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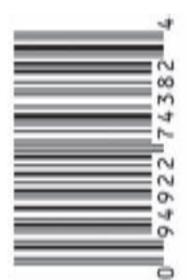


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Improving the odds

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The month seemed to start with gambling and hard-core risk taking, and I was reminded of a suggestion my oldest son, Evan, once inherited from a night restaurant job. A waiter he knew would advise the departing patrons: "Drive fast, take chances."

Don't worry, pal, we are.

On the first day of May, I watched a man walk up to the betting window at Churchill Downs, open a brief case containing \$100,000 in stacked bills and place it to win on a horse called Super Saver. Ridden by Calvin Borel, the sleek thoroughbred was set to rocket from the starting gate of the Kentucky Derby only minutes later, with odds listed at 8-to-1.

On the second day of May, I watched a man in a pickup truck with a woman and a kid in the passenger seat pull out to pass me on a two-lane road in the country. The driver spotted a semi-truck hurtling toward us at about 60 mph, pulled back in and then inexplicably changed his mind. He pulled out again, with mortality the anti-prize. He gunned the pickup and roared by, jerking his machine and his wide-eyed family back into the proper lane just before he won the eternity purse. I figure that pickup jockey takes his restaurant

advice a little too seriously.

But those aren't what I would call hard-core risk-taking moments or real gambles. They don't define us as a gambling culture.

On the third day of May the truth finally dawned on me: the entire society is gambling our future on a leave-it-to-somebody-else cast of the dice, like a sailor on leave in Vegas. And I don't mean just economically (because economic problems can always be solved, one way or another).

Monday, May 3, you see, began National Teacher Appreciation Week, a fact about as relevant in our pantheon of daily worries as the Edison Crater on the lunar surface. Which suggests just how big our gamble is.

Did you know that the Edison Crater lies at 25 degrees north, 99.1 degrees east, and stretches across a diameter of about 62 kilometers, or 38.4 miles? No, of course you didn't.

Did you know before I told you that this is National Teacher Appreciation Week?

So you see what I mean.

The problem is, our entire future depends not only on what our children know, but also on their educated temperaments — on how they view their place, the American place, in a world populated with people who won't think like they do and aren't always known for their tolerance of others.

And guess who has the most influence on the knowledge and temperaments of our children, outside of par-

ents (and sometimes even in spite of parents)?

You're right. The makers of iPod and Xbox.

But besides them. Astronauts? Fashion models? Disney characters? George Washington? Davy Crockett? Eleanor Roosevelt? Martin Luther King Jr.? Modest Mouse? Muddy Waters? Billy Graham? Mark Twain? Sarah Palin? Hollywood's Top 10? The Pope? The 14th Dalai Lama? The United States Navy?

No. You know the answer: Teachers.

Remember them? They show up every day of the week to teach 20 or 25 kids, or 30, or 40, or 50, or 100 kids — and most of them work at it as hard as they can.

I taught school once. If you haven't had the experience, let me bear witness: Teaching is harder than section crewing for the Union Pacific Railroad, or laboring on an asphalt crew, or working a big cattle ranch, or putting up baled hay on a Kansas farm, or pumping gas on the nightshift of an interstate service station, or meeting a newspaper deadline, or anything else I know.

I can tell you this, too: Teachers aren't paid enough. Sure, they're paid more than they used to be — grudgingly, sometimes, which is no way to thank a teacher — but they're still not paid enough.

All of that, however, is not our immediate problem. Our immediate problem, this week, is to cut the gamble we incur by ignoring teachers, and go thank one.

That's right, just one. And telling yourself that you don't know a teacher, or you don't have kids in school, or you're too busy, too tired, too uncertain, too sick, too far away or too anything else — well, frankly, that's bull.

Collier County has about 3,000 teachers guiding more than 43,000 students in 32 elementary schools, 11 middle schools and nine high schools (including two charter schools), along with 12 alternative schools programs.

In any dang one of them, you can find herds of that unique species, Magister Americanus, aka the American teacher.

I suggest you peel a crisp \$20 bill off your roll and put it in an envelope, or bake a batch of cookies — make sure you have at least 30, to cover a single class — or buy a bouquet of flowers. Then locate a school, walk into the lobby and tell the attendant at the front desk that you wish to thank just one teacher. Ask the attendant to pick one, any one, and have your gift delivered.

Do that, and you'll stun not only the teacher, but the entire faculty at that school. Start to scratch, it'll probably take you about 40 minutes — unless you bake. Then make it an hour of your time.

Afterward, send me a note. Tell me what you did, and where, and how they reacted.

And take a moment to thank yourself, for cutting the risk of a sorry American future just a little bit by thanking a teacher.

In my book, that's how to gamble. ■

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OPINION

Hysterics against Arizona

BY RICH LOWRY

In the case of the new Arizona immigration law, the *reductio ad hitlerum* occurred instantly.

Cardinal Roger Mahony wrote in a blog post, "I can't imagine Arizonans now reverting to German Nazi and Russian Communist techniques." The president of the Hispanic Federation said the law "reminded me of Nazi Germany." Cooler heads merely compared it to apartheid or 1960s-era civil-rights abuses.

And here I thought the *tea partiers* were befouling America's political discourse with their overheated words. They don't hold a candle to His Eminence or the assorted other hysterics decrying the rise of totalitarianism in the American Southwest.

Arizona's offense is to attempt to enforce the nation's immigration laws, in the absence of any serious commitment to do so on the part of the federal government or our political class.

The Arizona law makes it a state crime for aliens not to have immigration documents on their person. This sounds draconian, except it's been a federal crime for more than half a century —

U.S.C. 1304(e). Has the open-borders crowd forgotten that it calls illegal aliens "undocumented" for a reason?

Police officers asking for papers may be redolent of old World War II movies. But consider the offending provision: "For any lawful contact made by a law enforcement official or agency of this state ... where reasonable suspicion exists that the person is an alien who is unlawfully present in the United States, a reasonable attempt shall be made, when practicable, to determine the immigration status of the person."

Hitler would be crestfallen. This hardly reeks of extremism. It means the vast majority of requests for documentation will occur in the course of other police business, like traffic stops.

The police already have the power to stop illegal aliens, which the Arizona courts have upheld; they already can ask about someone's legal status (the U.S. Supreme Court noted in 2005 that it has "held repeatedly that mere police questioning does not constitute a seizure" under the Fourth Amendment); and they already can detain illegal aliens. The Arizona law strengthens these existing authorities.

Will they be abused? Upon signing the law, Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer issued an executive order for a training program on how to implement it without racial profiling. No matter what her intentions, of course, it's unavoidable that Latino citizens will be questioned disproportionately; nationwide, 80 percent of illegal aliens are Latino, and the proportion in Arizona must be higher.

Arizona has an estimated 460,000 illegal aliens out of a population of 6.6 million. They impose countless millions in schooling, health care and incarceration costs, more than \$1 billion a year in one estimate.

Arizonians needn't, and shouldn't, tolerate this. Critics accuse the state of unconstitutionally devising its own immigration policy. If it had unilaterally declared its border open to the poor, violence-plagued country to its south, this charge might have force. Instead, it seeks only to enforce the nominal immigration policy of the United States. Perhaps the federal government should try it sometime. ■

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

Faltering U.S. schools are a national disgrace



helenTHOMAS

Special to Florida Weekly

President Barack Obama needs to wake up to the fact that the nation's school systems are going down the drain.

Thousands of teachers are facing a payless summer. Millions of schoolchildren are looking at a drop in educational standards and bigger classes.

We are depriving students of their right to a decent education.

Granted that school systems are under state control, the federal government needs to step up and help them overcome their financial woes.

Aren't the schools too important to fail?

U.S. priorities are to spend billions every week for the unjustified and unexplained wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the maintenance of hundreds of U.S. military bases around the world. At the same time, we neglect the nation's schools when teachers affect eternity. It's a national disgrace.

As Lyndon B. Johnson, a former schoolteacher, used to say: "Education is the passport to a better life."

Obama had a great education and presumably knows its worth. But what are our national priorities? What does it

matter if we win the whole world militarily but lose our learning?

Obama promised change. But change from his predecessor's policies and priorities required a giant leap, and he has not made it.

It takes great courage to turn a country around. The president has to be reminded that he has dug us into a Vietnam-style quagmire in Afghanistan. Nine years of killing and dying in Afghanistan are enough. The Russians were in Afghanistan for 10 years before departing. It took courage for them to leave.

It's too bad Obama does not have knowledge of the Vietnam era. If he had, he would never have committed American troops to widen the war in Afghanistan.

Too many civilians are caught in the crossfire in Afghanistan between allied forces, the Taliban and al-Qaida.

Recently, four young Iraqis returning from a soccer game were killed, mistaken as "insurgents," meaning the enemy. I'm sure that "regrets" were sent to the families for the "mistake." Who is to blame? Normally, when you invade and occupy a country, YOU are the enemy!

Unprovoked pre-emptive war was the hallmark of former President George W. Bush, who yearned to be known as a "war president."

Real "war presidents" like Dwight D. Eisenhower — the hero of World War II — knew better. When Eisenhower

arranged a cease-fire with North Korea and pulled most U.S. forces out of Korea after winning the presidency in 1952, there was a huge sense of relief in the country.

How many Americans and Koreans are still alive today because of that move?

Yes, breaking up is hard to do.

As for Vietnam, after widespread protests against the 15-year-long war and with North Vietnamese armies poised to overrun Saigon, President Gerald R. Ford withdrew the last U.S. forces. We're friends now with Vietnam, with an amazing lack of bitterness on the Vietnamese side.

American presidents should learn that winning the hearts and minds of people who have been occupied by U.S. forces is asking a lot.

The president and Congress need to stop spending the nation's treasure on war while simultaneously neglecting children, our most important assets.

The Washington Post reported last week that "from coast to coast, public schools face the threat of thousands of layoffs this year in a fiscal crunch and fewer programs to help students in need."

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, has proposed a \$23 billion federal bailout to help states avert teacher layoffs. This is a pittance compared with the cost of enforcing U.S. foreign policy around the world. ■

MOMENTS IN TIME

► On **May 6, 1954**, in Oxford, England, medical student Roger Bannister cracks track and field's most notorious barrier: the four-minute mile. Bannister won the mile race with a time of 3 minutes, 59.4 seconds.

► On **May 7, 1902**, Mount Pele on the French Caribbean island of Martinique begins the deadliest volcanic eruption of the 20th century. The city of Saint Pierre

was buried and 30,000 people died when a cloud of gas with a temperature of more than 3,000 F sent an avalanche of boiling ash down the side of the mountain.

► On **May 8, 1963**, Sean Connery stars in his first Bond movie, "Dr. No." The film established many signature elements of the Bond series, including its distinctive theme song, fast-paced action, "Bond girls" and Bond's fondness

for vodka martinis "shaken, not stirred."

► On **May 9, 1926**, according to their claims, polar explorer Richard E. Byrd and co-pilot Floyd Bennett fly over the North Pole. The discovery in 1996 of the diary that Byrd had kept on his famous flight seemed to suggest that he and Bennett may have turned back 150 miles short of the pole because of an oil leak. ■



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15 MINUTES

Style has always mattered to this fashionable consultant

BY SUSAN POWELL BROWN
Special to Florida Weekly

As far back as she can recall, Cheryl Lampard has been obsessed with fabric — the texture, the weight, the ability to use it to create things. As a child in London, England, she made clothes for anyone and anything — her dolls, her brother, even the family dog (although she admits her brother and her dog didn't share her enthusiasm).

She has no clue when she learned to sew. "It seemed to me like I always did it," she says. She's confident, though, that her family contributed to her creative inclinations.

Her mother and grandmother both sewed, and her mother made matching ensembles for Ms. Lampard and her dolls. Her father was also artistic, doing beautiful calligraphy and remarkable stitch-work.

Surprisingly, however, creating designer fashions was never Ms. Lampard's cup of tea; for her, costumes and films held a much greater appeal. She has long loved the way costumes enhance a story, saying they transform an individual into someone else entirely.

This conviction spawned her chosen calling: helping people transform themselves into who they want to be. Her love of fashion, eye for color, knowledge of garment cut and personal belief that "style matters" resulted in her role as founder and principal style and image consultant of Style Matters International.

Ms. Lampard helps people recognize that "their image is their brand."

"It's about empowering people, finding what works for someone," she says. "If we look good, we feel good."

Her client list includes men and women seeking to create an image that's right for them. It's less about fashion and more about style relevant for a particular individual, she says. And while she can start the transformation, the client must be committed to the process, because if the willpower and drive aren't there, it won't work.

When the determination is there, however, look out. "It's wonderful when it sticks," she says.

So how does this dynamo describe her own style? Classic, with a twist.

"My style, in a nutshell, is sort of quirky," she says in her cheerful British accent. "I like wicked little details: interesting cuffs, buttons, fasteners," she says, before adding eyeglasses to the list.

She likes quality and insists she's not about extremes.

She notes there's something universally recognizable about people who are "timeless" in their style. The late Princess Diana, for example.

Ms. Lampard spoke the opening weekend of the "Princess Diana: Dresses of Inspiration" exhibition at The von Liebig Art Center and is giving a series of talks aboard the Naples Princess about the world's most famous royal family and its influ-

ence on fashion. The cruise talks are in conjunction with "Dresses of Inspiration," which remains on exhibit at The von Liebig through June 27. Cruise dates are May 13 and 27, and June 10 and 24, with each featuring a different topic. Next up: "Royal Fashions & Faux Pas: The Royal Fashions We Followed, and Those We Didn't."

Consider the People's Princess herself. Despite being heralded worldwide for her style and elegance, even Diana had a few fashion faux pas in her early years. Ms. Lampard recalls seeing the would-be princess

splashed across the British tabloids when — shortly after her engagement to Prince Charles — she wore a low-cut, black taffeta dress to the opera. Unbeknownst to Lady Di, the selection was considered completely taboo. From the top of the stairs, the paparazzi captured some revealing images as Diana bent down to pick up the hem of her dress for the climb.

As if her scandalous décolletage weren't enough of an outrage, the young Diana also obviously did not know the Royal Family only dons solid black for funerals.

Ms. Lampard says Diana was a merely making an effort to seem grown-up and play the role she'd been chosen to fill within the

Royal Family. Lack of proper guidance to a soon-to-be Royal was the real scandal.

The above is just one of many stories about fashion Ms. Lampard has to tell. One that's not likely to come up in her Princess Cruise talks, however, concerns her role in introducing color into knitwear in the UK.

Long frustrated by the lack of colorful knits in her home country, she says, she simply asked herself why she couldn't find what she wanted. Then she answered her own question with the advent of YoMo, a trendsetting yarn and knitwear shop in Brighton where she offered colorful yarns selected from all over the world. Unlike many stores that kept yarns behind the counter, Ms. Lampard draped them over bamboo poles so customers could feel the yarns and select the weight they wanted. To her delight, she soon discovered that simply touching the yarns encouraged people who didn't know how to knit to give it a try.

Her own gilded touch on YoMo inevitably brought an offer Ms. Lampard couldn't refuse. Just as well, because when she received a phone call from a fellow retailer in 2001 requesting to meet for dinner before he relocated from London to Naples, she was free to go.

And free to follow. As she and commuted back and forth to visit, she developed a local client base (many cultivated during transatlantic conversations). One day she realized her Naples client list outsized her UK clientele. Since then, she has tied the knot with husband Karl, moved here permanently and been adding her own classic style — with a definite twist — to the local scene ever since. ■



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The Golisano Children's Museum of Naples is taking shape at North Collier Regional Park.

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dozen exhibits that encourage exploration and discovery. More than a building, C'mon will present a well-rounded universe in which children and their families will be able to journey from the swamps of the Everglades to the outer reaches of the galaxy.



GOLISANO "The Children's Museum of Naples will fulfill an underserved need in the area by providing children with a place to learn that is also fun and stimulating," Mr. Golisano said. "As a long-time advocate of services for children, I am pleased to help make this dream become a reality."

Julie Koester, past chair of the C'mon board of directors, said the campaign has already raised more than \$21 million toward its \$25 million goal. "Mr. Golisano's \$5 million challenge grant will help C'mon in reaching out to new donors and inspire a deeper commitment from current donors," she said. "We thank him for leading the race to the finish."

Mr. Golisano founded Paychex in 1971 and served as president and CEO until 2004. He serves on the boards of several private companies and non-profit organizations and is a trustee of the Rochester Institute of Technology. He has been widely recognized for his entrepreneurial, civic and philanthropic achievements by many organizations and by publications including Forbes and Chief Executive. He also owns of the National Hockey League team, the Buffalo Sabres.

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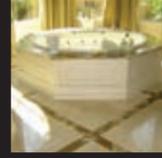
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WGCU explores Florida's spiritual communities

TV special titled "Florida: Heaven on Earth?"

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Since the late 1800s, Florida has been a haven for spiritual pioneers searching for the "ideal life" in what many consider the ideal communal environment. From the Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp in Central Florida to Koreshan Unity in Estero to Kashi Ashram in Sebastian to Collier County's Ave Maria, WGCU-TV explores the ideas behind each of these spiritual communities and attempts to answer the question: Did their followers find Heaven on Earth?

The one-hour special airs at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 13.

"Florida: Heaven on Earth?" was produced by award-winning, Naples-based writer and producer Lynne Howard Frazer and funded through a grant from the Florida Humanities Council.

"Our goal with this program," says Ms. Frazer, "was to examine the importance of a common ideology in the formation of successful communities."

In the film, Stetson University professor of religious studies Phillip Charles Lucas, Ph.D., who served as a humanities scholar to help guide the project, describes why Florida is conducive to spiritual communities.

"It's a place where people come to retire. It's a place where people have a vision of a kind of ideal life, so people are drawn to Florida for that reason," he says.

Spiritualists were drawn to Central Florida in 1894 by "spirit guides" to establish the Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp.

Now considered the oldest continuously active Spiritualist center in the southern United States, Cassadaga's core belief is that those who pass into the "spirit world" can communicate with the living.

Through two world wars, a depression and the current economic down turn, Cassadaga has adapted to meet the needs of its followers. The same cannot be said of the once-thriving Koreshan Unity in Estero.

In the late 1800s, Cyrus "Koresh" Teed envisioned a "New Jerusalem, a city of 10 million that would usher in a new world order." The Koreshan lifestyle was based on Mr. Teed's belief that we lived inside the earth and that God was both male and female. He and his followers believed in celibacy, communism and equal rights for women.

For more than 40 years, the Koreshans lived along the Estero River. As Mr. Teed worked to incorporate his Koreshan community, he found himself embroiled in the politics of Lee County, from disagreements over taxes to accusations of block voting. Tensions grew and as a result of a political fist fight, Mr. Teed was injured and eventually died. The community survived for another 30 years.

Members of a group in Sebastian known as Kashi Ashram believe that the



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The Koreshan globe shows the unusual belief that humans lived on the inside of the world, not on the outside.

only religion is a religion of kindness. Founded in the mid-1970s by a Jewish homemaker from Brooklyn who believed she received a visit from Jesus Christ, the 80-acre community is home to more than 70 believers.

Kashi's focus on service recently inspired a partnership with the state of Florida to create an independent living center for low-income seniors known as By the River. Known for their work with the elderly, homeless and hungry, and as a meditation and yoga center, Kashi's future will be dependent on how closely the community ties itself to its founder, the former Joyce Green who goes by the name Ma Jaya Sati Bhagavati, and more importantly, if the community is strong enough to sustain itself after she's gone.

The inspiration of one person's vision was the impetus behind South Florida's newest spiritual community: the town of Ave Maria in Collier County. In 2002, Tom Monaghan, founder of Domino's

Pizza, was searching for a new home for a Catholic college when the Barron Collier Companies offered to give him 750 acres and in return, the company would build a residential and commercial development around the new university.

"I think it is God's will to do this," Mr. Monaghan says.

