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Florida Weekly wins state awards for writing, design

Florida Weekly received more awards than any other newspaper in the Florida Press Association's 2009 Better Weekly Newspaper Contest. Contest organizers announced the winners last week.

General excellence, overall graphic design and community service were among the categories where the newspaper garnered accolades. Florida Weekly received 18 awards in total, more than any other competing paper.

"What sets us apart from other newspapers in Florida is that we're committed to good writing, good story-telling and great design," said Florida Weekly Executive Editor Jeffrey Cull. "To achieve that, we hired the best writers, editors and page designers we could find. While these awards are nice, they just confirm what we already know."

The design staff was recognized for its work in general while Presentation Editor Eric Raddatz was awarded for front-page makeup.

"We work very hard to give readers an appealing product every week," said Florida Weekly Creative Director Jim Dickerson. "The production staff is talented, tireless and committed to quality. These awards are a credit to their work."

Florida Weekly's writers were represented in various categories. Bill Cornwell won in the feature category for his story "Evil," a haunting account of one of Southwest Florida's most disturbing criminals of all time. Artis Henderson and Nancy Stetson earned awards for humorous column and criticism, respectively. Evan Williams won for business and education writing while Roger Williams took awards for best news story and outdoor writing. The father and son team also won for community service writing.

The Florida Press Association's Better Weekly Newspaper Awards are open to monthly, semi-monthly, weekly, semi-weekly, and tri-weekly newspaper members.

The work was published between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2009.

Florida Weekly publishes weekly newspapers in Greater Fort Myers, Greater Naples and Punta Gorda/southern Charlotte County with a combined circulation of more than 55,000. Other local winners included the Fort Myers Beach Observer and the Island Reporter on Sanibel, each with one award. ■



Fun Time Early Childhood Academy gears up for a golden milestone



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Fun and games happen alongside important preparation for kindergarten at Fun Time.

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— Franny Kain, executive director



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BY NANCI THEORET

Special to Florida Weekly

IT REALLY DOES TAKE A VILLAGE. For nearly 50 years, Fun Time Early Childhood Academy, in the heart of Naples' River Park neighborhood, has proven just that, providing low-cost childcare and preschool education for low-income working families. Started in 1961 by a group of schoolteachers and members of the African American community, the center has grown from a babysitting service housed in a small classroom in the all-black Carver School to an acclaimed educational program that prepares a multicultural student body for success in kindergarten.

"It's been a big part of the River Park community," says Alma Cambridge, the center's first director and one of its founders. "Most of the young people in the black community have gone to Fun Time."

From education to oatmeal

Naples native Alma Williams joined the Fun Times staff as a teacher right out of high school. She celebrated her 40th anniversary there last summer.

"It's one of the first jobs I applied for after graduating from Naples High

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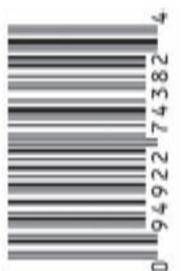
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COMMENTARY

Dead Florida boy makes good

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He finally did it last week, and without much fanfare — dead plus 100, and still walking among us.

That's quite a trick for anybody and I don't plan on performing it anytime soon. You die, and then 100 years later somebody writes something about you in *Florida Weekly*, which is an extraordinary honor, or in *The New York Times* (Tom Wolfe, Sunday, April 25), which is ok if you care about that sort of thing.

You're still current, in other words, whether you retain any voltage or not. Incredible!

Samuel Langhorne Clemens, aka Mark Twain, died on April 21, 1910, in Redding, Conn., way up in Yankee land.

More importantly, he was born in Florida. The place "contained a hundred people and I increased the population by 1 per cent," he once noted. "It is more than many of the best men in history could have done for a town. It may not be modest in me to refer to this, but it is true. There is no record of a person doing as much — not even Shakespeare. But I did it for Florida, and it shows that I could have done it for any place — even London, I suppose."

He did it for Florida, Mo., that is, way out in the "show-me" state and not far from Hannibal, where he famously spent most of his boyhood. There, he set his peerless duet of American novels, "The

Adventures of Tom Sawyer," and "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn."

When Mark Twain first appeared in Florida as the 101st person, on Nov. 30, 1835, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams had only been dead nine years (they died within hours of each other on July 4, 1826).

By the time he departed the American scene in possession of a prominent seat on the history train, Henry Ford was building cars, the Wright Brothers were flying planes, and the 93,000 Americans who remain alive to this day as centenarians — more than 3,000 in Florida, alone, according to Census Bureau estimates — were busy coming into the world.

Mr. Twain brought three things to his brash and brawny young country: flesh, blood and a very big mouth.

I'm using "very big mouth" here as a cast-net euphemism. He had a poet's gift for language, a philosopher's gift for rational thought, and the gift of a skeptic to suss out con artists, arrogant elitists, pretenders, bigots, hypocrites, tyrants, false preachers and purveyors of superstition faster than you can cross the Mississippi at Lake Itasca, where it's about 3 feet wide.

He was none of those things himself, except in comedy — and a strong case can be made that Mark Twain remains America's single greatest stand-up comedian.

Or perhaps he was just a little of all those things, a man who understood how they all worked and was willing to show us — a Wizard of Oz perfectly happy to toss back the curtain, throw open the gates, and reveal the tricks.

"Don't tell fish stories where the people know you," he advised us — because he understood that none of us is too good to benefit from the wisdom. "But particularly, don't tell them where they know the fish."

He started his career, Tom Wolfe reports, by burning up the 19th century lecture circuit after publishing his first short stories in 1865, set in Nevada and the West.

He brought to public speaking and storytelling all the fervor of an impassioned man of God — but a man of God dressed in a comedy club routine and polished off by a great deal of reading. Mr. Twain educated himself in public libraries, mostly, which is why he would later comment, "I never let school interfere with my education."

Instead, however, he was an impassioned man of the people, who could tolerate their weaknesses and foibles while simultaneously delivering a ceaseless and caustic commentary about their foolishness.

He frequently offered advice to the very fools he panned, no doubt expecting and hoping that no one would take it.

"Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt," he said — a comment that might have served me well on a number of occasions in this column space, if I had just been wise enough to heed it.

In particular, Mark Twain was a ferociously irreverent critic of religion. But that's not quite accurate.

He understood, I think, that religions are made up of people, and people are made up of imperfections, especially people who go around telling everybody else how to behave and what to think or believe.

"It ain't those parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand," he admitted. He could also wonder sarcastically, "Who prays for Satan? Who, in 18 centuries, has had the common humanity to pray for the one sinner that needed it most?"

And though he shunned formal religion, he wasn't above employing God to needle boneheads.

"In the first place, God made idiots," he observed. "That was for practice. Then he made school boards."

If God wasn't available at the moment, he relied on "facts," more or less. "It could probably be shown by facts and figures, that there is no distinctly native American criminal class except Congress."

His thinking seems to be ageless — which suggests that he isn't really gone, even though he came and went with Halley's Comet.

The famous comet arrived and departed at the time of Mark Twain's birth, in Florida, in 1835, and it returned again to make its closest approach to earth one day after his death, in 1910.

Strangely, he had predicted that outcome the year before. "The Almighty has said, no doubt: 'Now here are these two unaccountable freaks; they came in together, they must go out together.'"

But never mind what the Almighty said. Mark Twain once said, "Rumors of my death are greatly exaggerated." (He delivered the comment in a telegram from Europe after his obituary wrongly appeared in an American newspaper).

One hundred years later, that seems undeniably true. ■

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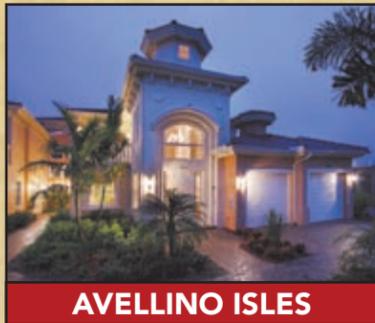
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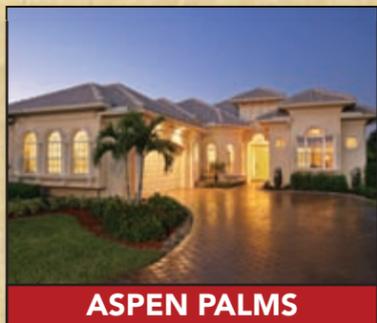
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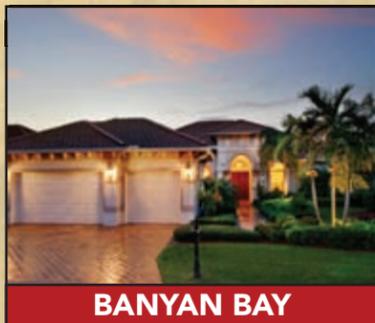
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OPINION

The pre-emptive tax revolt

RICH LOWRY

Special to Florida Weekly

Nearly everyone understands that his taxes just went up.

President Barack Obama won't admit it, although he must suffer from a guilty conscience. He uncorked a rambling, defensive 17-minute-long answer in response to a question at a town-hall meeting about new taxes in the health-care bill, complaining about a "whole lot of misinformation" without citing any.

In his cascade of words, Obama didn't get around to mentioning the \$500 billion in new taxes during the first 10 years of the health bill. And they are merely a prelude.

It doesn't take an economist to understand what public debt at Greece-like levels of 90 percent of GDP by 2020 inevitably portends. Nor to realize the effects of the yawning disconnect between federal spending at 24 percent of GDP and revenue at 19 percent of GDP. Nor to understand the most basic of all budgetary concepts — that the bill, after the fizzy party, after all the huzzahs over "making history," always

comes due, and with interest.

This is why the country has a roiling tax revolt prior to the imposition of any significant tax increases. The tea-party movement is an act of pre-emption, based on the simple calculation that higher spending eventually means higher taxes. For all the tsk-tsking about its supposed irresponsibility, the movement is attuned to the future in a way that the president — who hopes to evade or hide the consequences of his budgetary choices for as long as possible — is not.

Obama has always been happy to boast that he'll let the Bush tax cuts on high-end earners expire at the end of this year. This blow for justice will raise less than \$700 billion over 10 years, or only enough to cover about half of the budget deficit this year alone. Obama will need more, and he's not going to get it all from "the rich." The left's image of the U.S. tax code as a predatory tool of the wealthy is a Michael Moore fantasy.

The Associated Press reported recently that 47 percent of U.S. households don't pay federal income taxes at all. Either their incomes are too low, or

their liability is wiped out by sundry credits, deductions and exemptions. A Tax Foundation study finds that "the bottom 60 percent of American families will as a group receive more in government spending than they pay in taxes."

No wonder Obama has now declared himself "agnostic" on his 2008 blood oath not to raise taxes on households making less than \$250,000 (already violated at the margins) and his advisers float a European-style value-added tax, a broad-based tax on consumption. He'll have to go where the rest of the money is.

"I like to pay taxes," Oliver Wendell Holmes famously said. "With them I buy civilization." With ours, we will buy a misbegotten stimulus program, bailouts, runaway entitlements, a costly new health-care program and a federal government where incontinence is a perpetual pre-existing condition. No matter what your tax bill this year, don't worry — it'll go higher. ■

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

Time to stand up to Wall Street



Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell met with two dozen top Wall Street executives recently and got his marching orders: Just say "no" to any new regulations designed to prevent another Great Recession, the worst economic calamity since the Great Depression in the 1930s.

But something happened soon afterward. Faced with the politically tough strategy of defending Wall Street amid widespread public anger, McConnell stepped back and has begun talking about how a bipartisan bill to regulate Wall Street is likely to emerge from the Senate.

I bet he got some strong advice from fellow Republicans, especially those facing re-election in November, along this line: This is not a great time for Republicans to be in bed with Wall Street, their natural constituency.

And I can imagine that the mail and

phone calls from constituents made it clear to McConnell that he was on the wrong side of the Wall Street issue, especially in the aftermath of the Securities and Exchange Commission charges against Goldman Sachs for its double dealing.

The SEC may not win its legal case against Goldman, but Goldman has certainly lost its luster in the court of public opinion as the result of the charges and the apparent facts that underlie them.

It was certainly timely for the SEC to go after Goldman Sachs just as Congress was taking up financial-reform legislation. Perhaps the Goldman Sachs fiasco will reignite voter rage over the greed and the Wild West mentality that anything goes on Wall Street, as long as you don't get caught.

I grew up in the Depression and saw big men selling apples on the corner, men and women huddled against the terrible cold, scrounging to buy coal to heat their homes. There was hunger and hopelessness and much sacrifice.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt did not hesitate to act. He drew political support for his sweeping legislative program by capitalizing on Wall Street's

bad name.

In his 1933 Inaugural Address (best known for the "Fear itself" sequence), Roosevelt zeroed in on Wall Street excesses.

"The practices of the unscrupulous money-changers stand indicted in the court of public opinion, rejected by the hearts and minds of men," FDR proclaimed. "They know only the rules of a generation of self-seekers. They have no vision, and when there is no vision, the people perish. The money-changers have fled from their high seats in the temple of our civilization. We may now restore that temple to the ancient truths."

I have to pinch myself every now and then to remember that it really is true: Nothing has been done to prevent the kind of financial meltdown that began three years ago. Nothing. I blame the cowards in Congress for failing to act during this time. And I assign partial fault to Obama for not putting financial reform higher on his agenda.

The time to act is now. And Congress and Obama need to act with courage and toughness. It's time to stand up to Wall Street. ■

MOMENTS IN TIME

► On **April 29, 1986**, in a game against the Seattle Mariners at Fenway Park, Roger Clemens of the Boston Red Sox becomes the first pitcher in Major League Baseball to strike out 20 batters in a nine-inning game. Ten years later, Clemens repeated the feat, the only player in baseball history to do so.

► On **April 30, 1789**, George Washington is sworn in as the first American president and delivers the first inaugural speech, at Federal Hall in New York City. Observers noted that Washington fidgeted while he reiterated the mixed emotions of anxiety and honor he felt in assuming the role of president.

► On **May 1, 1926**, Ford Motor Company becomes one of the first companies in America to adopt a five-day, 40-hour week for workers. Manufacturers all over the country soon followed Ford's lead, and the Monday-to-Friday workweek became standard practice.

► On **May 2, 1933**, the modern legend of the Loch Ness Monster is born when a sighting makes local news in the Scottish Highlands. The *Inverness Courier* newspaper related an account of a local couple who claimed to have seen "an enormous animal rolling and plunging on the surface." Scholars of the Loch Ness Monster find a dozen references to "Nessie" in Scottish history, dating back to around 500 A.D.

► On **May 3, 1933**, James Brown, the Godfather of Soul, is born. Brown did his first gospel singing while in prison, and he impressed the warden and the Georgia State Parole Board with his seriousness of purpose enough to win his release after only three years of an 8-to-16-year sentence.

► On **May 4, 1970**, in Kent, Ohio, National Guardsmen fire their weapons at a group of antiwar demonstrators on the Kent State University campus, killing four people, wounding eight and permanently paralyzing another. In 1974, a federal court dropped all charges levied against the Ohio National Guardsmen. ■

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15 MINUTES

Protecting and promoting local history is her passion

BY PAMELA V. KROL
Special to Florida Weekly

If the South is the Bible belt, then I was born right on the buckle," Lois Bolin proudly declares about her South Carolina roots.

As the director of Naples Backyard History, Ms. Bolin knows well the importance of place in the development of both individual and community character. NBYH is the educational arm of Naples Cultural Landscape, a fund of the Community Foundation of Collier County,

"To a large degree, we are where we come from," she says, adding that the shared stories and collective experiences of the people and places that we see every day bind us as members of a community, in ways that resonate for generations. "These are the things that connect children to the town where they grew up."

Cultural amnesia, she believes, is a dangerous affliction. "The faster we move in today's world, the faster we get away from who we are as a community and even as a country. Everything grows out of identity."

With this in mind, and with the desire to protect, preserve and promote all that is best about Naples and Collier County history, Ms. Bolin partnered with community steward Laverne Norris Gaynor in 2007 to found Naples Cultural Landscape and the affiliated NBYH. Their goal was to organize our

treasured past in to a fluid story that people could understand and continue to take part in.

"Everything we do today is tomorrow's history," says Ms. Bolin. "Everyone here contributes to our community's colorful, ongoing narrative."

Lately, thanks to the efforts of NBYH, history seems to be popping up all over the place. Since 2007, the organization has opened several mini-museums to showcase rotating exhibits of photos, artwork, relics and other items that have contributed to the making of the county. Among these is a spot in Tin City that highlights the history of Naples' working waterfront. After checking out the display, visitors are encouraged to stroll beneath the nearby Gordon River Bridge to the mini-museum at Bayfront, where they can learn about the Everglades and the building of the Tamiami Trail. Ms. Bolin is also working with community leaders and local businesses to develop the Heritage Trail, an initiative to link the community to its local history at key points along State Road 29 from the Naples Pier to Immokalee.

"Understanding how we got where we are today helps us make better decisions about where we're going," she says. To aid in that process, she is dedicated to helping kids form a connection to the area. Last year she registered Collier County to take part in the statewide Florida History Fair for middle and high school students. This year a number of local students took part at the county

level, and 14 were selected to proceed to the state finals in Tallahassee coming up May 2-4.

"The kids loved it, and their presentations were remarkable," she says. Successful students at the statewide event will advance to the National History Fair finals held in June in Washington, D.C.

May is a big month for local history. It's Naples History Month, and NBYH has numerous activities planned to help make people aware of the area's rich past. The events are designed to pay tribute to each specific area that makes up the Heritage Trail.

"The goal is for people to be able to not only see and learn about the places that are a part of our history, but also to interact with these places and, in that sense, to become a part of the county's continuing story," Ms. Bolin says. (For a full list, visit www.naplesbackyardhistory.org or call 594-2978.)

Ms. Bolin also believes a region's history can contribute significantly to its economic prosperity. "Research has shown that people are attracted to culturally interesting places and authentic experiences when they travel for pleasure, as well as when choosing places to live and work. We have a wonderful and richly-layered history here," says Ms. Bolin. "All we have to do is help people to learn about it."

A Naples resident who holds a master's degree in education as well as a Ph.D. from Walden University in Minnesota, Ms. Bolin is also *Florida Weekly's* Undercover Historian and an active public speaker. Next month she will give a talk on the economic value of local history toward community sustainability at the Society of Florida Archivists' annual meeting in Tampa.

"The history of a region is what makes it unique," she says. "Those who live here recognize that there's no other place in the world like Naples. Knowing the history of our community helps us all to understand why." ■



Lois Bolin

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New rules for pet owners include tethering guidelines

A revised Collier County Animal Control ordinance goes into effect Saturday, May 1, with many regulation changes the public must learn.

Changes adopted in the ordinance include allowing registered caregivers to trap-neuter-return feral cats to their colonies; establishing animal tethering restrictions along with a formula to calculate the proper amount of space for dog enclosures; and replacing the three-person Dangerous Dog panel with the special magistrate for appeals hearings.

Dogs in Collier County can no longer be chained and left alone. Only healthy dogs 6 months or older can be tethered, and there are a number of regulations that pet owners must meet. Tethering regulations include a responsible party being outside at all times with the animal and with the animal in line of sight.

"The reason for this change is to ensure dogs are cared for and not just left outside without food or water, and making sure they have human interaction can actu-

ally help the animal's behavior improve," Amanda Townsend, director of Collier County Domestic Animal Services, says.

Other safety precautions include using a tether that has swivels on both ends and that is at least five times the length of the dog's body. Dogs must have access at all times to shade, ample fresh drinking water and dry ground. An animal cannot be tethered during extreme weather conditions.

Full enforcement of the new rules starts the first week of May, coinciding with Be Kind to Animals Week. The group Dogs Deserve Better is working with DAS to assist pet owners in transitioning animals that are chained and left alone during the day to become indoor animals. Many times pet owners chain animals for behavior issues such as housebreaking or jumping, and Dogs Deserve Better and DAS are working to educate pet owners.

Violators of the ordinance can be fined \$107 for the first violation. For more information, call 252-PETS (7387). ■

'Unleashed' variety show will benefit DAS

Platinum Coast Dance Company is choreographing "Unleashed," a variety dance show to benefit Collier County Domestic Animal Services. The performance will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at the Golden Gate Community Center, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway.

Dance company owner Michele Ryan, a volunteer with DAS, came up with the idea for the show as a way to boost the coffers of the trust fund that pays for medical needs of the shelter's animals. Ms. Ryan and her dance students will perform along

with guest dancers Mac McCord, Jennifer Schooley and The Calendar Girls, a non-profit dance team made up of women 50 and older. DJ Kevin Smith from Florida Talent will provide the music.

DAS staff and volunteers will perform a line dance to the song "Hound Dog."

Gift certificates donated by area business will be raffled off.

Admission is \$5 per person or a donation of an item for the shelter. For more information, call Ms. Ryan at Platinum Coast Dance Company, 262-1748. ■

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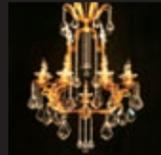
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School," she says. "It's been amazing to watch these children grow up. Several generations of children have come through Fun Time, and I see some of the kids who are now lawyers and art connoisseurs. Our parents always give Fun Time credit. They'll say it's because their kids got their beginning here."

Ms. Williams, who teaches the 2-to-4-year-old group, stays in touch with several former students and often sees their parents at the grocery store and other places around town. "They'll tell me, 'Miss Alma, my child is now 13 years old and a straight-A student,'" she says. "That makes me feel really good. Another student who's now 22 says I always made the best oatmeal in town."

Although Fun Time has always had an educational focus — teachers have been members of the staff since its opening — today it is offers one of the best preschool educations in Collier County.

"Children come here and they can't speak English," says board member Delores Sorey. "Within a month, they're speaking English. The teachers and staff do such an amazing job to get these little children learning and participating."

Last year's 5-year-old students scored within the top 20 percent of all Collier County kindergarteners — up from the class of 2008's top third posting.

"That shows that we're making a huge difference in the public schools," says Executive Director Franny Kain. "That our kids can march in right to the top 20 percent saves the school system mega bucks."

The early days

Back in the 1960s during segregation, River Park was a predominantly black community, one where mothers worked once tourist season arrived. They worked in hotels, as chambermaids and in kitchens, or as migrant help in the fields during Florida's winter harvest.

"We noticed that the older girls were missing a lot of school," says Mrs. Cambridge. "They had to stay home to babysit their younger brothers and sisters. We needed to keep these kids in the loop to keep up with their schoolwork."

The community rallied to establish the Fun Time Nursery, and the name was eventually changed to reflect its educational mission.

Staffed by volunteers, among them teachers, the nursery opened with 12 children and offered two meals and snacks daily. Food and financial contributions were donated by local churches, individual supporters and the state. The center was also one of the first Collier County organizations to receive funding from The United Way — a commitment that continues today.



FILE PHOTO

Board co-chair Sue Manion, left, and board member Delores Sorey at this year's "Follow the Yellow Brick Road" Play Date for Fun Time.



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Spontaneous gymnastics is part of the fun on the state-of-the-art playground.

"The Naples Woman's Club contributed quite a bit," says Mrs. Cambridge. "We were very fortunate that people really joined in. The school and the churches played a central role in the community."

According to archives, Fun Time remained segregated until 1965, when teacher Pat Schultheis joined the staff and brought her son. The following decade it relocated to a double-wide trailer, where it continued to operate until January 2009, when it moved into a brand new, 8,000-square-foot building just across from the trailer.

"It had a playground and other kids. What more do you need?" says Rufino Hernandez, who attended Fun Time in the 1970s and returned to Naples seven years ago to open The Garden District, an upscale boutique specializing in outdoor furniture and accessories. "I remember Mrs. Cambridge. She was a loving, welcoming spirit. I was always excited to go because of that playground."

Mr. Hernandez, named one of the center's distinguished alumni for its 50th anniversary next year, grew up with many of those children and still stays in touch with some of his Fun Time friends.

Wilma and financial woes

Hurricane Wilma and lingering financial troubles packed a one-two punch four years ago. The storm blew the roof off of the double-wide.

"That gave us the impetus to get out there, get money and get moving," says Sue Manion, who serves as board of director co-chair with her husband, Peter. "Fun Time was close to going out of business. It had been in Naples at that point for 45 years serving the RiverPark neighborhood and beyond. It was definitely worth saving."

The Manions reached out to their friends, casting the safety net to a larger group of potential supporters, including Mrs. Sorey and her husband, John.

"We felt like Fun Time was too important to the city to lose," says

Mrs. Sorey. "It's a safe and wonderful place for children. Working mothers are always concerned about where they're placing their children while they work."

Among their first moves were hiring Ms. Kain, a former teacher, who joined the staff in December 2006, and tapping into funding to build a new center.

"The city gave us funds for new roof so we could hold it together," says Mrs. Manion. "We built a new board and went out and raised money — a series of grants and FEMA money because of the condition of the trailer. The Community Foundation of Collier County and United Way helped us through hard times. The rest was raised through the Naples Children & Education Fund, block grants, contributions from the Martin and Frey foundations, and private donations."

The new building houses six classrooms and boasts two playgrounds. Its expanded space allowed the center to increase enrollment to 80 students, ages 1 to 5, who today represent a multicultural mix — "all the shades God created," says Ms. Kain. The majority qualify for financial assistance. Some still walk with their parents from their River Park homes; others come from as far away as Golden Gate.

"We have many generations of Fun Time families," says Ms. Kain. "It's an icon in our community. We have a maxed-out waiting list."

"It would have been upsetting if Fun Time closed," adds Ms. Williams. "We would have lost our jobs, but the children really would have been the ones hurting."

Even with all the safeguards in place, funding Fun Time's \$1 million budget is always a fiscal challenge. It costs \$260 a week to educate a child at the preschool, yet some parents pay as little as \$6 a

week for their children to attend.

State and federal childcare and education monies contribute about \$500,000 to the annual budget. "We have to find \$500,000 every year to subsidize the children," says Ms. Kain. "It's a huge nut to crack every fiscal year."

The remainder is raised through year-to-year commitments from various groups and foundations, grants, private donors and an annual appeal — sources impacted by the current economic situation. The Play Date gala, Fun Time's annual February fundraiser, also helps defray operating costs. "It's enormously successful, which shows the community appreciates Fun Time" and knows the importance of keeping it in operation to serve deserving children and families in Naples, Mrs. Sorey says.

A golden moment

As part of next year's golden anniversary, the center is working on creating an endowment fund and will focus on how Fun Time has shaped the lives of thousands of Naples children for 50 years.

The Fun Time story will be told through its alumni, former students who will share their experiences for a 50th birthday video to be debuted at the 2011 Play Date fundraiser. Alumni who would like to participate are asked to call the center at 261-8284.

"We want to ensure Fun Time is here another 50 years," says Ms. Kain. ■



"It had a playground and other kids. What more do you need? I remember Mrs. Cambridge. She was a loving, welcoming spirit. I was always excited to go because of that playground."

— Rufino Hernandez

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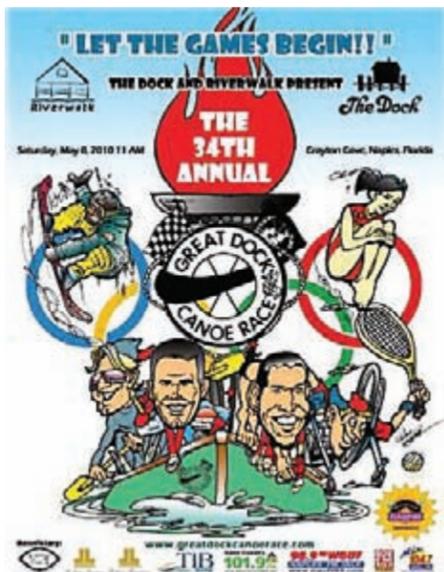
To help celebrate its 50th year in 2011, Fun Time Early Childhood Academy is seeking grownups whose education began at the beloved preschool. Whether you attended 15 years ago or 49, your participation in a video project and other golden anniversary events is most welcome. Call Franny Kain, executive director, at 261-8284.

