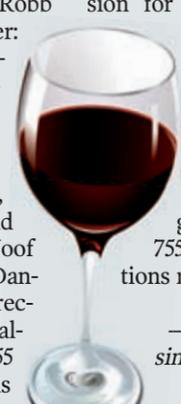
- > **Friday, April 23**, 6 p.m., Whole Foods Market: Deny Waxman, founder of Strengthening Health Institute, leads a seminar in macrobiotics and how to achieve optimal health through diet, cooking methods, activity and environment; Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100. Register at [www.acteva.com/Go/LifestyleCenter](http://www.acteva.com/Go/LifestyleCenter).
- > **Friday, April 23**, and 30, 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.
- > **Saturday, April 24**, 11 a.m., Whole Foods Market: Learn the basics of macrobiotic cooking with Susan Waxman, co-founder of the Strengthening Health

- Institute, who will prepared a meal with Southern flair; \$15, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100. Register at [www.acteva.com/Go/LifestyleCenter](http://www.acteva.com/Go/LifestyleCenter).
- > **Saturday, April 24**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Naples Botanical Garden: Enjoy a buffet brunch in the garden; \$40 for adult members, \$20 for children of members or \$45 and \$25 for non-members, 4820 Bayshore Drive; 643-7275. Reservations required.
- > **Tuesday, April 27**, 6 p.m., Whole Foods Market: Wine consultant Kimberly Christenson will prepare non-sushi dishes that pair well with sake; \$5, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100. Register at [www.acteva.com/Go/LifestyleCenter](http://www.acteva.com/Go/LifestyleCenter).
- > **Wednesday, April 28**, 11 a.m., Whole Foods Market: Celebrate spring with sweet treats such as lemon bars

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- > **Wednesday, April 28**, 6 p.m., Bamboo Café: Well-behaved dogs and their humans are invited to the Woof and Wine dinner, with wine expert Danielle Stalzer and Karen Lasker, director of The Brody Project for Animal-Assisted Therapy; regular menu, 755 12th Ave. S.; 643-6177. Reservations

- required.
- > **Wednesday, April 28**, 5-7 p.m., Naples Botanical Garden: Chef John Phillips conducts a cooking demonstration; free for members, cost of garden admission for non-members, 4820 Bayshore Drive; 643-7275.
- > **Thursday, April 29**, 12:30-2 p.m., Bamboo Café: Executive Chef Julius Minarik demonstrates the art of making desserts. Includes lunch and a dessert sampler plus a glass of wine or soft drink; \$35, 755 12th Ave. S.; 643-6177. Reservations required. ■

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You can access both a report and a score at the government sponsored site, [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com). The government allows for you to access your report for free three times a year, from one each of the major credit reporting agencies: Equifax, TransUnion, and Experian. You typically must pay a credit agency about \$15 to see your actual score.

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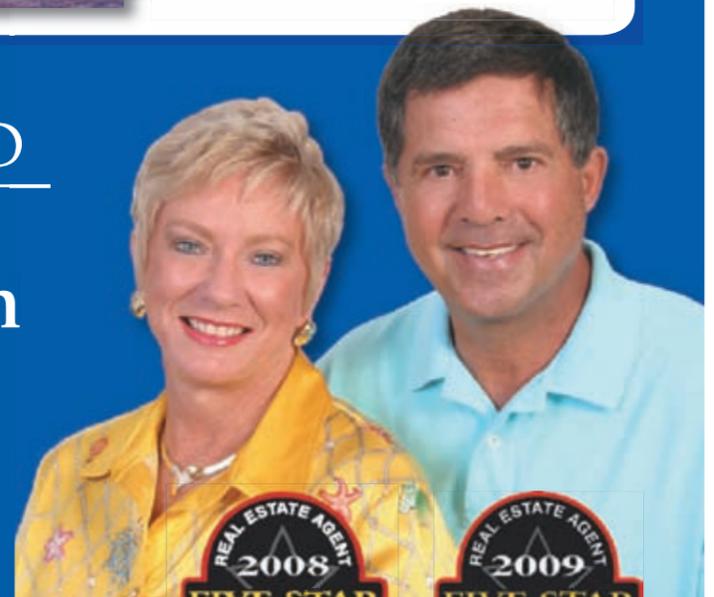
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