As the university began to build and the town around it took shape, Mr. Monaghan's vision was questioned. "Florida: Heaven on Earth?" explores those who questioned his idea of a "Catholic community" and those who envision living in a community based on conservative Catholic teachings. Glenn Whitehouse, professor of religion and philosophy at Florida Gulf Coast University, describes the Ave Maria community as "a community for like-minded people of a certain Catholic bent."

"Florida: Heaven on Earth?" explores the development and impact of these four spiritual communities.

— WGCU-TV will air all four of the Florida public television "Community" programs beginning at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16, with "Imagining a New Florida." It will be followed by "Jacksonville Beach: Against the Tide," "St. Petersburg: New Place in the Sun," "Venice, Florida: Moving Forward by Looking Back" and "Florida: Heaven on Earth?"



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UNDERCOVER HISTORIAN

Historian Doris Reynolds' account of colorful Speed Menefee

BY LOIS BOLIN
Special to Florida Weekly

"History is at the heart of every city. Our country is so young that we barely have a past to speak of. For Naples to have you and your efforts to preserve our beginnings will allow us to be included with those who have the wisdom to record our contribution to the growth of this newly formed youngster called the United States of America."

— Regina Vaccarella, 2010

Regina Vaccarella of Architects Unlimited wrote one of the many congratulatory comments to Naples Backyard History on our efforts to promote local history. Those efforts led to the city of Naples celebrating our third annual History Month in May.

In publications that span more than 50 years, city historian Doris Reynolds has preserved many cherished stories about our local history. Our duty is to ensure that her stories, and those recorded by many others, are never forgotten.

We are pleased to reprint Ms. Reynolds' 1993 tribute to Speed Menefee, the first mayor of Naples. An exhibit about Mr. Menefee is at Naples City Hall all month long. We encourage you to make a trip to see it. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy reading Ms. Reynolds' account of the colorful mayor:

In 1925 Naples was incorporated as a city, and of immediate importance was the selection of a mayor. Everyone agreed that no one was more qualified than Speed Menefee. After all, he had been the official greeter and the town's most fascinating character

since his arrival in 1905. Speed really didn't want the responsibilities required of the mayor but was willing to be sworn in and to serve for about 15 minutes. After the appropriate ceremonies and an acceptance speech, he resigned and Judge E.G. Wilkerson took over the office and served for several years.

Speed had served in the Spanish American War and the general consensus was that he came to Naples to recover from his war experiences. Others say that Speed was a "remittance offspring" — a member of a prominent family, who paid him a regular stipend to remain away from home.

He was the scion of a prominent Kentucky family, and along with being the first mayor of Naples, he was the most colorful and eccentric person ever to grace the Naples scene.

His house on stilts was on the beach at 17th Avenue South, where he and his "Grandma" held forth every evening at cocktail time. "Grandma" turned out to be a carved coconut on the bar in Speed's home, and make no bones about it, "Grandma" required frequent toasts. On my first visit, I was introduced to her and told to toast her by "kissin' Miss Betsy," a coconut shell filled with Kentucky bourbon.

Although there were no fancy hors d'oeuvres, there was no lack of outrageous stories from Speed, told with such gusto and fervor that it was hard not to believe them. My favorite had to do with



Speed Menefee and "Grandma"

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the rattlesnake that attacked the tires on his model-T Ford. The snake embedded its teeth in a tire and the air from the tire inflated the snake until he came right out of his skin.

Speed's house was decorated with what appeared to be castoffs from a hurricane-ravaged island hut. On the porch were several battered Peel chairs that must have come from China with the first homebound missionaries. Inside were yellowed prints, beaded portieres, rattan lampshades, turtle shells, walrus teeth, wax flowers, manatee skulls, Indian rugs and diamondback rattlesnake backbones. The faded rose-colored pillows thrown around the weather-beaten sofa were the only touch of civility in this trash and treasure trove.

No one was ever sure of Speed's exact age. In 1957, he confessed to being 75, but rumor had it that he was at least 80

and holding. I had a daily radio show on WNOG and arranged for Florence Halde-man Price, Lindsey Crayton and Grace Moestetter to come on the show and reminisce about Speed on his birthday. We taped the program, which was then aired during Speed's birthday party.

Speed never married and claimed to spend most of his time avoiding the advances of eager ladies who found his charms irresistible.

In spite of his idiosyncrasies, Speed Menefee was the perfect Southern gentleman. He lived in Naples for more than half a century, and anyone who knew him was privileged to share his stories, his humor, his gentle courtliness, frivolous nature and his zany philosophy that life was a bowl of cherries. And for Speed, there just didn't seem to be any pits. ■

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GOLFING NEWS

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Bonita Bay East's site includes 895 acres of cypress wetlands, 190 acres of pine flats, lakes and hundreds of native sabal palms. It was the first 36-hole facility in the world to achieve Audubon International Signature Sanctuary status.



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Bonita Bay Club East

Five tee areas allow golfers to choose markers appropriate to their game; knolls, ridges, undulations and lakes create a game of strategy for all players. Golfers are invited to play the courses, dine in the 8,000-square-foot clubhouse overlooking the two finishing holes and take advantage of the state-of-the-art practice facility.

Bonita Bay East is on Immokalee Road six miles east of I-75. For additional information or to schedule a tee time, call 353-5100 or visit www.BonitaBayEast.com. ■

Sports Camp Shootout set for May 22

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

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

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

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

Tee off with CBIA at Vineyards

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

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

Bonita chamber announces inaugural tourney

The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce is planning its inaugural Hackers & Smackers tournament on Saturday, June 5, at Copperleaf Golf Club. Golfers will compete to have their names engraved on a trophy to be displayed in the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center for an entire year.

The shotgun scramble will tee off at 8:30 a.m. Participation is open to the public for \$80 per person. For more information or to register, call 992-2943 or visit www.BonitaSpringsChamber.com. ■

Immokalee Foundation plans pro-am tourney

The Immokalee Foundation will hold its 2010 Charity Classic Pro-Am Golf Tournament on Monday, Nov. 15, at Bay Colony Golf Club. The event pairs foundation supporters with some of the biggest names in golf. Only 24 foursomes, plus the pros, will participate.

The benefit tournament begins at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast and golf demonstrations, followed by a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. The scramble format pairs players with a different pro for each nine holes. The awards luncheon will be held immediately following the tournament.

Entry fees begin at \$5,000. All pro-am golfers will receive tickets to the Charity Classic dinner auction that takes place Friday, Nov. 12, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. For more information or to make reservations, call Lori Apolito at The Immokalee Foundation, 430-9122.

The tournament and dinner auction will benefit the foundation's educational programs including Take Stock in Children, Vocational Success, College Success, Direct Scholarships, The First Tee of Naples/Collier Program in Immokalee and Immokalee Readers. The 2009 golf tournament raised \$1 million for TIF programs.

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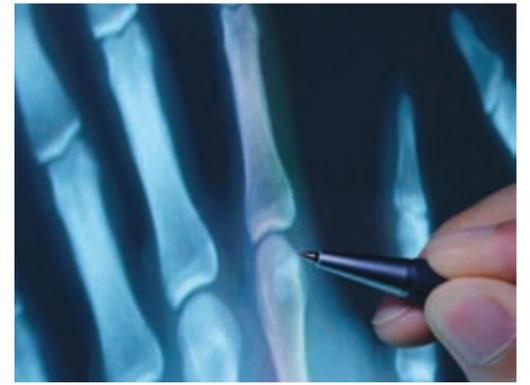
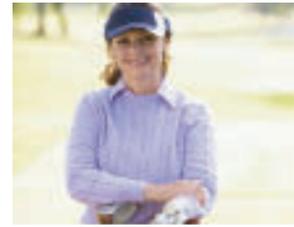
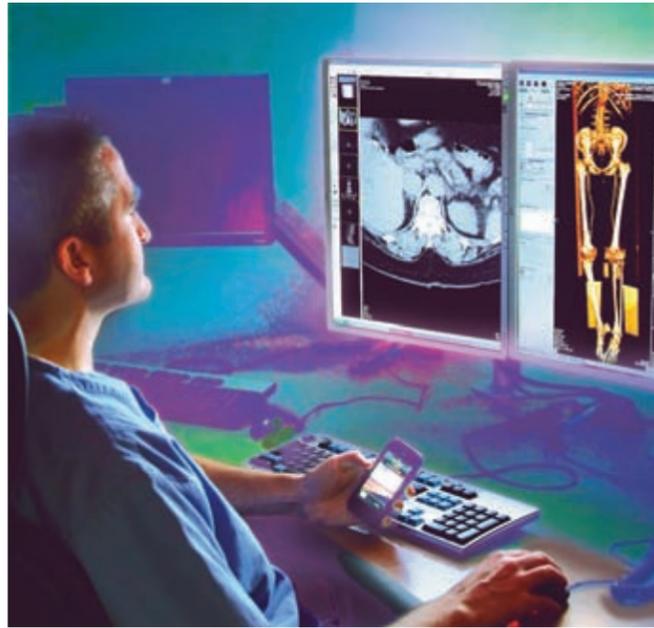
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The program is presented by the Vision Sciences Society and the FGCU Renaissance Academy. Guest speaker Allison Sekuler is the Canada research chair in cognitive neuroscience and a professor at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. She is finishing her term as a board member of the Vision Sciences Society, which for several years has held its annual convention at The Naples Grande.

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. ■

Lighthouse of Collier receives \$10,000 donation

Lighthouse of Collier Inc. has received a donation of \$10,000 from Naples-based Arthrex Inc. The mission of Lighthouse of Collier is to promote the development, implementation and ongoing 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. ■

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. Call 598-1368 to RSVP by Friday, May 7. ■

Eye center doctor will discuss lasik

Dr. Jonathan Frantz will present a free seminar about iLASIK at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, at Florida Eye Health, 2100 Tamiami Trail N. RSVP by calling 430-3939 or register online at www.bettervision.net. ■

Lawyer will talk about the new health care laws

The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce hosts a forum about the new health care laws from 8-10 a.m. Friday, May 21, at Worthington Country Club. "Restructure, Reorganize, Reform: What every business owner needs to know about the Patient Protection and Affordability Act" will be presented by Jeana Singleton of Brennan, Manna & Diamond, P.L.

Cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members and includes breakfast. To register or for more information, visit www.BonitaSpringsChamber.com, call 992-2943 or e-mail Info@BonitaSpringsChamber.com. ■

Know preventative measures and warning signs of stroke

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For families with aging loved ones, very few serious health risks present the same level of concern as a stroke. In the U.S., someone suffers a stroke every 40 seconds, and more than 75 percent of these incidents occur in people over the age of 65. Fortunately, fewer than 20 percent of all strokes are fatal; but unfortunately, most stroke survivors suffer some lingering health effects that affect long-term quality of life.

May is American Stroke Month and across the area, Senior Helpers, a leading national and local in-home care provider that cares for stroke survivors every day, is spreading awareness about the

prevalence of stroke among aging Americans. Although strokes can seemingly strike without warning, Senior Helpers is encouraging families to talk to their aging parents and grandparents about some simple lifestyle changes that can help reduce the risk.

"Stroke can sometimes be a scary topic that aging seniors don't want to talk or even think about, but it's important for concerned family members to realize that stroke is the leading cause of long-term disability in the United States, and the risks go up drastically with age," says Peter Ross, CEO of Senior Helpers. "After a close family member suffers a stroke, there is a high likelihood that they will require a little bit more help and a

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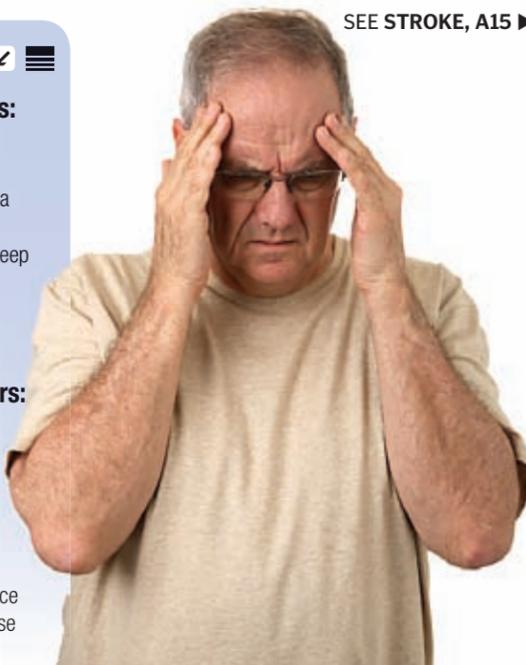
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Stroke prevention tips for seniors:

- ▶ Exercise regularly to reduce high blood pressure
- ▶ Avoid high fat and cholesterol foods on a regular basis
- ▶ For seniors with or at risk of diabetes, keep blood sugar levels under control
- ▶ Reduce sodium in daily diet
- ▶ Quit smoking immediately

Warning signs of stroke for seniors:

- ▶ Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arms or legs, especially on one side of the body
- ▶ Sudden confusion or trouble speaking and understanding
- ▶ Sudden trouble seeing out of one eye
- ▶ Sudden trouble walking or loss of balance
- ▶ Sudden, severe headaches without cause



When seniors move, managers can help

The National Association of Senior Move Managers has declared May 9-15 National Senior Move Managers Week. The theme of this fourth annual celebration is "More Than Just a Move."

NASMM members around the country are promoting the value of senior move management and senior move managers' commitment to assisting older adults and their families, not only with the actual moving experience, but with the emotional and physical aspects of sorting through and downsizing a lifetime of memories in the relocation process.

"Older adults making a transition have not moved in many years and need to downsize considerably," says Sheri Samotin, president of LifeBridge Solutions LLC. The organizational and physical tasks associated with planning and implementing such a move can be overwhelming, she adds. "It's so much more than just a move when you are helping older adults transition to a new home."

LifeBridge Solutions work to reduce the stress and trauma that can accompany this type of move, as it becomes increasingly difficult for

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STRAIGHT TALK

Brainstorming about better serving the kids



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It's important for all of us in health care to take a step back from time to time and assess where we are and where we're going. One way to achieve this is to "retreat" from the daily grind and take inventory at an off-site meeting.

That's precisely what new chairman of pediatrics Dr. Todd Vedder did as he embarked on his three-year term. Along with Pat Read, administrative director, Dr. Vedder organized a retreat so that NCH pediatricians could listen to each other's ideas of how best to serve the children in our community.

Specifically, the department was invited to attend a four-hour session led by Dr. Gerald Lavandosky, who in addition to being one of the covering intensivist/hospitalist pediatricians for Dr. Debbie Lopez, has facilitated many similar brainstorming sessions. Dr. Aurora Estevez, Kevin Cooper, Phil Dutcher and I attended, as did board members Dr. Alberto De La Rivaherrera, Kay Gow, Mariann MacDonald and Ned Stedem, who contributed to SWOT analysis and discussion. "SWOT analysis" is a busi-

ness tool that identifies strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats.

Dr. Vedder set the tone for the retreat with his vision for pediatrics: "To have a physically close medical home that meets the majority of our children's health-care needs and exceeds their parent's/caregiver's quality expectations."

After we split into groups to exchange ideas and recommendations, retreat leaders synthesized our thinking going forward to focus on two areas of major opportunity: First, the pediatric emergency room; and second, marketing, to share with the broader community our capabilities to care for sick children.

Pediatrics is a great NCH strength. We have nearly 30 independent pediatricians and several specialists. Our 24-bed Robert and Mariann MacDonald Seacarium capabilities have increased remarkably since Dr. Lopez and her teammates joined NCH. Importantly, pediatric transfers from the North Naples ER have dropped from almost 300 in 2006 to 104 in 2009. We have also increased our capacity to do outpatient procedures at North Naples with the goal of keeping children close to home.

Beyond raw numbers, retreat attendees heard from two local moms who testified how a "grown-up" NCH pediatric service made a difference in their families' lives. One mother explained

how much better it was that her daughters, who suffer a metabolic disease, could be treated locally, rather than having to be transported in a helicopter to a children's hospital. The other mom echoed a similar sentiment about her identical twin boys, one of whom needed surgery.

NCH pediatrics care also means children's education and disease prevention. We partner with the Children's Museum of Naples (www.cmon.org) to provide health-care education with a broad array of programs aimed at nutrition, wellness, mental health, dental health and other age-appropriate topics. We also have offered free sports physicals since before 1977, the year I came to town. We continued that tradition over the past few Saturday mornings, when more than 106 volunteers — physicians, physician assistants, ARNPs, NCH school nurses, NCH physical therapists, Wolford School CRNA students and other caregivers — were organized by our seven athletic trainers to conduct free sports physicals for 2,068 children.

This is just part of the service that NCH pediatrics provides in caring for our community's most precious asset — the 65,000 children of Collier County. ■

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

STROKE

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little bit more attention to live their daily life.”

Most stroke survivors still enjoy a very high quality of life, Mr. Ross adds, but most also require an extra pair of hands around the house to help out. In situations where friends and family might not always be available, professional caregivers who know what warning signs to look

out for can be there to help, he says.

The latest research from the American Stroke Association shows that women tend to be at slightly greater risk of suffering a fatal stroke than men. Also, seniors living in the Southeast are more at risk than individuals in most other geographic regions. A number of factors increase the risk of stroke, including age, family history, high blood pressure, smoking, alcohol and drug abuse, and any medical history involving previous episodes or symptoms of stroke. However, some basic and simple lifestyle changes can reduce the overall risk of stroke. ■

SENIORS

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family caregivers to provide all of the support needed for these transitions.

“Family and friends often want to help, but there can be barriers,” says Mary Kay Buysse, executive director of NASMM. “Adult children may be sandwiched between their parents, their careers and their own family obligations. For family members living far away, the barriers may be geographic. Some seniors have no surviving children, or their children are seniors themselves.

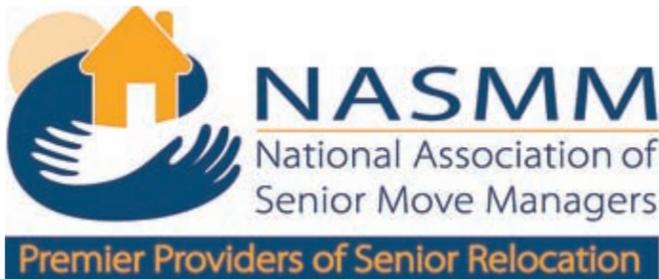
“If illness or death precipitated the move, the family may already be drained both emotionally and physically.”

The concept of senior move manage-

ment has emerged to fill the gaps and to make transitions easier for everyone involved. Founded in 2002, NASMM strives to facilitate the physical and emotional aspects of relocation for older adults by increasing industry awareness, establishing a national referral network of senior move managers, enhancing the professional competence of members and promoting the delivery of senior

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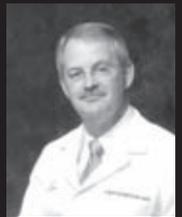
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Reminder to pet owners: It's time to register for emergency shelter

With hurricane season beginning June 1, pet owners are reminded to register their animals for the Collier County Emergency Pet Shelter. Pets must be registered every year; registrations are not automatically renewed.

The shelter at North Collier Regional Park is an adjacency shelter, which means owners and pets are sheltered separately within the park and pets cannot be dropped off. The facility holds 75 pets, cats and dogs only.

Pre-registered pet owners will be notified by an automated call system once the shelter opens.

Owners must care for their pets prior to and post storm and are responsible for crates, food, medications, supplies and water for their animals. Registrations will be suspended if there is a tropical storm and/or hurricane watch issued for Collier County. For more information, call 252-PETS (7387). Online registration can be completed at www.colliergov.net. ■

Fifth Third Bank launches food drive

In honor of "Fifth Third Day" — the third day of the fifth month — Fifth Third Bank launched its month-long "Fight Hunger. Feed Dreams" effort on Monday, May 3. More than 130 collection boxes for food have been set up in the bank's financial centers and corporate offices throughout its seven-county South Florida region.