Get ready, get set, paddle!

The 34th running of the Great Dock Canoe Race is set for Saturday, May 8. Founded as an end-of-season celebration of the Dock Restaurant's first year, the race now draws thousands of spectators on land and in Naples Bay to watch competitors including corporate icons, ambitious amateurs and practically professionals. A parade of theme-decorated canoes is always a crowd favorite.

"This is one event that's just for the fun of it," says Vin DePasquale, who owns the Dock and who launched the canoe race in 1976.

This year's theme is "Let the Games Begin!" Olympic bronze medalist, head coach of the 2010 men's bobsled team and local resident Brian Shimer will serve as grand marshal when the boats parade around Crayton Cove starting at 11 a.m.



An important element of the race is the \$5,000 grant awarded to a local children's charity each year. This year's beneficiary is Lighthouse of Collier, which fosters independence and enhances quality of life for the blind, visually impaired and their caregivers. Funds from the race will be used to establish programs and services for visually impaired and blind children in Collier County.

The race is run in three heats. First up at 11:45 a.m. is the Tippycahoe VIP Sprint, which features canoes paddled by principals of local businesses and organizations in a madcap dash through a 700-yard course. Two traditional races follow on a three-mile course. The first, which starts at 12:45 p.m., features Ambitious Amateurs, who are racing largely for the fun of it. Next Generation teams, which pair a 12-17-year-old with his or her parent or guardian, are encouraged to compete in this heat. The third heat starts at 1:45 p.m. and showcases Practically Professionals, some of whom train year-round for the competition.

Race entry forms are available on line at www.greatdockcanoerace.com as well as at the Dock Restaurant, the Riverwalk at Tin City, at Cambier and Fleischmann parks and at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center on North Tamiami Trail.

In addition to the Dock Restaurant, the 2010 race is co-sponsored by Riverwalk at Tin City. The theme competition is sponsored by the Seminole Casino Immokalee. Underwriting for the Tippycahoe VIP Sprint is by the Lutgert Companies/Lutgert Insurance and TIB Bank. Renda Broadcasting and the city of Naples are also sponsors. ■

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Mother's Day at the Palm Grill

May 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. • The Woodlands at Shell Point

As a special treat for Mom, plan on having Mother's Day at the Palm Grill.

The Palm Grill will be serving a special menu featuring Shrimp Cocktail or the popular Palm Grill Lobster Bisque. For entrees, choose from: twin Tournedos of Beef Tenderloin, Florida Snapper, Chilean Sea Bass and Gulf Shrimp Scampi, or Woodsong Chicken. The Palm Grill will also feature homemade desserts. Reservations are not accepted. Call 454-2059 for information.



Korean Children's Choir in Concert

Sunday, May 16 at 6:15 p.m. • The Island at Shell Point

Colorful costumes and traditional dances will add to the excitement and pageantry as the Korean Children's Choir presents their inspirational concert. With members ranging in ages from seven to thirteen, the Children's Choir was organized as a ministry of the Far East Broadcasting

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The classes are offered in partnership with the Child Advocacy Program of The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida and are funded by the Prendergast Family Endowment Fund.

YMCA of the Palms in Bonita is at 27200 Kent Road. Although the class are free, reservations are required and can be made by calling 992-9622. ■

Get a picture of PACE at luncheon

PACE Center for Girls in Immokalee hosts its inaugural Portraits of PACE luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, at the Hilton Naples. A limited number of seats are still available. The luncheon is free, thanks to PNC Wealth Management of Naples.

When the first PACE Center opened 25 years ago, one in 10 juvenile offenders was a girl. Today that number is one in three, and a steady increase continues. Luncheon guests will hear how the PACE programs makes a difference in helping at-risk girls stay out of the justice system and end cycles of abuse. PACE students as well as some who have successfully transitioned will share their stories. Other speakers will include long-time supporter and founding PACE Collier board chair Pat Barton and current board chair Martha Bibby.

For information or reservations, contact Christina Jordan at 377-9877. ■

Child-care agency plans May Day celebration

Collier Child Care Resources at the NCEF Early Childhood Development Center on the campus of Edison State College is having a free May Day celebration beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 1. There will be a playground dedication ceremony, brunch, an auction of children's art and live music. Everyone is welcome.

CCCR is a nonprofit agency that provides childcare and other services for parents and families, including parenting classes and student mentoring, and continuing education and other support for professional educators and childcare providers.

For more information, call Collier Child Care Resources at 643-3908 or visit www.collierchild-care.org. ■



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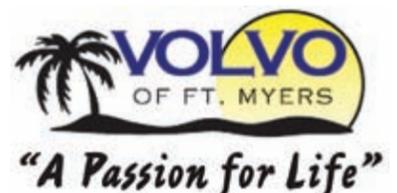
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Greater Naples Leadership honors Carl Kuehner

Carl J. Kuehner received the Greater Naples Leadership service award at the organization's annual meeting and celebration luncheon on April 8. The Parke Wright III Distinguished Leadership Award is given annually to a GNL member who best exemplifies the organization's mission of volunteering to improve the Collier County community.

"Since Carl's move to Naples 20 years ago, he has been involved in a broad range of community, philanthropic, edu-

now Immokalee Housing and Family Services, which has built many housing units for farm workers. He led the successful effort to obtain grants to build a community center for these families, and has initiated the development of Esperance, a project that will provide shelter for 176 families when completed.

In addition to the Immokalee projects and programs, Mr. Kuehner helped create the city's Design Review Board, serving as its first chair. He was vice chair of

the city's Planning Advisory Board and has served on the Collier County Affordable Housing Commission and the Homeless Advisory Committee. He is also a past-president of the 500-member Forum Club of Southwest Florida.

Mr. Kuehner, a member of the Leadership Collier Masters Class III, was one of the founders of Greater Naples Leadership. GNL provides proven leaders the unique opportunity to learn firsthand about the issues and needs in Collier County and encourages the use of their skills in bettering the community.

With its 2010-2011 Masters Class, GNL enters its 15th year. The organization has more than 300 alumni active in many hundreds of volunteer positions with nonprofit agencies and civic organizations in Collier County. For more information, visit www.gnlwebsite.org. ■



COURTESY PHOTO

Carl and JoAnne Kuehner with their sons Kurt, left, and Paul, right, at the awards luncheon.

cational and civic organizations, providing both leadership and financial support in many areas," said Ben Tiley, president of GNL.

"Most significant of Carl's many Collier County charitable and civic undertakings is his service to the vast needs of the poor in the Immokalee community," said GNL board member Tom McCann, who presented the award.

Mr. Kuehner led the creation of Immokalee Non-Profit Housing Inc.,

Naples man to be honored in Washington, D.C., for years of volunteer work

Naples resident Edward Ferguson, a volunteer with the Collier County Sheriff's Office, is one of the recipients of the 2010 MetLife Foundation Older Volunteers Enrich America Awards.

The National Association of Area Agencies on Aging and MetLife Foundation will honor award recipients May 7 in the nation's capital. The program, now in its eighth year, honors older volunteers making exemplary contributions to their communities and promotes volunteering among older adults nationwide. Award winners will travel to Washington, D.C., for a ceremony in their honor.

Using his sheriff's office background, Mr. Ferguson, 76, helps victims cope with the crisis they are facing by providing emotional support, acting as a liaison between the victims and law enforcement personnel, and providing information and referrals to long-term assistance organizations and advocates on their behalf when needed. For the past 9½ years, he has volunteered to put himself in extremely stressful and chaotic situations, many of which require being on call during nights, weekends and holidays.

The ceremony takes place at the Washington Plaza Hotel. ■

National Letter Carrier Food Drive needs helpers

Volunteers are needed for the 18th annual National Letter Carrier Food Drive on Saturday, May 8. This year's goal is to collect more than 500,000 pounds of nonperishable food, which will be given to Collier Harvest for distribution in Collier County and to the Harry Chapin Food Bank in Lee County.

Residents are asked to place nonperishable food in bags by their mailboxes prior to the normal mail delivery time on May 8.

Mail carriers will deliver reminder cards provided by the Campbell Soup Company on Saturday, May 1. Plastic bags for contributions, provided by Publix, will be placed in mailboxes on

Wednesday, May 5.

Volunteers are needed to:

- Help sort food once it is delivered by mail carriers to the loading docks at area post offices

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Those in Collier County who can help sort food should call Collier Harvest at 455-3663; Lee County helpers should call Marta Hodson at 334-7007, ext. 32.

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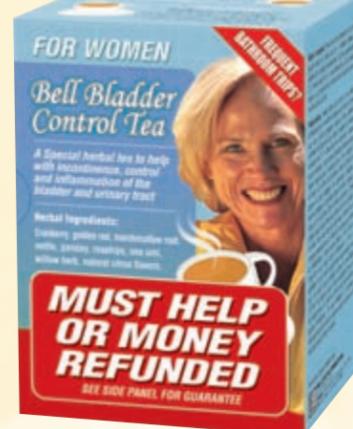
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Renowned Canadian researcher to discuss new tricks for old brains

For a long time, it was assumed that once humans passed a certain age, the brain was essentially fixed and could only deteriorate. Recent research, however, shows that although aging leads to declines in some abilities, other abilities are spared and may even improve.

Learn more about teaching old brains new tricks at "Vision and the Amazing, Changing, Aging Brain," a free program presented from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 8, at the FGCU Naples Center, 1010 Fifth Ave. S. The program is presented by the Vision Sciences Society and the FGCU Renaissance Academy.

Guest speaker Allison Sekuler is the Canada Research Chair in cognitive neuroscience and a professor of psychology, neuroscience and behavior at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

An internationally recognized researcher who was named one of Canada's Lead-



Sekuler

ers of Tomorrow in 2004, Dr. Sekuler focuses on vision science and cognitive neuroscience, with particular interests in aging, neuroimaging, autism, face perception, perceptual organization, motion perception and neural plasticity and perceptual learning.

She is finishing her term as a board member of the Vision Sciences Society, which for several years has held its annual convention at The Naples Grande. This year's VSS meeting takes place May 7-12. The society presents Dr. Sekuler's lecture as a thank you to the community. Although attendance is free, seating is limited and registration is recommended. Call 425-3276. ■

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UNDERCOVER HISTORIAN

Celebrating new and old traditions during Naples History Month

BY LOIS BOLIN

Special to Florida Weekly

"The beauty of a great idea lies in the art of using it."

— Thomas Edison

"Ideas are a dime a dozen, young lady. It's putting them to work that makes them good or not." So began my business education during my high-school years from my Aunt Mozel, a no-nonsense Scots-Irish woman who understood business and that success was based on building trusting relationships. Later in my life, another mentor, someone skilled in international marketing, told me: "Testing your idea against the forces of the marketplace will tell you if your idea is any good."

While Mr. Edison's quote is more inspirational, and not as between-the-eyes as those of my personal mentors, the inventor's wisdom underscores why some long-standing Old Naples traditions were (and still are) great ideas. The month of May alone has some of our community's most time-honored traditions, including the 41st annual Cambier Tennis Tournament, the 27th annual Taste of Collier and the 34th annual Great Dock Canoe Race. The tennis competition is under way all month long at Cambier Park, while Taste of Collier takes place Sunday, May 2, at Bayfront and the canoe race makes a splash Saturday, May 8, at Crayton Cove.

One of our newest traditions, Naples History Month, also takes place in May. Like the aforementioned events, it was

designed for people who call Naples home (although visitors are more than welcome to celebrate our heritage and participate in History Month programs and activities).

Sowing the seeds of tradition

May in some circles is known as the month of "Maia," in honor of the good goddess of spring, who was so good that she was celebrated on the first and the 15th of the month. We like that tradition and will keep it alive this year. On Saturday, May 1, we have the opening of the Pioneering Matriarchs Photographic Exhibit at the Heritage Trail Museum at Bayfront. Two weeks later, on Saturday, May 15, we'll celebrate the patrons who brought to life the Working Waterfront Museum and the families who brought life to the waterfront at Tin City. The later celebration takes place from 6-10 p.m. and includes an old-fashioned dance and barbecue in the Tin City parking lot where fishing boats were repaired in the 1920s.

While we've been testing the forces of the marketplace to see if Naples History Month would hold value in the community, several collaborative partnerships have been forged (which would make my Aunt Mozel very happy). These partnerships will display their tributes to local history throughout May.

The city of Naples is hosting its first local history tribute featuring our first mayor, Speed Menefee — "The 15-Minute Mayor," whose "grandma" (a coconut head) was his confidant. On display at City Hall will be Mayor Menefee's paint-



COURTESY PHOTO

This photograph of Jerry Smith, wife of Naples' longest-running mayor, Roy Smith, is in the Pioneering Matriarchs exhibit.

ing along with other historical archives from Art Ullmann, Naples Backyard History and City Historian Doris Reynolds.

Phil Fisher's "The History of Old Naples" exhibit at his eponymous gallery in Crayton Cove and Natalie Guess' "Welcome to My World" exhibit at the Guess-Fisher Gallery on Fifth Avenue South were already in the works for Naples History Month when we called to ask for their participation. Visit Mr. Fisher's gallery on any Saturday evening

to experience an atmosphere reminiscent of the jovial community gatherings that used to happen around the Back Bay (and still do).

Gallery One on Third Street South, well known for its creative Christmas window displays, has quickly earned the reputation of one of our most creative community collaborators. This spirit will be obvious throughout Naples History Month in the gallery's window displays honoring different points along the city's Heritage Trail: the City Pier, the Naples Hotel, the Naples Depot and the City Dock. Don't worry if you can't get by during business hours; a peek in the window at Gallery One is just as enjoyable during an early morning walk or a late evening stroll.

Mr. Edison's notion that "a great idea lies in the art of using it" is perfectly illustrated by the response offered by photographer Penny Taylor when the Undercover Historian inquired whether she had any interesting old pictures that would be appropriate to display as part of Naples History Month. When she told me the names of some of the older women she had photographs of from her earliest days in town, I suggested that Ms. Taylor had the makings of the first-ever Pioneering Matriarchs Photographic Exhibit. She loved the idea.

Victor Hugo said, "You can resist an invading army; you can't resist an idea whose time has come." The time has come once again to honor our local history and the pioneers who brought forth the magic in this place we call home. What a great idea indeed. ■

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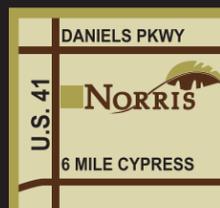
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The Humane Society Naples' sixth annual Bark in The Park was a howling success at Fleischmann Park on Saturday, April 24. More than 700 animal lovers and a wonderful assortment of tail-wagging canines came out to enjoy the perfectly sunny day, and more than a few lucky dogs found permanent homes. ■

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Auctioneer brings jewelry, watches expert back for appraisals

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Leslie Hindman Auctioneers brings Alexander Eblen back to its Naples satellite gallery for complimentary appraisals of fine jewelry and timepieces on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 4-5.

Mr. Eblen first visited the Third Street South location in February. Several pieces of jewelry consigned from that visit were included in the fine jewelry and timepieces auction at the company's Chicago headquarters earlier this month. Mr. Eblen described the auction as "one of the strongest in our company's history."

Highlights of the sale included a platinum ring containing a round brilliant cut diamond weighing 7.08 carats and six tapered baguettes, which sold for \$304,000.



COURTESY PHOTO

This platinum and diamond ring with a 7-carat stone sold for \$304,000

and timepieces auction, Leslie Hindman Auctioneers conducts up to 40 sales a year involving fine furniture and decorative arts, fine art, fine books and manuscripts and vintage couture and accessories.

Founded in 1982, sold to Sotheby's in 1997 and reopened in 2003, Leslie Hindman Auctioneers combines a local recognition as the Midwest's leading fine art auctioneers with a global reach of buyers. The company opened its Naples office in January.

To schedule a complimentary consultation with Mr. Eblen, call Kristin Vaughn or Maura Ross in the Naples office at 643-4448. ■

Ill-gotten gains go up on the auction block in Lauderdale

A fleet of luxury cars and boats, most forfeited by Scott Rothstein, will be auctioned on behalf of the U.S. Department of the Treasury at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 3, at the Broward County Convention Center in Fort Lauderdale.

Cars going on the auction block include a 2008 Bugatti Veyron, a 2009 Bentley Continental GTC, a 2007 Rolls-Royce Phantom, a 2009 Ferrari 430 Spyder, a 2009 Maserati GT, a 2010 Lamborghini LP-670SV and a 2007 Ford Expedition limo. Among the watercraft that will go to the highest bidders are a 2007 87-foot Warren yacht, a 1998 55-foot SeaRay Sun-

dancer and several Yamaha Jet Skis.

The public can preview the cars at Secure-All of Florida, 1240 N.W. 74th St. in Miami, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, May 10, and Wednesday and Thursday, May 26-27, and from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, June 2. Many of the cars will also be on view at the convention center beginning at 9 a.m. on the day of the auction.

Most of these luxury vehicles and vessels were acquired by Mr. Rothstein through his involvement in a ponzi scheme and were seized from him as part of the investigation and prosecution of the case

against him. Mr. Rothstein has entered a guilty plea and faces up to 100 years in prison at his May 6 sentencing.

Registration for auction bidders will begin at 9 a.m. on the day of the sale. Bidders must have a cashier's check deposit in order to register.

For a complete list and photographs of the items and for the auction terms of sale, visit www.treas.gov/auctions/treasury/gp.

A video of the items for sale and auction details are available at www.ricklevin.com. For more information, call Rick Levin & Associates Inc. at (773) 252-4500. ■



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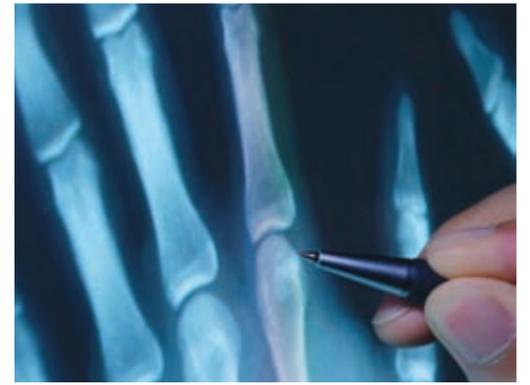
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Community event spotlights tobacco risks

SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco), the Collier County Health Department and 3D (Don't Do Drugs) from Drug Free Collier invite the public to a free program featuring two guest speakers from 4-5:30 p.m. Monday, May 3, at Golden Gate High School.

Dr. Victor DeNoble was recruited to develop a safer cigarette for the Philip Morris Tobacco Company in the 1980s. He travels the nation educating people about the effects of nicotine on the brain while revealing secrets of Big Tobacco.

Rick Bender was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 26. In April 1989, he underwent the first of four major surgeries and has since lost part of his tongue and jaw, and 25 percent use of his right arm. He devotes his life to educating others about chewing tobacco, a product that is erroneously thought to be safe alternative to smoking.

Parents and students are especially encouraged to attend the program. ■

Skin cancer screenings set in Collier

The American Academy of Dermatology has designated May as National Melanoma/Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month and the first Monday in May is designated as Melanoma Monday. In an effort to increasing public awareness of the importance of skin cancer prevention, early detection and treatment, CHS Healthcare in Immokalee will partner with 21st Century C.A.R.E. and a physician from Associates In Dermatology, Dr. Stanley Schwartz, to screen for skin cancer including basal cell, squamous cell and melanoma.

The free screening will take place from 4-6 p.m. Monday, May 3, at the CHS/FSU Primary Care office on the Isabel Collier Read Medical Campus, State Road 29 at 1441 Heritage Blvd., Immokalee. To schedule an appointment, call 658-3170. Walk-ins will also be accepted. ■

Free hearing tests offered

Decibels Audiology and Hearing will conduct free hearing screenings from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 12, at Juniper Village, 1155 Encore Way. Audiologist April Royan will administer testing to anyone interested. Call 598-1368 to RSVP by Friday, May 7. ■

Eye Center offers two free May seminars

Dr. Jonathan Frantz will present two free seminars on eye treatments next month at Florida Eye Health, 2100 Tamiami Trail N. "Advances in Cataract Treatment" will be held at noon Wednesday, May 5. "iLASIK" will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19.

RSVP by calling 430-3939 or register online at www.bettervision.net. ■

SEE TO YOUR HEALTH, A19 ►

Mental health association hopes one-woman show helps break the stigma of bipolar disorder

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Need a little balance in your life? The Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida hopes to help by presenting Wambui Bahati and her original one-woman show about bipolar mood disorder, "The Balancing Act — the Musical," at The Norris Center at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 8.

The 70-minute musical presents an informative, funny and poignant portrayal of bipolar mood disorder and the effects it has on self-esteem, careers, relationships and daily life. Julius Davis Jr. provides accompaniment on the piano.

Ms. Bahati studied at New York University School of the Arts and performed on Broadway. She made her professional theatrical debut in "Godspell" at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C., and went on to perform in Broadway productions of "Godspell" and "Jesus Christ Superstar."



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Wambui Bahati

But her promising career was sidetracked as a result of undiagnosed bipolar disorder, which led to a kinetic lifestyle and a downward spiral that landed her in and out of mental institutions and homelessness. She suffered emotional abuse and lost custody of her two children.

In "The Balancing Act," Ms. Bahati shares how she reclaimed her life on her own terms, punctuating many of the vignettes she wrote with disco, blues and rock songs

delivered in a cabaret setting. The show closes on the gospel tune "I Forgot."

The author of the autobiographical "You Don't Know Crazy," Ms. Bahati has also written and performed custom shows for organizations including the National Organization for Women, Habitat for Humanity and The Carter Center. She has earned honors from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

The Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida is a nonprofit voluntary citizen organization that promotes healthy emotional and mental development.

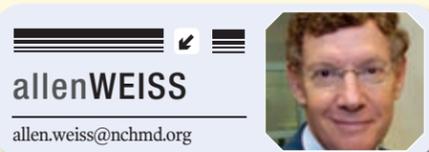
Admission to "The Balancing Act" is free, but donations will be welcome at the door. Seating is limited and reservations are required. For more information, call 261-5405 or visit www.mhaswfl.org. ■



The writer and actress in a performance of "The Balancing Act"

STRAIGHT TALK

Technology update gets NCH closer to the top tier



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This past Saturday night was a bit scary at NCH. Well, perhaps that's an overstatement, but it's always a bit unnerving when you update your primary clinical information system, which is what we and our Cerner partners did.

The update is a great success, with this most current platform (or "backbone") allowing us to utilize all the enhancements of the Cerner Millennium. The system's improvement will increase our potential to move into the top tier of national hospital systems nationwide. According to the independent Health Information and Management Systems Society, we currently rank among the top 120 hospitals in the country.

Clearly, the top-tier hospitals of the 21st century will be sophisticated users of cutting-edge technology. Here, we rank well ahead of many others, who are coping with rising capital costs and remain in the early decision-making stages on technology. NCH Chief Information Officer Susan Wolff's leadership with computer integration has added great value, and our partnership with Cerner has posi-

tioned us for continuous improvement.

Computer technology to record, store, share and even help with the cognitive process of diagnosing and treating patients is increasingly important for quality. That's where our Cerner partnership comes in. Four months ago, we upped the ante with Cerner. During this time we continue to migrate many of our clinical systems to the Kansas City data centers, while simultaneously, several senior Cerner engineers and leaders have moved to Southwest Florida. These high-level Cerner folks now have homes and families here, as we share the common goal of making our community a medical technology showcase for the nation. In fact, we've already had a few other hospital systems visit us to see our system in action. We enjoy sharing our best practices with others.

With the newer code in place, we can simplify the computer provider order entry process, which makes medication administration safer for patients, nurses and physicians and improves medication reconciliation. All caregivers should be able to determine the specific medications a patient is taking when they enter the hospital, as they proceed through an inpatient illness and when they are discharged to go home. This will help end the confusion brought about when multiple physicians prescribe medica-

tions for the same patient.

The Naples Heart Institute's nine cardiologists plan to use the same clinical system to incorporate inpatient records into office charts. Our Rehabilitation and Birth Place Units are also looking at fuller computer integration with a more robust, integrated and capable system. And Dr. Howard Cohen, an intensivist, plans to have his hospital follow-up notes electronically formatted, which constitutes the next major step in the paperless process.

During rounds on the night of the upgrade, I enjoyed seeing Rica Isme, 5N night unit secretary, beaming as she explored the new system right before it went "live" at 5 a.m. A few minutes later, 4N R.N. Marisol Paz instructed colleagues on the finer points of navigating the new screens. It was exciting to witness yet another technological change that will improve the way we practice medicine and deliver care.

Having a synergistic relationship with a world-class information technology leader like Cerner, and employing a team of intelligent and willing technology users, has created the platform that will help NCH realize its goal as a national health care quality leader. ■

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

TO YOUR HEALTH

From page A18

Memory classes on tap in Bonita

Do you rely on lists during shopping trips or sticky notes in your car to remind you to pick up Fido from the groomer? Have you felt a sense of dread after washing your hands, realizing that an important name or number you'd written on them had also washed down the drain?

If so, Lee Memorial Health System's memory classes can help. The next class meets from 2-4 p.m. Wednesdays, May 5, 12, 19 and 26, at Northern Trust Bank, 26790 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs. Cost for all four sessions is \$20, plus \$10 for a workbook.

The class is part of the Healthy Brain Initiative designed to help boost brainpower and fight the onset of memory disorders. "We teach tools and techniques to retain information," says program coordinator Sue Maxwell.

Register by calling 772-6765 or visiting www.leememorial.org/healthybrainfl/classes.asp. ■

Glasses available for sampling by visually impaired

Lighthouse of Collier Inc. has 21 pairs of magnifying glasses on loan from the Collier County Association for the Blind. The specialty glasses are available for visually impaired people to sample at Lighthouse of Collier headquarters

at 457 Bayfront Place. Volunteers staff the office from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

CCAB serves Collier residents who are visually impaired or legally blind. Members meet on the second and fourth Monday of every month, September through May, at the Golden Gate Community Center for fellowship, peer support and guest speakers. For more information about CCAB, call Carolyn McMahon at 774-9393.



The mission of the Lighthouse of Collier is to promote the development, implementation and on-going evaluation of programs and services that foster independence and enhance the quality of life for the blind, visually impaired and their caregivers. For more information, call 430-3934 or visit www.lighthouseofcollier.org. ■

Bereavement support group meets on Marco

IberiaBank Marco and Vitas Innovative Hospice Care of Collier County have started a Bereavement Support Group on Marco Island for those who are dealing with loss. Joell Canglin, a licensed clinical social worker and bereavement manager at Vitas Innovative Hospice Care, leads the support group from 10:30 a.m. to noon every Thursday in the boardroom at the bank.

For more information, call Ms. Canglin at 384-9495 or Keith Dameron at IberiaBank at 734-1021. ■

Bridgeport has scholarships for nurses

Bridgeport Home Health Care is offering two nursing school scholarships of \$1,000 each. Applicants can be a home health aide/nurse's aide or licensed practical nurse who has worked for two of the past three years in either capacity. They must be enrolling in LPN or RN school for the fall 2010 or 2011 term. One of the scholarships will be awarded to a current Bridgeport employee.