"For the past 19 years, the bank has focused on Fifth Third Day as a celebration of our company's heritage. This year, we decided to expand our local

focus with a team approach to meeting a basic community need," said David Call, president and CEO of Fifth Third Bank in South Florida.

Bank employees and customers are encouraged to donate nonperishable items at any Fifth Third Bank. All food will be collected during the week of June 1 by The Salvation Army and delivered to its eight area commands in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Manatee, Sarasota, Broward and Palm Beach counties. For more information, call 591-6462. ■

Help needed packing meals bound for Haiti

Hope for Haiti's food packing project in partnership with Kids Against Hunger of Southwest Florida takes place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at Naples High School. The goal is to pack and send more than 200,000 meals to Haiti.

Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts, from 9-11 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All meals will be shipped and distributed by Hope for Haiti staff. To sign up, call 434-7183.

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PET TALES

Picture of good health

Now's the time to give your dog a coat-care makeover

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Beauty is more than skin-deep when it comes to your dog. Keeping your pet well-groomed not only gives you a clean-smelling companion, it also helps to keep your dog more comfortable and allows you to spot health problems before they become serious, even life-threatening.

How important is grooming to your pet's comfort? Consider a simple mat, so easy to overlook. Have you ever had your hair in a ponytail that was just a little too tight? A mat can feel the same way to your dog, a constant pull on the skin. Try to imagine those all over your body, and you have a good idea how uncomfortable an ungroomed coat can be.

Your dog need never know what a mat feels like if you keep him brushed and combed — but that's the start of the health benefits. Regular grooming allows you to look for lumps, bumps and injuries, while clearing such things as mats and ticks from his coat. Follow up with your veterinarian on any questionable masses you find, and you may detect cancer early enough to save your pet's life.

For shorthaired breeds, keeping skin and coat in good shape is easy. Run your hands over him daily, a brush over him weekly, and that's it.

For other breeds, grooming is a lit-



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Longhaired dogs need the most attention, but even those with short hair need regular brushing.

tle more involved. Breeds such as collies, chows, Keeshonden and Alaskan malamutes are "double-coated," which means they have a downy undercoat underneath harsher long hair. The down can mat like a layer of felt against the skin if left untended. To prevent this, divide the coat into small sections and brush against the grain from the skin outward, working from head to tail, section by section. In the spring and fall — the big shedding times — you'll end up with enough of that fluffy undercoat to make a whole new dog.

Silky-coated dogs such as Afghan

hounds, cockers and Maltese also need constant brushing to keep tangles from forming. As with the double-coated dogs, work with small sections at a time, brushing from the skin outward, and then comb back into place with the grain for a glossy, finished look. Coats of this type require so much attention that having a groomer keep the dogs trimmed to a medium length is often more practical.

Curly and wiry coats, such as those on poodles and terriers, need to be brushed weekly, working against the grain and then with it. Curly coats need to be clipped every six weeks; wiry ones, two or three times a year (but clipping every six weeks will keep your terrier looking sharper).

Good grooming is about more than keeping your pet looking beautiful and clean-smelling, although that's certainly one of the pleasant payoffs.

Regular grooming relaxes the dog who's used to it, and it becomes a special time shared between you both. A coat free of mats, burrs and tangles and skin free of fleas and ticks are as comfortable to your dog as clean clothes fresh from the wash are to you. It just makes you feel good, and the effect is the same for your pet.

Some added benefit for you: Giving your dog a tummy rub after every session is sure to relax you (and your dog, of course) and ease the stress of your day. And for allergy sufferers, keeping a dog clean may make having a dog possible. ■

Pets of the Week



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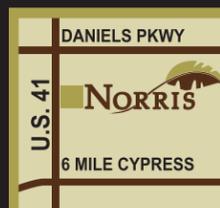
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MUSINGS

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Wandering, rapt but not raptor, I am a scavenger presence. On the ground I see a poor man's orchid, *Bauhinia variegata*, freed from its orchid tree, fallen.

The orchid tree has been classified by the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council as a category one invasive species. This tree is one of the 11 original species recommended for removal by the council. Removal is recommended because the offending plants displace native species, change community structure and ecological function or hybridize with the Florida natives.

An Asian native, these five-petaled purple orchids are staggeringly beautiful as they appear in late winter on trees still bare of leaves. They are little living love haikus.

Aware of all this and thatness, I bend to pick up the blossom. This incredibly non-violent action of rescue — no plucking — happens in slow motion. I savor each moment, rapture without ravish. This blossom I destine as temple orchid, as offering, as invitation toward hieros gamos, sacred union of god and goddess.

As my hand lifts her to her higher destiny, her five faces fall, petals flying to the wind, uncapturable.

And I remember the story that the Tsimishian, an indigenous people of the Pacific Northwest, tell of Raven. In this story, Raven makes his way into the home of the miserly chief, who hoards the light only for himself. Raven gets in by transforming himself into a petal that falls into the cup of the chief's beautiful daughter. As the beauty drinks, she is impregnated with Raven himself.

Raven is a baby of extremely difficult temperament. And his grandfather, the miserly chief, spoiled him completely. On one rough afternoon, grandfather gave baby Raven the stars of the sky trapped in a bag.

Raven bounced and bounced the bag with greater and greater ardor. Soon the bag broke open, and the stars went up with the smoke of the hearth fire through the smoke hole in the ceiling.

On another difficult Raven day, the baby played with another bag, this time freeing the moon herself through the smoke hole.

And finally baby Raven got the prize of all prizes: the bag holding the light. But this time, Raven emerged feathered and beaked, no longer manifesting as baby. And he flew out the smoke hole with the bag. He had stolen the sun.

Once again, the limitless light filled the firmament. The crystal sphere enclosing the earth rang out with a loud noise, a



vibration dancing through all without exception. This universal bliss is too great for recapture by words.

When we try to use words, odd things happen. We say "wild blue yonder," and song emerges of forces in air, crates of thunder blasting worlds asunder. We say "happy hunting ground" and envision endless bloody raptor/prey embrace.

Pirates know: The ultimate seraphic is both zenith and nadir, held in the clear light of our ecstatic experience without judgment. The vault of the sky is opened by our bending and picking, our free-

ing and fighting, our listing and lusting. The supernal blazes above us and below us, within us and without us. All of us. Just see. Sleepers, awake, perchance to dream, rapt and unwrapped. ■

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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES BUSINESS INDUSTRY

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— Doug Sprotte, assistant state attorney

mortgage fraud madness

Southwest Florida’s high rate of crime might portend a brighter future

BY OSVALDO PADILLA

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WE’RE NUMBER ONE. IT’S NOTHING to be proud of. Once again, Florida has ranked as the number one place in the country for mortgage fraud. The state also ranked number one in 2006 and 2007. A recent Lexis Nexis Mortgage Asset Research Institute report shows that Florida has nearly three times the reported mortgage fraud and misrepresentation that experts expect for the number of loans handled here.

This is all in direct contrast to the “hottest real estate market” rankings that Realtors and mortgage brokers were accustomed to seeing just a few years ago.

At the center of all this is Southwest Florida. Although the study does not produce data by individual market, law enforcement officials and mortgage experts say that while the area was once ranked highest for sales, it stands to reason that the amount of graft coming out of the area would be equally high.

The bright side

The good news is the high fraud caseload

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WEEK at-a-glance



Night of Honors

See who turned out for NABOR’s big night. **B16 ▶**



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Make it your business to know who’s going where, doing what on the local scene. **B3 ▶**



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Understanding Goldman Sachs and how it deals

Last week, a variety of Goldman Sachs employees testified before Congress about their role in the financial collapse and specifically their role in sub prime mortgages.

For the average investor, the exchange between the senators and the Goldman employees was initially interesting but the repetitions of statement-quasi questions and responses-quasi stonewalling transformed it into a bore. For many watching, the “A-ha’s” probably turned into “Just get on with it!”

The context for the hearings is post

financial collapse — a system-wide financial collapse reaching big banks, investment firms, small banks, insurance companies, foreign entities and pension funds.

The seeds of the problem were planted way before 2007-08 when it took full bloom.

But to figure out what went wrong, fix it and punish those who were part of

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the wrongdoing is the Congressional task at hand. But it is not an easy job when it’s a huge problem, using very complicated financial instruments,

with multiple parties and executed within investment firms wearing a variety of “hats.”

So far the Securities and Exchange Commission, Congress and, very possibly, the New York attorney general are swinging at the problem. (But, really,

who wants to go up against a Goldman? Against the super smart, lawyered up, and the engineers of financial instruments so complex that the typical citizen can get lost easily?)

In last week’s Congressional hearings, there were probably two items front and center before the senators.

The first was the SEC’s charges relating to disclosure in a billion dollar “synthetic” CDO for which Goldman sold the “long” side to investors and sold the

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FRAUD

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can be viewed as the last shudders of the dying housing bubble beast. The study counts mortgage fraud cases brought to court or reported in 2009. Court documents show that crimes being prosecuted now commonly occurred from 2005 to 2007, during the boom years.

“Mortgage fraud was huge during the boom because the lending institutions were processing a tremendous amount of applications in a short amount of time,” says Assistant State Attorney Doug Sprotte, who handles financial crimes. “Most of these didn’t come to light until the foreclosures started.”

Honest mortgage brokers and law enforcement are hoping that the shakeout caused by the housing crash has at least reduced the number of people engaging in shady practices as compared to just a few years ago.

Amara Mortgage

The Lexis/Nexis report shows that most mortgage fraud, 59 percent, involves lying on an application. The case of Amara Mortgage, currently working its way through the Southwest Florida courts, illustrates what prosecutors believe was an intricate and deliberate system of falsifying documents.

Court documents alledge that Amara, a company based in Cape Coral, was working with several small businesses to create fake employment records for homebuyers.

“Some people were construction workers, others were unemployed.

Mortgage Asset Research Institute Fraud Index ³ By State (2005-2009 All Originations)										
State	2009		2008		2007		2006		2005	
	Rank	MFI	Rank	MFI	Rank	MFI	Rank	MFI	Rank	MFI
Florida	1	292	1	430	1	360	1	230	3	184
New York	2	217	3	191	18	59	12	81	11	100
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Georgia	8	124	8	156	6	129	5	142	1	297
Illinois	9	107	6	161	7	124	6	126	5	146
Virginia	10	103	24	46	11	73	13	72	24	49

Nobody had near the income that was put on their applications,” says Tracy Maurer, a fraud investigator with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Court records show that the Office of Financial Regulation inspected almost 50 Amara loans. About half of the loans were in foreclosure. Most of the applicants stated they worked for one of five employers.

According to the criminal case, Amara worked out deals with small businesses where they would pay them anywhere from \$300 to \$500 for every fake “employee” they would verify.

For instance, a company named Allcoast Insurance Corp. stated that a Miami man who was buying a home in southwest Cape Coral earned more than \$11,000 a month working for them. The man received the loans for more than \$300,000 from Prime-Equity LLC. Two years later, after the house had been foreclosed, an Office of Financial Regulation investigation revealed that the Miami man had lied

about his employment.

Mortgage industry workers and law enforcement say the fact that cases like this are being reported and prosecuted are a good sign, ushering in a new era where similar frauds should be more difficult to perpetrate.

New protections

“Those days are gone,” said Nate Tasso. The owner of Core Mortgage Financial with offices in Naples and Port Charlotte says both lenders and the government have layered the process with new filing requirements to help reduce fraud.

The Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act that went into effect this year ensures that loan originators provide borrowers with a standard estimate that clearly discloses key loan terms and closing costs. The Mortgage Disclosure Improvement Act, implemented last year, requires creditors to give estimates of mortgage loan costs within three business days after receiving a consumer’s application for a

mortgage loan and before any fees are collected. If the terms of a loan change before closing, creditors have to wait an additional three days before closing.

There are also new rules restricting the appraisers that mortgage brokers can use.

“I can’t call an appraiser now. I have to go through an independent board and they appoint the appraiser,” says Mr. Tasso. “There are no more stated income loans. You have to provide current pay stubs. Two years of W2s and two years of tax returns and those are verified through the IRS.”

The regulations are both a burden and a blessing, says Mr. Tasso. The process has become more cumbersome and confusing for clients, but in the end he says there is more transparency for buyers. The broker already performed several layers of checks and screenings even without the government mandates. Oftentimes, the best deals on mortgage rates come with strings requiring stringent reporting and background checks.

It’s unclear how or if the new rules will make a difference in the problematic crime ranking that the state mortgage industry recently received. If the prevailing theory — that the high mortgage fraud numbers are a symptom of boom-year greed — then the numbers should decrease significantly in coming years. While that would be a great news for the mortgage industry, it’s likely that a drop in crime for that sector could signal bad news for some other area of the economy.

“The crime will change,” says Mr. Sprotte, the prosecutor. “The fraud criminal will find something else. As fast as we resolve one area of crime, they’re onto another one.” ■



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MONEY

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“short” side to John Paulsen’s hedge fund. (Because it was a derivative — no mortgages were sold, only the price action of certain mortgages — there had to be two sides to the deal or it would not get done. They had to find the “long” and the “short.” buyers.) Here, the legal issue is whether Goldman made all the proper disclosures. Did it disclose that Mr. Paulsen was the other side of the deal (the party who would make money if the security declined in value) and whether these disclosures are even necessary when dealing with “sophisticated” investors, such as those investors who bought the instruments?

It may be the benefit of hindsight, but it is hard to imagine why institutions or sophisticated investors would want to take the upside bet. Why would they want to buy this stuff? Risk diversification? Nada. They wanted to make money. So their bet was either that yields would fall a lot and or the credit, or perception of credit quality of the portfolio’s sub prime mortgages, would improve. It’s hard to imagine either scenario happening.

Should the risk of these deals have been reviewed up the chain of command? Warren Buffett said in 2009 letter to his shareholders that he, as CEO, manages the firm’s risk and any derivative contracts are undertaken with his knowledge and approval. So, in all honesty, there was possibly failure on the part of “sophisticated” institutional investors and their senior management to have really considered these derivatives and its risk. Many Canadian senior managers,

who were in the business of mortgages, wanted nothing to do with these instruments. As one Canadian bank president said, in effect, if he couldn’t understand how it worked, how could he allow his firm to buy it or issue it or transact it? It’s pretty smart to admit that you “don’t get it” and smart enough to not buy it even when stamped “A” credit by Moody’s and Standards & Pools.

Given all of that, it is also very hard to imagine any “sophisticated” investor not wanting to know all the details of who is on the other side: the short side, the side betting that these instruments would fall in value. Why? Because hedge fund operators are considered to be very, very smart, much more sophisticated than the typical institutional investor. Some consider them to be sharks and you stay away from deals where they are on the other side of the negotiating table. So disclosure that John Paulsen was the entire short side of the deal should have raised the eyebrows of the buyers. The SEC and others will have to figure out whether this disclosure was done and to what degree and even if this disclosure was required. These are questions of law and questions of facts.

The second issue before the senators related more to ethics. What ethics apply to the various functions or “hats” that a firm wears? Specifically, after this synthetic deal and other sub prime deals were done, did Goldman have other disclosure requirements due its clients as a market maker in these securities (including mortgage related securities which they had underwritten which were described as garbage by certain members of the firm and which the firm was shorting)?

No senator could pinpoint what duty of care or disclosure was necessary. So the questioning shifted to figuring out

the Goldman employees’ priorities. The senators asked (paraphrased): You sold this stuff, this garbage to your clients and then you went short what you sold to your clients. So who comes first at Goldman Sachs? The client or the firm?”

The typical citizen would expect a response that the client comes first. What other response could there be? The typical citizen would say that an investment firm should not be selling stuff that the firm is actually going to “bet” against.

One staffer responded that the client came first but most of the other Goldman officials testifying in the morning delayed their responses and then preferred that they were market makers. Their duty was to make a market — buying and selling and offering liquidity, but there is no further duty to disclose either of their positions (long or short) or their affection or disaffection for the securities. Others indicated that the shorts were used to reduce risk exposure to the mortgage sector.

Lloyd Blankfein, the Goldman CEO who testified at the end of the day, emphasized that they were there to make a buck (or a couple billion bucks) for their shareholders, that as market makers they transact as principal for the firm’s benefit and that the client understands this quite well. Its clients are sophisticated investors and they know to beware. In other capacities, as advisor or investment banker, there are a host of other duties to clients as they are not acting as principal.

Because Goldman could not “sell out” certain deals, it couldn’t get close to neutral (or “home” as Goldman people put it). Now that should have been a big signal to Goldman that a world of other “sophisticated” investors thought it was junk. It sounds as if it got the bulk of the

deal sold to one or two institutions but it couldn’t sell the residual to a whole bunch of other potential buyers. Hmmn.

So Goldman winds up sitting on inventory that it wants to sell; it is making a market. The person who is the firm’s market maker is not calling institutional clients; the salesperson is calling clients or the clients are calling the salesperson. Herein may lie a duty of care. It seems that the salesperson’s role should have a higher duty than the market-making desk. Beyond answering the question “Give me a reason why I should own this stuff,” the salesperson might interject words of caution such as: These deals are not selling out; you might look elsewhere for yield; do you really know how this works... just about anything to give the buyer a heads up.

Some where along the line, Goldman very much understood the degree of risk in these instruments as not only did they have extensive CDS contracts (insurance protection on a variety of bonds) bought from AIG, they also had bought insurance on AIG, such that, should AIG fail, Goldman would still collect. To buy insurance on the insurer suggests a great deal of insight as to the nature and severity of these risks.

As complex as the above seems, any criminal or SEC case will probably be a lot more complex and this usually is to the defense’s advantage. How can you convict unless it is all simplified? Simplifying as the senators did this past week will work for posturing and passage of a reform bill.... of some sort. ■

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ON THE MOVE

Banking

Earl Sistrunk has been promoted to senior vice president of The Moran Asset Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors. Mr. Sistrunk joined the firm in 1990 as a financial consultant. A graduate of Vanderbilt University, he earned an MBA from the University of South Florida and is a member of the Certified Financial Analysts Institute. The CFA Institute is a leader in developing a code of conduct,



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disclosure and ethical standards for the financial services industry. Mr. Sistrunk designs, implements and monitors the Moran Asset Management Group’s quantitative investment strategies.

Hospitality



PARSONS

Jason Parsons has been named general manager of The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club to oversee operations of the 319-room, newly renovated beachfront resort. Mr. Parsons most recently was

the resident manager at the 1,501-room Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando. Prior to his four-year tenure at Rosen Shingle Creek, he served for three years as resident manager of Orlando’s 1,334-room Rosen Centre Hotel, and for two years as the hotel’s convention services and catering manager.

Medicine

Dr. Richard Akin, chairman of the Lee Memorial Health System board of directors and CEO of Collier Health Services, was honored recently by the LMHS Foundation for his work on behalf of underserved children throughout Southwest Florida. ■



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Art League Marco Island says goodbye Executive Director Christine Neal heads north



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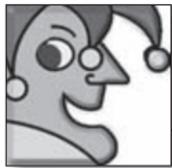
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Stocks or Funds?

When it comes to investing, no one size fits all. Investing in individual stocks isn't right for everyone, and even mutual funds may not be best for some. Here are a few questions to help you figure out where you stand.

- Are you a decent stock evaluator? Do you know the difference between net and gross profit margins? Do you enjoy poring through balance sheets and income statements, or assessing returns on assets? If not, you might be better off with mutual funds than stocks.

- Do you have plenty of time to study many companies, seeking the most promising ones? Once you buy into companies, are you prepared to keep up with them regularly, reading their quarterly and annual reports and ideally following them in the news, too? If not, mutual funds should look more attractive than stocks.

- Are you good at deciding which stocks are the most compelling buys right now, and at taking action to buy them? Are you good at knowing when it's time to sell,

and actually following through by selling? Many of us put off such decisions or have trouble making them. In that case, mutual funds can be best.