Completed applications are due by May 15. Call Bridgeport Home Health Care at 344-7420 for more information. Completed applications are due by May 15. ■

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. Physical referrals are not required.

Early diagnosis and early intensive behavioral intervention can make a difference in development of children on the autism spectrum and for their families. To schedule a screening, call 985-3608. ■

Florida's first robotic thyroidectomy performed at Physicians Regional

Physicians Regional Healthcare System is the first in Florida to perform a robotic thyroidectomy. Otolaryngologist Jay Roberts, chief of surgery, performed the procedure and is one of only a handful of physicians in the country trained to perform this procedure, according to CEO Joe Pinion.

A thyroidectomy is a removal of part or all of the thyroid gland at the base of the neck. There are a number of reasons why people might require a partial or total thyroidectomy, including overactive thyroid, thyroid cancer and enlargement of the thyroid. In comparison to traditional surgery, a robotic thyroidectomy utilizes an incision under the arm, which eliminates any visible scar on the neck.

"We can now offer patients a mini-

mally invasive procedure that has real cosmetic benefits," Dr. Roberts said. He used the da Vinci-S Surgical System to perform the robotic thyroidectomy. The system's four robotic hands can grasp things and rotate a full 360 degrees, allowing the surgeon to make extremely precise movements.

Physicians Regional Healthcare System introduced the da Vinci-S system in early 2007. The program is being utilized in several areas of medicine, including bariatric surgery, colorectal surgery, gynecology and urology.

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Take the plunge at Dive Into Oceans Day

Enjoy free scuba lessons, educational films at Rookery Bay

What lurks below the surface of the beautiful waters surrounding Collier County?

Learn how to find out during the sixth annual Dive Into Oceans Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. A 17,000-gallon pool will be set up to introduce youth and adults to the sport of scuba.

Visitors can try scuba as well as enjoy presentations about plankton, sea turtles, sharks and manatees; watch nature movies; go on laboratory tours and guided nature walks; and explore the touch tank, aquariums interactive exhibits, art gallery and gift shop. The day is designed to help visitors become better acquainted with all life in the ocean, from plankton to manatees.

Scuba participants must be 48 inches or taller. Children ages 10 and 11 must have parent in pool, and those 12 to 17 must have parent nearby. Adults 18 and older can dive on their own with the DEMA guides.

Two short films will be shown as part of Dive Into Oceans Day.

"Ocean Men: Extreme Dive," a documentary that follows the fascinating story of two world champion freedivers and their unique relationship with the sea. Their goal is to dive deeper than anyone has ever gone before on a single breath of air. Through the use of breathtaking underwa-



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Kids and adults get a lesson in scuba at last year's Dive Into Oceans Day.

ter photography and enchanting music, audiences are able to enjoy the feeling of diving into the deep blue world of danger and stunning beauty.

The second film, "Reflections: A Florida Keys Experience," is about a young girl growing up as an artist in the Florida Keys. The film reveals the beauty and diversity of the Keys through the eyes of the girl as she explores the

mangroves, grass beds, open water and reefs around her.

Dive Into Oceans Day is co-sponsored by Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Friends of Rookery Bay, Oceans for Youth Foundation, Florida Sea Grant, Dive Equipment Manufacturers Association and Collier County Public Schools. On April 29 and 30, 440 students from 12 middle schools will take a daylong field trip to Rookery Bay. In addition to a lesson in scuba, they will learn about the role climate change plays in the biology of the ocean, explore invertebrates in the touch tank, and more.

For more information, visit www.rookerybay.org or call 417-6310. Reservations are not required, and scuba opportunities are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. ■

Elementary students are learning to change the world with charity

Saving pennies adds up! That's what students in the Charity for Change School Giver Program learn. By donating their allowance, snack money and even what tooth fairy leaves them, Givers contribute money to various charities throughout the school year.

Right now, students at Calusa Park and Lake Park elementary schools are raising money for the Friends of Rookery Bay. They have pledged to raise \$160 by May 14 for the scientists who protect the Southwest Florida environment.

"Children are 'changing' the world," said Karen Conley, president and CEO of the Naples-based Charity for Change, which also includes initiatives at Golden

Terrace and Lely elementary schools. "This program teaches them about local and national charities, helps them develop strong character traits and even ties in math, as they add up their donations and participate in a fun, online 'Counting for Charity' math game."

Inspired by the students' philanthropy, Fifth Third Bank will match the amount the children raise, thereby doubling the donation to Friends of Rookery Bay.

"Fifth Third Bank has a rich legacy of community support and is focused on investing time, resources and people to help build a better tomorrow in the communities it serves," said Kathleen Leavesley, vice president and affiliate marketing

director, South Florida. "We are happy to partner with Friends of Rookery Bay and Charity for Change and match the funds collected by the children at Lake Park and Calusa Park elementary schools."

Bruce Robertson, president of Friends of Rookery Bay, hopes the students encourage others to donate. "We invite the public to share the students' enthusiasm for charitable giving and send a check in their honor to Charity for Change," he said.

Checks can be made payable to Charity for Change and sent by May 14 to: Charity for Change, 194 Ridge Drive, Naples, FL 34108 with a note for "FORB" in the memo line. ■

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OUTDOORS

A peek at fledgling time for yellow crown herons

BY ART RITAS

Special to Florida Weekly

One of the benefits of being a member of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida is the ability to enjoy the Nature Center free of charge as many times as I like.

When I visited last week, volunteer greeter Newt Ale was orienting a half-dozen new guests to the nature experiences available at the Conservancy. Newt mentioned the new filter marsh and how it will hold and help purify runoff from the Coastland Mall parking lot before releasing the cleaned up water into the Gordon River. At the mention of the river, I focused my attention on my objective of the day — to take the Conservancy 45-minute narrated electric boat tour as a passenger rather than a captain/narrator.

I was welcomed by volunteer dockmaster Joe Adams. "I haven't heard anything yet about nesting yellow crowns this season," Joe said. "But go out and see for yourself."

Soon I was aboard one of the Duffy electric boats captained by volunteer Larry Harris, moving with seven other passengers along the Gordon River. The boat was nearly silent as we glided along, so I had no trouble hearing Capt. Larry's comments. "The lagoon we're leaving was dredged by Julius Fleischmann. He once had a citrus grove here and used the lagoon to load and ship his oranges. This quiet body of water is now not only our launch site, but also an occasional refuge

for manatees. We had a couple here two weeks ago."

The passengers went around and introduced ourselves: two Londoners, three from Washington, D.C., and a couple with their 6-year-old son, Timmy, from Hamburg Germany. "He's fascinated," said Timmy's mother. "This is all so new to him. Very different from where we live."

Almost immediately, we spotted a bird with the characteristic white cheek and yellow crown. It stood still a few feet from the bank as we passed. "Look, Timmy," said the German mother pointing at the magnificent 2-foot tall bird. The boy's eyes followed the mother's finger and saw something he'd never seen before: a yellow crown heron.

"We'll see nests on the rookery islands up ahead," said Capt. Larry. But before our little boat got to the islands, we saw four more yellow crown adults. Their thick dark bills are well adapted to their diet of crabs and crustaceans. They're called night herons, but are known to feed both night and day.



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Yellow crown night heron

Perhaps these birds had staked out a feeding territory in preparation for the arrival of the next generation. In the past seasons, I've seen night herons fly at our boats and veer off at the last second, a move to dissuade an enemy from impinging on their territory.

Unable to resist become a volunteer captain instead of a passenger, I blurted, "Look sharp. We're coming to the rookery islands. Thirteen percent of all birds that are colonial breeders and yellow crowns are part of that number. They often build multiple nests on islands to be safe from elements and predators."

As we passed the islands, I saw three

nests, well protected within the foliage of the red mangrove islands. I saw two adults sitting in the nests, probably incubating eggs. Then I saw another yellow crown fly in with a stick in its mouth.

"People are surprised to find that these birds renovate their nests even as they use them to incubate eggs," I said. "They can make home improvements and don't even need to pull a permit."

The next several weeks should be an exciting time. As a member, you can observe the progress of the yellow crowns on the Conservancy of Southwest Florida narrated electric boats tours. The birds incubate the eggs for three weeks and the hatchlings grow at an amazing rate, reaching adult size and flying off in about six weeks. As the young ones grow, the adults retreat to nearby trees and watch the "branchlings" flap their wings and try to get up the courage to take off on first flights.

I looked over at the little German boy Timmy, who will be soon setting off for the first day of school and a life of independence — he himself also a fledgling. ■

— Art Ritas is a volunteer at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Partnering with like-minded organizations, the Conservancy works to manage growth and protect area waters, land and wildlife. The Conservancy of Southwest Florida and Nature Center is at 1450 Merrihue Drive in Naples. For more information, call 262-0304 or visit www.conservancy.org.



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PET TALES

Why do cats purr?

BY DR. MARTY BECKER & GINA SPADAFORI
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It's not a mystery that caressing a purring cat is a pleasurable experience — it'll even lower your blood pressure. But what is a mystery, strangely enough, is the mechanics of purring itself.

In short: No one really, truly knows exactly how a cat purrs — or even all the reasons why.

The most common explanation of the source is that a purr originates in the voice box, with what are called the "vestibular folds," or false vocal cords. The passing of air across these structures is thought to get the engine running.

Cats purr when they're happy, but cats also purr if they're injured, while giving birth — even when dying. British zoologist Desmond Morris has observed in his masterwork, "Catworld: A Feline Encyclopedia" (Penguin Reference), that purring is "a sign of friendship — either when (the cat) is contented with a friend or when it is in need of friendship — as with a cat in trouble." If you think about it, a purr is kind of like a smile: Sometimes you smile from happiness, sometimes from nervousness.

As with a smile, there's no such thing as a purr that isn't welcome. Cats know this themselves. Kittens start purring even before they open their eyes, rumbling while nursing, with what must be a reassuring sound to their mother — who's likely purring herself.

We even like that purring is something



our cats do that the big cats can't. Your cat, in other words, can do something even the biggest, most handsome and imposing King of the Jungle can't: Cats purr, but lions can't.

On the flip side: Lions roar, which cats can't do. Still, it's pretty special that no big cat can get his motor running the way our household kitties can, purring constantly as effortlessly as breathing, both in and out. Tigers can rumble a tiger-sized purr-like sound, but on the exhale only — and really, would you like a tiger sleeping on your bed?

A couple more cool cat facts to ponder:

► Squeezing in. Cats are able to squeeze through spaces that seem narrower than they are because cats don't have a rigid collarbone to block their way through nooks and crannies. Once they can get their head and shoulders through, their sleek bodies present no further obstacle.

That's if those bodies are sleek, that is.

The world is full of fat cats, after all, and for them, fitting through tiny holes is not a given. For one thing, they may think they're capable of fitting even if their paunch says otherwise. That's because a cat's whiskers

— super-sensitive specialized hairs — spread roughly as wide as a cat does. But they don't grow longer as a cat gets wider, which can lead some corpulent cats into sticky situations.

► No sweet tooth on a cat. People crave sweets — cakes, candies, cookies and sodas galore. But cats couldn't care less. That's because the taste buds of a cat are incapable of detecting, appreciating or triggering a craving for foods that we recognize as "sweet."

As "obligate carnivores" — meaning they need meat protein to survive — cats don't need to have much to do with sweets. It's unclear whether the ancestors of cats had the ability to detect sweetness and lost it, or whether cats never developed a "sweet tooth," since they didn't need it.

People eat a much more varied diet, and our taste buds reflect that — we have nearly 10,000 on our tongues. No such variety for cats, who'd be happy to stick with small prey animals and need fewer than 500 taste buds to figure what's good on the menu.

No doubt their limited abilities in this regard factor in the well-known finickiness of cats.

What's not a mystery about cats? How much we love them. They are the most popular pet in the United States, and they show no sign of giving up that No. 1 status. ■

Pets of the Week



>>Casper is a white Siamese mix with peach-colored accents. He's good looking and has a mellow disposition. His adoption fee is \$55.



>>Chase is a 4-month-old boxer mix. He's a spunky lad, full of youthful energy and handsome, too. His adoption fee is \$75.



>>Ayla is a 1-year-old terrier mix. She's quite serene and gets along well with other dogs. Her adoption fee is \$75.



>>Mr. Slinky is a 4-year-old tabby. He's a big and quiet kitty who loves people, but is just a bit shy. His adoption fee is \$55.

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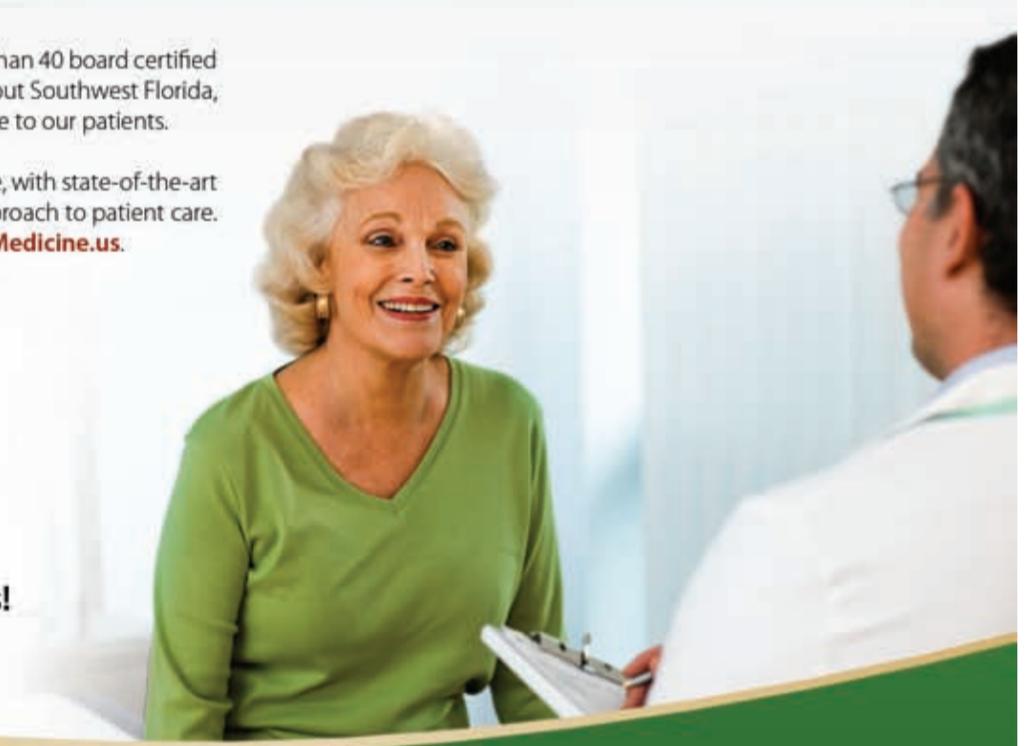
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MUSINGS

The Big One



*"I feel the earth move under my feet
I feel the sky tumbling down
I feel my heart start to trembling
Whenever you're around..."*
— Carole King

A senior Iranian cleric, Hojatolislam Kazem Sedighi, has recently been quoted in Iranian media as saying: "Many women who do not dress modestly... lead young men astray, corrupt their chastity, and spread adultery in society, which, consequently, increases earthquakes." I can hear the scoffing of Western readers, and feel the ripening of their disdain. But let's think about it for a moment.

Consider the experience and power of sex: The quake, the shake, the tremble. Consider the spewing forth of hot molten liquidity. Consider the formation of new universes out of the nothing of germ cells.

As above, so below. The quaking below of the anthropomorphic above is like the below of the great mother Earth. Let us go deep inside her, to the core, to her underGround hot spot.

We find there her amazing core. The deepest spot is her inner core. This

inner core is almost 4,000 miles below the earth crust. Although it is hot to the tune of 10,000 degrees Fahrenheit, the inner core is solid. It never melts because it is under the stress of such extreme pressure.

The outer core surrounds the inner, in total embrace. This outer core is molten hot liquid. And it spins around the inner core. It is this spinning that creates magnetism. And it is by this magnetism that sailors have found their way on the seas for thousands of years.

This movement deep inside her also creates currents of heat that in turn cause the movement of the tectonic plates of the crust. It is the edges of these plates that are the sites of the building of mountains, the eruption of volcanoes, and the orgasm of earthquakes.

So in these degenerate times, we look for the Big One. That could mean the earthquake of the century.

Or sometimes we use the phrase to refer to a death-dealing heart attack. Perhaps these two meaning attributions are not so different.

The microcosmic Big One, heartbroken open, cardiac containment failure, is a fractal valentine sent below from the macrocosmic Big One.

In the text of the Emerald Tablet, the great ancient magician philosopher Hermes Trismegistus wrote: "That which is Below corresponds to that which is Above and

that which is Above corresponds to that which is Below to accomplish the miracle of the One Thing."

The real Big One is the One Thing. Remember how cardiologist Herbert Benson brought mysticism to Harvard? By merely repeating the word "one," one could generate the relaxation response. The relaxation response is the physiological counterpoint to the fight/flight response. This stress antidote lowers metabolic rate, heart rate, blood pressure, breathing, and changes brain waves. Really. Mind over the heart of the matter. And not in the la-la land of magic, but in Harvard herself.

But really: The degenerate pirate prefers another question. Would we find the magical Emerald Tablet in L. Frank Baum's Emerald City? The green of Oz came to be out of the green

glasses locked onto the heads of all entrants at the city gates. Here the green is merely in the eye of the beholder, even if this truth is forgotten and obscured. The forces of ignorant habit of mind dissolve memory and understanding of the spectacles.

And when the eye of the beholder sees the spectacle of hot

fleshy concupiscence, does not the earth itself tremble?

We find the One Thing closer than our own inner heat, the Big One of planetary core and fleshy heart.

And we find that we are always embrace in total union, core belief knowing beyond forgetfulness and fractals and other funky alliteration.

I feel it. Whenever you're around. ■

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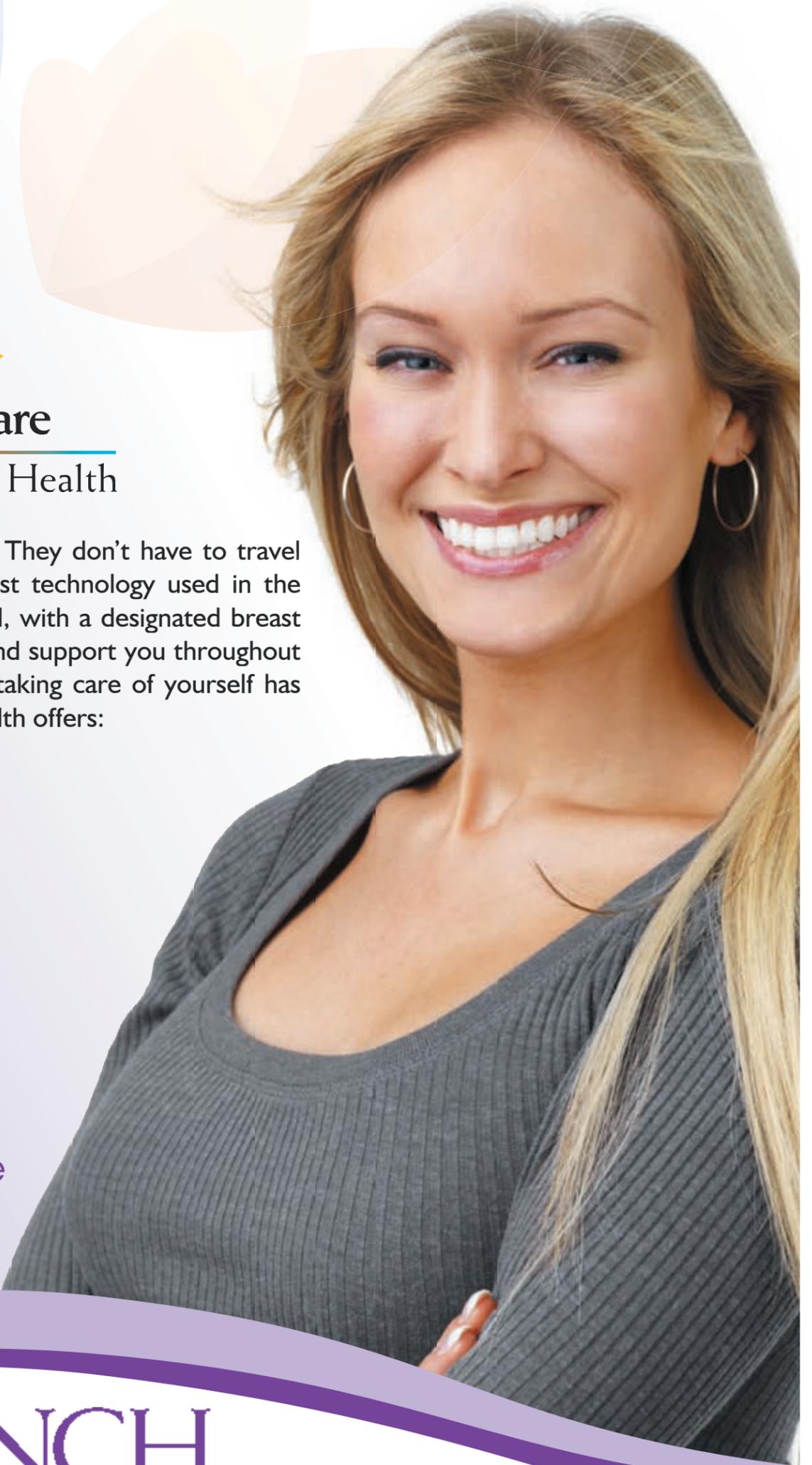
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— Dr. Stephen Drew, program director



An Executive MBA can help professionals advance to the highest rungs of the corporate ladder.

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BY OSVALDO PADILLA
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Michael Zeto answers his cell phone from Las Vegas. He's in motion on his way to a meeting with potential investors. There are car sounds, music, people talking in the background, while he explains a product that's supposed to revolutionize advertising.

“For example, you're in Coconut Point, going past Grape to go to Ruth's Chris for dinner. Grape would like to send you an offer. You hit yes and decide to go in because of the offer. And you had no intention of going to the Grape. It allows you to drive traffic that normally wouldn't have been there.”

Mr. Zeto's company, Proximus, based in Naples would install a small iPhone-sized device in stores that would in turn, broadcast coupons and advertising to the

cell phones of people passing by.

It could be genius or the most annoying idea ever or a little bit of both. Mr. Zeto hopes he gets the funding to prove it's a revolutionary and lucrative marketing tool.

More than a year ago, Mr. Zeto knew he wanted to launch the project, but he wanted to make sure he had the skills to do it right. The sales team leader and project producer wanted to ensure that he understood the area of finance well.

He looked at popular Executive MBA programs in schools like Xavier, Notre Dame and the University of Kentucky. He settled with the program at FGCU.

“Some of those programs, you're paying \$90,000. I researched it, and at FGCU, the quality of the instructors was just as good. The quality of the education was just as good. You get the same program for less than \$40,000,” he said.

The EMBA program is designed for working professionals, with a flexible schedule that includes lectures on Fridays or Saturdays, short lectures and a short trip to study businesses abroad.

The program takes only 18 months and covers topics such as advanced marketing analysis, managerial accounting and business strategy.

“Don't leave home without it (the program) in a professional sense,” says Dr. Allen Weiss, the president and CEO at NCH Healthcare System and one of the program's more high-profile graduates.

“I was in private practice and volunteering and running a physicians hospital organization and I didn't have the skill set to do it. Even just getting the fluency with the terms. I decided to enroll and saw a career change,” he says.

Physicians, like Dr. Weiss, who find themselves taking on more business duties are commonly participants in the

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Trust in change

Adria Starkey always meets the unexpected head-on. **B2** ►



On the move

See who's going where, doing what on the local business scene. **B4** ►

The world according to the Oracle of Omaha

On Saturday, May 1, about 35,000 people will converge on Omaha, Neb., to attend the annual meeting of Berkshire Hathaway Inc. and view the people behind it: Warren Buffett and Charlie Munger.

In the same vein as management, the people attending are not ordinary shareholders. The investors generally have a long-term horizon for their holdings — as in forever or, at least, bought with the intent of portfolio permanency.

The investors travel thousands of miles (airfare from New York to Omaha that weekend is higher than a plane ticket to

Paris), year after year, to hear Mr. Buffett and Mr. Munger speak — not just about the company but also about the U.S. economy and policies.

For most, it is an education. It inspires those attending, it affirms long-term, value investing and puts smiles on shareholder faces as they understand the degree of truly exceptional performance delivered by this company for the benefit



of the shareholder.

From the beginning, in 1965, when the two took over Berkshire Hathaway, its value and stock price have exploded. These

gentlemen prefer to use the book value — not share price of the common stock — as the best yardstick of their performance and it has appreciated on a compounded basis some 20.3 percent per year. The stock price has followed their good management and it has compounded over the

same time at 22 percent per year. (The S&P has compounded at 9.3 percent over the same period and most of that has been in the form of dividends.)

The seemingly small difference between 20.3 percent and 22 percent per year, when compounded, has translated into a huge difference in value: book value has appreciated 434,057 percent over 45 years; share price has appreciated 801,516 percent over the same period. It's the effects of compounding made

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BUSINESS PROFILE

Naples businesswoman relishes meandering career path

BY ALYSIA SHIVERS
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Life happens. Perhaps no one knows this better than the president of Naples Trust Co., Adria Starkey. At 26, when her father was killed by a drunk driver, she panicked because her mom had never really worked outside the home. And yet, even in the midst of tragedy, she saw her mother blossom.

"My mom could have fallen apart as a person, but she's 83 years old now and she's absolutely amazing," Mrs. Starkey says.

Experiences like this compel her to let young people know it's OK not to have a clear plan. Take, for instance, her move from Atlanta, Ga., to Crystal River, Fla., in her early 20s, when her first husband, a medical student, landed a job at the local hospital. Anti-nepotism laws forbade her from working there, so Mrs. Starkey ended up taking a position at the nuclear power plant, one of the only other places to work in town. Three weeks later, Three Mile Island happened.

That unexpected turn of events actually landed her a job in the plant running surveillance procedures put in place by a newly formed regulation committee. "I really grew to like my job," she says. But, a few years later, life intervened again.

A new job for her husband meant relocating to Miami. Mrs. Starkey didn't let the move rattle her. Instead, she saw it as an opportunity to pursue a career in business and finance, the two areas she

studied at the University of Florida. "Up to that point, I hadn't really used what I learned in college at all," she notes.

A large commercial bank hired her into its training program and she quickly grew into a health-care specialist, handling hospitals all over Florida. That eventually evolved into real estate development, helping large developers find financial solutions. "I don't think of myself as a terribly analytical person, but I'm drawn to it," she says.

From there, her career flourished as she took positions with Northern Trust Bank, with whom she transferred to Naples with 22 years ago, First Union, where she managed the wealth management division, and eventually Wachovia, where she served as regional president. With 1,100 employees and 90 offices stretching from Manatee County south, Mrs. Starkey was loving life at Wachovia, but after five years in the same position she knew a move up would mean leaving Naples.

"I had gotten married again and my husband was here and our kids. I was not really going to do that at that point in my life," she explains. Instead, she did the unexpected. She retired.

It was 2005, she had just turned 50, and the plan was to take two years to be with her family and focus on volunteer work. "I was so busy it was ridiculous," she laughs. Her time was consumed with



Adria Starkey

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real estate development, a passion of hers that emerged after leaving Northern Trust, the economy went to hell and took her plans along with it. Two years turned into four, and in 2009 she decided to go back to work, but not for a large bank and not in the capacity as an employee. "I'd already done that," she says. "I wanted to do something entrepreneurial."

At the advice of Richard Botthof, who she considers to be a second father, she talked with the founders of Sanibel Trust Co. and in January 2009 she and Mr. Botthof formed Naples Trust Co., a financial investment and wealth management company that is an operating division of Sanibel Trust Co.

"We are hoping to build this into a really nice company and we are doing better than expected," she says. "We could have four offices before the end of the year."

Additionally, she's also taken it upon herself to offer a series for women called "WOW — Women. Opportunity. Wealth," which teaches women how to take control of their financial future.

The excitement of doing something on her own is evident on her face, which lights up as she talks about making her own path, life's unexpected twists, and finally having the guts to do something for herself. "I know my dad is proud of me," she says. "I am confident about that." ■

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ON THE MOVE

Banking & Finance



ERVIN

Lisa Ervin has been named vice president and loan systems manager at Bank of Naples. She will be responsible for developing and maintaining technology systems and seeking efficiencies in the bank's loan department.

A long-time resident of Naples, Ms. Ervin has 27 years of local banking experience. Prior to joining Bank of Naples, she was a consultant handling a variety of special projects based on specified bank needs. Before that, she served in a variety of positions with Fifth Third Bank, formerly known as First National Bank of Florida. She also spent six years with Wells Fargo, formerly known as Naples Federal Savings & Loan Association. She is a graduate of Edison State College in Naples with an associate's degree in banking and finance.

Theo Constantin has joined Rand Financial Advisors LLC and Kovack Securities as a licensed investment advisor.

Interior Design

Kira Krümm of Kira Krümm Interior Design has been certified as a GREENleader Accredited Professional by the Sustainable Furnishings Council. The SFC is a nonprofit coalition of key industry players who promote and train business professionals to become experts in home furnishings sustainability. The six-unit GREENleaders program covers a wide range of topics such as environmental issues, sourcing green products and designing and operating green interiors.

Board Appointments

The Bonita Springs Utilities Inc. board of directors re-elected **David McKee** president for the 2010-11 term. Also elected were **Paul Attwood**, vice president; **Bob Bachman**, treasurer; and **John Mathes**, secretary. Nine board members are elected by BSU member-customers to govern the utility. Mr. McKee is a licensed professional engineer with a background in utilities design and land development. He has served on the board since 2002 and was vice president for one term before being elected president in 2007. Mr. Attwood, a board member since 2001, is district coordi-



MCKEE



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BACHMAN



MATHES

nator for oil and gas regulation for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. He served four terms as board secretary. Mr. Bachman, a board member since November 2000, is owner/president of WBG SW Florida. He previously served as president and vice president. Mr. Mathes, owner of Mathes Realty Appraisal and Mathes Realty Inc., has served on the board since 1990 and has held all four offices. Other board members include **Hank Hochstetler**, **Frank Liles**, **Steve McIntosh**, **Robert Sharkey** and **Jim Strecansky**.

The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce announces the following officers and board members will take office June 1:

Board officers: Chair, **Katie Sproul**, Baron Collier Companies; chair-elect, **Michael Wynn**, Sunshine ACE Hardware; past chair, **CJ Hueston**, Corporate Dimensions; vice chair, **Bud Hornbeck**, Lutgert Insurance; vice chair, **Bill Spinelli**, Titan Custom Homes; vice chair, **Jim Warnken**, Markham, Norton, Mosteller, Wright & Co., P.A.; vice chair, **John Passidomo**, Cheffy Passidomo Wilson & Johnson; vice chair, **Lou Vlasho**, Rimaco Corp.

Board members (elected for three-year terms): **Chris Doyle**, Naples News Media Group; **Todd Gates**, GATES Company; **Jim Hoppensteadt**, Pelican Bay Foundation; **Jason Korn**, Cohen & Grigsby P.C.; **Cheryl Pavlick**, Collier Enterprises; **Brian Stock**, Stock Development; **Jeanne Seewald**, Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP; **Allen Weiss**, NCH Healthcare System. They join current board members whose terms extend to 2011 or 2012.

Business Consulting



MESSINO

Paul Messino, president of Business Technology Insight LLC, recently completed the Sage Software Consulting Academy in Dallas, Texas. The five-day academy educates Sage business partners in proficiencies and strategies to facilitate and deliver successful software projects. Sage offers more than 40 software products designed for small-to medium-sized businesses. Naples-based Business Technology Insight, founded in 1998, specializes in business customer management systems, loyalty management and customer relationship strategies. ■

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Computer sales, service company expands with new retail location

Southwest Computer Solutions, a computer sales and service company whose ownership has been doing business in Naples for nearly eight years, has opened a new retail store and repair shop in King's Lake Shopping Center. To celebrate, the store is giving away an Acer Aspire One netbook. To register for a chance to win, stop at the store at 4814 Davis Blvd., next to Star-

bucks. No purchase is necessary.

Southwest Computer Solutions specializes in repairs, onsite service, networking services, Web site development and custom-built computer systems. Store hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 776-4755 or visit www.sw-computers.com. ■



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Southwest Computer Solutions in King's Lake Shopping Center

Whale Hunters can help land the big ones

Chris Meyers of Naples and Cheryl Good of Bonita Springs have teamed up to bring Whale Hunters to Southwest Florida. The sales coaching company helps entrepreneurs and small businesses land big accounts. Ms. Meyers and Ms. Good are launching chapters in Naples and Fort Myers.

As the marketing manager of Pontiac with a \$300 million budget, Ms. Meyers has been a "whale" herself. Later, as the founder of a national sales and marketing company, she sold to automotive whales, package-good whales and financial whales and was named one of the Top 100 Salespeople in the United States by Advertising Age Magazine.

Ms. Good has more than 20 years of experience in organizational effectiveness consulting and executive development. Based out of Bonita Springs for the past nine years, she has managed her own consulting practice with local and national clients, including a Florida whale in the hospitality business.

The partners will present an Introduction to Whale Hunting in Fort Myers and in Naples on Wednesday, May 5, from 8-9 a.m. at the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce, and from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at the Capital Grille in Mercato, North Naples.

Register online at www.thewhalehunters.com/register. ■

Stevens Construction awarded project

Stevens Construction Inc. has been awarded the contract for retrofitting the Vascular Access and Intervention Center to accommodate the addition of innovative, diagnostic health-care technology from General Electric, Advanta, Welch Allyn and Stryker Medical. Designed by

Sheeley Architects Inc., the facility will remain in operation during construction.

At 2450 Goodlette Frank Road, the Vascular Access and Intervention Center serves as the offices of Drs. Hiranya Rajasinghe, Argyrios Tzillinis and Santiago Chahwan. ■

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MBA

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program. There are students from various industries, many of whom don't have the advanced degrees that are often necessitated for reaching the upper echelons of management.

"We have people from their mid-20s into their 50s, the more common thing is people in their late 30s and early 40s who are moving from a specialist job to a more generalist job," says Dr. Stephen Drew, the director of the program.

More significantly for local industry, the program helps create a local talent pool, lessening the need to import employees from other markets. "There is a skill shortage coming up because of the demographics. I think we do see that," says Dr. Drew.

A census report from 2006 to 2008 shows that 25 percent of Lee County's population holds a bachelor's degree or higher. That's about 2.5 percent below the national average of 27.4 percent. Compare that with cities like Tampa and Orlando, where more than 31 percent of the population hold degrees. There are no census figures for how many of those hold advanced degrees like an MBA.

The gap illustrates the one fault that Mr. Zeto finds with the FGCU program. "The one thing is the fact that

you're not in a major metropolitan area. The networking opportunities aren't as good as if you were, say, in a Boston."

Which is why, on this day, Mr. Zeto finds himself in Las Vegas.

"I swear I haven't been to any strip clubs or pulled up to any tables. All I've been doing is working," he says with an air of longing to make one believe he's telling the truth. Mr. Zeto has pitched his product around Southwest Florida but he says that local venture capitalists don't understand his high-tech offerings.

Fortunately, he says, the professors from his EMBA program are well connected with the world of business outside of Southwest Florida. The Internet has made it much easier to make contact with Mr. Zeto's potential financiers throughout the country and the world, mitigating FGCU's one drawback.

"It's a good lifestyle choice, I'm in Naples where we have good quality of life," he says. "I can always get on a plane and go to Vegas or California for business, then come back." ■

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Magazines back in Denton's hands

Gulfshore Life and Sarasota Magazine have been purchased by the former owner who built them into one of the most successful regional publishing businesses in the country.

Dan Denton, a Florida native who has homes in Sarasota and Naples, has reacquired the publications from Malibu-based CurtCo Publishing. He had sold the group to them in 2004. The price was not disclosed.

"We have chosen to divest ourselves of our city/regional magazines in order to build upon the amazing growth we are experiencing at Robb Report this year," said Bill Curtis, CEO of CurtCo. "Now, it's fitting that the person who originally built the company should take it forward."

Mr. Denton's new company, Gulfshore

Media LLC, will maintain headquarters in Naples and Sarasota and retain most of the current staff — many of who worked with him prior to the CurtCo sale. Gulfshore Media will also operate Florida Home Media LLC, a company Mr. Denton formed to publish Homebuyer magazines and ancillary products in Orlando, Tampa and Jacksonville as well as Orlando Home & Leisure. Randy Noles, group publisher and COO of Florida Home Media LLC, will maintain his role with that company and will assume COO responsibilities for the Gulfshore Media LLC titles as well.

Mr. Denton founded Sarasota Magazine in 1979 and first bought Gulfshore Life, now in its 40th year, in 2000. The company also publishes Gulfshore Business, Biz941 and a host of custom publications in partnership with local arts and business organizations.

Chris Schulz, president and publisher under CurtCo's ownership, is not joining the new organization and plans to move back to California in June. ■



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If you want your retirement to feature a lot of fishing at the lake down the road and maybe some gardening and crossword puzzles, you might do just fine with that \$40,000. But if you want to finally see the world and do a lot of traveling to visit grandchildren (with bags full of gifts), \$40,000 may not be enough.

All is not lost, though. For one thing, you'll likely collect some Social Security payouts (and possibly a pension) in retirement. And there are many things you can do right now to position yourself for a sweeter future:

- Save and invest more. A common rule

of thumb is to sock away 10 percent of your income. But 12 percent or 15 percent, if you can swing it, will be more powerful, especially if you're starting late. You can boost your nest egg by working a few more years, too.

- Invest more effectively. Much of the money you won't need for five or 10 years will probably grow fastest in the stock market, which you can easily access via a simple index fund. (Look into the Vanguard S&P 500 Index Fund, for example.) As you approach retirement, add more bonds to your mix.

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My Dumbest Investment

Banked On It

I bought Citigroup stock at \$20 per share. It had already plunged from \$40 to \$20, so I figured it couldn't drop much more. I thought it was a great long-term investment. Now that it's trading for close to \$5 per share, I wonder... what the hell was I thinking?

— T.M.R., Long Island, N.Y.

The Fool Responds: History is full of investors who've said, "Pan Am can't go out of business — it's an American icon!" Or, "Kmart won't have to file for bankruptcy protection — it will recover soon." Unfortunately, the unthinkable sometimes happens. Even if a stock has fallen by 90 percent, it could still fall further. The question is, "What's the stock really worth right now?" That can be hard to pin down, but if it's struggling, operating amid great uncertainty and is saddled with massive debt, those are red flags worth heeding. Banking can be a tricky business to understand, too, and Citigroup is extra-complex, due to its size. It's best to stick with companies you know and understand — and have great faith in. ■



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(Answer: ExxonMobil)



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Ask the Fool

Tilting at Windmills

Q What companies make windmills? Would one of them be a smart investment?

— M.K., online

A You're right to think about alternative energy as a field with a lot of investment potential. The Department of Energy is aiming for 20 percent of America's energy to be supplied by wind power by 2030 — right now, only 1.5 percent is. The problem for investors, though, is to figure out which companies in the industry will be the winners. Some, for example, may have great technology, but end up crushed by debt.

You should therefore study the industry closely and learn about the strengths and weaknesses of the various players before choosing any. Alternatively, consider investing in a fund that will spread your money across a bunch of wind-power companies. The PowerShares Global Wind Energy (Nasdaq: PWND) exchange-traded fund, for example, trades like a stock and holds shares of more than 30 companies. You might also look into funds that invest in a variety of alternative energies, such as solar power and water power.

Keep in mind, too, that some big, familiar companies, such as General Electric, are also heavily involved in alternative energies — among other things.

Q What do you think about strategies like selling in May and reinvesting in October? Rules of thumb like this confuse me, even with my long-term focus.

— D.S., Tallahassee, Fla.

A Your focus isn't so long-term if you're thinking about jumping in and out of stocks like that.

Market timing is risky, because there's no way to know exactly when to get out or get in, and you might miss a big run-up while on the sidelines. Instead, aim to hang on to great companies for many years. ■

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Name That Company

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and much more. My offerings now treat more than 30 chronic diseases, helping more than 7 million people annually. I'm the world leader in integrated diabetes management systems, insulin pump therapy and continuous glucose monitoring systems. I take in some \$15 billion each year. Who am I? ■

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The Motley Fool Take

Future's Now for Netflix

Do you think of Netflix (Nasdaq: NFLX) as a DVD-mailing service or an online video site? It's currently a little of both, but the disc-mailing portion of the service is likely to become merely an afterthought within the next few years.

Instant-watch views are growing, and some researchers suggest that they might already outnumber DVD shipments. Netflix management says that 48 percent of its customers viewed some streaming media last quarter, up from 42 percent the previous quarter. At the same time, the company added more than a million new net subscribers. Since Netflix likes to drop you onto the "Watch Instantly"

homepage whenever you click in, the growth should not be surprising.

There's much more to come as the addressable market for streaming views continues to flourish.

It's getting harder to find a TV set or Blu-ray player that doesn't support Netflix streaming these days, and streaming is also possible to the Nintendo Wii, the Sony PS3, the Microsoft Xbox 360, and recent TiVo boxes, as well.

Blockbuster is fighting for survival and dipping its badly burned toes into the streaming waters, but it may be too little, too late. For Netflix, the future is already here. The rest of the field is just playing catch-up. (Netflix is a "Motley Fool Stock Advisor" recommendation.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

► A Twitter tutorial titled "**Is Twitter Worth Using for Your Business?**" begins at 8:30 a.m. Friday, April 30, at the Collier Building Industry Association office. Cost is \$5. Visit www.cbina.net to register.

► **SCORE Naples** presents "The SCORE QuickSTARTSM Series" of workshops to help entrepreneurs test a small business idea and begin to plan its start-up. The series includes one free "Start-up Basics" workshop and four business planning sessions at a modest fee. SCORE includes three free and confidential mentoring sessions as part of the series. The "Start-up Basics" session takes place from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 29, at Headquarters Library on Orange Blossom Drive. Business plan-

ning sessions will be held on consecutive Saturdays at 9 a.m. starting May 1 at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Call 430-0081 or visit www.scorenaples.org.

► **A Leadership Development Program** is set for 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at NABOR, 1455 Pine Ridge Road. Visit www.NABOR.com or call 597-1666 for details.

► Member of **N.A.P.L.E.S.** (Naples Area Professional League of Executive Services) meet at 7 a.m. Thursday, May 6, aboard the Naples Princess, 550 Port O'Call Way. Networking begins at 7 a.m. and the meeting will start at 7:45. The speaker is Jennifer Alvarez, owner of Purely You Salon, speaking on "The

Truth about Anti-Aging for Men and Women." For more information, call Tim Tillapaugh at 825-7711 or Patrick Dearborn at 877-4340 or visit www.naplesgroup.net.

► **The Goal Setters Chapter of Business Networking International** meets from 8-10 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1225 Piper Blvd. This is a professional organization focusing on business networking. All are welcome. For more information, call Denise Brimmer at 404-9261 or visit www.bnswfl.com.

► **An Accelerated Networking Luncheon** hosted by the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at The

Pub in Mercato. Cost is \$15; pre-registration required and for members only. Register at www.napleschamber.org.

► **The Public Relations Association of Collier County** presents "How to Build Your Business Using Gender Marketing" from 1-5:30 p.m. Monday, May 17, at the Inn on Fifth. Guest speakers include Kerry Cullen Baldwin of Web.com. Susan McManus of the Education Foundation of Collier County, Ginamarie Pugliese from The von Liebig Art Center, several representatives from area media and "The Man Panel with Big Mama" from B103/9-FM. Cost is \$50 for PRACC members and \$60 for others. A cocktail party at the Jolly Cricket after the workshop is \$10 per person. Register online at www.pracc.org. ■

MONEY

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manifest.

Berkshire was once famous for its investment portfolio run by Mr. Buffet. Over time, through many acquisitions, Berkshire has become a well-run holding company of lots of businesses. The companies are so well run that Mr. Buffett and others suggest that their role is akin to oversight and not Monday morning quarterbacking or micro managing. Their vision is long term — how else could you buy a railroad needing hundreds of millions of capital investment to produce returns for the rest of the century?

There is one role for the CEO, which Buffett personally performs and which he feels all CEOs must also do. It is risk management. His annual report says that he personally approves all derivative contracts (except dominoes). He does not feel that a CEO can delegate this responsibility to others — to committees, teams, quantitative departments, or the like. If a CEO can't understand his firm's risk, then he needs to do so or be replaced.

With the recent acquisition of Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad, Berkshire now employs more people than General Electric. (How could that possibly be? Simple:

Mr. Buffett just made a \$45 billion acquisition.) And Berkshire sits on some \$20 billion of cash, waiting for the next super deal to come along. It deployed \$16 billion in investments during the financial meltdown and instilled confidence in U.S. corporate values. No one knows what would have happened to G.E. (that received \$3 billion) or Goldman Sachs that received \$5 billion.

The May 1 meeting should provide some very interesting dialogue on Goldman Sachs, the SEC's claim of fraud and the general public's claim of ethical violations on Wall Street. It brings to mind 1991 when Mr. Buffett invested \$700 million in Salomon Brothers and there were serious ethical and legal failures at the firm. Salomon Brothers broke rules as it attempted to corner U.S. bond markets.

Testifying at the Congressional hearings, Mr. Buffet is noted for saying, "Lose money for the firm and I will be understanding. Lose a shred of reputation and I will be ruthless." Salomon's CEO and four other top executives found themselves "resigned." They were held accountable for failures to handle, disclose or otherwise manage their business at the highest level of integrity.

It's hard to imagine Mr. Buffett feeling that Goldman has not lost a shred of reputation.

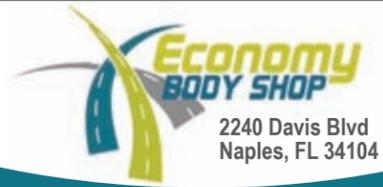
As recently as this week, a Goldman director is under investigation for disclosure of inside information to a hedge fund

operator — now charged by the SEC with insider trading. The non-public information supposedly disclosed was Hathaway's intended \$5 billion investment in Goldman.

So, Mr. Buffett's comments and actions in regard to Goldman will be of great interest.

If you have lost all faith in capitalism or your faith is wavering, the annual report and meeting will take you to a place where the shareholder really counts — where corporate management has not forgotten that it is working to produce shareholder returns and not to produce gargantuan salaries or corporate stock options for themselves. (Buffett pays himself \$100,000 a year.) ■

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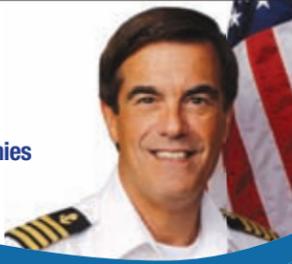
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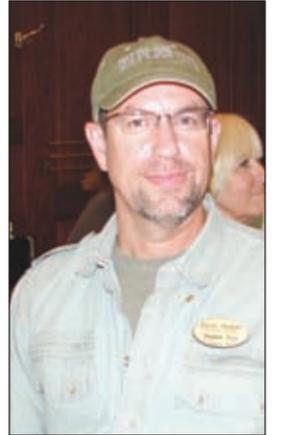
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Judy Evans-Harper, Lisa Vinciguerra, Margaret Eadington and Nancy Dahger



Linda Goldfield, Sue Lampitt and Meg Stepanian



David Tetzlaff of The Naples Zoo

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'New Perspectives on the Economy and Home Building'

A seminar at presented by London Bay Homes



Top: Sylvia Conner, David Gookin, Heather Wightman and Kim Nobbe



Left: Rich Grimes and Jell Morgan



Right: Ken Plonski, Mark Wilson, Gregory Miller and Terry Speech



Kim McIntosh and Joann Malone



Rosemary Scheetz-Bruce and Tony Eller



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Single-Family Homes from \$170s

Hamilton 1,554 SF / 3 BR / 2 BA	\$174,990
Bristol 1,672 SF / 3 BR / 2 BA	\$182,990
Devon 1,827 SF / 3 BR / 2 BA	\$209,990
Manchester 2,276 SF / 5 BR / 2.5 BA	\$218,990
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REAL ESTATE

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Bradshaw will discuss FGCU's economic impact

While the development of the Florida Gulf Coast University campus continues to generate construction activity, the university's academic and research programs are also emerging as important catalysts for economic growth in the region.



BRADSHAW

Dr. Wilson Bradshaw, president of FGCU, will address the school's role in Southwest Florida's economic development at a luncheon meeting of the Real Estate Investment Society on Tuesday,

May 11, at Pelican Preserve in Fort Myers.

Dr. Bradshaw will deliver an overview of the FGCU Innovation Hub, the centerpiece of a 1.2-million-square-foot research and development area being developed adjacent to Southwest Florida International Airport. He will also explain the synergy between the business community and the university's Lutgert College of Business, its Small Business Development Center, the Florida Institute of Government, the Regional Economic Research Institute and the Whitaker Center for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education. Following his presentation, Dr. Bradshaw will respond to questions of specific interest to the real estate and development community.

Dr. Bradshaw is FGCU's third president and leads a period of major growth and innovation for the school, which includes 11,000 students, a 70-building campus, more than 80 academic programs, and a thriving intercollegiate sports program.

Sponsored by Vanasse Daylor, a Weston and Sampson Company, the meeting will begin at 11:45 a.m. Admission is \$25 for Real Estate Investment Society members and \$35 for guests. Reservations are required by May 5 and can be made at www.reis-swfl.org.

Partner companies buy Andalusia

The Andalusia community has been purchased by Landove LLC, a land development firm with offices in Atlanta and Tampa, and Chicago-based Walton Street Capital LLC. The joint-venture partners bought the

SEE BRIEFS, B14 ►



COURTESY PHOTOS

An aerial view of the Quail West clubhouse and adjacent tennis courts

Variety of homes, wealth of amenities distinguish the Quail West lifestyle

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Quail West is offering a variety of homes to suit all tastes, including stylish single-family villas, gracious executive homes and opulent estate homes. The North Naples gated community has a Mediterranean ambience with cobblestone streets, courtyards and fountains. Homes feature elegant Spanish tile roofs, decorative archways and intricate ironwork.

McGarvey Custom Homes has unveiled five villa models ranging from 2,965 square feet to 3,492 square feet under air, including 19 homesites with southern exposure in the La Caille neighborhood that afford residents expansive golf-to-lake views as well as views of holes 8 and 9 on the community's Lakes Golf Course. One- and two-story floor plans are available with prices from \$985,000.

Recently introduced executive homes range in size from 3,600 square feet to



COURTESY PHOTO

Tennis lessons will be offered to the public this summer.

4,500 square feet under air. Sixteen 95-foot-wide lots are now available in the Newlands and Tamworth neighborhoods, complete with views of preserves and golf as well as lake views. Lots are priced from \$300,000; custom homes are offered from under \$1.5 million.

Luxury estate homes, ranging from

SEE WEST, B14 ►

Sports camp kicks off this summer

Quail West is planning a new summer sports camp designed to fit the needs of parents and kids alike. For the public as well as for Quail West residents, the four-day sessions will offer golf, tennis, fitness, swimming and an abundance of fun for children ages 8 to 16. Additional activities include soccer, volleyball and bocce ball.

Under the direction of Sol Mandel, head fitness trainer; Warren Eber, director of tennis; Andrea Drake, PGA teaching professional; and Kim Meador, membership director, the camp will ensure the youngsters are engaged in activities that will keep their minds and bodies active when

SEE CAMP, B14 ►

Stock Development charts strong new home sales

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Stock Development has released a first quarter 2010 sales report showing 117 new home sales at Lely Resort and Paseo.

CEO Brian Stock reports sales volume was \$41.6 million from 81 sales at Lely Resort in Naples and 36 at Paseo in Fort Myers.

"Our first quarter sales increased a remarkable 63 percent over the same time in 2009," said Mr. Stock. "The sales momentum we had at the end of 2009 increased in the first quarter of this

year." The surge in sales was continuing into April, he added, with nine pending sales at Paseo and seven at Lely Resort.

"In the past two years we have continued to introduce new floorplans, new neighborhoods and upgraded amenity offerings. It has paid off as buyers have recognized our long-term commitment to development in Southwest Florida," he said. More than 50 furnished models are open in Lely Resort and Paseo.

"We have been aggressively building a wide variety of new homes so that inventory will be available for homebuyers

who want to move in immediately," said Claudine Léger-Wetzel, vice president of sales and marketing. "We have more than 100 homes under construction or in permitting, which distinguishes us in this market."

The company's efforts have also garnered numerous awards for new home designs, amenities, interior designs, marketing efforts and sales personnel.