- Do you want to double your money in a single year? If so, a well-chosen stock has a better chance of doing so than a fund — but it's still not likely. Annual growth rates for companies tend to be in the single digits or teens. The stock market has returned an average of around 10 percent annually over long periods, and few mutual funds top that. You can earn the market average with a simple broad-market index fund, by the way. They tend to beat most managed funds.

It's not necessarily an either-or situation. Consider parking most of your money in funds, but leaving a chunk devoted to some carefully selected individual stocks.

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My Dumbest Investment

A Shrinking Planet

My supervisor said it would be a good idea to buy Planet Hollywood stock because it was below \$2 per share. I'd never heard him talk about stocks before, and my idea of investing then was having a checking account. He seemed like a smart guy — at the time. I walked into a brokerage, opened an account and bought 2,000 shares, which I couldn't really afford. You probably know that Planet Hollywood went bankrupt. Gee, I wish I had left the money in my checking account at least another 10 years or so, until I discovered Motley Fool — or grew a brain.

— J.S., Honolulu

The Fool Responds: It's almost always a bad idea to buy a stock that's trading for \$2 per share. They often trade for pennies for a good reason. Planet Hollywood actually filed for bankruptcy twice since its incorporation in 1991. Think hard before acting on a hot stock tip without doing research. Tipsters may brag about their successes, but they'll usually keep mum about their mistakes, which may be many. ■



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

Last week's trivia answer

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(Answer: Medtronic)



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Ask the Fool

To Cash Out... or Not

Q Should I use the \$200,000 in my IRA to pay off my mortgage?

— F.B., online

A That's usually not a smart move. If it's a traditional IRA, you'll pay taxes on the withdrawal, plus a 10 percent early withdrawal fee if you're younger than 59½. Adding \$200,000 to your income would likely push you into a higher tax bracket, such as from 25 percent to 33 percent. You'd lose the deductibility of your mortgage interest payments, too.

Think also of your mortgage rate, versus the growth rate you expect for your IRA holdings. If your mortgage rate is 6 percent, paying any of it off early essentially "earns" you 6 percent. If your alternative is 10 percent that you expect to earn on your IRA stocks, you're not coming out ahead. Cashing out a retirement account means that money won't be able to grow for you over time (tax-free, in the case of a Roth IRA).

Do the math for your particular situation, but consider keeping your IRA and trying to make occasional extra payments on your mortgage. Just a few each year can shave years off the loan and save you thousands in interest payments.

Q I know that many index funds, like the Vanguard S&P 500 fund (VFINX), focus on the U.S. stock market. But which indexes will expose me to other parts of the world?

— P. F., Cincinnati

A There are many, such as: the Vanguard European Stock Index (VEURX), Vanguard Pacific Stock Index (VPACX), Vanguard Emerging Markets Index (VEIEX), Fidelity Spartan International Index (FSIIX), and iShares MSCI EAFE Index (EFA). Funds such as the Vanguard Total Bond Market Index (VBMFX) will give you additional diversification. ■

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The Motley Fool Take

Wal-Mart Sees the Light

People are increasingly shopping at Wal-Mart (NYSE: WMT) for low-priced groceries. In 2009, sales of grocery products accounted for more than half of the retailer's total revenue for the first time.

Yet Wal-Mart seems unable to leave well enough alone, as it tries to get higher-income consumers in its stores to buy higher-margin items.

The goal of attracting big spenders has it fiddling with its proven track record. Aside from changing its slogan from "Always Low Prices" to "Save Money. Live Better," Wal-Mart implemented Project Impact to reduce aisle clutter and take more share from competitors. But after

the company removed hundreds of items from its shelves, some consumers couldn't find everything they wanted.

In the last year, sales hit the wall. Wal-Mart was killing its suppliers. Private-label drink maker Cott saw its exclusive agreement with Wal-Mart cut. Kraft blamed "reduced merchandising" in biscuits at "a key customer" for its own weaker performance last quarter.

Wal-Mart has seen the light... again. It's not abandoning Project Impact entirely, but it's bringing back several hundred items. Perhaps it realizes that if it wants to keep the customers it won over during the recession, it does just come down to price.

That can make Wal-Mart a compelling investment. (Wal-Mart is a "Motley Fool Inside Value" recommendation.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

► **The Collier Building Industry Association Remodelers Council Round Table** is set for 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, May 6, at the CBIA office. Register at www.cbia.net.

► The next workshop in the **Quick-START** Series, sponsored by SCORE Naples and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, is set for 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at chamber headquarters, 2390 Tamiami Trail N. This session focuses on marketing. Cost is \$35. Register at www.napleschamber.org.

► **Coffee and Social Media** members and guests meet from 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, May 11, at INgage Networks, 2210 Vanderbilt Beach Road. Coffee and Social Media is free and open to people with all social media abilities. For more informa-

tion or to register, contact Cyndee Woolley at 571-3174 or cyndee@c2-com.com.

► **Women's Networking of Collier County**, WNOCC, meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, at the Collier Athletic Club. For more information, call 434-5119 or 280-3803.

► **The Membership Committee of the Naples Area Board of Realtors** meets from 8:30-10 a.m. Tuesday, May 11, at NABOR headquarters, 1455 Pine Ridge Road. For more information, call 597-1666 or visit www.NABOR.com.

► **CREW Network Naples/Fort Myers**, an organization for women in commercial real estate, meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 11. Barbara Monahan hosts the members-only dinner. Call 649-5200

or visit www.crewnetworkswfl.com to register or for more information.

► The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce presents "**HR Basics: Your Human Resources Toolkit**" from 8:30-10 a.m. Wednesday, May 12, at chamber headquarters, 2390 Tamiami Trail N. Register at www.napleschamber.org.

► **Gulf Coast Venture Forum** annual meeting for members of the Naples and Sarasota chapters is set for 4-6 p.m. Thursday, May 13, at Tiburon Golf Club. For more information, call 594-2040 or visit <http://gcvf.angelgroups.net>.

► **The Jewish Business Network of Southwest Florida** meets for breakfast and business from 7:30-9 a.m. Friday, May 14, in the conference room at Robb

& Stucky, 13170 Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers. To RSVP and for more information, call 433-7708 or e-mail yourjbn@chabadsfwf.org.

► The annual black-tie evening for members of the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** starts at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 15, at the Naples Beach Hotel and includes dinner and dancing and awards. Cost is \$160 per person or \$1,750 for a corporate table. For more information, visit www.napleschamber.org.

► **Insurance Professionals of Collier County** holds monthly meetings on the third Wednesday at the Naples Harbour Yacht Club, 475 North Road. E-mail info@picconline.org or visit www.ipconline.org. Next meeting: May 19. ■

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Terranova Corp. has leased nearly 97,000 square feet of office space in the Pelican Bay Executive Center over the past 12 months, resulting in 100 percent occupancy in both buildings. The newest tenants are Wells Fargo Advisors, Harter Secrest & Emery P.A., Fischer International Systems and NewsBank Inc. ■

FGCU president
set to discuss
school's 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 Lutz 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.

The university has 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 and can be made at www.reis-swfl.org. ■



Moraya Bay at sunset

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Moraya Bay celebrates scenic
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SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

A transitional contemporary design scheme sets the mood in Moraya Bay model 701, furnished and decorated by Pat Crawford Interior Designs. Moraya Bay has 11 stories and a total of 72 luxury residences with views of the Gulf of Mexico, bay and natural preserves.

With three bedrooms plus den and study, three full baths and a powder bath, model 701 has 4,516 square feet of living area. A balcony and terrace with full summer kitchen bring the total to more than 5,400 square feet.

An elevator opens to a private foyer where a rotunda wrapped in wood provides a welcoming entry. Immediately to the right is the formal dining room

area, which has been raised to give separation, yet is open to the grand salon. The formal dining and living areas have matching custom-designed chandeliers with dual shades and crystal finials.

The main feature of the grand salon is the floor-to-ceiling rain curtain that sits in front of bronze mirror to give depth to the room. It is flanked by hand-textured walls in gold. Across from the rain curtain, a custom bar delineates the grand salon from the family room. A 42-inch television is fitted in the bottom of the bar and is seen from the family room side.

Sliding doors open to the lanai and an expansive view of the Gulf of Mexico. Colors of the water and sky are brought

into the room and picked up in original artwork. Water-resistant Sunbrella fabric covers the sofas on the lanai, and the summer kitchen can be concealed by Sunbrella drapery.

The family room is centered by a 42-inch round brass platter hung above the sectional sofa, which is finished in a chenille fabric in mushroom tones. The family room also accesses the Gulf-side terrace.

Open to the family room, the gourmet kitchen also has Gulf views. Grayish bamboo marble counters complement the cabinets painted a soft gray and the stainless steel appliances. The GE Monogram package includes a side-by-

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Survey says Florida market has hit bottom

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Florida real estate markets show the first tentative signs of being on the verge of recovering from the most painful recession in the state's history, according to the latest University of Florida report.

"Results of our first quarter survey indicate that the real estate market in Florida has hit bottom and is in the process of stabilizing across most property types," says Timothy Becker, director of UF's Bergstrom Center for Real Estate Studies.

But while most of the survey respondents report the market probably won't get any worse, few say it has actu-

ally begun to improve yet, Mr. Becker says, adding, "One of our respondents summed it up by stating that 'If anything, we will get less bad.'"

On the positive side, private capital — both foreign and domestic — is continuing to enter the state in search of quality investment deals, he says. As banks start to deal with their problem assets, more deals will come to market.

Another good sign is that life insurance companies have started to re-invest in commercial properties after backing off for the last year and a half. Because these companies use premiums from life insurance policies to make investments, they are not deterred by the lack of available bank financing.

"They see the fundamentals of the economy stabilizing and they see the opportunity to get quality assets at a good price," Mr. Becker explains. "So if they think things aren't going to get worse and they may actually get better, it follows that they're going to want to start investing again."

On the negative side, unemployment continues to be one of the state's biggest problems, edging up to 12.3 percent in March, its highest level since the state began keeping count in the 1970s. Florida has lost more than 880,000 jobs since 2007.

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Isle Toscano

4 bedrooms, 4 full and 3 half baths • Former model
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The Estates

Over looking the 8th hole on the Pine course
• 5 bedroom, 5 bath plus 2 half baths with several private areas • Relax on a beautiful screened lanai with generous covered areas
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Miramonte

Beautiful designer furnished former model in private setting with luxurious appointments/upgrades
• 4 bedrooms, 4 and 1 half baths, study • Pool • Spa
• Outdoor kitchen • 2 fireplaces • Elevator • Wine room
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Villas of Estuary

• Elegant 4 bedroom, 4 bath villa is Florida living at its best • Outdoor living includes pool, spa, fireplace and kitchen with expansive Western exposure golf course view
Priced at \$1,725,000 furniture neg.



Capistrano

Spectacular 2 story furnished villa
• 4 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths plus study
• Custom designed pool/spa overlooking panoramic western exposure view
Priced at \$2,295,000 furnished



Miramonte B

4 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths furnished model
• Summer kitchen, western exposure
Priced at \$1,995,000 furnished



Banyan Island

Breathtaking view of lake and Botanical Island • 4 bedrooms, 5.2 baths custom home, large gourmet kitchen • Outdoor kitchen with fireplace, oversized pool, pool bath
Priced at \$3,495,000 furniture neg.



Isle Royale

Magnificent 2 story custom home in Isle Royale • 6 plus bedrooms, 7 1/2 baths – Master down • Abundant casual living spaces • 8,384 sq ft A/C
Priced at \$6,499,000 furniture neg.



The Mews

Newly renovated home overlooks the 13th fairway of The Pine Course • 3 bedrooms and 3 baths, library, family room with gas fireplace, laundry and oversized garage
Priced at \$1,295,000 furniture neg.



Avila

3 bedrooms, 3 and one half baths, Mediterranean style villa • Living areas feature pocketing walls of glass, double crown moldings, and 12-inch baseboards
• Neighborhood features Mediterranean fountains, cobblestone brick streets and driveways
Priced at \$1,198,500 furniture neg.



Villas of Estuary

Tropical décor • Customized & expanded Cascada plan • 4 bedrooms, 4 full and 1 half baths; magnificent view of golf, water, and Estuary Clubhouse
Priced at \$1,890,000



Traditions A2-101

3 bedrooms, 3 1/2 baths plus study
• Decorator ready, make your selections
Priced at \$660,000



The Estates

Builders personal 4 bedroom 4 full plus 2 1/2 baths Estate Home, possible 5th bedroom upstairs
• Southern exposure with true privacy • 7,381 sq.ft A/C.
Priced at \$3,875,000



La Residence

2 story courtyard villa • Private cabana/guest suite
• 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 baths plus den
Priced at \$895,000



San Tiva

Rarely available 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath villa
• Great room floor plan • Water to golf view
Priced at \$1,050,000 furnished



Terra Verde

3 bedrooms and 3 baths • European style cabinets and granite counter tops • Family room and living room open to a screened lanai where you will enjoy a view of the first fairway of the tropical Palm course
Priced at \$675,000 furnished



Traditions

Elegant coach home with a lovely lake view
• Majestic 9 ft. mahogany entry door
• 12-inch baseboards, crown moldings and gourmet kitchen with natural gas cook-top
Priced at \$759,900



Torino C

4 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths plus study
• Furnished model • 2 story • Dramatic wrought iron railing • Gourmet kitchen
Priced at \$1,695,000 furnished



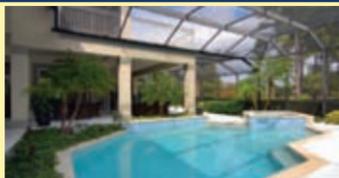
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Barefoot Beach, 224 Malibu Cv - Premium location for estate home that was rebuilt in 2007 w/sweeping views of Little Hickory Bay from every rm. 2 boat docks w/lifts, chef's kitchen, tile flrs. 4+Den/4.5 (H4981) Claire Licciardi, 250-4564, Carol McElroy, 659-6395 **\$3,750,000**



Colliers Reserve, 862 Barcarmil Way - Superb w/over 8000 T. sq ft in this London Bay home! Superb finishes, hdwd,marble,granite. Wet bar, frplc, elevator. New Pool/spa. 3+Den/3.5 (H4839) Hutchison-Carmony Team, 272-7000 **\$1,450,000**



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



Villas Tivoli, 510 2nd St S - OLD NAPLES. 2 blks to beach & 5th Ave. shops & restaurants. 2-story furn. townhome in 4-unit complex w/pvt courtyard, pool and garage. LARGE DOGS OK! 3+Den/2.5 (V1324) Oona Conroy-Clerkin, 404-1805 **\$1,299,000**



Livingston Woods, 6510 Sable Ridge Ln - 2.73 acres, 2 story home w/3 car garage, pool, family room w/FP plus upstairs media room. Commercial pole barn w/1750 SF of storage/work area. 4+Den/3.5 (H3865) Lisa M. Richardson, 250-8008 **\$1,099,000**



Pelican Bay, 721 Shadow Lake Ln - Immaculate home w/ west exp. to rear. Open floor plan, newer roof, fireplace, volume ceilings, granite, wonderful natural light, pool/spa & more. 3+Den/2.5 (H4918) Jim Scartz, 877-9726 **\$1,099,000**



Stonebridge, 1615 Manchester Ct - 3698sf SFR, bundled golf, chef's kit., large FR, huge MBR suite, private lanai w/ pool, spa & preserve view, storm protection syst. 4+Den/3.5 (H4788) Matthew Klinowski, 370-0892, Cynthia Miles, 273-3449 **\$924,500**



Pelican Bay, 7515 Pelican Bay Blvd, #1-E - Rarely available 1st fl unit w/private garden terrace & lanai. Just steps away from the comm pool & your own private cabana! New A/C & appls. Under bldg parking. 2+Den/2.5 (C6328) Jeffrey Buchholz, 269-3551 **\$799,000**



Moorings, 2302 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #217 - Panoramic views of Gulf across Doctor's Pass. Amenities incl beach, boat docks, tennis, 2 pools, clubhouse, 24/7 Security. Spacious condo has 2 covered lanais. 2/2.5 (C6438) Merry Coolidge, 450-4924 **\$780,000**



Moorings, 2601 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #19 - Wow Views! Want to live right on Moorings Beach? Rare opportunity to own a Billows Beachfront Villa at this price. New A/C, hot water heater, paint and carpet. 2/2 (C6113) Lisa M. Richardson, 250-8008 **\$774,500**



Park Shore, 738 Old Trail Dr - A surprise! Wonderful addition of 4th BR or den to this sunny traditional POOL home on south-facing pvt fenced lot surrounded by fruit trees & tropical foliage. 3+Den/2 (H4883) Nan Dietrich, 564-2906 **\$760,000**



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



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



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



Moorings, 1947 Crayton Rd - 4 minutes to beach & Gulf. Oversized lot, renovated pool home, 3 BRs, fam rm, new tile & Berber, granite, stainless appls, dble gar. Over 4000 T. sq ft. 3/2 (H3039) Hutchison-Carmony Team, 272-7000 **\$719,000**



Imperial Shores, 4865 Regal Dr - A Boaters Dream & priced to sell. Unique Key West style home w/ boat dock, lift & seawall. Super southern views of canal & bay to Gulf. Bi-level lanai. 3 bdrm. 3/2 (H4238) Hutchison-Carmony Team, 272-7000 **\$719,000**



Banyan Woods, 4980 Rustic Oaks Cir - Modified Catalina floor plan allows more open area in kitchen and family room. Home has an upgraded allergy free A/C system w/air purifier. 3+Den/3 (H4031) Mary Kay Hart, 821-5500 **\$675,000**



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



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



Longshore Lake, 10819 Fieldfair Dr - N Naples gated community. Quality & upgrades throughout. Kit. & 3 baths feature granite, high-end fixtures and designer tile. Home surrounds tropical pool/spa. 4/3 (H4467) Lisa M. Richardson, 250-8008 **\$619,900**



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



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



Audubon, 559 Audubon Blvd, #201 - Bright & spacious condo w/golf/lake views. Formal living & dining rooms, tray ceilings, electric shutters, wraparound lanai. West of US 41. 3 miles to beaches. 3+Den/3.5 (C5830) Maggie Sanders, 269-4499, Constance Spitzmiller, 248-7616 **\$519,000**



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



Coquina Sands, 1655 Mandarin Rd - Renovate this home or rebuild on this fabulous lot -- 100 feet by 151 feet! 3/2.5 (H4414) Lauren Taylor Brooker, 287-4947 **\$450,000**



Moorings, 2100 Gulf Shore Blvd N - Port au Villa. 4 offerings. Beach & Bay, Boat Docks. 1200 SF. Furnished, pool on the bay, fish off docks & walk across the st. to the beach. All steps from your door. 2/2 (C5125) Carmony-Hutchison Team, 272-7000 **\$300,000 to \$439,000**



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



Spanish Wells, 28437 Highgate Dr - Fabulous open airy home w/vaulted ceilings, pool, golf course view. Newer A/C units, carpet, shutters, lrg loft area w/full bath. 2525 sf. 3 miles to beaches. 3/3 (H4841) Maggie Sanders, 269-4499, Constance Spitzmiller, 248-7616 **\$379,500**



Park Shore, 4170 Crayton Rd, #5C - Swan Lake Club, 2 bedroom/2bath, 2nd floor Condo w/pool and lake in Park Shore. Turnkey Furnished. New Plantation shutters. Bright and Cheery. 2/2 (C5945) Hutchison-Carmony Team, 272-7000 **\$309,000**



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



Vineyards, 168 Livermore Ln - Artist owned & decorated cottage features great rm w/ cathedral ceiling, fabulous cherry wood floors, separate den, outdoor atrium & 2car gar. LARGE DOGS OK! 2+Den/2 (H4708) Oona Conroy-Clerkin, 404-1805 **\$279,000**