Stock Development headquarters are at 2647 Professional Circle in Naples. For more information, visit www.stock-development.com. ■



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



PARK SHORE ▲
Wide water views from recently updated, 2-story luxurious waterfront property offering 5 bedrooms, den and 6 baths. **\$4,495,000**
Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600



PARK SHORE ▲ Unobstructed Bay views! Graceful and expansive 2-story waterfront residence. Boat dock, 5BR/6BA plus den, pool. **\$4,295,000**
Michael Lawler | 571-3939



MOORINGS ▲ Rare opportunity for no bridge access to Gulf & S. exposure property with 122 ft. on the water, 4BR+den, pool/spa. **\$4,295,000**
Michael Lawler | 571-3939



MOORINGS ▲ Exceptional Bay views, 131 feet on the water, 2 docks & boat lift, 3BR/4.5BAs, office, covered lanai, pool & spa. **\$3,995,000**
Michael Lawler | 571-3939



PARK SHORE ▲ Fountains grace entry of this 4BR+ den two-level home. Overlooks bay. Leisure room, office, studio, pool/spa, dock. **\$3,995,000**
Michael Lawler | 571-3939



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



PARK SHORE ▲ Architectural dream 4BR+den waterfront home! Expansive Bay views, totally refurbished in 2009. 40,000# boat lift. **\$3,850,000**
Mark/Laura Maran | 777-3301



PARK SHORE ▲ Ultimate waterfront, contemporary masterpiece with the highest quality finishes. Approx. 165 ft. on Venetian Bay. **\$3,695,000**
Michael Lawler | 571-3939



MOORINGS - VISTA ROYALE ▲ Luxuriously appointed waterfront villas offer exquisite views Moorings Bay. deeded boat slips. **\$3,495,000**
Michael Lawler | 571-3939



NEW LISTING
MOORINGS - VISTA ROYALE ▲ Sensational Bay view! Unique waterfront 4BR+den villa, over 3900 SF. Private pool, spa, dock, guard-gated village! **\$3,200,000**
Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars | 216-1973



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



MOORINGS ▲ Attractively priced new waterfront home, 1/2 mile to private beach, boat lift with easy Gulf access. Pool & spa. **\$2,995,000**
Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741



OPEN SUN. 1-4
MOORINGS ▲ 298 Mooringline Drive. Exquisite waterfront home with S. exposure, 3BR/4BA's + office/den. Expansive lanai, dock with quick Gulf access. **\$2,695,000**
Michael Lawler | 571-3939



MOORINGS ▲ Luxury at every turn. Four BRs, island kitchen, six-burner gas stove, lanai, outdoor fireplace, pool. **\$2,495,000**
Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678



MOORINGS ▲ Completely renovated! Western sunsets over Bowline Bay. Travertine marble, stainless appliances, granite counters. **\$2,250,000** | Trey Wilson | 595-4444



MOORINGS ▲ Extensive upgrades in this 4 BR, 5.5BA pool home. Interior repainted in fresh, lively colors. Marble/wood floors. **\$1,995,000**
Angela R. Allen | 825-8494



MOORINGS ▲ Outstanding! Over 4,400 A/C SF, panoramic golf views, 5 bedrooms and gourmet kitchen. Three-car garage. **\$1,995,000**
Michael Lawler | 571-3939



MOORINGS ▲ Huge lot, 5BR+den, 5 full and 2 half-baths. Home theatre with full bar. Guest suite/game room over 3-car garage. **\$1,949,000**
Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



SEAGATE ▲ Waterfront living, walk to beach. Custom-designed 5BR/3.5BA + den 2-story pool home, 5,015 total sq. ft. Boat dock. **\$1,499,900**
Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420



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



PARK SHORE ▲ Walk to beach, shops & dining! Quality remodeling, family room, 4BR/3.5BA+office. S. exposure pool, spa + hot tub. **\$875,000**
Mitch/Sandra Williams | 370-8879



MOORINGS ▲ Meticulously maintained 3BR/2BA home, large, elevated corner lot. Heated pool, convenient to beach, shops & dining. **\$765,000**
Judy Perry/Linda Perry | 261-6161



MOORINGS ▲ Walk to private beach/park! Three bedroom professionally decorated & furnished. Oversized lot (98'x170') with pool. **\$749,000**
Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9090



OPEN SUN. 1-4
PARK SHORE - COLONADE ▲ 235 Colonade Circle - Gated entry, beautiful 3BR/2.5BA, screened lanai with electric shutters, private elevator & garage. Walk to beach. **\$695,000** | Linda Ohler | 404-6460



OPEN SUN. 1-4
PARK SHORE LANDINGS ▲ 305 Park Shore Drive #232 - Completely remodeled 2BR plus den. Spectacular Bay views, boat docks can be purchased or leased. Walk to beach. **\$695,000** | Larry Roorda | 860-2534



PARK SHORE - PELICAN POINT I ▲ Serene views of Venetian Bay from recently updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath residence. Granite countertops, wood flooring. **\$545,000**
Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600



OPEN SUN. 1-4
PARK SHORE - PELICAN POINT I ▲ 300 Park Shore Dr. #4C Great price on this 2BR/2BA with S. exposure, Bay views. Many updates. Turnkey furnished. **\$475,000**
Sharon Kaitenborn/Terrl Moellers | 404-7887



PARK SHORE - PELICAN POINT I ▲ Lovely 2 bedroom, 2 bath turnkey furnished residence has wonderful bay views. Stroll to Venetian Village. **\$450,000**
Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600



PARK SHORE - PELICAN POINT I ▲ Wonderful water views from this 2BR/2BA residence. Beach access. Stroll to Venetian Village dining and shopping. **\$399,000**
Paula Sims & Julie Rembos | 262-6600

PARK SHORE
233 Mermaids Bight - Waterfront property on Venetian Bay with 116' of water frontage with only 1 bridge to the Gulf. Close to the beach. **\$1,695,000** | Michael Lawler | 571-3939
502 Whispering Pine Lane - This spacious 4 BR, 3.5 BA offers neutral tile in main living areas, newer carpet in bedrooms & is freshly painted. **\$1,250,000** | Kathryn Tout | 250-3583
PELICAN POINT WEST 250 Park Shore Drive #403 - Overlooking Venetian Bay. Granite, wood cabinets, stainless appliances, 3BRs, 2BAs, balcony from master. **\$895,000** | Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600
COLONADE 215 Colonade Circle - Beautifully remodeled 2BR+den "Delphi" villa. Glassed-in lanai, private elevator. Clubhouse, pool, spa, near beach. **\$825,000** | Mimi Straub | 434-2424
4780 Whispering Pine Way - Lovely 3BR/2BA pool home. Walk to beach & shops. Very private, spacious screened pool area with large side yard. **\$695,000** | Mara/Michael Muller | 272-6170
COLONADE 137 Colonade Circle - "Athena" model with 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Marble floors, new kitchen cabinets, plantation shutters & 10' ceilings. **\$685,000** | Linda Ohler | 404-6460
COLONADE 147 Colonade Circle - Gorgeous Delphi plan, 2,477 SF living area, sunset views! Two-car garage, private elevator. Clubhouse, pool & spa. **\$680,000** | Judy Perry/Linda Perry | 261-6161
532 Pine Grove Lane - Desirable southern exposure 3BR home. Floor plan offers easy expansion & remodeling opportunities. Screened pool. **\$629,500** | Michael Lawler | 571-3939

PARK SHORE
676 Fountainhead Way - Build your dream home here. Quiet neighborhood. Property is eligible for private Park Shore Beach access. **\$579,000** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420
PELICAN POINT I 300 Park Shore Drive #4B - Fabulous location! Three bedrooms, incredible views of Venetian Bay. Steps to beach, fine dining and shopping. **\$539,900** | Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600
PARK WEST VILLAS 4708 West Blvd. - Lovely 4 BR/2.5 BA villa. Updated bathrooms and kitchen. Pets upon approval. Minutes to Gulf beaches and shops. **\$359,000** | Jeri Richey | 269-2203
HARBORSIDE TERRACE 4280 Belair Lane - Just around the corner from shops & restaurants. Stand alone 3BR/2BA condominium, 3 exposures + sunny tiled lanai. **\$295,000** | Judy Perry/Linda Perry | 261-6161
BELAIR CLUB 3930 Belair Lane #104 - Truly stunning! Completely renovated, bright 2BR/2BA has garden view. Park Shore beach access membership available. **\$295,000** | Keith Alexander | 250-5156
JACARANDA 4082 Belair Lane #10 - This 3 bedroom plus glassed-in porch used as den is updated and in excellent condition. Wood and tile flooring. **\$274,500** | Judy Perry/Penny Lyle | 261-6161
PARK SHORE RESORT 600 Neapolitan Way #141 - Great location in the heart of Park Shore. Close to the beaches, Waterside, Mercato, and downtown. Rental policy **\$125,900** | Philip Mareschal | 269-6033
VENETIAN BAY YACHT CLUB BOAT SLIPS Gulf Shore Blvd N. On Venetian Bay - Available to Park Shore property owners. Gulf access. Close to parking for easy loading. Electric and water available. **From \$41,000** Please call 261-6161 or 659-0099

MOORINGS
VILLAS OF FAIRWAY TERRACE-VILLA BEL SOLE 655 Fairway Terrace New construction by BCB Homes. Villa Bel Sole model is designed by Stofft Cooney Architects, 3BRs, den & upgrades. **\$1,795,000** | Mark/Laura Maran/Jerry Wachowicz | 777-3301
VILLAS OF FAIRWAY TERRACE 664 Fairway Terrace - Brand new 3 bedroom plus library reflects classic Old World Tuscan style. Beautiful & meticulous craftsmanship. **\$1,695,000** | Mark/Laura Maran/Jerry Wachowicz | 777-3301
925 Wedge Drive - Updated 4 BR, 2.5 BA home. Wood floors, mouldings, granite, SS appliances. Cast stone pool deck. Stunning views. **\$795,000** | Mary Smallwood | 293-0349
SEAGATE
5076 Starfish Avenue - Attractive cottage style home, dock with direct Gulf access. Wood deck/dock for relaxing. Gulf front beach club. **\$649,000** | Angela R. Allen | 825-8494
COQUINA SANDS
266 Yucca Road - Fabulous opportunity to build your dream home. Lot size is 113'x197'x110'x195' Close to beaches, shopping & dining. **\$1,640,000** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420
670 Murex Drive - Exceptional property located close to beach shopping and more on a lovely street. Build your dream home here. **\$599,000** | Steve Smiley | 298-4327



MARCO ISLAND - MADEIRA ▲
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



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GREY OAKS - ESTUARY ▲
1280 Osprey Trail - "Mariana" Model.
Panoramic lake and fairway views abound.
Boasting 6,910 SF A/C, 6BRs, 5 full BAs +
2 half baths. **\$4,995,000**
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OLD NAPLES ▲
One block to beach! Built in 2008. Over
5,300 A/C SF, 4BRs plus den and bonus
lounge. Heated pool/spa. Furnished.
\$4,295,000
Marty/Debbi McDermott 564-4231



BAY COLONY - REMINGTON ▲
Beautifully finished, 3,010 A/C SF, 2BRs
plus den/3rd BR, oversized terrace with
steps to pool & beach. Furnished.
\$3,195,000
Leah Ritchey/Ray Couret | 289-0433



MEDITERRA - MARCELLO ▲
This Brand New Harwick built residence
is ideally located on a privacy lot with long
lake and preserve views. **\$3,188,000**
Dru/Greg Martinovich | 564-1266



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



VANDERBILT BEACH - MORAYA BAY ▲
11125 Gulfshore Drive - Naples newest
beachfront condominium offering the
ultimate in sophisticated resort living. Views
of the Gulf, Bay & preserves.
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PARK SHORE - ARIA ▲
Outstanding views! Crema Marfil and
hand scraped maple floors, 3BR/3BAs, 2
balconies, fireplace, 10' ceilings.
\$2,395,000 | Susan Barton | 860-1412



BAY COLONY - VIZCAYA ▲
Rarely available! Single-story, 3BR with
3,570+ total SF. Cobble entry garden,
gourmet kitchen & morning room.
\$1,895,000
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PARK SHORE - PROVENCE ▲
Neutral backgrounds, quality finishes &
furnishings, 10 ft. ceilings. City, bay & Gulf
views. Boat docks available **\$1,775,000**
Ed Cox/Jeff Cox | 860-8806



NAPLES CAY - BAYPOINTE ▲
Spectacular views of the Gulf and bay. Over
2,400 sq. ft. of living area. Private guard-
gated beachfront community. **\$1,645,000**
Paula Sims/Julie Rembos | 262-6600



GREY OAKS - ESTUARY ▲
Almost-new 4,000 SF former model with
Saturnia marble floors, gas fireplace,
vaulted ceilings, & pool/spa. Furnished.
\$1,625,000
Lynn Anderson/Carolyn Weinand | 290-6674



BONITA BAY - HORIZONS ▲
Spectacular views, cherry and marble floors,
crown moldings, granite counters. Three
bedroom plus den, 3.5 bath. **\$1,495,000**
Carol Johnson &
Michael Lickley 564-1282



**VANDERBILT BEACH
VANDERBILT GULFSIDE I** ▲
Spacious 3BR/3BA beachfront gem with
unobstructed wraparound Gulf vistas. Gated
community, 8 lush acres with pool.
\$1,490,000 | Pat Callis | 250-0562



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



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



HIDEAWAY BEACH ▲
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



BONITA BAY - ANCHORAGE ▲
Spectacular waterfront villa! Courtyard
pool and protected inlet views. Beautifully
appointed 3 BR+den, great room.
\$1,175,000
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development from DJMC Homes for an undisclosed amount. This is the second residential community investment Landeavor and Walton Street Capital have made in Florida as part of a long-term investment portfolio strategy.

“We are extremely excited about the opportunity to continue developing Andalucia,” said David Frame, managing principal of Landeavor. “Naples is an enormously popular real estate community with tremendous projected growth potential.”

West of I-75 on Whippoorwill Lane, Andalucia has 167 homesites on 78

acres. Landeavor is developing land plans and securing new builders. Sales of detached single-family homes from the mid-\$300,000s to \$600,000 are expected to begin in the next year.

New entrance at Players Cove

Stock Development has completed construction and landscaping for the new entry at Players Cove, a neighborhood of coach homes within Lely Resort.

The new entry features a pond and a monument supported by a stacked-stone wall, with waterfalls on either end of the monument cascading into the pond. There's also a vertical fountain and a bridge over the pond.

Each coach home building at Players Cove offers four residences. The neighborhood has two floor plans, the Medalion and the Whitestone, with prices beginning in the \$320,000s. ■

WEST

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To view model homes available for sale, visit the sales center at the entrance to the community. The entrance to Quail West is east of I-75, one mile south of Bonita Beach Road on Bonita Grande Drive. To view a photo gallery and register for updates, go to www.QuailWest.com. For more information, call 592-1010. ■

CAMP

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school lets out for the summer.

“This camp isn't all about sports, it's also about learning to eat properly,” said Mr. Mandel. “The Quail West Country Club will offer healthy food choices for lunch and snacks.”

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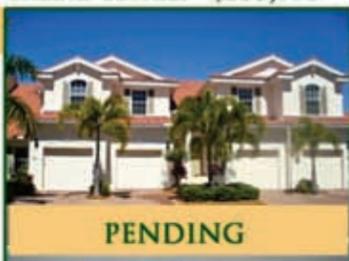
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Taste of Collier

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Twenty-seven years ago, a pioneering couple wanted to find a way to say “thank you” to the Naples community at the end of a busy winter and spring. That year, they gathered a handful of restaurants to offer samples of their most popular dishes for the public to enjoy. Ray and June Singer hoped with each passing year, that the event would grow as an end-of-season showcase for restaurateurs.

SEE TASTE, C4 ►

Food fest a flavorful tradition that celebrates the end of season



COURTESY IMAGES

Above: Mayor Bill Barnett, left, and Trey Radel served as persuasive celebrity auctioneers at Taste of Collier 2009 and promise to deliver the same performance this year. Top: Naples artist Nora Butler created the poster and T-shirt art this year, as she has done for the past two Tastes.

WEEK at-a-glance



Hodges Humanitarians
Luncheon honors three Sproul women, and more good-news events. C27-29 ►



Wilde and witty
Theater critic Nancy Stetson says it's important to see The Naples Players' 'Earnest.' C8 ►



Important pottery
Antiques expert Terry Kovel says art pottery can sell for more than \$1,000. C21 ►

Recital celebrates 40 years of music scholarships

BY MARILYN STANHOPE
Special to Florida Weekly

Forty years is a long time by many standards, but especially when we're considering the history of Naples. The city in 1970 was far different from the Naples of today. Even then, however, the Naples Music Club was a vital organization that had as one of its objectives the raising of funds to help young musicians continue their music education.

Every year, many of those who receive NMC scholarships perform a spring recital for club members and the public as part of the scholarship awards ceremony. Seventeen of this year's 33 win-

ners will perform in the 40th Anniversary Winners Recital at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at First United Methodist Church. Admission is free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be taken.

The young artists on the program are: Jared Blajian, Jeremy Brachle, Phillip Brindise, Nathaniel Cornell, Jon Coulter, Elizabeth Drugan, McClaran Hayes, Joseph Lang, Bennett Lanni, Johanne Nordilus, Christian Ostolaza, Joseph Peliska, Natalie Peliska, Rafael Rivas, Daniel Rosman, Catherine Schramm and Christian Stahlman.

The remaining 16 scholarship winners'

SEE RECITAL, C4 ►



JEANNETTE BOUCHER/COURTESY PHOTO

Jared Blajian warms up before his scholarship audition at Gulf Coast High School. He is among the winners who perform in Sunday's recital.



National acclaim
Naples Flatbread & Wine Bar earns accolades for its fast-casual concept. C31 ►

SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Scheming to score a man nets zero

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On a recent afternoon, my friend Michelle, a slim, foxy young woman with dark hair and soft brown eyes, made a pass at an older man at the local library.

"You look like you're doing a lot of work there," she said, tilting her chin at the pile of books stacked on the table they shared.

The man nodded. "I'm in law school," he said. Then, throwing his hands up in a helpless gesture and rolling his eyes toward the ceiling, "Exams."

Michelle laughed. They whispered back and forth for several minutes, then the man asked for Michelle's phone number. She handed over her digits and marked the meeting a success.

In fact, Michelle had been on a mission for months to track down just the sort of man sitting across from her at the library worktable. Inspired by a married friend who extolled the virtues of wedlock, Michelle had decided to move her relationships away from casual flings and toward a path that would lead to marriage. She deemed her 22-year-old contemporaries not ready for the relationship long-haul and set out to find an older man with solid job prospects and the potential for romantic stability.

Over the next two weeks, the soon-to-be-lawyer wooed Michelle with skim

lattes and tofu chow mien. He picked up the tab every time the two stepped out, and Michelle counted this a good sign. A man who invests cash in a relationship is in it for keeps, she reasoned. True, she imagined herself better looking than her beau and, also true, she thought herself a worthier catch, but surely compromises pave the road to matrimony.

What a shock then, when she discovered her suitor sipping lattes with another woman at their favorite coffee shop. He looked up in time to see Michelle before she hurried away and then sent her a smiley face text message a few minutes later.

"Not a wink face?" I asked when Michelle told me the story.

"Definitely a smiley face," she said. "He was mocking me."

What hurt the most, to hear her tell it, was not the deception itself but the promise she imagined he'd broken. His age, his nascent law career: These things pointed to a stable man, a man willing to embark on the journey to matrimonial commitment.

"I don't think guys are ever ready," Michelle moaned.

Not so, says Gregory Gilderman in his fantastically entertaining new book, "She's the One." A one-time television personality and Cosmopolitan magazine relationship guru, Mr. Gilderman says all men — like women — are searching for the One.

"What makes a guy view a girl as marriage or serious girlfriend material is her character," Gilderman writes. "Deep



"... she thought herself a worthier catch, but surely compromises pave the road to matrimony..."

down, guys want decent, generous, affectionate women."

In the chapter titled "In His Own Words," Mr. Gilderman quotes a man named Jimmy who puts it this way, "When a woman acts with true selflessness, I think it makes men think about her in a different way. That's the moment he's going to think about being with you long-term."

With Michelle, perhaps the problem lies less with the men she dates and more with the way she schemes to get them. If character indicates a keeper, this one is a throw back. ■

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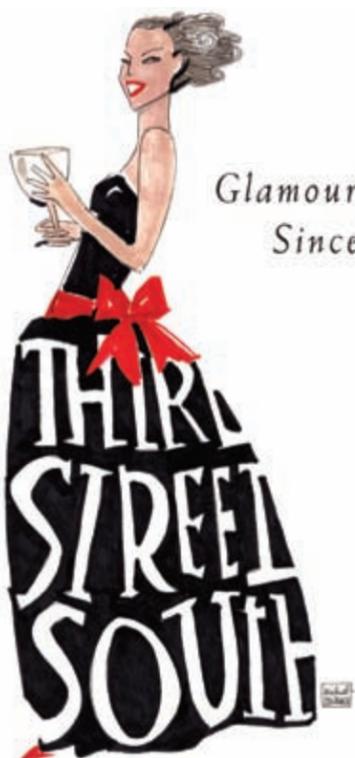


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TASTE

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“We just wanted to create an event where the restaurants could thank everyone for season. Those first couple of years, it was just a handful of restaurants and maybe a hundred people attending,” said Ray Singer.

Fast forward to this coming Sunday, May 2, when the Taste of Collier will showcase more than 35 area eateries and attract a hungry crowd of more than 15,000 people. In addition to sampling a wide variety of tasty treats — things like Potstickers and Pulled Pork Sliders, Stone Crab Claws and Grilled Swordfish with Rice Pilaf, Wood-Grilled Szechuan Baby Back Ribs and BBQ Shrimp, just for starters — attendees can also enjoy ice carving contests, live music, chef demonstrations and the Bayfront Boat Show. For the second year, Naples Mayor Bill Barnett and Trey Radel, host of “Daybreak” on 92.5-FM and former WINK News anchor, will dish out their special brand of humor and persuasive skills for the live auction. Prizes up for the highest bid-



COURTESY PHOTOS
As these photos from last year's Taste of Collier show, presentation gets as much attention as taste in the dishes served.

der include rounds of golf, hotel stays, a gourmet dinner for eight prepared by a personal chef and a family membership to a private club.

Lined up for this year's live entertainment are: Symon, Mike Simon's World Music and The Stacey Allison Group.

Just as important as assuaging the appetites of the masses, Taste of Collier raises money for local charities. Over the years, more than \$750,000 has been donated to worthy causes.

This year's beneficiaries are St. Matthew's House, the Collier Chapter of the American Red Cross and the ProStart culinary program for Collier County students.

Presenting sponsor of 2010 Taste of Collier is Iberia Bank.



Chef demonstrations are sponsored by Ferguson Bath, Kitchen & Lighting Gallery; the ice-carving contest is sponsored by Rasmussen College; and the live auction is sponsored by Sweetbay Supermarket. Additional sponsors include Conditioned Air, Bayfront, MarineMax Naples, Naples Daily News,

great eats

- >> Among those who will be serving samples of their signature dishes at Taste of Collier are: Bert's Seafood and Chowder House
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- Emack & Bolio
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- Fred's Diner
- Greek Gourmet
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Admission is \$5 per person, with children 5 and younger admitted free. Food and drink is \$1 to \$5 per item, purchased with tickets that will be sold onsite. For more information, visit www.tasteofcollier.org. ■

in the know

- >> **What:** The 27th annual Taste of Collier
- >> **When:** Noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2
- >> **Where:** Bayfront, at the corner of Goodlette Road and Fifth Avenue South
- >> **Cost:** \$5 per person admission; food and drink \$1 to \$5 per item, purchased with ticket sold onsite
- >> **Parking:** Free, at the former Grand Central Station site
- >> **Info:** www.tasteofcollier.org

RECITAL

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names will be announced as part of the awards program. This year 64 students competed in the following categories: brass, woodwinds, piano, percussion, strings and voice.

The NMC was founded in 1965 by Tom and Grace Truesdale, but it wasn't until 1970 that members were able to offer the first NMC scholarship: \$500 to 17-year-old Anita Boqvist for summer study.

Now Anita Boqvist Smith, she will attend the recital this weekend.

Ms. Smith has taught all grade levels of music education during a career that took her from Naples to Boca Raton in 1985. There she has conducted choruses and taught vocalists who have excelled in district festivals in Florida and the southeastern U.S. She is the soprano soloist at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray, Fla., does accompanying in Palm Beach County and sings with big bands and small combos whenever she has the opportunity. That \$500 award in 1970 certainly went a long way.

Over the years since then, the club has awarded nearly \$400,000 to more than 600 middle and high school students. Among the more recent recipients is Janelle House, a Turiel Award winner in 2000. The club's top award, the Turiel is typically given to a senior who best meets a number of criteria. Ms. House performed earlier this year on the harp alongside her teacher, Naples Philharmonic principal harpist Dickie Fleisher.

Pianist Alden Gatt, now a senior at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., won the Turiel in 2006. He returned to Naples and performed a recital for NMC members and the community in March.

Lederian Townsend, the 2007 Turiel



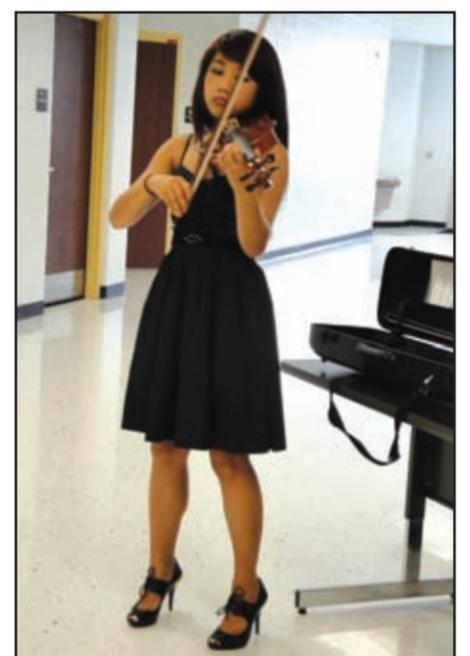
JEANNETTE BOUCHER/ COURTESY PHOTOS
These photos were taken on scholarship audition day, April 17, at Golden Gate High School. Above, left to right: Sergei Lugovskoy, Marcelo Marsalli and Tarik Machado Marque await their turns.

recipient, is a junior at Florida State University. Majoring in music education, he hopes to teach in his hometown of Immokalee, go to graduate school and eventually lead a symphony orchestra.

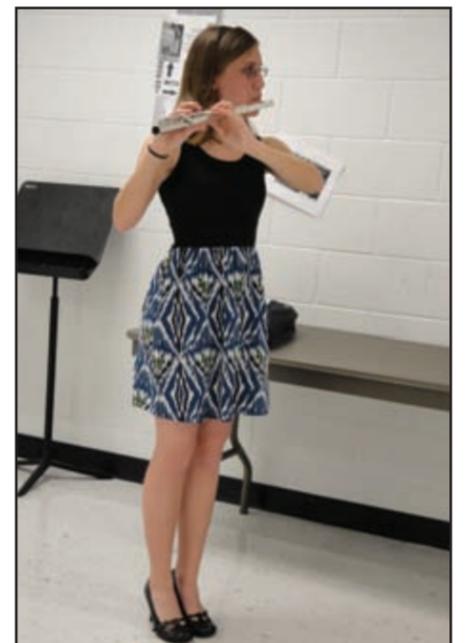
Last year, Laura Chami won the Turiel with her beautiful vocal performance of an Offenbach aria. Ms. Chami's musical talents extend beyond her voice to the piano and the alto saxophone as well. Currently attending FSU, she is majoring in music therapy and minoring in vocal performance. ■

in the know

- >> **What:** 40th Anniversary Winners Recital
- >> **Who:** The Naples Music Club's 2010 student scholarship winners
- >> **When:** 2 p.m. Sunday, May 2
- >> **Where:** First United Methodist Church, 388 First Ave. S.
- >> **Admission:** Free, but a freewill offering will be taken
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THE MUSIC GOURMET

'Bluegrass Meets the Maestro' for a terrific show in Punta Gorda



Peg GOLDBERG LONGSTRETH
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I grew up in "bluegrass country." Even though I was trained as a classical musician, there has always been a special place in my heart for the quintessentially American art form we call bluegrass (and great gospel music, too, but that's another story).

Until I heard a sold-out performance at the Charlotte Harbor Event and Conference Center on April 16, however, I thought the Cherryholmes Family Band was the best in the business. They brought down the house at the Phil two years ago, and will return in May, combining their talents with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, which promises to be a blockbuster event.

But the Cherryholmes Family Band now has some serious competition for first place in my heart.

At "Bluegrass Meets the Maestro," I was overwhelmed by The Kruger Brothers' talent combined with the Charlotte Symphony. Under the director of Francis Wada, the orchestra played as if they'd been doing bluegrass all their lives, never stumbling, miscounting or missing a cue.

The audience ate it up, swaying and swaying to the beat and toe-tapping and clapping along with many of the pieces.

Of course, it didn't hurt that their charismatic conductor, attired in an over-the-top cowboy shirt and matching slacks — appeared to be having as much fun as

the audience as he guided his musicians through their paces like a mother hen.

Now completing his first year as conductor and music director for the Charlotte Symphony, Mr. Wada has brought a whole new level of excellence and excitement to Charlotte County.

A native of Japan, where he was born into privilege only to have the family's wealth evaporate overnight during a bank collapse, he views those bleak times as the perfect venue for learning the lesson of perseverance.

And persevere he has, emigrating to this country, graduating from the Catholic University of America's School of Music, and proceeding to electrify audiences with his conducting skills and charm these past 30-plus years, 28 of which he's spent as conductor and music director of the Thayer Symphony in Leominster, Mass.

He is clearly unafraid to do things differently, take chances. And from what I have observed thus far, his choices have been right on.

Hence his decision to bring The Kruger Brothers to Punta Gorda and combine the band's rare bluegrass talents with the Charlotte Symphony. I'm sure the maestro fully expected the symphony to rise to the occasion. And it did.

Unlike the Cherryholmes Family Band, which plays more what I classify as Appalachian bluegrass, The Kruger Brothers play I call new American bluegrass. Same instruments, same picking and strumming, same rhythm — but they speak proper English and have very different themes to their story lines.

Born and raised in Switzerland, Jens



THE CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY / COURTESY PHOTO
Maestro Wada gets in the act with his harmonica during the encore.

Kruger, who is the banjo player, also is its amazingly talented composer. His brother, Uwe, makes a guitar sing like there's no tomorrow. Joel Landsberg, the quiet one, plays a mean bass guitar. Josh Day adds percussion to the mix.

Although they began performing professionally in Europe in 1973, it wasn't until 1997 that America finally got a chance to hear and see them. They live in North Carolina on the rare occasions when they are not on the road, delivering their special brand of magic to audiences everywhere.

The first half of the program in Punta Gorda was a shimmering composition of, theoretically, nine separate movements or pieces. I say "theoretically" because numbers segued into one another so perfectly,

it was sometimes impossible to discern where one ended and the next began.

This lush composition titled "Music from the Spring" was composed by Jens Kruger, whose banjo playing sounded just like a flamenco guitar on several occasions.

Several selections were based on simple, redundant melody lines that were transfigured into a modern masterpiece in the course of a few bars.

And sing! Well, of course they can sing. Uwe has a baritone voice that is somehow reminiscent of Gordon Lightfoot.

But this concert wasn't just about The Kruger Brothers; it was also the exciting ways the symphony enhanced each number on the program.

The flutes lead off in "Up 18 North," and the violins took on the role of fiddlers in another piece. Then came the horns, taking the lead in one. The combination of sounds and rhythms was, frankly, intoxicating.

"Run Run Run," sang Jens, his banjo nearly exploding as the rhythm practically overwhelmed the room. You would swear Uwe's guitar said, "My turn!" as the two instruments traded off time and again.

I sure hope this will not be the last time we get to enjoy The Kruger Brothers. They — and the Charlotte Symphony — gave 110 percent to the performance.

Everyone was excitedly talking about having a terrific evening when I left. Anytime an audience responds so enthusiastically, you know you have a real winner. ■

— Peg Goldberg Longstreth was trained as a classical musician. She owns Longstreth-Goldberg Art Gallery in Naples.

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This week's symphony

■ **Pops No. 4** - A Long and Winding Road: The Concert - Starring Maureen McGovern at the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts April 28-May 2. 597-1900.

Thursday, April 29

■ **Exhibit Opening** - The Florida West 2010 Awards Exhibit opens with a reception at 5:30 p.m. and runs through May 20. The gallery is at Bonita Commons, 25987 South Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs. 948-4427 or info@floridawestarts.com.

■ **Special Show** - Maria Callas is portrayed by Elizabeth "Bonnie" Bozzo at 2 p.m. 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



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■ **Blues Fest** - Mitch Ryder and the

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■ **Pet Party** - Fred's Diner, 2700 Immokalee Road, hosts "Party With The Big Dogs" from 1-5 p.m. on Derby Day. Enjoy an afternoon of food, fun and spirits and meet Labrador retrievers for adoption. Adoptions through Labrador Retriever Rescue of Florida will receive a free dinner from Fred's in their adoption package. 431-7928.

■ **Bluegrass Concert** - Thundering Bluegrass, with Grammy winner Paul Brewster, plus Clay Hess, Cory Walker, Jason Jones and Jon Garon, is set for 7-10 p.m. at The Norris Center. \$20. 213-3049.

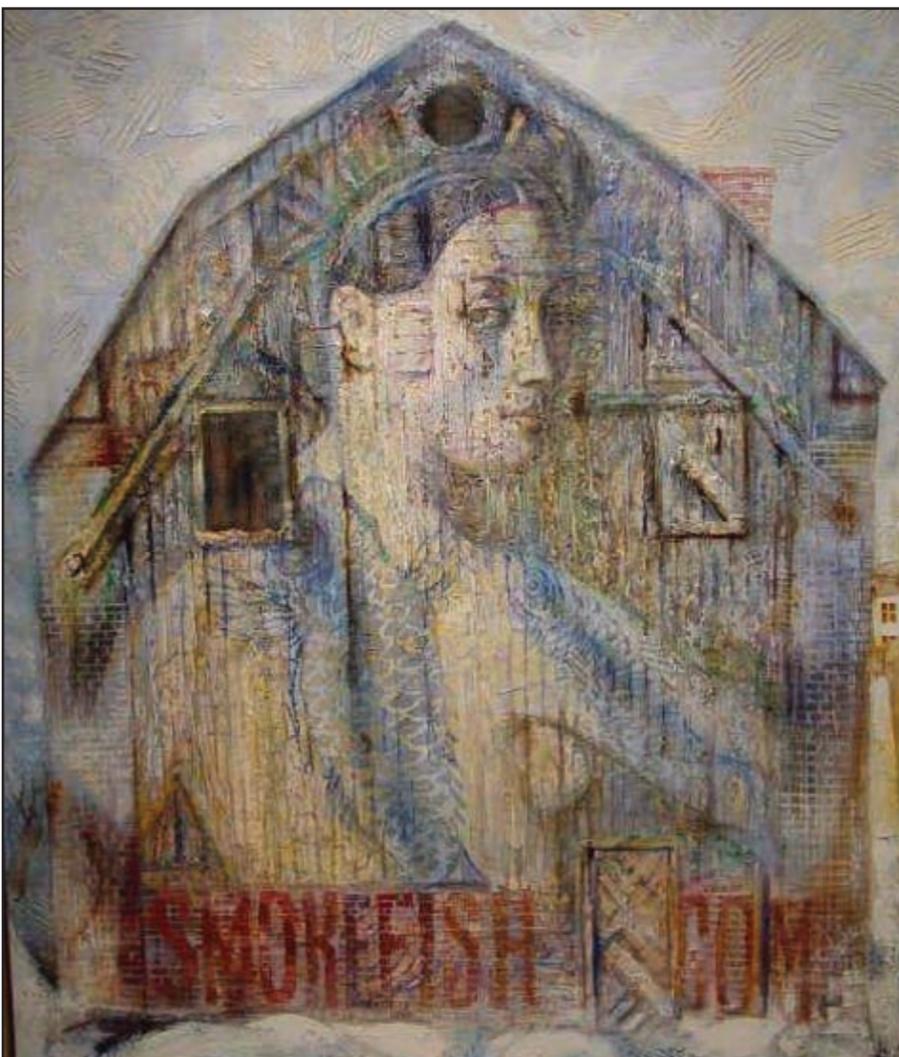
■ **Derby Party** - The Art League of Bonita Springs presents Affairs of the Arts No. 18 - You Can Bet On It at 5 p.m. Catch the excitement, and flavors, of the Kentucky Derby in Bonita Springs for \$120 per person. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Weekend Concerts** - Gulf Coast Town Center offers its free Weekend Concert Series in Market Plaza from 7-9 p.m. Tonight: Classic hits by Richie C. 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, May 2

■ **Canine Stroll** - Dogs in the Park



Smokefish is a mixed media on canvas work by Lucien Dulfan. See it and more by the Russian-born conceptual artist, as well as a wide array of paintings and sculptures by more than 40 contemporary artists, at Longstreth Goldberg Art. The gallery at 5640 Taylor Road is a great place to begin on Underground Art Wednesday coming up May 5. More than a dozen galleries and working artists' studios in the North Naples neighborhood off Pine Ridge Road will be open from 6-9 p.m., with many offering entertainment and refreshments.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

takes place from 3-5 p.m. at the Naples Botanical Garden. Bring your dog and stroll the pathways of the garden. One dog per adult; dogs must be current with all vaccinations and registrations. \$4.95 for non-members and free for members. www.naplesgarden.org or 643-7275.

■ **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, May 3

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

Tuesday, May 4

■ **Exhibit Opens** - An opening reception for the multi-media exhibit is set for 5:30-7 p.m. at the Marco Island Center for the Arts, 1010 Winterberry Dr., Marco Island. Admission is free to members and \$5 for guests. 394-4221.

■ **Garden Art** - Artist in the Garden is set for 8 a.m.-noon at the Naples Botanical Garden. Artists and photographers are welcome to set up easels and tripods on any of the gardens lawn and public pathways and be inspired by the garden's beauty. 643-7275.

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

Wednesday, May 5

■ **Art Event** - The North Naples Arts Alliance hosts Underground Art Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. at numerous galleries and studios. 821-1061.

■ **Butterfly Program** - A Life Long Learning Program: Getting to Know You-Local Butterflies, Moths & Caterpillars is set for 10 a.m.-noon at the Naples Botanical Garden. Discover the world of lepidoptera with the Garden's own Britt Patterson-Weber. \$20/members, \$30/non-members. 643-7275.

■ **Fiesta Time** - The Hilton Naples hosts a Cinco de Mayo Party from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at 5111 Tamiami Trail N. Admission includes appetizers, one margarita and a live DJ. \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. 430-4999.

■ **Bike Night** - Naples Harley-

Davidson hosts a Hog-O-De-May-O celebration from 6-10 p.m. Enjoy \$1 beer, Mexican food and live music. 594-5504 or JessicaF@HarleyFlorida.com.

■ **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.

■ **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.fredsiner.com.

Upcoming events

■ **Pottery Party** - "A Taste of Raku" is offered at Rosen Gallery & Studios in Naples by artists Annabelle Johnson and Richard W. Rosen from 6-9 p.m. May 6. Enjoy an extraordinary pottery-filled evening of glazing, socializing and firing. Cost: \$43; includes materials, refreshments and a finished piece of raku to take home. Reservations: rictra@earthlink.net or 821-1061.

■ **Elvis Event** - "Blue Suede Shoes: The Ultimate Bash Celebrating Elvis' 75th" starts at 8 p.m. May 6 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900.

■ **Student Showcase** - The Art League of Bonita Springs hosts a Student Showcase Opening Reception from 6-8 p.m. May 7 at the Center for the Arts, 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Friday Tunes** - The Mercato First Friday Concert is set for 6-10 p.m. May 7. 403-2204.

■ **Funny Stuff** - Naples City Improv takes the stage at the Norris Center at 8 p.m. May 7. \$15.

■ **Museum Event** - Enjoy coffee with the Curator at 10 a.m. May 8 at the Patty & Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art with Michael Culver, who will be your guide through the exhibitions marking the museum's 10th anniversary season. Afterward, adjourn to the Dome for coffee and conversation. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Canoe Competition** - The Great Dock Canoe Race starts at 11 a.m.

May 8 at Crayton Cove. 263-9940.

■ **Gallery Event** - The Galleries of Crayton Cove host an evening of special events, music, food, drinks and assorted art from 6-9 p.m. May 8. 403-8393.

■ **Tango Event** - The monthly Repun Tango Milonga in Naples takes place May 8 at the Bath and Tennis Club, 4995 Airport Pulling Rd. Enjoy music and dancing on the second Saturday of the month.

■ **Garden Brunch** - A Mother's Day Garden Brunch is set for 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 9 at the Naples Botanical Garden. Enjoy a variety of food to satisfy everyone's palate. Pre-registration required; \$50 for members and \$55 for non-members. 643-7275.

■ **Raku Party** - The Art League of Bonita Springs hosts Raku and You from 5:30-8:30 p.m. May 11 at the Center for the Arts, 26100 Old 41 Road. \$39. Enjoy a picnic-style meal and create your own pottery, 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Opera Celebration** - The Naples Opera Society presents an evening of "Opera and Memories" celebrating its 10th anniversary as a nonprofit organization at 7:30 p.m. May 11 at the Norris Center. Popular vocalists from the years of concerts perform, and a history of the nonprofit's birth, development and community service will be shared. No tickets required. 598-6110.

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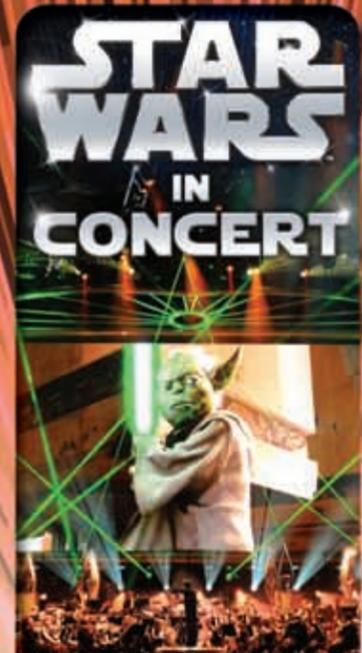
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THEATER REVIEW

Most importantly, this play is delightfully Wilde and Earnest

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When we fall in love, do we fall in love with the person, or with our idea of him?

In Oscar Wilde's classic "The Importance of Being Earnest," at least three people fall in love with their idea of the other, rather than with the flesh-and-blood person.

Algernon (Robert Armstrong) falls in love with Cecily (Jasmine Vizena) simply upon hearing a description of her. And when they do meet, Cecily informs him that she's long been in love with him and, in fact, that they're already engaged. She's fantasized an entire romance, complete with impassioned diary entries, and has even taken it upon herself to write his love letters to her.

Cecily loves him, madly and deeply, in that way that only teenagers can when they fall in love for the first time.

Of course, she also thinks his name is Earnest.

Gwendolyn is in love, too, though she's a bit more mischievous and mysterious about it. Her feelings for Jack (Mark Vanagas) are based on her belief that his name is Earnest.

The two men proclaim love for these women, but yet, they're also playboys. Both pretend to be called Earnest. And both have created imaginary people they use as an excuse to run off and do what they please.

Jack, who lives in the country, has created a brother, Earnest, who lives in the city and is always getting into scrapes. Algernon, who lives in the city, has created a friend called Bunbury, whose constant illnesses give Algernon an excuse to run off to the country.

Algernon tells Jack that a man who marries without having a Bunbury — an excuse that allows him to leave whenever he wants — "has a very tedious time of it. You don't seem to realize that in married life, three is company and two is none."

This is just one of Mr. Wilde's clever comments in a play chock-full of them. A master of witty repartee and arch social commentary, he possessed a singular knack for turning language on its head.

For example, Algernon proclaims that, "Divorces are made in heaven," and complains about married women who flirt with their husbands, declaring it

"scandalous. It looks bad," he says. "It is simply washing one's clean linen in public."

Later on, Gwendolyn complains that, "Few parents today pay any regard to what their children say to them. The old-fashioned respect for the young is fast dying out."

Listen carefully

Though the cast of The Naples Players' production delivers the lines well, much of the humor seemed to fly over the heads of the opening-night audience, which was a shame. (Even with delicious throw-away lines like this: "I never travel without my diary. One should have something sensational to read in the train.")

The dialogue works on numerous levels. (Some, through the years, have speculated that Mr. Wilde sprinkled inside jokes throughout his play: that "earnest" means gay, for instance, and bunburying is code for having a tryst.)

Mr. Armstrong plays Algernon as a pretty boy — all looks and no substance. Even his own aunt dryly admits that, "He has nothing, but he looks everything." His Algernon is petulant, spoiled, and self-indulgent.

Mr. Vanagas, as Jack, is a dandy from head to foot; he's perfectly natural in the role. He delivers his lines as if he'd been born in the 19th century. And his handgrog looks when he pretends to be in mourning are priceless.

Though not masquerading as an Earnest, Ms. Vizena plays her role with the most earnestness of the cast, wearing her heart on her sleeve. Ms. Walck is more restrained, portraying Gwendolyn with a barely restrained inner glee, as if she's carrying around a secret.

Sepp Ronay has two roles, as a butler and a reverend, and gets laughs simply walking out of a room as the former. John Van Engelen also plays a polished butler, professional but confused by the goings-on in the household.

Tricia Laycock, whose time on stage is all-too-short, portrays Miss Prism, Cecily's delightfully befuddled governess. She proves the adage that there are no small roles, as she creates a highly memorable character from a minimum of lines. An imp on stage, she drew laughter just by the way she examines a handbag.

The plum role, perfectly played

Megan McCombs rules the stage as Lady Bracknell (Gwendolyn's mother and Algernon's aunt) with her flinty squint and commanding voice. You get



COURTESY PHOTO

Onstage during a confrontational moment in "The Importance of Being Earnest," from left: Sepp Ronay as Rev. Chasuble, Tricia Laycock as Miss Prism, Megan McCombs as Lady Bracknell, Mark Vanagas as Jack, Jessica Walck as Gwendolyn, Robert Armstrong as Algernon and Jasmine Vizena as Cecily.

the feeling she could stop a river dead in its tracks if she wanted to. It's a plum role, one often played by men, and Ms. McCombs pulls out all the stops.

Like Mr. Vanagas, she seems born to say these lines; she gets the humor of them, and knows just how to deliver them.

Though she never resorts to milking a scene, her wonderful wardrobe (by Dot Auchmoody) almost does, teetering precariously on the verge of being over-the-top. Her initial outfit includes a hat with two feathers waving like antennae. In Act III, she wears a dress with sleeves so puffy and wide you suspect she has to walk through doorways sideways.

It's obvious Ms. Auchmoody had fun costuming this crew in spats and ascots, gloves, pocket watches and lavish gowns. (Mr. Vanagas was responsible for the wigs and millenary.)

An innovative setting

"The Importance of Being Earnest" takes place in 1895, but The Naples Players cleverly present it as a mix of old and new. The costumes and props are late 19th century, but the set (by Todd Potter) shouts 21st century. It's white and clean and minimalist, very contemporary.

In her program notes, director Dallas Dunnagan says she wondered how to give the play "modern sensibilities, yet let it remain true to the period it was

written." It was Mr. Potter who suggested designing a modern set, "very clean and clear so the audience can focus on the dialogue."

And it works. It works stupendously. It's one the more creative sets I've seen in a while, and I applaud The Naples Players for their innovation.

Ms. Dunnagan has cast this play thoughtfully. (I'd rush to see any play that boasts Ms. McCombs, Ms. Laycock or Mr. Vanagas; having all three in the same production is a triple treat.)

And with her staging and direction, Ms. Dunnagan skillfully brings out both the physical and verbal comedy of this classic.

Mr. Wilde subtitled his play "A Trivial Comedy for Serious People," and that's exactly what it is — silly comedy that also makes you think.

Algernon declares near the beginning of the show that, "The truth is rarely pure and never simple." Perhaps. But in Mr. Wilde's hands, it is sparkingly witty and thoroughly entertaining. ■

in the know

- >>What: "The Importance of Being Earnest," by The Naples Players
- >>When: Through May 15
- >>Where: The Sugden Community Theatre, 701 Fifth Ave. S., Naples
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GIVING

Charitable Lead Trusts: A creative way to fund a charity over several years

BY STEVEN BENSON
Special to Florida Weekly



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF COLLIER COUNTY

The Community Foundation of Collier County provides donors with the opportunity to create a philanthropic fund from which they can support their charitable causes. A donor advised fund enables you make gifts to charity from a collective fund, much like your own foundation. This article will describe a creative and efficient method for building your donor advised fund.



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A Charitable Lead Trust is created for the purpose of providing a current stream of distributions to fund a charity over a period of years. The charity that is funded can be your donor advised fund at the Community Foundation. There are two types of CLTs, based on how the distributions are determined: A unitrust makes a distribution that is a percentage of the principal value at the end of the previous year; an annuity trust makes a distribution of a fixed amount every year that is determined by the initial funding of the trust. Most donors choose the annuity trust because the growth of the trust can then pass to heirs, instead of sharing the growth with charity.

The CLT has many tax and estate planning benefits, particularly in our current financial environment. Since this trust is designed to provide current funding to charity while transferring assets to your heirs, it is most effective in a low interest environment (at the time of the funding) and when assets are depressed in value and have a good chance to grow.

Here is how it works: A donor establishes a CLT and transfers assets, such as stocks and bonds, to the trust. The CLT will make periodic distributions to the Community Foundation to fund your donor advised fund. Once the term of the trust is complete, the remaining principal may be passed to your heirs.

A typical CLT is designed to exist for a period of years, most often 10-20 years. During this term, the annual distributions will provide significant funding for your donor advised fund.

Once your donor advised fund is established and the CLT has begun making distributions, you will be able to make gifts to charities from your fund. As your fund grows with invest-

ments and additional contributions, your gifts to charity will become more significant. This is a great way to involve your family in the philanthropic process.

An illustration

Let's put some numbers to this so that you can see the specific advantages.

Mr. and Mrs. James establish a charitable annuity lead trust and contribute \$500,000 of stock, bonds and mutual funds from their investment account. The trust will make annual distributions at the end of each year of \$35,000 or 7 percent of the initial principal of the trust. The trust will exist for a term of 15 years. The James' two children will receive the remaining principal of trust at the end of 15 years.

Since it is considered a completed gift when the trust is funded, then Mr. and Mrs. James would need to allocate some of their unified credit or pay the gift tax on the value of the gift. The trust will be making \$35,000 annual distributions for 15 years; therefore, the gift tax deduction would be \$411,845 if the trust is funded in May of 2010. This means the James' are making a taxable gift, as recognized by the IRS, of \$88,155 to their children. In reality, the principal amount the children will receive in 15 years may be in excess of \$500,000.

During the 15-year term, the CLT will be fund your donor advised fund with \$525,000. This is an exciting result.

The CLAT can help you accomplish several planning goals. First, you will have created a charitable fund of more than \$500,000, from which you make your annual gifts to charity. In addition, you are passing \$500,000 to your children as a taxable gift of \$88,155. This is an example of how to accomplish great things by taking care of your family and philanthropy at the same time. ■

— Steven Benson, certified financial planner and the principal of Palm Coast Financial Group, is a member of the Community Foundation of Collier County's Professional Advisors Council. The foundation manages more than 400 funds established by charitable individuals and organizations and offers donor advised funds. For more information, call 649-5000 or visit www.cfcollier.org.

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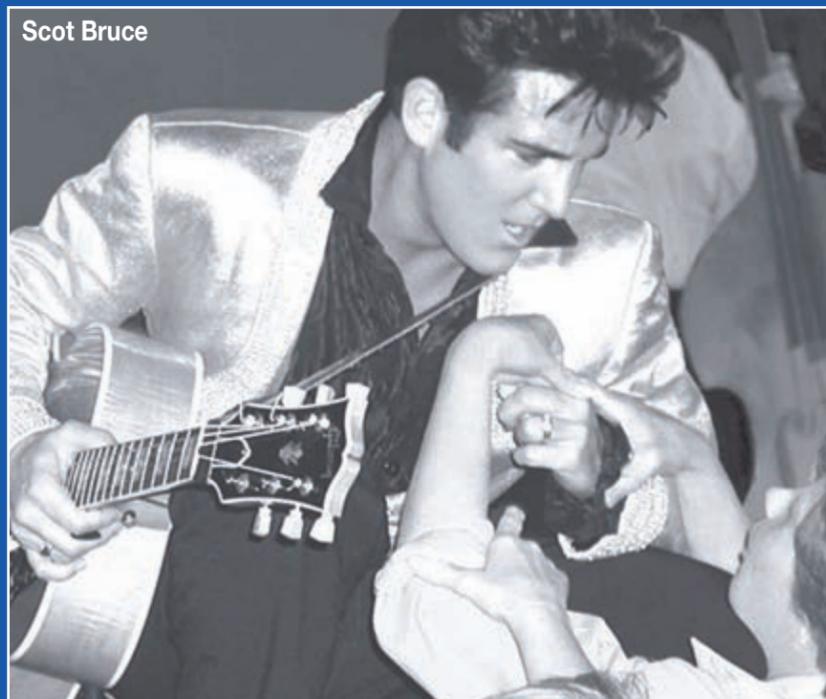
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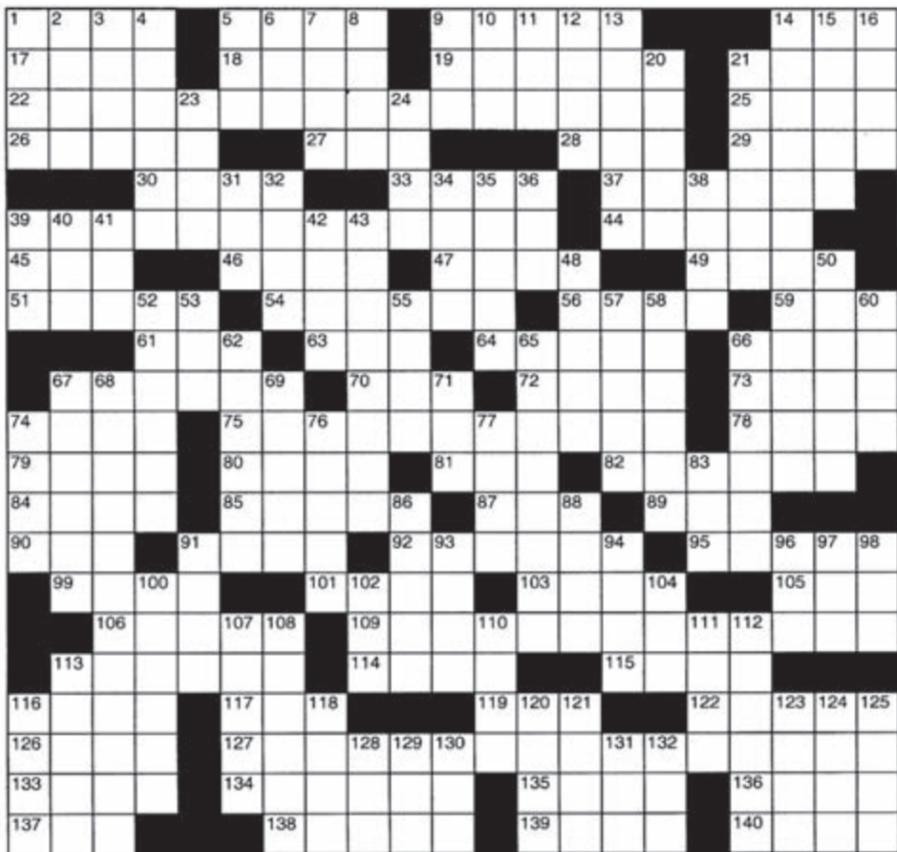
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■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Going to new places and meeting new people appeals to both the Taurian's romantic and practical side. After all, you never can tell where those new contacts can take you. Right?