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



Pelican Landing, 4131 Sawgrass Point Dr, #203 - It will be hard to find a prettier location to live in Pelican Landing. This 2nd floor condo with southern exp. has golf course views of 3 fairways and 2 lakes. 2+Den/2 (C6536) Claire Licciardi, 250-4564 **\$259,000**



Tarpon Cove, 808 Carrick Bend Cir, #102 - Charming & spacious condo, crown molding, plantation shutters & tiled lanai. Partially furnished, one-car garage. W of US41. Beach access & boating available. 2+Den/2 (C5894) Maggie Sanders, 269-4499, Constance Spitzmiller, 248-7616 **\$249,000**



Park Shore, 4092 Belair Ln, #12 - Safe and secure 2nd floor end unit. Walk to the grocery store or ride your bike to the private Park Shore beach! 3/2 (C6194) Lauren Taylor Brooker, 287-4947 **\$249,000**



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OLD NAPLES ▲ Gulf front building site. Just south of Naples Pier & walking distance to 3rd Street. Lot Size 100'x400'x230'x100'. **\$6,950,000**
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AQUALANE SHORES ▲ New construction waterfront home! Spacious rooms, 6BRs, intricate ceiling detail, formal & casual living areas. **\$5,195,000**
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AQUALANE SHORES ▲ Lot offers 265' of water frontage, 110' on Naples Bay & 155' deep into Egret Channel. Boathouse and cut-in slip. **\$4,900,000**
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OLD NAPLES ▲ Brand new home 2 blocks to beach, near downtown. Five bedroom/5BA plus 2 half-baths. Pool/spa. Fall '10 completion. **\$4,200,000**
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



AQUALANE SHORES ▲ Old-Florida style 3,514 SF home, spacious verandas, water views. Covered boat slip (direct access), 4+ car garage. **\$3,495,000**
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AQUALANE SHORES ▲ Built in 2006, 4BR+den luxury residence. Designed by Herscoe Hajjar Architects. Serene water vistas. **\$3,495,000**
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OPEN SUN. 1-4
OLD NAPLES ▲ 244 - 4th Ave. N. Custom-built in 2006, fully furnished, 2 blocks to beach. Over 4,700 A/C SF, 5BR+den, heated pool/spa. **\$3,295,000**
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



AQUALANE SHORES ▲ Southern exposure 5BR/4.5BA, 70' dock, boat house with 20,000 lb. boat lift on deep-water canal. No bridge Gulf access. **\$2,890,000**
Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



AQUALANE SHORES ▲ Approx. 167' of waterfront! 58'x195'x167'x136' site w/cut-in boat slip (direct Gulf access). Older home on property. **\$2,795,000**
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



AQUALANE SHORES ▲ Direct Gulf access. Building site 1 lot from Naples Bay. Deep canal, approx. 80' dock, covered slip & boat house. **\$2,795,000**
Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304



OLD NAPLES - PAR LA VILLE ▲ Multi-family site zoned for 6 villas, each 3,000 SF. This lot is located three blocks to Naples beaches. From **\$2,495,000**
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OPEN SUN. 1-4
OLD NAPLES - ORCHID PLACE ▲ 435-3rd Ave. S. - Luxury villa 2 blocks to 5th Ave. S., 3 blocks to beach. Privacy, large patio/pool, turnkey convenience. **\$2,295,000**
Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



ROYAL HARBOR ▲ Bermuda-style 4 bedroom + den, 4.5 bath home. Coral stone fireplace, hazelnut wood floors, & elevator. Heated pool. **\$2,195,000**
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AQUALANE SHORES ▲ Direct Gulf access. Blocks to beach! Old Florida home, 3BRs, & 2nd level sun decks! Dock with 15,000 lb. lift. **\$1,890,000**
Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411



OLD NAPLES ▲ A beautiful large lot (100'x150') just 3 houses from beach. Minutes from downtown. Older home on-site sold "As-Is". **\$1,850,000** Pat Duggan | 216-1980



OPEN SUN. 1-4
OLD NAPLES ▲ 663 - 11th Ave. S. Fabulous new construction! A distinctive Florida style with maple wood floors & 10' ceilings. Lanai; pool. **\$1,795,000**
Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9090



OLD NAPLES ▲ Well-maintained 4BR/4.5BA in an exclusive, private gated enclave of 9 residences. Private gate to beach path. **\$1,750,000** | Phyllis O'Donnell/Patrick O'Donnell | 269-6161



OLD NAPLES - AMALFI VILLAS ▲ Two-story 3BR/4BA+den luxury villa with private pool & 2-car garage. Just blocks to beach, shops & restaurants. **\$1,695,000** | Mary Morris | 784-8599



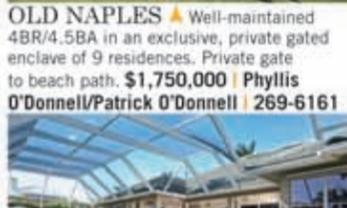
AQUALANE SHORES ▲ Oversized lot, over 100' on canal, concrete seawall, dock, covered boat house. Direct Gulf access. Beach nearby. **\$1,600,000**
Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9090



OLD NAPLES ▲ Two-story, 4BR/4BA home built in 1999. Solid oak floors, plank tile flooring, 4 covered porches. Walk to beach. **\$1,350,000**
Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



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**
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ROYAL HARBOR ▲ No bridges to Gulf. Immaculate updated home. Granite kitchen counters, vaulted ceiling, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. **\$1,199,000**
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AQUALANE SHORES ▲ An opportunity to build a custom home with southwestern orientation. Close to beach access. Being sold "As-Is". **\$995,000** | Michael Lawler | 571-3939



OLD NAPLES - VILLA D'ANNA ▲ Bright, cheerful 3BR/3BA townhouse. End residence has large windows, 3 skylights, S. exposure. Private plunge pool. **\$995,000**
Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



AQUALANE SHORES - AQUALANE MANOR ▲ Carefree 2BR/2BA. Walk to beaches & shopping. Deeded covered boat slip with lift. Turnkey furnished. **\$699,000**
Ruth Trettis | 403-4529



OLD NAPLES - GLOUCESTER BAY ▲ Updated, spacious 3BR end residence. Large screened porch overlooks pool & courtyard. New A/C, near shops & dining. **\$595,000** | Mary Morris | 784-8599



OLD NAPLES - THE PIERRE CLUB ▲ Carefree living near beach, shops & dining. Extensive renovations, overlooks pool, \$10,000 decorator allowance. **\$449,900**
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WINDSTAR - SOMERSET ▲ Spacious 3BR/2BA villa, screened-in pool, attached 2-car garage. An active social, golfing and boating community. **\$425,000**
Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887



OLD NAPLES - TOWN MANOR CLUB ▲ Updated getaway, 2BR/2BA, 2.5 blocks to beach, steps to 3rd St. shops and dining; blocks to 5th Ave. S. **\$389,000**
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



WINDSTAR - MARINA COVE ▲ Model condition 2BR+den w/2-car garage. End location, lake view, near pool. Guard-gated golf & boating community. **\$370,000** Patrick O'Donnell/Phyllis O'Donnell | 250-3360

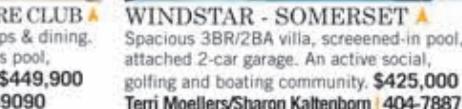


ROYAL HARBOR

1571 Bonita Lane - Priced to sell! Exciting opportunity to build your dream home on this vacant lot. Waterway views from backyard. **\$599,000** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420
ROYAL HARBOR AREA - ESCONDIDO MARINA 1400 Blue Point Ave. #208 Breath-taking harbor views! Townhouse living, corner 2BR, newly renovated, direct access 28' dock. **\$399,900** | Gerry/Ulla Swart/Kathy Morris | 262-5007
ROYAL HARBOR AREA - FOUR WINDS 1200 Blue Point Avenue #A-2
Lovely views to Naples Bay. First floor 3BR, many new features. Tennis, pool, minutes to beach & docks for rent. **\$359,000** | Kathy Morris | 777-8654
ROYAL HARBOR AREA - OYSTER BAY - LE DAWN 1150 Cherrystone Ct. Direct Gulf access! Low-density complex, spa & dockage! Recently updated 2BR, 3 living levels, 2-car garage. **\$315,000** | Patrick O'Connor | 293-9411

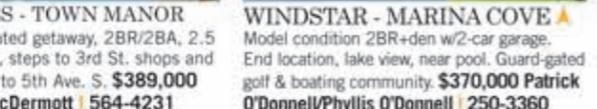
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WINDWARD CAY 4450 Yacht Harbor Drive #212 - Expansive condominium "lives" like a single family home. Guarded entry, clubhouse, deep-water marina, beach club. **\$299,000** | Andrea Jeppesen | 289-4004

OLD NAPLES
366 Central Avenue - Elegance, up-to-date construction & quality material throughout this 3 BR + den pool home with over 5,125 total SF. **\$2,675,000** | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529
1065 - 6th St. S. - Enjoy 2-story, great room living & 5BRs+den. Private outdoor area Pool, 4-car garage. **\$2,650,000** | Mary Yon | 572-3274
LA MAISON DES FLEURS 425 - 5th St. S. - NEW CONSTRUCTION 1/2 block to 5th Ave. S. & 5 blocks to beach! Elevator, 4BR/4BA, private pool, spa & 2-car garage. From **\$2,499,500** | Mary Catherine/Larry White | 287-2818 | **OPEN SUN. 1-4**
GARDEN TERRACE 378 - 6th Street South #2 - Elegant and innovative 2 new villas steps from beach. Each has a separate & entirely private outdoor pool & spa. **\$2,295,000** | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741
VILLAS ESCALANTE 290 - 5th Avenue South #C-6 - Priced below original purchase price, 4 terraces, 3BR/3.5BA, 3881 SF total. 2 blocks to beach, 1 block to 5th Ave. **\$1,999,999** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420
SANDY CAY 300 - 3rd Ave. S. - Blocks from beach, 5BR, private elevator, French doors, fireplace, tray ceiling. **\$1,997,000** | Lodge McKee | 592-3358



OLD NAPLES

599 - 3rd Street North - On Alligator Lake. Relax by private pool. Wide lake views. Neutral decor, detached 1BR/1BA guest house. Near beach. **\$1,275,000** | Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9090
CATELENA 306 - 6th Avenue South - Lush tropical landscaping wraps corner condominium built in 2004 in privacy. Two bedrooms plus den. Well-appointed. **\$1,090,000** | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231 | **OPEN SUN. 1-4**
534 - 3rd Avenue South - This home is actually 3 rental units. Main house is a duplex, each unit is a 1BR/1BA. Guest house is a 1BR/2BA. **\$1,090,000** | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231
CHATHAM PLACE 338 - 8th Avenue South #5 - Charming enclave of 3 level townhomes. Courtyard pool, 4,000+ total sq. ft., 4BR/4.5BA + den offers luxury living. **\$1,772,000** | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420
BEACH BUNGALOWS 475 - 3rd Avenue South - This 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath plus den villa has over 2,500 sq. ft. of living, private heated pool. Ceramic/wood floors. **\$1,590,000** | Lindsey Forte Smith | 572-2663
TUSCAN 741 - 3rd Street South #4 - An intimate building (5 residences). 3 blocks to the beach. Pool views from balcony, private garage, 3BRs. **\$995,000** | Larry Roorda | 860-2534
PERGOLA VILLAS 985 7th Street South - A charming 3 bedroom plus den, 3 bath townhouse built by Burt Binder. Plunge pool, near beach. **\$745,000** | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894
VICTOR DEL REY 705 10th Street South #301 - Over 2,900 sq. ft. of living area, 3BR+den, 3.5BA. Additional living space with pool cabana. Three-car garage. **\$729,000** | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231
WARWICK 280 2nd Avenue South #104 - Two blocks to beach, near restaurants & shops. Beautifully renovated in 2007, 2BR+den, large glass-enclosed porch. **\$598,000** | Cindy Thompson | 860-6513
THE PIERRE CLUB 1222 Gordon Drive #20 - Walk to 3rd Street shops, restaurants, Naples Pier, and white-sand beaches. Furnished and ready to enjoy. **\$454,000** | Lodge McKee | 592-3358
BELLASERA RESORT 221 9th Street South #215 - Boutique hotel condominium with full home amenities. Elegantly decorated, professionally managed, pool, near beach. **\$429,000** | Pat Callis | 250-0562



OLD NAPLES

PETTIT SQUARE 292 14th Avenue South #B - Beautiful pied-a-terre in a quaint low-density complex. Wood floors, granite kitchen, 9' ceilings. Steps to beach. **\$399,000** | Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9090
TOWN MANOR CLUB 1021 - 3rd Street South #204 - Beautifully renovated, turnkey furnished 2 BR. New appliances, tile, kitchen and bathroom cabinetry! Walk to beach. **\$369,000** | Mary Yon | 572-3274
MARINER 1295 Gulf Shore Blvd. S. #213 - One block to beach, Naples Pier & 3rd St. S. Second floor 2BR. Daily rental policy. **\$209,000** | Fred Alter | 269-4123
NAPLES BAY RESORT (Rentable by day, week or month)
THE HOTEL 1500 - 5th Avenue South
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London Bay Homes reports strong sales in Mediterra

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Last fall, the local real estate economy and an ownership dispute between the developer of Mediterra and its homeowners stalled home sales at the luxury golf and beach community in north Naples.

In December, two events breathed new life into the development. First, on Dec. 4, the membership purchased the assets of the golf and beach club from the Bonita Bay Group. Less than two weeks later, London Bay homes purchased the remaining 50 single-family and villa home sites in the community and assumed sales and marketing activities at Mediterra.

Now, sales are on the rebound. Since the club sale, there have been 26 closed real estate transactions totaling more than \$41 million. In addition, there are 13 contracts pending.

London Bay President Mark Wilson says the results demonstrate a new-found sense of confidence. "Late last year, prospective purchasers were very cautious about buying at Mediterra because of the uncertainty surrounding the community," he says. "But those issues are part of the past. Homes are selling again, and visits to our sales center were very strong through the first three months of 2010."

Mr. Wilson adds visitors to the sales center have had a much more optimistic attitude than he has seen since the real estate downturn began. "The high-end market never lost confidence in Naples real estate," he says. "They knew the value was here and they knew the lifestyle hadn't changed. They were being prudent shoppers and waiting for the right time to step into the market again. For many of these people, the 2010 season was the right time."

Since assuming sales and marketing

responsibilities for Mediterra, London Bay has invested in promoting Mediterra on television and in local print publications. Company representatives also are working closely with the local real estate community. In addition, the company is redesigning Mediterra's sales office to better display the community's lifestyle and home selections.

"Right now buyers can purchase a coach home in Mediterra for \$500,000 and a luxury villa for about \$600,000 and enjoy some of the best community amenities in the area," Mr. Wilson says.

While most of the single-family homes in Mediterra are priced at \$1.5 million and above, Mr. Wilson says buyers can find a wide selection of home sizes and styles available through the community's preferred builders and real estate agents representing re-sale homes in Mediterra that start at about \$1 million.

He also reports the typical winter/spring selling season has extended beyond its normal April 15 ending date.

"We're seeing more buyers remaining in town longer, in many cases to negotiate on properties they've visited during the season. "I expect we will see more sales during the next couple of months than we would normally see this time of year," he says.

London Bay is celebrating its 20th year in the Naples market and has developed its reputation building custom homes in many of the area's most exclusive neighborhoods and communities. In 2008, the company was one of two that earned recognition as America's Best Builder from the industry's leading publication, Builder Magazine.

Mediterra includes two Tom Fazio-designed golf courses, a 25,000-square-foot clubhouse, sports club and a Gulf-front beach club. ■



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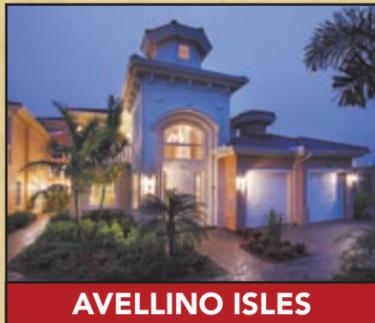
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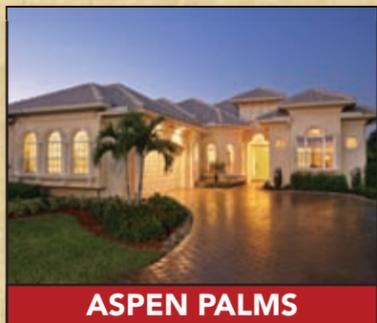
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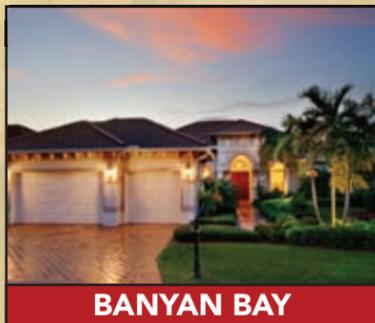
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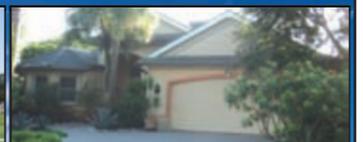
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New plan is 10th option for homebuyers in The Reserve

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Toll Brothers has introduced a new home design, the Dolce, at The Reserve at Estero, a community of single-family homes on Estero Parkway.

The Dolce has a great room floor plan and three bedrooms plus an office/den and two full baths. There are 1,775 square feet of air-conditioned living area; a lanai and two-car garage bring the total square footage to 2,515 square feet.

Special features of the home include a long foyer with an art niche and gallery wall, a coffered ceiling in the great room and a gourmet kitchen with a pantry, breakfast bar and adjacent breakfast area.

The master suite has two walk-in closets, a walk-in shower and private water closet.

The Dolce is priced at \$269,995 and is a winner among buyers because of its comfortable and convenient layout, says Jim Manners, vice president of Toll Brothers Florida West Division.

The Dolce brings to 10 the number of designs available at The Reserve at Estero, each with a choice of four exterior elevations. Four decorated models are open for viewing:

- The Tosara is a two-story home with four bedrooms and 2½ baths in 2,545 square feet of air-conditioned living space.
- The San Rio and the Carmona floor plans have three bedrooms and 2½ baths.
- Gianna has a flexible two-story design with the option of three bedrooms plus a study, four bedrooms, or three bedrooms with an upstairs

bonus room.

Amenities at The Reserve at Estero include an 8,000-square-foot clubhouse with a community room, catering kitchen, fitness center, game room and billiards room. Outdoors there is a pool and spa, tennis courts and a sports court. There is also a children's playground with a wading pool.

About half a mile east of U.S. 41 on Estero Parkway, The Reserve at Estero will consist of 494 single-family homes when completed. Home prices begin in the low \$200,000s.

The sales center and models are open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 334-3600 or visit www.TheReserveAtEstero.com. ■

There's always room for negotiation in real estate

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

As the real estate market begins to stabilize, the art of negotiation takes center stage again. From Greg Fous at Market America Realty & Investments Inc., here are 12 points that can be negotiated in any real estate transaction.

1. Purchase price - Sellers might not want to lower the price, but you might be able to negotiate a credit at closing. This way the price recorded is the higher one, but you still get a deal. Just make sure this is disclosed to the lender.

2. Earnest money - In addition to negotiating the actual amount of the earnest money deposit, consider placing your earnest money in escrow with your own bank. Depositing the earnest money after the offer is accepted, instead of having it accompany the offer, makes it easier to get your money back if the contract is not executed.

3. Extras - Some developers will do many things other than lower the price. Your agent should know how much room there is to negotiate. Upgrades, parking spaces, garages and docks are the big items. On resales, think appliances, warranties and furniture.

4. Condition of property - You might be able to negotiate warranties, cleaning and move-in condition.

5. Additional payments - Consider making additional payments that solidify your offer, especially if the offer is weak in other areas. For example, a

developer might want 20 percent earnest money. You might offer 10 percent with contract and more later.