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** That career-change opportunity that didn't work out when you first considered it could come up again. But this time, remember that you have more to offer and should act accordingly.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** There could be some tensions in relationships — domestic or workaday. But a calm approach that doesn't raise the anger levels and a frank discussion soon will resolve the problem.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** It's a good idea to begin preparing for that career change you've been thinking about for a while. Start to sharpen your skills and expand your background to be ready when it calls.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Bless that Virgo skepticism that has kept you from falling into traps others seem to rush into. But you might want to give a new possibility the benefit of the doubt, at least on a trial basis.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Traveling and career are strong in your aspect. Perhaps your job will take you to someplace exotic. Or you might be setting up meetings with potential clients or employers. Whatever it is, good luck.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Someone might use

deception to try to push you into making a decision you're not fully comfortable with. But those keen Scorpio senses should keep you alert to any such attempt.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Romance dominates this week when Cupid spears the Archer, for a change. Positive things also are happening in the workplace. Expect important news to arrive by the week's end.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Anyone trying to bully the Sea Goat -- whether it involves a personal or a professional matter -- will learn a painful lesson. Others will also benefit from the Goat's strong example.

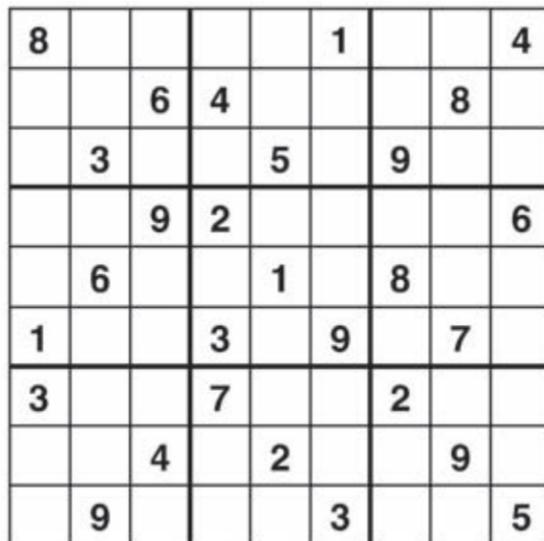
■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Congratulations. With things going the way they are, you should be able to spare some time and take a break from your hectic schedule for some well-earned fun and games.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Your sharp Piscean intuition should be able to uncover the true agendas of those who might be trying to catch the Fish in one of their schemes.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** A seemingly stalled romantic situation could benefit from your reassurance that you want this relationship to work. And if you do, use a tad more of that irresistible Aries charm.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** Your flair for innovative art and design keeps you at least a step ahead of most everyone else.

By Linda Thistle



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Is it worth \$10? No

A fresh approach is more than welcome in most genre movies, so "The Back-Up Plan" deserves credit for trying something different as a romantic comedy. Unfortunately, the mere idea of telling the story in a pregnant/meet/fall in love/break up/have baby/get back together/married timeline (as opposed to meet/fall in love/break up/get back together/married/pregnant/have baby), is not enough to make a movie worth seeing. There needs to be more, like consistent humor and not wanting to punch the main characters for being ridiculous.

Jennifer Lopez is Zoe, an aging single woman who against the advice of her friend Mona (Michaela Watkins), who has four children, decides to have a baby. Zoe is comfortable with raising the baby herself, and it's a credit to Lopez that Zoe is strong-minded enough to never doubt her decision. She is frustrated, though, that she meets Stan (Alex O'Loughlin) on the day she's artificially inseminated. Stan is a cheese farmer, hunk and perfect in every way. She falls for him. He loves her. They're good together, we're happy for them. And thankfully the moment she tells him she's pregnant occurs quickly and is underplayed — if this was drawn out it would've been frustrating and would've made us hate the movie.

But now with all her cards on the table, Stan and Zoe endure the hardships of early relationships while also dealing with her pregnancy. This allows for interesting comedic moments, but it also adds an element of seriousness that weighs down the lighthearted tone. Director Alan Poul, who's done a lot of television but is making his feature film debut here, struggles to find the proper tone and pacing.

It's been four years since we've seen Ms. Lopez on the big screen ("El Cantante" was her last effort, which rightfully was a flop), so it's good to see her comedic timing is still sharp. She's not



the problem here, nor is O'Loughlin, whose Stan deserves the "great guy" of the year award for the colossal undertaking he willfully endures.

The real issue is that somewhere along the line, writer Kate Angelo and Mr. Poul forgot they were making a comedy. There's so much baby-daddy tension concerning whether Stan will stay or go (as if there's any doubt) that the melodrama becomes overbearing. As a result, the second half of the film feels pulled from the Lifetime Channel.

Give "The Back-Up Plan" credit for taking an original approach, but it's neither funny nor smart enough to fulfill its promise. Good performances only rarely overcome lackluster material, and this is not one of those instances. J-Lo is going to have to wait a bit longer for her return to A-list stardom. ■

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did you know?

>> "The script definitely rang true to me, having just gone through my own experience of having babies for the first time," reveals Ms. Lopez. "All the little jokes about what it is to be pregnant — being tired, insatiably hungry and the hormonal changes. I could really relate."

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Sanibel author creates guide to paradise

“Living Sanibel: A Nature Guide to Sanibel and Captiva Islands”

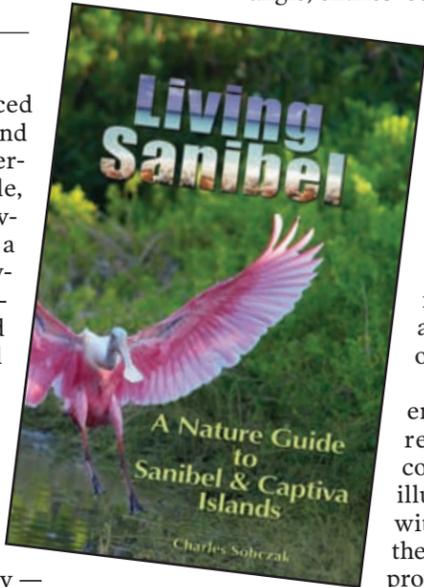
by Charles Sobczak
(Indigo Press. 498 pages. \$26.95)

BY PHILIP K. JASON
Special to Florida Weekly

A lavishly produced coffee table book and an authoritative, user-friendly field guide, Charles Sobczak’s “Living Sanibel” is also a labor of love. Twenty-five years ago, Mr. Sobczak and his wife moved to his treasured island from the Midwest. He explored its soul — its inner nature — with his first title, the novel “Six Mornings on Sanibel” (1999). Now, six titles later, he has explored its body — its outer nature.

Although Mr. Sobczak apologizes for what he has had to leave out, he erred on the side of being utilitarian rather than encyclopedic. Who would want to carry three volumes around to become intimate with the flora and fauna of those delightful islands off the Lee County coast? This single volume manages to cover its subject generously and with passionate attention.

Each entry in “Living Sanibel” begins with a color-coded rectangular field, like



a broad index tab, including a box to be checked off when the reader-explorer finds and identifies the critter or plant in question. Within the colored rectangle, entries continue with standard

names (like “Little Blue Heron”), followed by scientific names, other familiar names, population status, life span, abbreviation codes for ecological zones (just where each species is primarily found), dimensions and weights, and other basic facts.

In the body of each entry, abundant and remarkably varied color photographs and illustrations combine with mini-essays on the various species to provide readers with the tools for identification

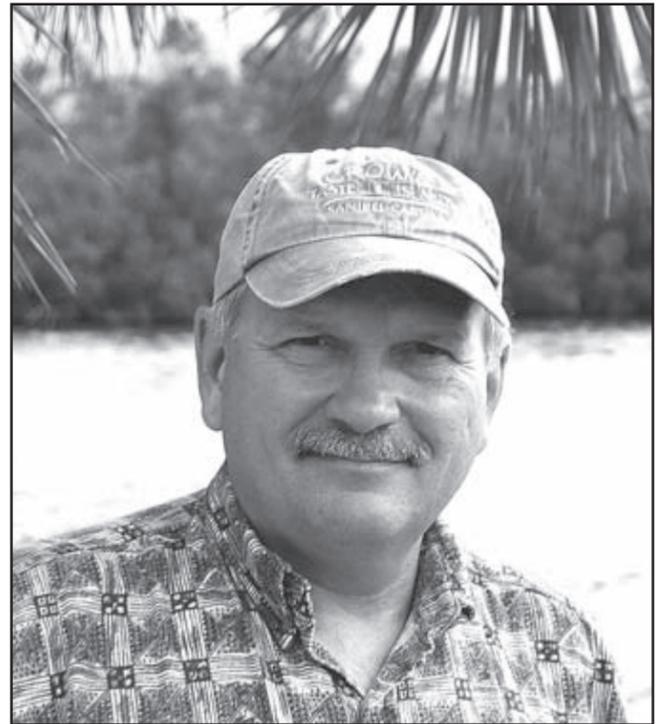
and understanding.

Each major section of the book (“Mammals,” for instance) begins with an introductory essay placing the category as it exists on Sanibel and Captiva into a global context. Subsections on major species (like “Marine Mammals - West Indian Manatee”) provide narrower and deeper histories that include economic and ecological concerns. Many of the entries benefit from the author’s decision to inject

narrative materials. A natural storyteller, Mr. Sobczak provides treatments that are at once scientifically sound and colorfully personal. On occasion, his sense of humor energizes what would otherwise risk becoming dry fact.

“Living Sanibel” offers, as introduction, a 33-page environmental history of the islands. Back matter includes sections on “Museums and Eco-Attractions,” “Getting Around Naturally” (leaving the car behind), and the “Hiking and Biking Map Section.” Mr. Sobczak also provides a convenient bibliography and an index.

A guide book this thorough, detailed, attractive and accessible is bound to promote curiosity, seducing readers into exciting first-hand experiences. As readers take their own personal journeys through Sanibel and Captiva, relishing their growing familiarity with the astonishing environment, they will share the joy that Mr. Sobczak felt in writing this book. It is, most of all, a guidebook for celebrating (and



Charles Sobczak

COURTESY PHOTO

protecting) one delicious slice of the natural world.

What’s coming next from this prolific, multi-genre author? “The Living Gulf Coast: A Nature Guide to Southwest Florida” is in preparation for 2011.

“Living Sanibel” is or will soon be available in all local and online bookstores, as well as from the publisher at www.indigopress.net. ■



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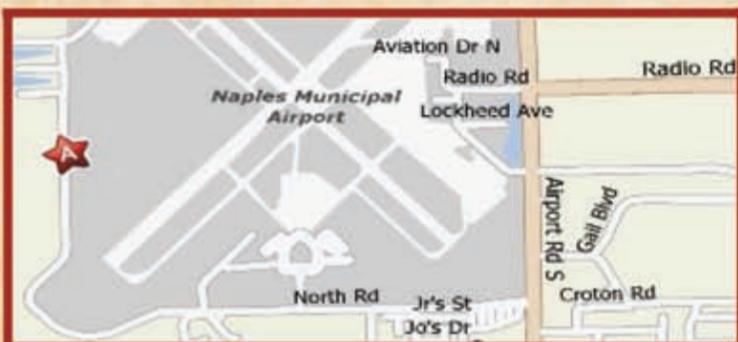
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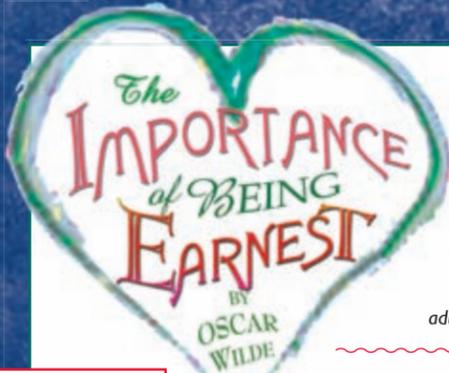
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Naples Museum of Art hosts second annual student show

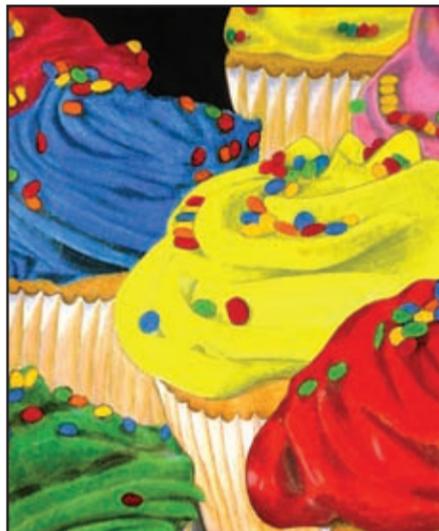
The Naples Museum of Art showcases works by aspiring young artists in the second annual Student Art Exhibition on display May 2-16 in the Philharmonic Center Galleries.

Works by students from kindergarten

through 12th grade, from both private and public schools in Collier County, were selected by art teachers to be part of this showcase of talent. A wide variety of media will be represented, including painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, textiles and photography.

The exhibit is underwritten by Harbour Risk Management.

The Naples Museum of Art is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$4 for students. For more information, call 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.



Ali Tirrell, 12th grade, *Cupcakes*
Colored Pencil, Barron Collier High School



Cierra Alderman, 1st grade, *Sleeping Cat*
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Aspiring artists receive scholarships from the Naples Art Association

Ringling awards one \$5,000 prize

The Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center has awarded \$500 scholarships to each of five high school students who plan to pursue art studies in college. One local student has received a \$5,000 scholarship to the Ringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota. The winners were selected from artwork submitted to the association's Jade N. Riedel 39th annual Scholarship Competition.

Kelly Machado, a senior at Palmetto Ridge High School, won the \$5,000 Ringling scholarship for her colored pencil titled "Masquerade."

"All of the students' work was outstanding, which made it difficult to make a final decision about the Ringling award recipient," Dr. Larry Thompson, president of The Ringling College of Art and Design, said. "We are thrilled with our partnership with The von Liebig Art Center and look forward to being a part of the competition next year."

John Hushon of Naples, president of Artnet AG, selected the \$500 award recipients based on originality, technique, composition, presentation and application of design principals. The winners are:

- Lauren Berthelsen, a senior at Barron Collier High School, for photography, "Holocaust Train"

- Claudia Covarrubias, a senior at Barron Collier High School, for photograph with graphics, "Once Upon a Time"

- Morgan Davidson, a senior at Barron Collier High School, for pencil, "Age of Wisdom"

- Marcy Koonce, a senior at Community School of Naples, watercolor and markers, "Fuschia"

- Charles Pratt, a junior at Palmetto Ridge High School, photography, "Emotional Day"

About the competition

In 1971, members of the Naples Art Association initiated a scholarship program designed to encourage young aspiring artists to realize their dreams of becoming professionals in the visual arts. Since then, awards have been given annually by the NAA to Collier County high school students in conjunction with an exhibition of their work. The competition is open to public, private and home-schooled junior and senior high school students in Collier County.

A total of 33 works were submitted in the 2010 competition. All of the entries are on exhibit at The von Liebig Art Center through Sunday, May 2. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information, call 262-6517 or visit www.naplesart.org. ■



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Marco league awards five scholarships

Since 1983, the Art League Marco Island's Center for the Arts has awarded scholarships to Collier County high school seniors who are continuing their education in the arts. This year's winners are:

- **Christie Green of Gulf Coast High School** — Ms. Green won the \$1,500 Outstanding Young Artist Award.

- **Lauren Berthelsen, Barron Collier High School** — Ms. Berthelsen won the \$1,000 Emil and Gail Fischer Award

- **Geoffrey Castillo, Lely High School** — Mr. Castillo won the \$500 Glen and LaVonne Johnson Award

- **Ryan Schahrer and Alexandra Domigez**, both of Gulf Coast High School, each won \$500 awards.

The center also presents merit awards to students who compete outside the scholarship guidelines. Merit award winners were: Rich Crum and Paige Thorsen, Barron Collier High School; Lacey McKee and Erin Rectanus, Community School of Naples; and John Treanor, Gulf Coast High School.

The 2010 Scholarship Committee was co-chaired by Dianne Kuruc and Claire Keery. Judges Diane Reed Eiler, Sandy Moor Howe and Tracy Gudgel. ■



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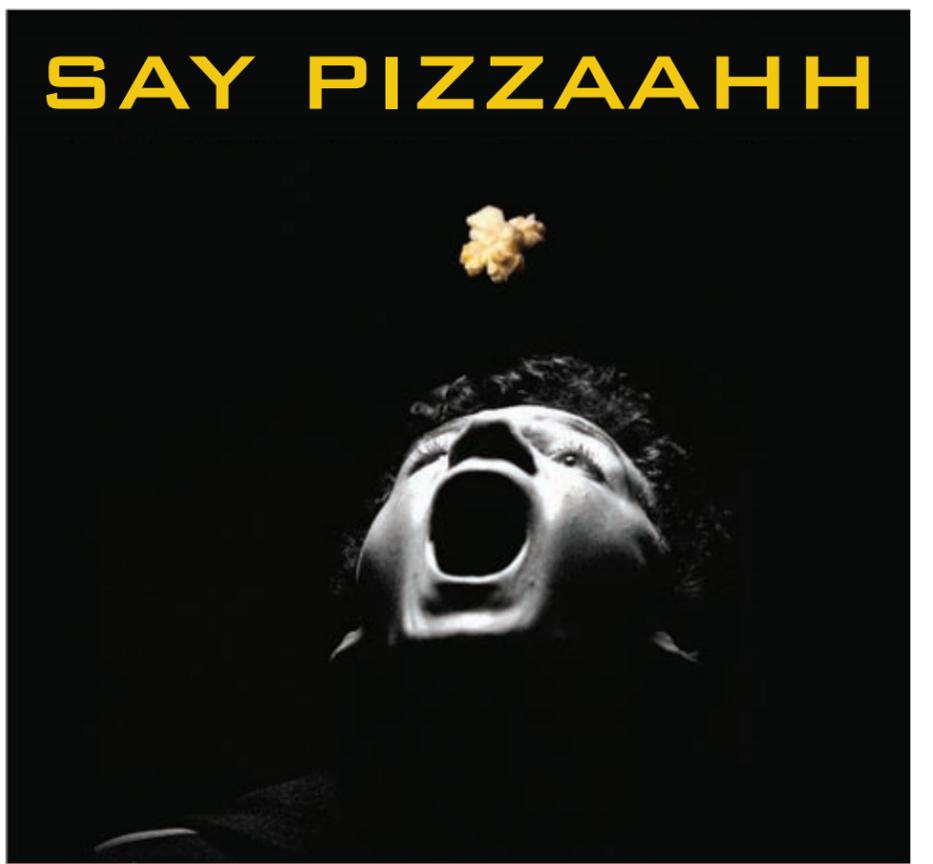
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Sale, art walk and entertainment coming up at Bonita's Promenade

Shopping enthusiasts and art lovers will revel in the special events at The Promenade at Bonita Bay this week.

The annual sidewalk sale takes place from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, April 29, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 30 and May 1. Enjoy live entertainment on Thursday by Cahlua and Cream and kick back to the tropical sounds of Jim Tucke duo from 1-4 p.m. Friday in the center courtyard.

On Thursday from 4-7 p.m., Art Walk offers an opportunity to view works of art, watch demonstrations, meet the artists and enjoy refreshments. Artists display for purchase an array of works including pottery, jewelry, paintings, sculptures and glass. More than 60 juried artists are scheduled on a rotat-

ing basis to participate in the monthly event.

Artist Studios and Art Walk are provided through a partnership between the Art League of Bonita Springs and the Promenade.

Voda Lounge will host its own taste of the Kentucky Derby on May 1. From 3 to 7 p.m., sip on mint juleps, mojitos and bourbon as multiple TVs televise the race. Prizes will include \$100 tab at Voda for the best hat. Participants will have a chance to win a two-night stay at the Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort.

The Promenade is located at 26811 South Bay Drive off U.S. 41 in Bonita Springs. For more information, visit www.Promenadeshops.com or call 403-2204. ■

Encourage your inner artist at raku, painting workshops

Rosen Gallery and Studios in North Naples presents workshops in raku pottery and in "watercolor-plus" painting.

"A Taste of Raku" is taught by award-winning artists Annabelle Johnson and Richard Rosen. The pottery-filled evenings of glazing, firing and socializing take place from 6-9 p.m. Thursdays, April 29 and May 6 and 27. No experience is necessary. Cost is \$43 per person and includes materials, refreshments and your finished piece of raku to take home. Groups are welcome, although participation is limited to 15

per class. For reservations, call 821-1061 or e-mail rictra@earthlink.net.

"The Creativity Series" is a "watercolor-plus" workshop led by resident artist Patty Kane. Sessions take place from 6-9 p.m. Monday, May 3, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 1 and 9. Cost of \$35 per person includes materials, refreshments and a finished piece of art. For reservations, call Ms. Kane at (321) 277-9880 or e-mail patty@artby-pattykane.com.

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► **THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 9 P.M.**

**The Civil War
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Beginning with an examination of slavery, the causes of the war and the burning questions of union and states' rights are plumbed. Significant events include John Brown's rebellion at Harper's Ferry, the election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860, and the firing on Fort Sumter.

► **FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 8:30 P.M.**

Connect! Teenage Realities

Learning how the Juvenile Justice System is finding alternative programs to jail time; assessing the job market for teens; finding out how the Lee County School System provides special programs for pregnant teenage moms; and raising funds for home-schooled students. Hosted by Jim McLaughlin.

► **9 P.M.**

Bill Moyers Journal

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► **SATURDAY, MAY 1, 8 P.M.**

**Antiques Roadshow
Phoenix - Hour 2**

A 1982 bronze maquette by renowned sculptor Henry Moore; an heirloom amethyst jewelry collection; and an early abstract painting by modern artist Chuck Close.

► **SUNDAY, MAY 2, 9 P.M.**

**Masterpiece Mystery!
Foyle's War: The Russian House**

In the aftermath of the jubilant celebration of V-E day, a wave of crime has swept across England. Foyle, keen

to retire but bound to his old job, stumbles upon an international cover-up. If exposed, it could reveal the darkest secrets of the War Office and bring down the British government.

► **10:30 P.M.**

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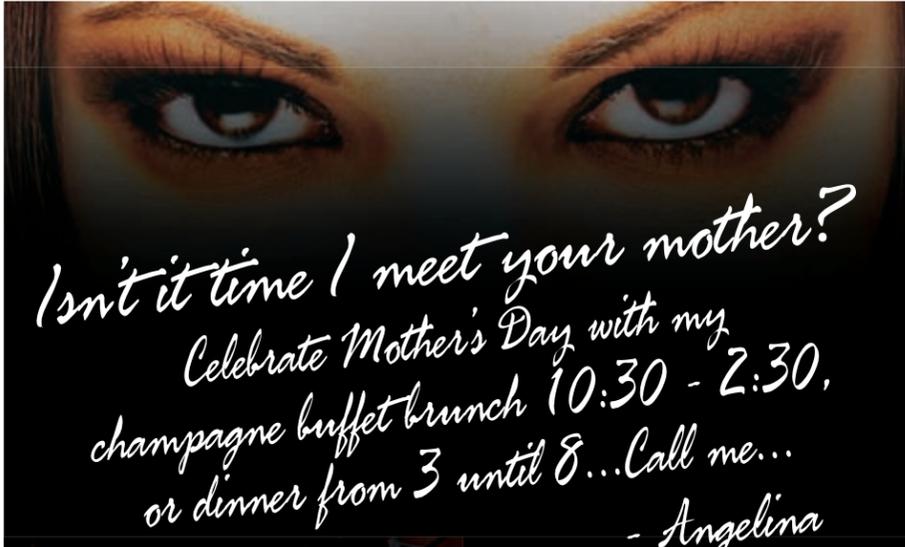
**American Experience
Roads to Memphis**

The wildly disparate yet fatefully entwined stories of an assassin, James Earl Ray, and his target, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., were set against the backdrop of seething forces in American society that led these two men to their violent collision in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968. Based on the forthcoming book "Ghost Soldiers," this documentary relies on eyewitness testimony from King's inner circle and the officials involved in Ray's capture and prosecution.

► **TUESDAY, MAY 4, 8 P.M.**

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Hand-painted art pottery highly valued



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Art pottery was first made in the United States by a group of women in Cincinnati who had seen pottery exhibits at the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia in 1876. Several groups were making pottery by the 1880s.

One particular pottery was started in 1883 by two men: Matt Morgan, an English political cartoonist, and George Ligowsky, the inventor of the clay pigeon for target shooters. The Matt Morgan Art Pottery Co. of Cincinnati made pieces inspired by Moorish designs and colors. The pottery closed in 1884. Matt Morgan pieces are hard to find today, even though almost all are clearly marked with the name of the firm. Important pieces sell for more than \$1,000.

The expert responds:

Q: I bought a wooden night table at an auction years ago. It's a 1950s style, but the finish is reddish brown, not blond. The single drawer in the stand is marked "Heywood-Wakefield" within a circle. Also in the circle mark are the initials "HW" and an eagle's head. Below the circle, the mark reads, "Est. 1826." How old is the night table, and what is it worth?

A: Heywood-Wakefield Co. of Gardner, Mass., traces its history back to 1826, but it didn't start using the name Heywood-Wakefield until 1921, and it began using

the eagle trademark in 1946. So your nightstand dates from the late 1940s or early '50s. If your nightstand is in excellent shape with its original finish, it could sell for a few hundred dollars. Heywood-Wakefield closed in 1979, but the brand and designs were resurrected in 1992 by South Beach Furniture Co. of Miami Beach.

Q: I have an 11½-inch Barbie-type doll that actually gets a tan if she's in sunlight. Her hair color is reversible from blond to brunette. I can't find any information on it. Can you help?

A: Your doll was made by Ideal and is not one of the Barbie dolls, which were made by Mattel. Ideal made three different dolls that "tanned" when exposed to the sun. "Suntan Tuesday" is 11½ inches tall and has hair that swivels to change from blond to brunette. Her boyfriend, "Suntan Eric," is 12 inches, and her little sister, "Suntan Dodi," is 9 inches. They were made for Ideal in Hong Kong in 1977 and 1978. Your Suntan Tuesday doll is worth about \$40 to \$70 with its original box.

Q: I just inherited a collection of Bakelite jewelry. How can I tell which pieces are valuable?

A: Condition, rarity and design determine value. Condition is easiest to figure out. Examine each piece for cracks; discolored or missing hinges, pins, chains, etc.; and repairs, especially glue. It's a little more difficult to learn to recognize good and bad colors. Bakelite gradually changes color through the years. Colors should be in the yellow-orange, red-cream or muddy-green shades. You should never find blue or clear old Bakelite. Visit shops and online sites that sell Bakelite jewelry

and read books on the subject. You will soon learn what is rare and expensive.

Q: I keep an old tin toy truck stored away in an old Sharps toffee tin. I was going to ask you a question about my truck, but I've become more interested in the toffee tin. It's a cylinder covered in paper painted to look like a dandy. He's wearing a monocle and carrying a cane. The round tin top is shaped like a hat with a brim. It's marked "The Happynak Series, British Made." How old is it, and is it worth saving?

A: Edward Sharp & Sons was founded in Maidstone, Kent, England, in 1911. Its "Sharps Kreemy Toffee" was sold in all sorts of decorative tins until the company closed in 1999, when it became part of Cadbury. Your tin is an early one, perhaps made as early as 1930. Old figural tins are collectible and, in good condition, sell for \$50 to \$150.

Q: I have an upright cedar chest that was in my grandparents' house for many years. Inside the lid, it is marked "West Branch Novelty Company, Milton, Pa." I think it's mahogany. Can you tell me anything about it?

A: West Branch Novelty Co. was founded in 1893 in Milton. The company started out making bamboo furniture, but by the early 1900s, cedar chests were



This red clay vase is marked "Matt Morgan Art Pottery" and "1884." The landscape decoration on the 7-inch vase was hand-painted.