6. Remedies for not completing the sale - The contract calls for the buyer to lose his entire deposit if he backs out. If you put in more deposit money than required, make sure there is agreement on what happens to that extra amount.

7. Title - Whose name will the title be held in? An LLC? A trust? Can you change your mind prior to closing? Make sure it's spelled out.

8. Assignability - Most banks will not let you assign a contract, but ask.

9. Condo fees - When do you start paying? This is important in a lease-back, for example. The same question applies to taxes and insurance.

10. Access to property - Do you have the right to paint, put in lights, etc. before you close? This is often out of the hands of the developer, but check into it.

11. Closing date - Again, it doesn't hurt to ask.

12. The ability to flip - If you're interested in selling your contract before you close, now is a good time to tell the seller.

Add a few good negotiating techniques to your repertoire such as "The Red Herring" — something you put in your offer that stands out, but you know you are willing to drop. An example

would be furniture included. You add this knowing you can negotiate it away. Or try the "Resort to a Higher Authority" technique where you make your spouse, partner or significant other your "bad guy."

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growth later in the year, even under the most optimistic assumptions it will take three to four years to return to 2006 levels, Mr. Becker says.

Also of concern is the continued reluctance of commercial banks to lend money because of pressure from regulators to manage their risks, along with depressed values that make it difficult to refinance mortgages coming due.

The retail and office markets are the worst off, he adds. "Until there is an increase in job growth, there is no need for more office space, and people aren't spending as much money as they used to."

Apartments continue to be the best market in the state due to high demand from people moving out of foreclosed homes. "More people are going to be living in temporary spaces than trying to buy homes just because it's gotten a lot more difficult to buy homes from a financing perspective," he says.

Statewide, Florida's new housing market will continue to be slow as a result of more foreclosed homes becoming available, he says. "That competition makes it very difficult for new homes to get built and purchased, because buyers can often get an equal or nicer home for a much cheaper price on the foreclosure market right now."

Mr. Becker says one of the strongest areas of the state is South Florida, especially Miami-Dade and Broward counties, with their diverse economies, steady migration and influx of foreign capital. "The glut of condos in South Florida is actually starting to change

hands — they're beginning to rent them up — and I think there is more life in downtown Miami than there has been in a long time."

Orlando, Tampa and Jacksonville also are picking up. "Florida's big cities — those four areas — are less bad off than the rest of the state, and they're going to be quicker to recover than other places," he says.

Jacksonville, in particular, is in a good position because its housing market never got as hot as other markets, and as a result, it doesn't have as many foreclosures. "I think Jacksonville is primed to really take off, and with the expansion of the port is going to have a lot of jobs coming into the marketplace," he predicts.

A positive note overall is that survey respondents' confidence in their own business has risen for the fifth consecutive quarter, Mr. Becker reports. In previous breakdowns by profession, developers and lenders had extremely low expectations for their own businesses, and that has grown substantially in the last few surveys, he says.

"It's always a good sign for us that the lenders think their business is going to get better. Maybe it means there is some light at the end of the tunnel, even though we're still not at a great spot." ■



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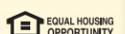


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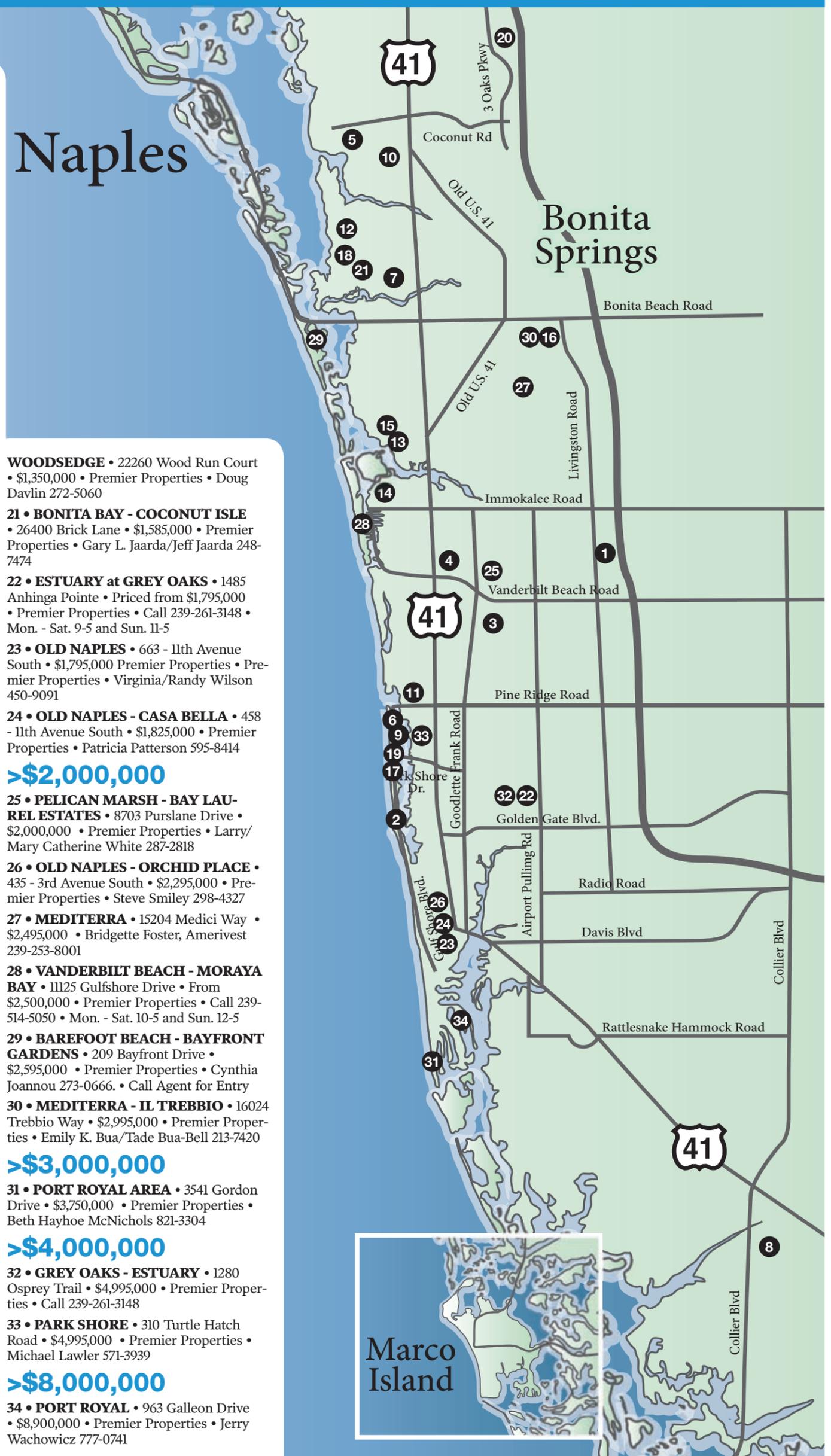
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The Cherryholmes Family Band brings blue jeans and bluegrass to the Phil

FAMILY HARMONY

BY PEG LONGSTRETH

Special to Florida Weekly

It's been two years since The Cherryholmes Family Band appeared at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts and ignited a sold-out crowd into a near frenzy. Hundreds of concerts, four Grammy nominations and non-stop acclaim later, the family of six musicians returns, this time for a joint venture with the Naples Phil-

harmonic Orchestra.

Fresh from a hugely successful gig with the Nashville Symphony Orchestra, they'll perform several arrangements of their music with an orchestral addition created by Jim Gray. Show time is 8 p.m. Thursday, May 13.

SEE BAND, C4 ▶

>>inside:

Get in on a bit of family history.

C4



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The Cherryholmes Family Band

Talkin' 'Tuna' with two guys who know it all too well

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Naples Players presents a limited engagement of the raucous comedy "Greater Tuna" May 12-22 in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre.

Pat Ashton and B.T. Bean star in the side-splitting show about life in small town America. Together they portray the entire population of Tuna, Texas, the third-smallest town in the Lone Star State. The actors share a 20-year love affair with the show, which they most recently presented last year in Blue Ridge, Ga., as a sold-out fundraiser. They

originally performed it for The Naples Players in 1990 and repeated it in 1997.

Through the course of the evening, the audience meets Tuna's colorful cast of 20 characters, including the entire Bumiller family, the town snob, Sheriff Givens, the head of the local KKK and Yippy, Tuna's Pet of the Month.

Excerpts from a recent interview with these two talented performers offer



insight into their interpretation of the play:

• **What's it like playing "Tuna"?**

Mr. Ashton: It's more fun than any two actors should ever have, especially for the right people — and B.T. and I are perfectly matched. It's two actors and

SEE TUNA, C19 ▶

WEEK at-a-glance



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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

What an independent woman means to a man

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We couldn't remember how it began. During an after-work happy hour at the kind of bar where you order \$6 pitchers of beer and eat tater tots covered in chili, we started talking about everyone's "type." When someone new joined the table, another co-worker or a roommate done with work for the day, we'd have to run through the list again, from the top, and the new person would add-in his or her list. We think it started with the man in the suit.

He is a particular dresser and rarely appears in public without a jacket and a handkerchief neatly folded into the pocket. He is a stickler for fashion when it comes to himself but claims his type leans toward women in jeans and T-shirts.

The young woman to his right, a writer with long dark hair who favors mini-dresses, said her type is big and burly, often with a beard.

"A lumberjack?" the natty dresser asked.

The writer laughed but didn't deny it.

The Oklahoman, across the table from the writer, said people don't have types. Or, if they claim to, they don't

always end up dating their type. "So, what's your type then?" a man opposite him — who was, incidentally, big and burly with a beard — asked.

"I don't know. Kind?" the Oklahoman said.

"You mean kind with loose morals?" the burly bearded man said, raising his glass in a toast.

The Oklahoman clinked glasses with him. "That's it exactly."

I pounded the bottom of a Heinz bottle, trying to loosen the ketchup inside. I looked imploringly at the burly man. He took the ketchup from my hand, gave the bottle a couple of quick smacks, and poured a puddle on a plate.

"And you?" I asked him, fishing a tot out of the basket. "What's your type?"

"I like independent women," he said.

I handed him my empty beer glass, and he filled it from the pitcher. "What does that mean?" I asked.

"You know. Women who can do things for themselves."

"But does that mean —"

Someone new walked in the bar door and our table turned to shout a greeting. My question drowned in the noise. Once the newcomer pulled up a chair, we started the "what's your type" game again, this time with the recent addition in the spotlight.

But the question of the burly man's type stayed with me all night. What is an independent woman, anyway? If

it's someone who is self-reliant, who has her own place, who works a job that lets her pay her bills and put money away in savings every month, then I know loads of these women. They are all smart and beautiful, too. Oh, yes: They are also overwhelmingly single.

I later asked a girlfriend about this conundrum. She is small and spritely, with strawberry-blond hair. Impish, some might say. She laughed when I asked what she thought he meant.

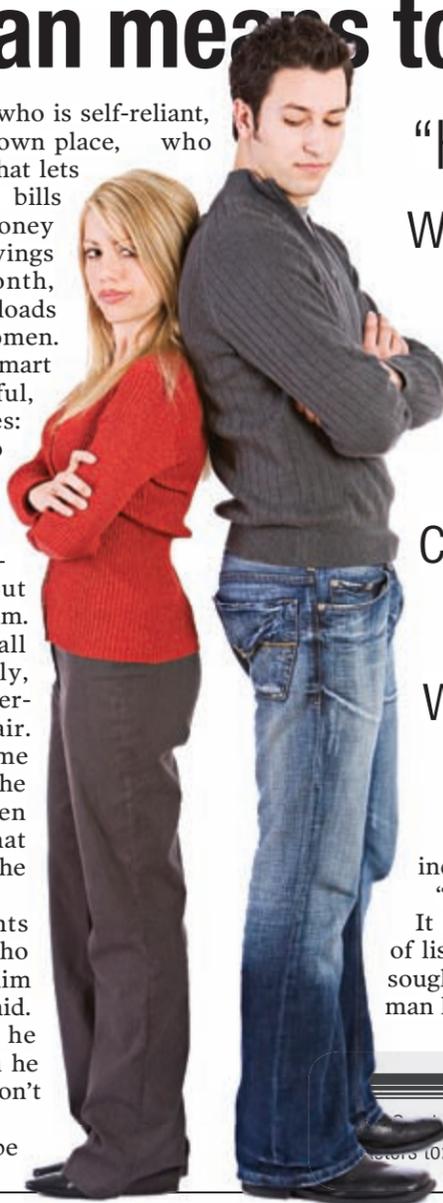
"He wants a woman who will leave him alone," she said. "Someone he can see when he wants, who won't be clingy."

"So he can be

"He wants a woman who will leave him alone... Someone he can see when he wants, who won't be clingy."

independent?"
"Exactly."

It would seem that, instead of listing the characteristics he sought in a woman, the burly man had type-cast himself. ■



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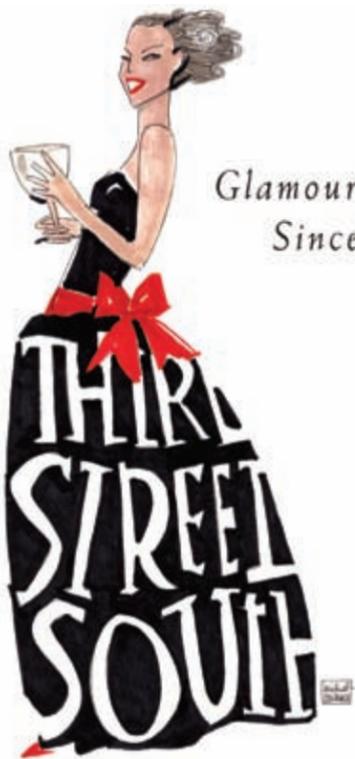


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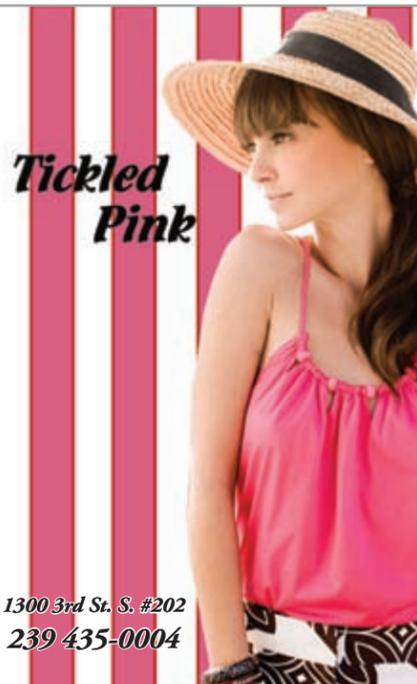
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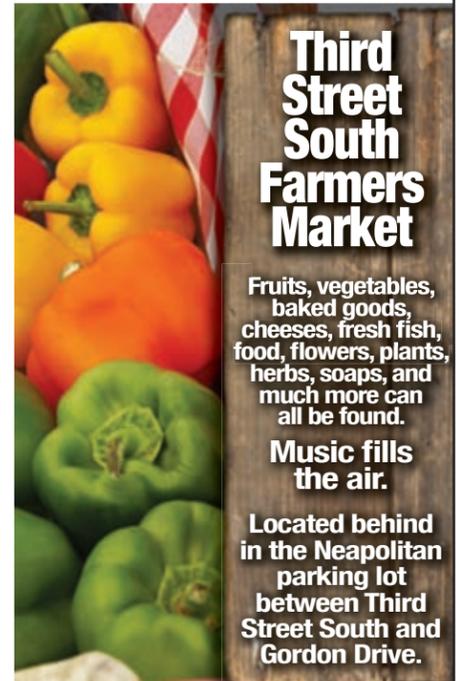
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The Cherryholmes Family Band steps out of the field and onto the stage at the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

BAND

From page 1

I caught up with mom Sandy Lee Cherryholmes for a phone interview last week and was intrigued to hear the family's story.

Family history

Sometimes life takes an unexpected turn. Several years ago, the family was living in Los Angeles, where dad and breadwinner Jere Cherryholmes was making a comfortable living as a custom cabinetmaker. Sandy Lee home-schooled their eldest daughter, Shelley Anna, who had been born with a congenital heart defect and suffered a stroke following reparative surgery; the four younger Cherryholmes children attended a private Christian school.

Just when Jere learned his work would be cut back by 50 percent, Shelley Anna died. The family was devastated.

At a crossroads, with Jere trying to figure out how to earn a living and the entire family seeking to ease the ache in their hearts, they attended a bluegrass concert together. Sandy Lee told me they were so inspired by the sounds and words they heard that she and Jere made an amazing and life-changing decision for the family: They would throw caution to the wind and buy a host of musical instruments for the family to learn to play together.

I call it an amazing decision because it's one thing to think it would be nice for everyone to play a musical instrument, but it's quite another to become proficient without a single lesson — times six.

That's right: The Cherryholmes Family Band is entirely self-taught. Reflect on that for a moment when you listen to them run rampant over their instruments, keeping perfect rhythm and delivering dazzling runs, distinctive lyrics, great vocalizations and close harmony.

I call it just short of miraculous that each of the four youngsters nearly immediately became adept at one or more of the instruments their parents purchased. (The band's first album came out in 2006 on Skaggs Family Records and earned a Grammy nomination.)

Something for everyone

The youngest, Molly Kate, learned the violin (after it was re-strung and

in the know

>> **What:** The Cherryholmes Family Band with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra

>> **Where:** The Philharmonic Center for the Arts

>> **When:** 8 p.m. Thursday, May 13

>> **Tickets:** \$50 (\$30 for students)

>> **Info:** 597-1900 or www.thephil.org

the bridge reversed so she could play left-handed). Just 12 when the family first played the Phil two years ago, she was one of the most seasoned pre-teen performers I have ever observed. I still recall watching her and her brother, B.J., deliberately position themselves so they were practically nose-to-nose, playing their violins as if they were a mirror image — without impaling each other with the bows.

The audience went wild.

Molly also plays a mean cello.

In addition to the second violin, B.J. also plays the guitar, as does brother Skip (both boys might pick up another instrument or two during the course of a concert, too).

And sister Cia Leigh, who has a smooth-as-silk singing voice, is one of the hottest banjo players around.

Dad Jere — who looks like he stepped out from the backwoods of Tennessee, but who is just as literate and intelligent as his wife — plays bass. And mom Sandy Lee makes her mandolin sing. She's also the lead Irish step dancer — yes, they are all proficient step-dancers as well — and yodels like there's no tomorrow.

The role of faith

Fortright and open, Sandy Lee is one of the most gracious entertainers I have ever had the pleasure of interviewing. It took but a few minutes to feel like we had known each other for years. With ease we exchanged "family music-making stories" and also talked more about the loss of Shelley Anna and the void it had created in their hearts.

We also talked about their faith, since it is clearly central to their lives.

Make no mistake about it: This family is devoutly Christian, mainstream Protestant in the best sense of the word. They don't wear it on their sleeves; it is simply emblazoned on their hearts.

Every album they record is in memory of Shelley Anna and in thanks to God. They see their music-making as their gift, not just to their adoring audiences,

but also to God for the blessings they have received.

You hear it frequently in their lyrics, two of my favorites which, I believe, will be performed this time at the Phil.

In "Changed In A Moment," they sing:

I'd taken the wrong road
Weighed down by my own heavy load

I had to make a change, had to lay it down...

It flowed like river right to me
A mighty wind blowing right through me

Baptized like the Day of Pentecost
From dark to light, blind to sight
In a moment my load was taken
The wonder of it left me shaken
There's a blood-stained page in the book of my life.

I was changed in a moment...

And the fiery "Standing" goes:
Shadows in the valley, I can't see night or day

My Lord told me the valley's not where I was meant to stay

Climb, climb, yes I climbed to the top and still

Below me was a deep ravine, and another doggone hill

Life keeps trying to knock me down
But I'm still standing, I'm still standing

Standing on the rock of my salvation, that's my explanation
I'm standing, yes, I'm standing

Hand and hand with Jesus
Can't see 'round the corner, I'm so afraid to fall

But faith in only what I see, it ain't no faith at all

Cold winds freeze my bones, fire burns my skin

But I'm trusting in the Lord above, and not the man within

Come on, Life, try to knock me down...

Don't forget the orchestra

In keeping with the flavor of the evening, the Philharmonic will also perform three of Aaron Copland's most familiar numbers: "Buckaroo Holiday," "Saturday Night Waltz" and "Hoe Down." I discussed the evening's program with concertmaster Glenn Basham (who is equally intrigued with the young left-handed violinist and is himself a fine bluegrass fiddle player), who told me the orchestra plans to join

The Cherryholmes Family Band for at least five numbers and also to perform John Williams' "The Cowboy's Overture" during the second half. And I think we can count on the Phil's principal cellist, Adam Satinsky, to join Cia Cherryholmes when the family plays "Weaver of Lies."

The only disappointment? Once again, The Cherryholmes Family Band is here for only one performance.

Maybe next time we'll get lucky and have them here for two shows.

During intermission this time, they'll sign CDs, including their just-released "Cherryholmes IV: Common Threads," which is yet another winner in their amazing run. ■

in the know

>> A left-handed fiddler, Molly was 6 when The Cherryholmes Family Band started in 1999 and had her debut on the "Grande Ole Opry" when she was 7. She also lends her voice to lead and harmony vocals on many numbers. She's also a runner and a piano player, and she is interested in writing and scoring movie sound tracks.

>> Skip was 9 when he started on the mandolin in 1999. He took over on the guitar in 2000 and has been playing rhythm and flat-picking ever since. He's also an arranger and handles all the lighting show for the family band's shows.

>> B.J. began playing fiddle when he was 11. He's also a master at the mandolin and is lead and harmony singer as well as a songwriter. A self-proclaimed "sound guru," he's responsible for the technical aspects of the band. When not on the road, he enjoys sitting by the lake in a lawnchair.

>> Cia was 15 when the band began. She started on the guitar but soon switched to the banjo. Her talents also lie with the clothing design and hand-crafted rhinestone work for the band's stage costumes. She loves cooking and oriental art, and says her favorite road food is cookies and milk.

>> Mom Sandy Lee keeps the band's momentum going with her hard-hitting mandolin style, her yodeling and her step dancing.

>> Dad Jere plays the upright bass hard and fast, while singing lead with a "rough-around-the-edges" old country style. He says he enjoys shooting archery for hours and dreams of someday going on safari.

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

This week's symphony

■ **Mozart Tunes** - The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra performs Mozart's Jupiter Symphony at 8 p.m. May 8 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-900.

■ **Bluejeans & Bluegrass** - Cherryholmes performs with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra at 8 p.m. May 13 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900.

Thursday, May 6

■ **Village Night** - The Village on Venetian Bay hosts Village Nights from 6-9 p.m. Enjoy live musical entertainment, waterfront dining, cookouts and shopping.

■ **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. Enjoy a pottery-filled evening of glazing, socializing and firing. Cost: \$43. Reservations: rictra@earthlink.net or 821-1061.

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



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Mercato celebrates First Friday with entertainment and fun for all from 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 7. Back by popular demand, Little Eddie and the Fat Fingers, above, will appear on the main stage across from The Pub, performing cover turns from the blues to '50s rock 'n' roll. Band members are Ryan Bladen, vocals and guitar; Peter Orifice, piano; Eric Jeffcoat, bass; and Andrew Galler, drums. Musician/impersonator Bill Jollie will perform next to Swim n' Sport.

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Friday, May 7

■ **Author Signing** - Meet author Mary Higgins Clark at the Ave Maria University Bookstore from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and get a signed copy of her new book, "The Shadow of Your Smile." 304-7032.

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■ **Wine & Tunes** - The Mercato Concert Series & Wine Tasting take place from 6-9 p.m. at Whole Foods Market, 9101 Strada Place. The party takes place in the café and courtyard with live music and more than 20 spectacular wines to taste. 552-5100.

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

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

■ **Weekend Concerts** - Gulf Coast Town Center offers its free Weekend Concert Series in Market Plaza from 7-9 p.m. Tonight: Riverside Blues, 267-0783 or gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

Saturday, May 8

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

■ **Bird Celebration** - International Migratory Bird Day takes place at the Naples Zoo, celebrating the annual celebration of the incredible journey of migratory birds. www.napleszoo.com or 262-5409.

■ **Flowers for Mom** - Kid's Club Flower Arranging is offered from 11 a.m.-noon at Whole Foods Market, 9101 Strada Place. Bring a vase or a recyclable can and kids will work to make an arrangement for mom. Cost is \$5 for children 5-15; pre-registration is required. 552-5100.

■ **Dance Show** - Domestic Animal Services presents the dance show "Unleashed" at 1 p.m. at the Golden Gate Community Center, 4701 Golden Gate Pkwy. Watch local dance companies perform at the show and donate \$5 per person. The event includes raffle drawings for gift certificates from local businesses. 262-1748.

■ **Museum Event** - Enjoy coffee with the Curator at 10 a.m. 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.

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Monday, May 10

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Tuesday, May 11

■ **History Talk** - Naples Backyard History hosts a Coffee Chickee Chat from 8-9 a.m. at the City Dock. Come and hear stories of Olde Naples from families who founded the area. 594-2978.

■ **Raku Party** - The Art League of Bonita Springs hosts Raku and You from 5:30-8:30 p.m. 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.



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Entertainer Jim Badger returns to Naples for a one-time performance at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8, at the Jolly Cricket, 720 Fifth Ave. S. A segment of Mr. Badger's new cable TV show, "The Elegance of Insanity," will be taped during his performance. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 304-9460.



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The 34th running of the Great Dock Canoe Race begins with a boat parade around Crayton Cove at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 8. Trolley service from off-site parking areas along Eighth Street South at Sixth Avenue South and Eighth Avenue South will run every 15 minutes from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Founded in 1976 as an end-of-season celebration of the Dock Restaurant's first year, the race now draws thousands of spectators on land and bay to watch competitors including corporate icons, ambitious amateurs and practically professionals. The aforementioned parade of theme-decorated canoes is also a crowd favorite. Last year's "It's A Jungle Out There" winning entry, above, was from Seacrest Country Day School. This year's theme is "Let the Games Begin!" For more information, visit www.greatdockcanoerace.com.

■ **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. 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.

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

Wednesday, May 12

■ **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.

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■ **Final Concert** - The Naples Jazz Orchestra final concert of the season is set for 7 p.m. May 17 at Cambier Park. Bring blankets or chairs; donations accepted. 348-3675.

■ **Mirandolina** - By ETC...Readers Theatre of The Naples Players at 7:30 p.m. May 23 at the Tobye Studio, Sugden Community Theatre, 701 5th Avenue South, Naples. \$10. 263-7990.

■ **Cruiser Concert** - Gulf Coast Town Center hosts a Market Plaza Courtyard Concert with the U.S. Navy Ban Cruisers from 7:30-9 p.m. May 25. The eight-piece vocal and instrumental ensemble has established itself as one of the most popular performing units in Armed Forces entertainment.

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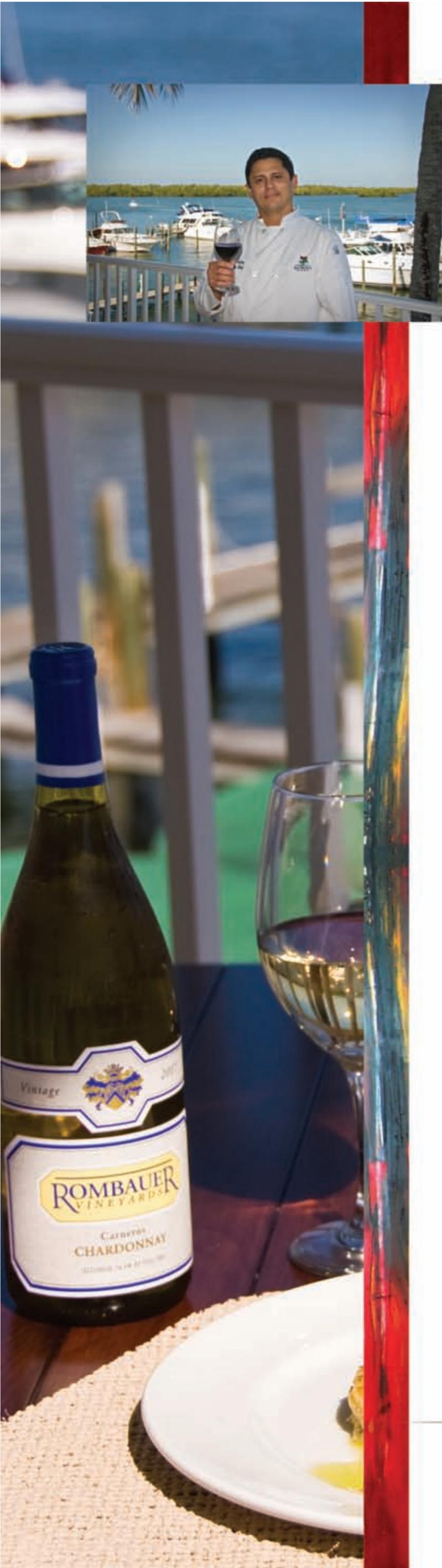
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Fundraiser defies Mother Nature, raises \$100,000 for Immokalee kids

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It was a dark and stormy Monday morning on April 26 in Southwest Florida. Yet organizers of the 2010 Charity Classic Inter-Club Golf Tournament were undaunted, despite the fact that 100 golfers had paid dearly to tee off at 9:15 a.m. at the prestigious Old Collier Golf Club.

"Our planning team jumped into high gear," says Tom Weyl, co-chair of the tournament that benefits the children of Immokalee through the partnership of The Immokalee Foundation and The First Tee of Naples/Collier Program in Immokalee. "We kept checking weather radar and forecasts and brainstorming options. We settled on an early afternoon start time, and thankfully the weather turned sunny."

Kevin Johnson, tournament co-chair adds, "We all kept thinking 'The kids in Immokalee are counting on us; we can't let them down.'"

The final tally: The 2010 Inter-Club Challenge raised \$100,000, with proceeds benefiting The Immokalee Foundation and its seven core education programs, one of which is The First Tee of Naples/Collier Program in Immokalee. The funds will help fulfill TIF's mission of building pathways to success for the children of Immokalee.

"The resourcefulness of the planning team and flexibility of the golfers really shined through," says John Costigan, TIF board chairman. "We had virtually no cancellations, and our host Iain Mossman and his crew at The Old Collier ensured the golf course was in impeccable shape."

The tournament included golfers from 20 area country clubs along with their golf pros. At day's end, first-place teams from Hideout Golf Club (men's) and The Club at Mediterra (women's) were awarded framed pictures of wildlife.

Mr. Costigan got involved with the foundation four years ago after joining a bus tour of Immokalee that was sponsored by TIF. "I saw the problems firsthand and the positive impact of The Immokalee Foundation. I also had a chance to meet the kids, which makes the need very immediate and concrete," he says.

For Joe Zednik, who was part of a Bonita Bay fivesome, his involvement in the foundation began about three years ago. "I find helping children remarkably rewarding," he says. "We work with wonderful children and families in Immokalee."

Marie and Dick Stonesifer also participated in the Inter-Club Challenge and have supported the foundation for the past six years. Their support of the 2010 Charity Classic and Inter-Club Challenge was recognized at the tournament with a sign designating The First Tee Student Participation Team as "Stoney's Kids."

Ms. Stonesifer says board member Don O'Neill first introduced them to how the foundation provides sustained educational opportunities for Immokalee's children. For Dick, the tug to get involved was largely the vocational program that the foundation provides in Immokalee. "Seventy percent of the kids in Immokalee don't go to college," he says. "I went to vocational school myself and have always had a soft spot for kids who can't go to college."

"The iTech Center in Immokalee teaches about eight vocations and gives kids something to count on."

The Immokalee Foundation was formed in 1991, and its partnership with The First Tee of Naples/Collier began in 2008. Both are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. Cindy Darland, executive director of The First Tee of Naples/Collier, says there are currently 50 Immokalee children in the program. Its mission is to positively impact the lives of children by teaching them nine core values through the game of golf.

Ten Immokalee students in The First Tee program were to have joined golfers at the tournament, but plans changed with the weather. "We made the decision early that day not to risk busing students from Immokalee," Ms. Darland says. "We look forward to students participating next year."

Presenting sponsor of the 2010 Inter-Club Challenge was Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. Corporate gold sponsors were Fifth Third Bank (founding sponsor), Bigham Jewelers, Porsche of Naples, Jaguar of Naples, The Old Collier Golf Club and Naples Illustrated. Tournament underwriters were Arthrex, Quarles and Brady, Sagemark Consulting, Tom and Arlene Weyl, Don and Ellen O'Neill and Dick and Marie Stonesifer. Prize sponsors were Bigham Jewelers, MarquisJet, Porsche of Naples, Jaguar of Naples, Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club, The Capital Grille and Fleming's. ■

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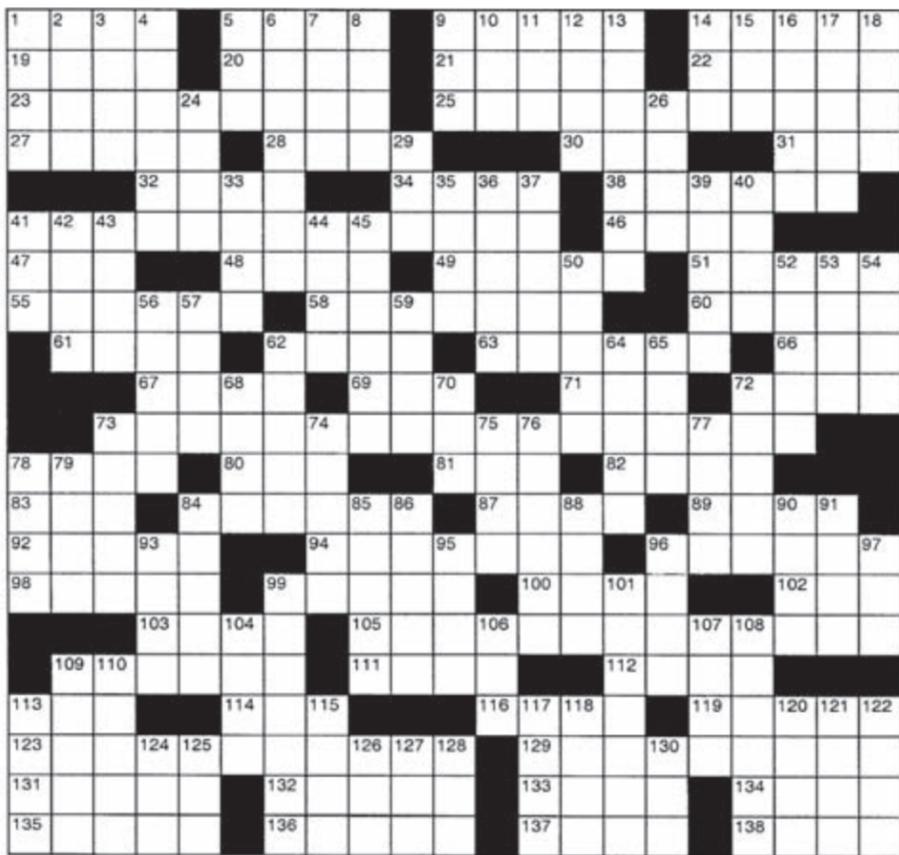
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SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Seeing red over those nasty remarks by someone with an ax to grind? Of course you are. So get out there and give your supporters the facts they need to get the truth out.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A changing situation should get you to reassess your vacation plans and make any adjustments as soon as possible. And don't fret — the change most likely will turn out for the better.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Don't put off dealing with any negative feelings that might be left over from a recent confrontation. The sooner all is resolved, the sooner you can move forward with fewer complications.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Leos and Leonas might feel the urge to redecorate their dens, and that can turn into a good opportunity to strengthen family ties by putting the whole pride to work to make it happen.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Look for the most efficient way to get a job done quickly and well. Taking more time than you need to make it look more challenging is a short-sighted move you might regret later on.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Travel remains strong in your aspect. And this time, it could involve someone traveling a great distance to come to see you. Meanwhile, an important matter suddenly could need your attention.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A workplace situation becomes a lot more bothersome

than you'd expected. Be careful not to be pulled into all that anger. Look for support among others who also want to avoid trouble.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Cheer up, lonely lovers, wherever you are. Just when you thought you'd been deleted from Cupid's database, the chubby cherub proves that's just not so. Congratulations.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** A casual relationship could take a more serious turn. Are you ready for it? Your stars say you are. Paired Sea Goats also will find a renewed richness in their relationships.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Meeting a collaborator with new ideas seems to be a dream come true. But for both your sakes, be sure all your legal i's are dotted and t's are crossed before you start working together.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** A romantic overture flatters the usually unflappable Fish. But since it's a sincere from-the-heart gesture, go ahead and enjoy it. A minor health problem responds well to treatment.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** You might be a bit shaken by a friend's request. But before the Lamb leaps to conclusions, insist on a full explanation. You still might say no, but at least you'll know what you're saying no to.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You have the warm heart of a Taurean and the sensitivity of a Gemini. You would make a wonderful leader. So go ahead: Run for office.

By Linda Thistle

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School is ending and it's heating up outside, which means it's time to shut off our brains for a summer full of explosions and girls in skimpy outfits. Here's a quick look at what's to come. Leave your dignity at home.

► **"Iron Man 2"** (May 7) - The sequel was rushed into production, with both director Jon Favreau and star Robert Downey Jr. saying there wasn't enough prep time. The trailers look awesome, so expect competence without greatness.



► **"Robin Hood"** (May 14) - At least Russell Crowe isn't wearing tights. Still, did we need this? Really?

► **"Shrek Forever After"** (May 21) - The third one sucked, and this 3-D outing looks dreadful. Just biding my time until Puss in Boots gets his own movie. Coming November 2011!

► **"Sex and the City 2"** (May 28) - On behalf of men everywhere, kill me now. Then kill me again when Julia Roberts' "Eat Pray Love" opens Aug. 13.

► **"Prince of Persia: Sands of Time"** (May 28) - Jake Gyllenhaal may look hunky, but I've got a bad, bad feeling about this. I mean really bad. Like "uh-oh" bad.

► **"Marmaduke"** (June 4) - I don't read comics, so I don't care if it's not loyal to the source material. I'm just tickled by the idea that Marmaduke is in a love triangle with two bitches!

► **"Get Him To The Greek"** (June 4) - It's a non-sequel sequel to "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" in which Russell Brand is playing the same character but Jonah Hill is not. Huh?

► **"The A-Team"** (June 11) - They better not screw this up. It looks like they've screwed it up.

► **"The Karate Kid"** (June 11) - Will Smith used his power to restart the franchise with son Jaden in the title role and Jackie Chan trying to be Mr. Miyagi. How dare they?

► **"Toy Story 3-D"** (June 18) - This one didn't need to be made, but we don't doubt Pixar.

► **"Jonah Hex"** (June 18) - Megan Fox's annual summer T&A appearance

in a movie set in the old west involving voodoo. So odd it might be good.

► **"Grown Ups"** (June 25) - Adam Sandler, Chris Rock and friends reunite to talk about their old "Saturday Night Live" days. Rumor has it they made a movie too.

► **"Knight and Day"** (June 25) - Crazy Tom Cruise needs a hit, and this looks like fun.

► **"The Twilight Saga: Eclipse"** (June 30) - I stopped caring a long, long time ago.

► **"The Last Airbender"** (July 2) - M. Night Shyamalan, you owe us. You have no idea how close we are to giving up on you. So no twist endings, just give us a good movie.