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its most important product. The company made boxes for shrapnel shells during World War I. Furniture production was resumed after the end of the war. The company is no longer in business. Many different styles of cedar chests were made. Some sell

for \$50 to \$100 or more, depending on size and condition.

Tip: Cover the nose of your hammer with a piece of felt to protect the wall when you are putting up picture hooks. If the wall is smooth, some of the new stick-on hooks might work. ■

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Marco Island Historical Society will hear about Chinese mariners

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The name of the program is also the title of a recent bestseller by Gavin Menzies, the British submariner who became interested in early Chinese circumnavigations while visiting foreign ports on duty with the royal Navy.

When Mr. Menaker went around the globe in a 40-foot sailboat between 1991 and 2000, he observed some of the same evidence Mr. Menzies described.

Mr. Menaker will discuss the massive financial, provisioning and navigational obstacles overcome by the Chinese, as well as the discovery of their routes and the influence their voyages had on European navigators and explorers of the 15th century.

Doors open at 7 p.m. for refreshments and social period, followed by a brief business meeting before the speaker is introduced.

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➤ **Educational tours for adults**

Docents are people who love local history and are great communicators. Instruction is provided in groups or individually.

Docent-guided tours of Palm Cottage are: 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, November through April; and 1-4 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday, May through October.

Walking tours of the Historic District are: 10 a.m. every Wednesday, November through April; and 9 a.m. the first Wednesday of the month, May through October.

Docent-guided tours of The Norris Gardens at Palm Cottage are: 10 a.m. on the first and third Thursday of every month, year-round.

➤ **Field trips for children**

Pupils at Palm Cottage consists of

one-hour tours for Collier County students in lower elementary school. Tours are from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesdays in April, May, September and October.

➤ **Gardenside chickee chats**

Free presentations take place January through March in The Norris Gardens. Diverse topics are related to historic preservation in the local community. Greeters and coordinators for each lecture needed at the registration table.

➤ **Archival management**

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➤ **Garden committee**

The Norris Gardens are lush and maturing beautifully, but always need some TLC.

➤ **Christmas at Palm Cottage**

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Wine Tasters give to three agencies

The Wine Tasters of Naples raised \$42,000 at a luau-themed party attended by more than 500 people at Lely Resort. "Cheers for Charity" proceeds have been earmarked for Youth Haven, St. Matthew's House and The Shelter for Abused Women & Children.

The Wine Tasters of Naples was created in 2007 by Dan Leaman. Membership has grown from the original 17 to more than 500. The organization's mission is to bring together people who appreciate fine wines in a social atmosphere and to help local charities and businesses prosper. For more information, contact Mr. Leaman at 404-0254 or danna02@comcast.net.

Naples Woman's Club awards art students

The Naples Woman's Club has awarded its 2010 Art Award in the amount of \$1,000 to Kelsey Schirad, a senior at Gulf Coast High School.



SCHIRAD

Ms. Schirad maintains a 4.0 grade point average and is working on her second studio art port-

folio for college credit. She also has found passion with orchestra and the dramatic arts. She has spent summers volunteering at The von Liebig Art Center and plans to pursue a degree in art education and fine arts at Flagler College.

Several students received certificates of artistic achievement from the club. They were: Diana Castillo, Golden Gate High; Hillary Harlan, Palmetto Ridge High; Alexandra Dominguez, Gulf Coast High School; and Jessica Jones, Naples High School.

Since 1932, the Naples Woman's Club has been dedicated to enhancing the community through philanthropic activities and volunteer service.

Republican women meet for lunch

The Southwest Florida Federated Republican Women's group meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 3, at Arbor Trace, 15661 Vanderbilt Dr. Cost is \$15 and reservations are required. For more details, call Anne Brown at 254-9979.

League Club awards \$10,000

The Civic Involvement Committee of The League Club Inc. has awarded the David Lawrence Center and Foundation a \$10,000 grant from its Community Trust Fund.

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The grant will be used to fund family intervention services for adults who struggle with substance abuse problems and, as a result of their addiction, have been deemed a possible risk for child abuse and neglect. The goal of these services is to monitor parents with identified substance abuse problems and help manage and encourage their recovery process for the betterment of the entire family.

Penn State coach coming to town

The Penn State Alumni Chapter of Naples will hold its monthly luncheon meeting Tuesday, May 4, at 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 by noon on Friday, April 30.

Christian women have fashion shows

The Naples Christian Women's Connection is planning two luncheons with fashion shows at Quail Creek Country Club. Both begin at 11:30 a.m. and cost \$23 per person.

"Traveling Light, Fashions for Travel

and How to Pack Them," presented by Chico's of Venetian Village, takes place Friday, May 7. Vocalist Judy Campbell will entertain, and Kelly Stigliano will be the inspirational speaker.

Fashions from Hazel's Closet consignment store will be featured on Friday, June 4. Marilyn Nase will be the inspirational speaker.

For reservations to either luncheon, call Roberta McFarland at 591-2074 or e-mail robertamcfarland00@comcast.net.

SWF Gator Club set to welcome Coach Addazio

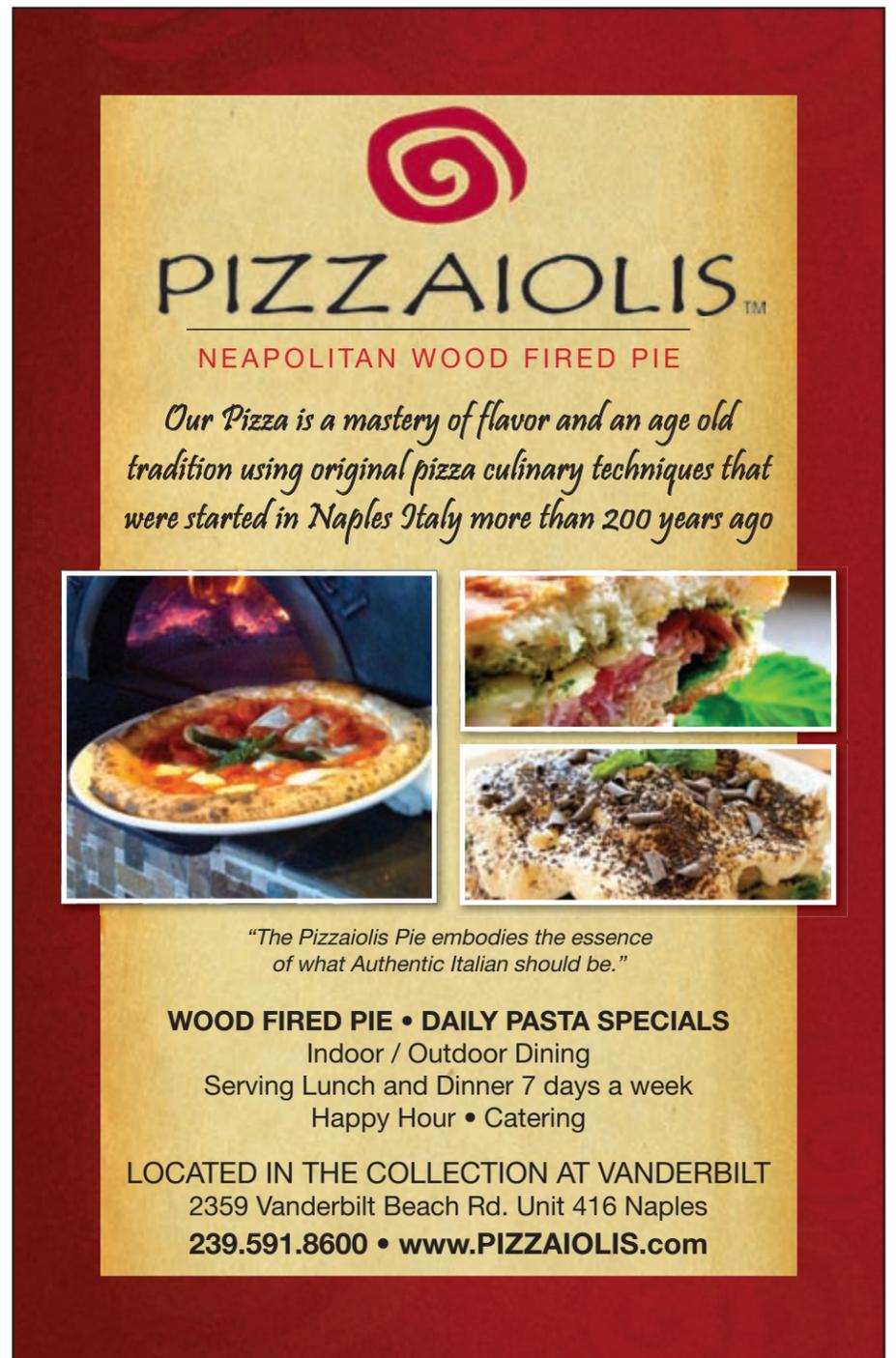
Steve Addazio, University of Florida interim head football coach,

will be the guest speaker at a Gator Gathering on Wednesday, May 12, at Three Oaks Banquet & Conference Center in Estero. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. No formal autograph session is scheduled.

Dinner will be by Fat Rocks Bar-B-Que. Tickets are \$25 for members of the UF Alumni Association and \$30 for non-members; children 12 and younger are \$15. VIP tickets for \$50 include priority seating.

There will be a cash bar. All proceeds benefit a scholarship fund for area students attending UF.

Deadline for reservations is May 7. Call Bill Turner at 851-2430 or e-mail swflgatorclub@gmail.com. ■



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Derby Day party for 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. Call Patricia Connell at 643-1880, ext. 18, or e-mail patricia@hsnaples.org.

Ooh La La invites moms, daughters

Mothers and daughters are invited to an evening of fun and fashion to benefit the Women In Need Foundation from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 3, at Ooh La La Jewels Du Jour. The evening's hostess is Kristen Weardon, Ms. US Globe 2009. Just in time for Mother's Day, guests will see the latest in hairstyles as well as the newest selections in jewelry and accessories that only look expensive. A portion of the evening's sales will go to WIN.

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Have a ball for foster care kids

Put on your boots, kick up your heels and join the Foster Care Council for an evening of barbecue, bull riding, line dancing and Texas hold 'em from 6-11

p.m. Friday, May 7, at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club.

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.

Save this dance for Make-A-Wish

Dance the night away at the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida's fourth annual “Dancing with the Stars” Wishmakers Ball beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs.

Tickets are \$175 or \$1,600 for a table of 10. Contact Connie Martin at 992-9474 or cmartin@sflawish.org.

Let It Be at Mercato for Youth Haven

The first-ever British Invasion 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 back to the '60s with The Beatles tribute band Let It Be. Food with British flair and beer, wine and Beatle-themed cocktails will be provided by The Pub.

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.

Have a heart for NCH Hospital Ball

We don't have a lot of details yet, but we do have the date and we know that the NCH Hospital Ball on Saturday evening, Oct. 23, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, will benefit NCH Cardiology. That's enough information to warrant saving the date until the formal invitation arrives in the mail. For more information, call 436-4511 or e-mail foundation@nchmdorg.

Happy New Year with Paul Anka

It's never too early to make plans for New Year's Eve. Ring in 2011 with Paul Anka and members of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra at the Phil. Early birds can celebrate with champagne and hors d'oeuvres at 5 p.m. followed by a 6 p.m. performance. Those who like to stay up late can enjoy a 9:30 p.m. performance followed by dessert and cham-

pagne. Either way, tickets are \$129 per person, \$200 for limited “guest circle” seating. Reserve your spot now by calling 597-1900.

Robin Givens will share her story

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 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



GIVENS

marriage to 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. ■

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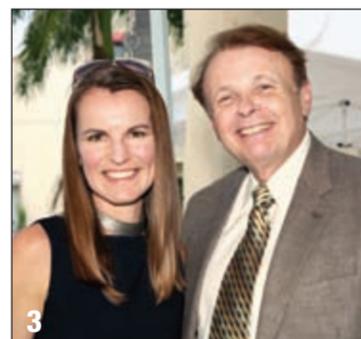
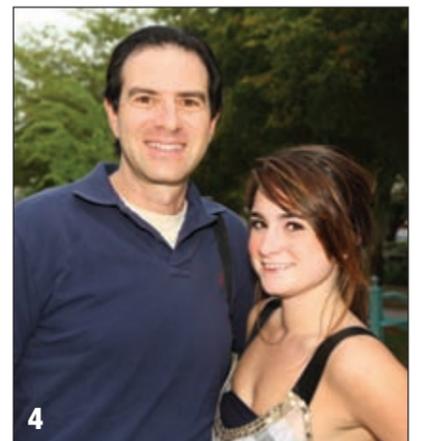


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Awards ceremony for the 2010 Jade N. Riedel Scholarship Competition at The von Liebig Art Center



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► **The Jolly Cricket, 720 Fifth Ave. S.; 304-9460**

The club-like Trilogi has been artfully transformed into a handsome upscale British gastro pub with a wide-ranging menu that encompasses pub grub, tropical flavors and locally grown organic produce. As befits a pub, the beer selection is extensive and there's an intriguing list of ciders as well, including Ace apple cider, which has a lovely pear essence. The ploughman's board comes three ways. We tried it with smoked ham and Brie, both of which were tasty. The fish and chips were just right, enhanced by tangy homemade tartar sauce. Though beautifully plated, the chicken curry was under seasoned. Those wanting a zesty version should tell their server when ordering. An apple tart with ice cream, oatmeal cookie and caramel sauce was lovely and satisfying. Full bar.

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

► **Maria's Restaurant, 27080 Old 41, Bonita Springs; 495-1868**

For those who know Mexican food is much more than fajitas and tacos, there's Maria's, a bastion of authentic south-of-the-border fare at bargain prices. Located just north of Everglades Wonder Gardens, it's been a fixture on Old 41 since the early '90s. The menu offers a dizzying array of Mexi-

can food. I loved the queso fundido, a cheese dip full of chewy crumbles of chorizo, and the sopecitos, three corn masa pancakes topped with refried, onions, hot sauce, cheese and chicken. Lamb tacos were delicious with onions and parsley and tampiquena — tender, well-seasoned pork — served with three cheese enchiladas and tomatillo sauce were excellent as well. Full bar.

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

► **M Waterfront Grille, Village on Venetian Bay, 4300 Gulf Shore Blvd. N., Naples; 263-4421**

Maxwell's on the Bay has undergone a fabulous update with a sleek new look and a sophisticated menu to match. There was no improving upon the view of Naples Bay, which remains a focal point, but the dining room, done in lots of woods and earth tones, gives the restaurant a contemporary, stylish air. Executive Chef Brian Roland's menu features cutting-edge Continental cuisine, with dishes such as heirloom beets with fried goat cheese, escargot with wild mushrooms, spinach and Boursin cream, orange miso-glazed sea bass with goat cheese dumplings and milk chocolate lava cake. Polished



service and an exemplary wine list further enhance the meal. Full bar.

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

► **Olio on Naples Bay, Naples Bay Resort, 1500 Fifth Ave.; 530-5110**

Italian-inspired, Napa Valley influenced is this stylish restaurant's theme. Dine outside along the waterfront, in the bar or the main dining room with a prime view of the open kitchen. Small plates abound here. We loved the crispy polenta fries with roasted mushroom demi glace, parmesan cheese and white truffle oil; spicy shrimp and calamari scampi; limoncello-cured salmon with horseradish mascarpone, fried capers and crostini; and roasted red and yellow beet salad with baby arugula, sherry vinaigrette, crumbled goat cheese and hazelnuts. Large plates of seared diver scallops and jumbo shrimp over risotto, sous vide duck breast with root vegetables and seared veal medallions with olive oil whipped potatoes, mushroom demi glace and crumbled goat cheese were first rate as well. For dessert, Italian strawberry shortcake and cherry pistachio bread pudding with house-made vanilla gelato were excellent. Full bar.

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

► **Saffron, 2059 Pine Ridge Road; 331-3319**

Saffron is a little tough to find tucked

into a shopping center obscured by a gas station, but it's well worth the effort. The hospitable owners are friendly and helpful so even novices will find something they'll enjoy. Everything we tried was well prepared, combining fresh ingredients and that heady mix of seasonings that makes Indian food so addictive. Spinach dip with house-made cheese spread on fresh naan was a delicious beginning. We also enjoyed a sampler plate containing samosas, pakoras and kabobs served with mint chutney. Salmon cooked in a tandoori oven was moist and well seasoned. Rogan josh, a classic lamb curry, paired well with Bombay dal, a savory cumin-scented lentil, onion and tomato dish. From the dozen or so breads, we sampled keema naan, which was stuffed with ground lamb; kabuli naan, which contained cashews and raisins; and paneer kulcha, filled with house-made cheese, coriander and onion. All were tender, warm and delicious. Mango kulfi, a frozen blend of mango puree, cream and sweetened condensed milk, proved a great ending to a delicious and economical meal. Beer and wine served.

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

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A Naples-based company has made Fast Casual Magazine's Top 100 Movers and Shakers list for 2009.

Naples Flatbread & Wine Bar, with locations in Naples and Estero, came in at No. 97, and was a complete surprise to owner Ralph Desiano.

"No one called and we didn't enter anything," he says. "We are flattered to be part of the Top 100 and to even be mentioned in the same conversation with Panera, Five Guys and Pei Wei. I am blown away that our little concept has garnered so much attention."

Fast-casual restaurants combine quick service and traditional sit-down dining, providing a speedier meal that is still cooked to order.

Other Florida companies with local outlets that made the list include Pizza Fusion of Fort Lauderdale, ranked number 4; and Firehouse Subs of Jacksonville, which was ranked 9.

For more information on Naples Flatbread, call 495-3528 or visit www.naples-flatbread.com. View the complete list of restaurants to make this year's list at www.fastcasual.com.



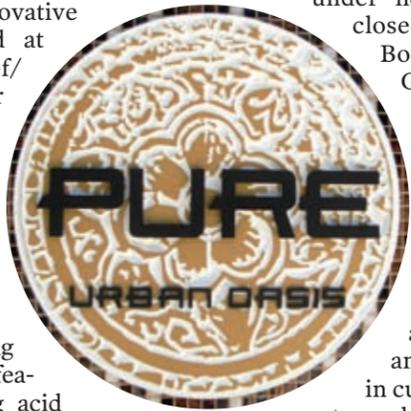
Ralph Desiano of Naples Flatbread & Wine Bar

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What's new around town

There are new restaurants cropping up all over town, despite the fact that the busy winter tourist season as ended. Here's a look at some of the promising newcomers:

* **PURE Urban Oasis**, a sleek space that features American-style food with an innovative twist, has opened at Mercato. Chef/founder Peter Schmid — previously of Peter's La Cuisine in downtown Fort Myers and Blu Sushi in Fort Myers, Estero and (formerly) Naples — has created this interesting new concept that features a DJ playing acid jazz and house music. The menu has a variety of crisp rice cakes topped with tartare and ceviche, among other things. It's open from 4 p.m. to 1 a.m. daily. Wednesdays are Ladies' Nights, and women drink free all night.



Thursdays are PURE Professionals Nights, when you can get a free drink in exchange for your business card. PURE is at 7135 Strada Place. Call 514-7873.

* **The Pewter Mug**, a Naples fixture for decades, is up and running again under new owners after being closed for about a year. Curt Boyette, Larry "Smokey" Genta Jr., Pat Murphy and Bobby DiModica have joined forces to bring the restaurant back. There's a full bar, and the menu features many of the items for which the Mug has long been known, including an extensive salad bar and prime rib that comes in cuts ranging from 8 ounces to a whopping 32 ounces. There are also baby back ribs, Tad's fried pickles, oysters Rockefeller, a variety of seafood, burgers and more. Eight early bird specials range from \$8.99 for the salad bar and bread to \$16.99

for a prime rib dinner. And, of course, there's live music several nights a week. It's open from 3 p.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday, from 3 p.m. to 2 a.m. Friday, and from noon to 2 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. It's at 12300 N. Tamiami Trail. Call 596-6844 or visit www.pewtermug41.com.

*What was formerly Harvest Moon Modern Chinese at Tamiami Square is now **O'mei Chinese Cuisine**. Mark and Mary Cheng have opened the restaurant with an upscale ambience and a host of interesting Chinese dishes, such as scallion pancakes, crispy seaweed, Chinese eggplant, Peking duck, Beijing chicken and lots of other dishes you don't see much in these parts. O'mei, at 14700 Tamiami Trail, is open 4-10 p.m. daily. Call 254-8973 or visit www.omeinaples.com.

Decanted hosts wine throwdown

The second Ultimate Wine Throwdown is set for Thursday, May 20, at Decanted. It features the wine and beer establishment's suppliers entering their

best four wines (two costing less than \$25, one less than \$50 and an open entry). There will be 30 wines available for sampling at the event, which is limited to 50 people.

It's \$25 to attend. Decanted is at 1410 Pine Ridge Road. Call 434-1814.

Fleming's has gift for moms

Lots restaurants are serving Mother's Day meals, but Fleming's is throwing in something extra special. Treat mom to brunch and she'll receive a \$25 dining card for a future visit.

The restaurant is offering a three-course brunch menu from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, May 9, for \$29.95 per person.

Fleming's is at 8485 N. Tamiami Trail. Call 598-2424.

Sweet Tomatoes to the rescue

The new Naples Sweet Tomatoes raised more than \$12,000 for the American Red Cross, Collier County Chapter with its pre-opening promotion. Guests paid \$5 each and the money was donated to the nonprofit organization. More than 2,000 people participated in the benefit.

"The pre-opening fundraiser was a great success for the restaurant and the American Red Cross," says Keith Lum You, Sweet Tomatoes general manager. "We love the mission of the organization and are excited that we are able to give back to the community with the help of all of our guests during the two-day event."

Sweet Tomatoes is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays. It's at 10940 Tamiami Trail N. Call 597-1112.

Something completely different

I don't usually talk about distilled spirits, but I've recently discovered Veev, made with beneficial acai fruit by an environmentally conscious company, and it deserves a mention.

VeeV Spirits LLC is the first spirits company to become certified carbon neutral. It helps protect the Brazilian Amazon rainforest, the primary source of acai, by donating \$1 per bottle sold to Sambazon's Sustainable Acai Project.

Not only that, it tastes terrific. Tart with dark berry flavors, it can be combined with a vast number of ingredients to make some great new drinks. I recently had one called the Antioxidant at the new The Art of Being at the Pavilion Shopping Center. Check it out at VeeVlife.com. ■

diningCALENDAR

► **Friday, April 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, May 1**, 1-5 p.m., Fred's Diner: Celebrate Derby Day at Party with the Big Dogs, a benefit for Labrador Retriever Rescue of Florida, with refreshments, a raffle and more; \$10, 2700 Immokalee Road; 431-7928.

► **Saturday, May 1**, all evening, Roy's: Celebrate Lei Day with a four-course dinner paired with Saintsbury Vineyard wines; \$75, 26831 S. Bay Drive, Bonita Springs; 498-7697; or 475 Bayfront Place; 261-1416.

► **Saturday, May 1**, 7 p.m., Robb

& Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center: Enjoy a multi-course dinner with wine pairings; \$75 inclusive, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; (866) 206-3840. Reservations required.

► **Monday, May 3**, 6 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center: Executive Chef Martin Murphy creates a traditional Japanese dinner featuring miso soup, crab and cucumber salad, sashimi and sushi; \$40, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; (866) 206-3840. Reservations required.

► **Tuesday, May 4**, 5:30-8 p.m., Decanted: It's 90-Plus Club night, with tastings of wines rated 90 points or more by Wine Advocate, Wine Spectator or Stephen Tanzer; \$10, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations required.

► **Tuesday, May 4**, 6:30-8:30 p.m.,

Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center: Jerry Greenfield provides a fun-filled lesson on wines from France's Loire Valley, with four wines to sample and food to match; \$40, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; (866) 206-3840. Reservations required.

► **Wednesday, May 5**, noon, Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center: Executive Chef Martin Murphy serves up classic Mexican dishes in honor of Cinco de Mayo; \$35, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; (866) 206-3840. Reservations required.

► **Wednesday, May 5**, 6 p.m., Whole Foods Market: Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with a surprise quesadilla, a new type of taco and lemon flan; \$10, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100. Register at www.acteva.com/Go/LifestyleCenter.

► **Friday, May 7**, 6-9 p.m., Whole Foods Market: The Mercato Concert Series and Wine tasting benefits First Book - Collier County and features more than 20 wines; \$10, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100.

► **Friday, May 7**, 7 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center: It's date night with a three-course dinner filled with little extras and appropriate wines for each course; \$90 per couple inclusive, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; (866) 206-3840. Reservations required.

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Spring Cleaning Tips

And there has never been a better time. As buyers are coming out of recession hibernation, this is the time have your home shine.

One way to have your home shine, literally, is to let in the light. To do that, let's wash those windows and screens. Ideally, you should complete this task twice a year.

To get streak free windows, there is a great time saving option available. Use a high quality squeegee in horizontal strokes. (If you're a real expert, try making an "s" pattern.) These great little tools can help you clean in just a fraction of the time that it takes with other methods, such as paper towels and windex.

You can even use simple dishsoap in a bucket of water as your cleaning solution. After a couple strokes of the squeegee, be sure to wipe off the blade with a work rag. This will help to avoid streaking.

For tough stains, consider using a very fine steel wool. What about the window screens? You can scrub them down outside in your yard with a regular scrub brush and some soapy water. Rinse with a simple garden hose. If you don't have outdoor space to work in, you can always just give those screens a good old fashioned bath in your tub.

For sellers looking to add even more light, consider changing out your curtains during showings, using simple sheers instead of heavy drapes.

Inside your home, a great way to lighten up the appearance is touching up the walls. If you have kids or animals, you may have grubby hand and paw prints. This is exactly why you should always keep an extra gallon of paint whenever you makeover a room. Use it for years to come to cover stains, holes, and blemishes.

Our next cleaning tip can also have a positive effect on your health. Allergens live deep down in your carpet, and vacuuming

may not be enough. There are steam cleaners for purchase at most home stores, or industrial ones for rent. Steam cleaners can deep clean away allergens and improve the appearance of your carpet.

Or contact your local professional. Ask, though, if your carpet cleaning professional has green cleaning options you can choose from.

And the final tip: Clean that fridge. Believe it or not, prospective buyers ... and sometimes just guests ... will have a look in your fridge. Remove everything and wash the shelves in a sink. Wipe down the inside of the fridge with your daily household cleaner. And then to retain the fresh smell, place an opened box of baking soda in the fridge.

Use these tips and you're on your way to a Spring clean home!

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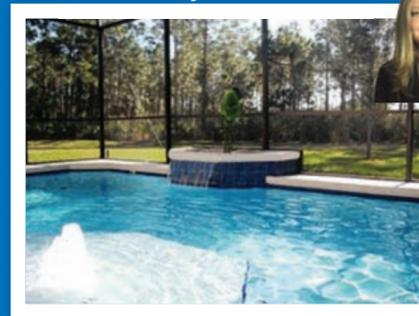


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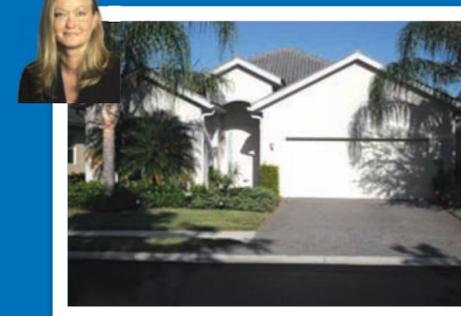


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