► **"The Kids Are All Right"** (July 7) - What the? This is a drama about a lesbian couple (Annette Bening and Julianne Moore), their teenage kids (Mia Wasikowska and Josh Hutcherson) and their sperm donor (Mark Ruffalo). Seriously, why would Focus Features release Oscar bait in July?

► **"Predators"** (July 9) - Is there any franchise Hollywood will not try to restart? Could be worse, though: At least this isn't another "Aliens Vs. Predator" crapfest.

► **"The Sorcerer's Apprentice"** (July 16) - A lot of visual effects, cheesiness and Nicolas Cage, made by John Turteltaub, the director of "National Treasure." If that gets you excited, good for you.

► **"Inception"** (July 16) - It's Christopher Nolan's first movie since "The Dark Knight," story details have been kept mum, and it stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Ellen Page. This is the movie I cannot wait to see, largely because it should be awesome.

► **"Salt"** (July 23) - Angelina Jolie is back to action movies, in a role originally meant for Tom Cruise. Looks good — let's hope it's not predictable.

► **"The Other Guys"** (Aug. 6) - Will Ferrell has chosen an interesting comedy partner in Mark Wahlberg. It'll be interesting to see if Mr. Wahlberg can deliver the laughs in this buddy cop comedy.

Mid-August through September is a cesspool dumping ground for movies not even the studios think are good. Luckily (one supposes) there's plenty to see in the meantime. ■

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CAPSULES

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Formosa Betrayed ★★
(James Van Der Beek, John Heard, Will Tiao) In 1983, an FBI agent (Van Der Beek) is sent to Taiwan to chase the murderers of a Taiwanese-American professor. He faces stiff bureaucracy when he arrives, which would be easier to follow if the story didn't have so many unnecessary jumps in its timeline. And although it's not a total disaster, the political issues the movie discusses aren't exactly topical today. Rated R.

Handsome Harry ★★★
(Jamey Sheridan, John Savage, Aidan Quinn) A 52-year-old electrician (Sheridan) visits his old Naval buddies (Savage, Quinn) in an attempt to discover

the truth about a hate crime they committed 30 years earlier. Some of the histrionics/fights are a bit forced, but overall this is an interesting character study that grows more fascinating as layers of truth are unveiled in unexpected ways. Not Rated: Adult themes.

How To Train Your Dragon ★★★½

(Voices of Jay Baruchel, America Ferrera, Gerard Butler) A young Viking (Baruchel) pales in the shadow of his dragon slayer father (Butler) until he tames the mightiest dragon of all, the Night Fury. The animation is spectacular, particularly the flying sequences, and the story is wonderfully thought out and smart. This animated movie, which is also showing in 3-D, is a real delight. Rated PG. ■



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Snapshots from the Sarasota Film Festival

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Life is very much about knowing there's too much to see and never enough time to see it all. And so it is with large film festivals. In the time allotted, you have to take as much in as you possibly can while you can.

Last month's Sarasota Film Festival offered 10 days and nights of films, workshops, films, conversations, films, parties and dinners — and more films.

I managed to dedicate just two days to it.

Each day was packed solid and layered with cinematic delights. I felt much like a fat kid in a room filled with several varieties of cake. Each day, I had the option of five theaters devoted to individual and independent programming. If I count right, I only caught... well, just a very small portion of the films offered.

This happens at every film festival. You do your research, you check the festival guide, you maneuver to see your favorites and you walk away only having seen a few. It's OK.

We'll deal. The rest we can Netflix.

"Hugh Hefner: Playboy, Activist and Rebel" was near the top of my list of wanna-sees, probably because I grew up in a strict religious community where Mr. Hefner was kind of painted as a perverted devil. I definitely wanted to hear the story from the horse's mouth.

Director Brigitte Berman, who won an Oscar for her work with "Artie Shaw: Time Is All You've Got," painted his life story with footage of Hef perusing his packed dossier of memoirs about everything from his work at a children's magazine, to his purchase of the rights to the photograph of Marilyn Monroe that graced the first Playboy cover, to his recollections of celebrity friends and some of the religious and women's groups that rose up against him. And, of course, his lovers — of which there were many.

Mr. Hefner's support of First Amendment rights, of civil rights and of the right to be free about one's sexuality were profoundly juxtaposed with the lifestyle of a successful, sensitive and seriously sexually charged playboy and mogul. There was wonderful archival footage and period photographs with the likes of Sammy Davis Jr., Jesse Jackson, Louis Armstrong, Lenny Bruce and many of the bunnies he made famous. The film screened at Tribeca this past week and will in L.A. this summer.

Another film I enjoyed, although not fresh on the cinematic scene, was the Oscar-nominated animated feature, "The Secret of Kells" by Tomm Moore. It's so masterfully crafted, each scene was a hangable piece of art. It's the story of 12-year-old Brendan, who awakens to his hidden talents set in mystical days of Viking raids and enchanted forests. There was solid storytelling with a wonderfully thought- and goosebump-provoking inspirational theme.

"All My Friends Are Funeral Sing



COURTESY PHOTO / "SATURDAY NIGHT"

John Malkovich on the set of "Saturday Night Live" in a scene from James Franco's film, "Saturday Night."

ers," by director Tim Rutili, is one that I'm still trying to shake from my memory. It started off spooky and weird, with a couple that seemed to have the kind of relationship that was quirky and believable enough to make me care. But the film soon turned into a sad attempt to spook me in ways that I didn't enjoy.

My favorite was a little piece by filmmaker James Franco, "Saturday Night." It follows the cast of "Saturday Night Live" behind the scenes during a December 2009 episode featuring John Malkovich, from pitch day with a small group of writers, talent, cast and producers right up to the live performance. A series of marvelously transparent moments gave solid insight to just how my favorite TV show is crafted. I can't remember the last time I was so immersed in a film.

My excellent Sarasota Film Festival experience was made complete by a wonderfully simple tribute to one of my favorite filmmakers, John Landis.

Mr. Landis was held up from attending the film fest due to the ash cloud that shut down most airlines in Europe that weekend. But he was not kept from Skyping into the Sarasota Opera House's mega screen to talk candidly about his shooting of classics "Animal House," "The Blues Brothers" and "Thriller," to name just a few.

He also had some advice for young filmmakers. "Good luck," he said. "Wait," he continued, "I do want to tell you some advice. Read books." His biggest beef about watching today's films, he told us, is having to sit through shows without any real — or good — story.

It was a theme of advice other stars offered during the festival. Patricia Clarkson and Vince D'Onofrio were welcomed by their fans at Florida Studio Theatre around the corner. Mr. D'Onofrio related this irritation with actors: "If the camera comes past you— well, you'd better be acting."

There's a reason the Sarasota Film Festival enjoys a reputation as one of the most popular and enjoyable regional festivals in the world. The organizers are friendly and accommodating. Keen programming professionals work in a cool city ambiance among first-rate performing arts halls, theaters, restaurants, an opera house and great beaches.

I'll go back next year, and I hope to have more than two days to soak it all in. ■

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Library gallery showcases works by octogenarian Audrey McCaffrey

Friends of the Library, a nonprofit organization devoted to enhancing local libraries, presents the artistic works of Audrey McCaffrey on display through May, which is Older Americans Month, in the West Wing Art Gallery at the Naples Regional Library.

Ms. McCaffrey was born and raised in Boston. When she was 19, one of her original oil paintings was chosen to hang in a children's exhibit in the Boston Museum of Art. Although the accomplishment sparked her desire to become an artist, life would lead her in a different direction, and she was not afforded the opportunity for formal artistic training.

But she continued to paint, and her enthusiasm for her work deepened as she worked in a variety of mediums that included oils, watercolors, charcoals and pastels. She began to explore mixed-media techniques after moving to Naples in 1986.

Now in her 80s, she continues to paint, often describing herself as "as prolific as ever."

The library gallery is free and open to the public. Hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

About the Friends of the Library

The purpose of the Friends of the Library is to encourage and assist in the establishment, maintenance and further development of a free public library, branches thereof, and library services in Collier County, and to



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My Little Boy Brian, Audrey McCaffrey

support education through the use of library facilities. For more information on the Friends of the Library, visit www.collier-friends.org.

About the West Wing Art Gallery:

The West Wing Art Gallery was founded in the 1990s by Frank Cullen, a Friends of the Library board member and executive director, as a forum for area artists to showcase their works at no cost.

Previously exhibited artwork includes pastel and oil paintings, fine art photography and sculpture. Artists are chosen by a committee, and new works are displayed for one month. ■

Raku, painting workshops winding down

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

"A Taste of Raku" is taught by Annabelle Johnson and Richard Rosen. The pottery-filled evenings of glazing, firing and socializing take place from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, May 6 and 27. No experience is necessary. Cost is \$43. 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. The season's final session takes place from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 9. Cost is \$35. For reservations, call (321) 277-9880 or e-mail patty@artbypattykane.com.

Rosen Gallery & Studios is in North Line Plaza, 2172 J & C Blvd. ■

Texture is topic of Marco exhibit

The Art League Marco Island's Center showcases works by 18 league artists in "Texture Takes on Form."

The visual artist has a distinct method in which to create texture. Each piece selected for this exhibition considers the union with texture to the surface or form.

"Texture Takes on Form" hangs through July 7. The gallery is at 1010 Winterberry Drive on Marco Island. Summer hours are noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information, call 394-4221 or visit www.marcoislandart.com. ■

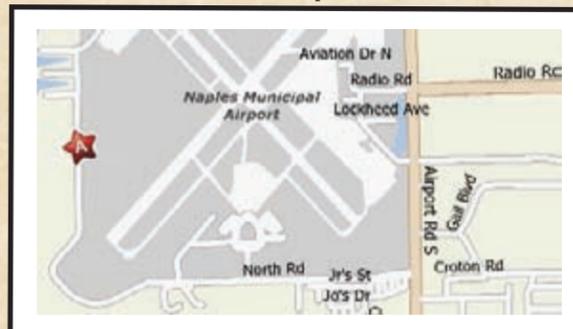
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CLUB NOTES

Christian women have fashion shows on calendar

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 Friday, May 7. Call Bill Turner at 851-2430 or e-mail swflgatorclub@gmail.com.

Jackson Labs VP will address Marco luncheon

The Marco Police Foundation will host the next "Lunch with the Chief" at noon Wednesday, May 19, at the Island Country Club.

Keynote speaker will be Michael E. Hyde, vice president for advancement and external relations with The Jackson Laboratory of Bar Harbor, Me. Mr. Hyde will discuss the company's possible establishment of a genetics research institute in Southwest Florida and the challenges that must be met before such a facility can become a reality.

Cost is \$22 per person, and reservations can be made by calling Debra Sanders at the Marco Police Foundation, 248-7419.

Zonta seeking nominations for annual award

The Zonta Club of Bonita Spring is accepting nominations for its 2010-2011 Woman of the Year award. Since 1988, the club has selected a Woman of the Year

who has worked hard to make the Bonita/Estero community a better place to live and work. The recipients have all played key leadership roles in local charitable organizations and foundations; many have worked on women's issues that represent the heart of the club's mission to improve the circumstances of women at all stages of life, both locally and globally.

Past winners include: Arden McCurdy, Cherrill Cregar, Fran Luessenhop, Nancy Near, Marjorie Rubacky, Patsy Graham, Nancy Keefer, Diane Lepola, Barbara DuFrane, Jacky McCurdy, Marie Trnovich and Jane Hogg.

To nominate a woman who exemplifies the community spirit demonstrated by past recipients of this award, submit a brief biography including personal information about the nominee, her education and careers, charitable organizations she has been involved with. Send submissions to: Y'Vonne Murray, president, Zonta Club of Bonita Springs, at ymurrayinflorida@comcast.net. The deadline for nominations is July 31.

Nominees will be voted on by the club's board of directors. The award will be presented at the club's annual Glass Slipper Ball on Friday, Nov. 19, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples.

New society has adventure on the itinerary

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

McMillion of Betty Maclean Travel.

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

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

Members and anyone interested in learning more about the society are invited to the group's next mixer from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 24, at Haskell's Wine and Spirits on Pine Ridge Road. The evening will include a discussion about adventures in Chile as well as a Chilean wine tasting.

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

Get acquainted with the Naples Newcomers

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

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

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KOVELS: ANTIQUES & COLLECTING

Determining the value of the unusual can be a tricky

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Sometimes it is impossible to find another collectible just like yours, so how can you learn what yours is worth? While checking Internet auctions, I came across a strange cast-iron clock shaped like a hatchet stuck in a block of wood. The clock face was in the center of the hatchet blade surrounded by the words "I can not tell a lie." I knew the clock had to be about George Washington, who, legend says, admitted to his father that he chopped down a cherry tree. That story is probably a myth, made up after Washington's death in 1799 to impress children with the honesty of the Father of Our Country.

Could the clock have been made for the 1889 Centennial Celebration in Chicago that celebrated the 100-year anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington? Or could it be from some other fair or celebration that had souvenir hatchets.

The clock is not listed in any price books. Copake Auctions of Copake, N.Y., recently offered it at auction. Copake probably looked at values of other figural clocks, then considered current interest in George Washington and the decorative value of the clock. The auction suggested the clock might be bought for about \$250. It sold for \$113. That's often what happens with unusual items at an auction. There is a saying that anything that moves or makes noise gets good prices. This clock did neither and wasn't beautiful or terribly old. It's just very

unusual. High prices come from bidding competition, and the hatchet clock had few bidders to push up the price.

Ms. Kovel answers your questions:

Q: My two-tiered table was made by the Imperial Furniture Co. of Grand Rapids, Mich. It has claw-foot legs and scalloped edges. Can you tell me anything about it?

A: The Imperial Furniture Co. was founded by Stuart Foote in Grand Rapids in 1903. It was bought by Bergsma Bros. in 1955, after Mr. Foote died. The company made several different kinds of tables, desks, tea carts and other furniture. It's not possible to date your table without knowing how it is marked. Pieces made between 1910 and 1917 were marked with an oval logo, while later pieces have a shield-shaped logo.

Q: I own an Ives O-gauge clockwork toy train set that was found under the eaves of a cabin on Donner Summit about a half-mile from where the Donner Party crossed the summit at 8,000 feet. The cabin was constructed of timbers 14 inches square left over from train sheds constructed by Chinese workers in about 1900. We bought the cabin from the original builder, and I think the train set was a gift he had given his son. The four train cars and track are in their original box. I don't think the train was ever played with. The cast-iron cars in the set are a No. 17 engine and tender, No. 551 chair car and No. 550 baggage car. What do you think of the set?

A: Your cabin has an interesting history, and any Ives train set is worth some money. Based on the car numbers you gave us, the set was made between 1917 and 1930. Dating it more specifically would help you estimate

a value. In general, the older the better. Ives Manufacturing Corp. traced its history back to 1868, when Edward Ives founded a toy company in Bridgeport, Conn. The company didn't start making trains that ran on tracks until after 1900, when it rebuilt and retooled its machinery after a fire. Lionel became a big competitor starting in 1913 and forced Ives into bankruptcy in 1928. After that, the Ives lines were taken over by Lionel and American Flyer only for a few years.

Q: Can I use my 20th-century English porcelain dishes in the microwave?

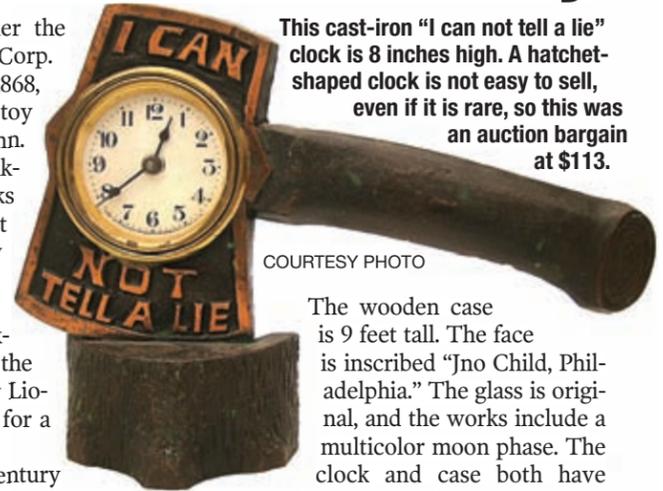
A: Probably. But you should not use dishes in the microwave that have gold or silver trim. It will spark and may damage the dishes. Crazy porcelain or pottery should not be used in the microwave because the glaze may pop off. Try putting a perfect dish in the microwave next to a glass measuring cup filled with a half cup of cold water. Heat on high for about a minute. If the dish is very hot but the water cold, the dish is not meant to be used in a microwave.

Q: My family's antique sofa has a gold label on the back that says "UIU." What does that stand for?

A: UIU stands for the Upholsters International Union, which was founded in 1892. So your sofa wasn't made before that date. The UIU merged with the United Steelworkers in 1985.

Q: I inherited an antique grandfather clock from, appropriately, my grandfather. His father arrived in this country in 1852.

This cast-iron "I can not tell a lie" clock is 8 inches high. A hatchet-shaped clock is not easy to sell, even if it is rare, so this was an auction bargain at \$113.



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The wooden case is 9 feet tall. The face is inscribed "Jno Child, Philadelphia." The glass is original, and the works include a multicolor moon phase. The clock and case both have been repaired, and I know the

weights and pendulum are not original. The clock runs, and its locks work. Can you guess at its age and value?

A: John Child was a well-known Philadelphia clockmaker who worked between 1810 and 1830. ("Jno" is an old abbreviation for "John.") So your clock is truly an antique. Its value has to be determined by someone who can look at it in person. ■

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Antiques Roadshow: Phoenix — Hour 3

A violin made by the Gagliano family in Naples in the early 1800s; a French violin bow made in the shop of Jean-Baptiste Vuillaume; and a visit to the Heard Museum to discuss American Indian basketry.

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Bang," having appeared in the show three times before this production. Joining them in the mayhem onstage is musical director and onstage pianist Edward Reichert.

"The Big Bang" is sponsored by David and Cheryl Copham and WGPU Public Media. Tickets for \$20-\$42 are available by calling the box office at 332-4488 or online at www.floridarep.org.

Opera Naples plans summer camp for teens

Opera Naples will hold its Teen Summer Performing Camp for ages 12-21 in June. Sessions will be June 18-19 and 21-26 at the new Opera Naples building at 2408 Linwood Ave.

The camp will culminate with performances of Gilbert and Sullivan's "HMS Pinafore" June 26-27.

Pamela Leighton-Bilik, director of the Gilbert & Sullivan Youth Players in Washington, D.C., and Robin Shuford Frank, chorus master and director of educational outreach for Opera Naples, will lead the camp.

Cost is \$200 per person includes a music package, learning CD and two tickets to one of the "HMS Pinafore" performances. Although auditions are not required for camp, they are required for the principal roles in "HMS Pinafore." Try-outs will be held by appointment from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, May 22, at North Naples United Methodist Church.

For more information, visit www.OperaNaples.org or e-mail Ms. Frank at rfrank@operanaples.org. ■

Florida Rep season closes with a 'Bang'

Florida Repertory Theatre in downtown Fort Myers closes its 12th season with "The Big Bang," a zany musical of epic proportions, opening Friday, May 7, and playing through May 23.

Written by Boyd Graham and Jed Feuer, "The Big Bang" unfolds in the Park Avenue apartment of Dr. Sid and Sylvia Lipbalm, a proctologist and his wife, as wannabe producers Jed and Boyd pitch their show, "The Big Bang," to a houseful of prospective investors. With a budget of \$83.5 million and a cast 318, it's the most expensive and most lavish musical ever conceived. Over the course of the evening, Jed and Boyd pull out all the stops as audiences sit in as the potential backers.

The production stars Jason Parrish and Gary Marachek as Jed and Boyd. Mr. Parrish was most recently in "Relatively Speaking" and "The Santaland Diaries." Mr. Marachek is no stranger to "The Big

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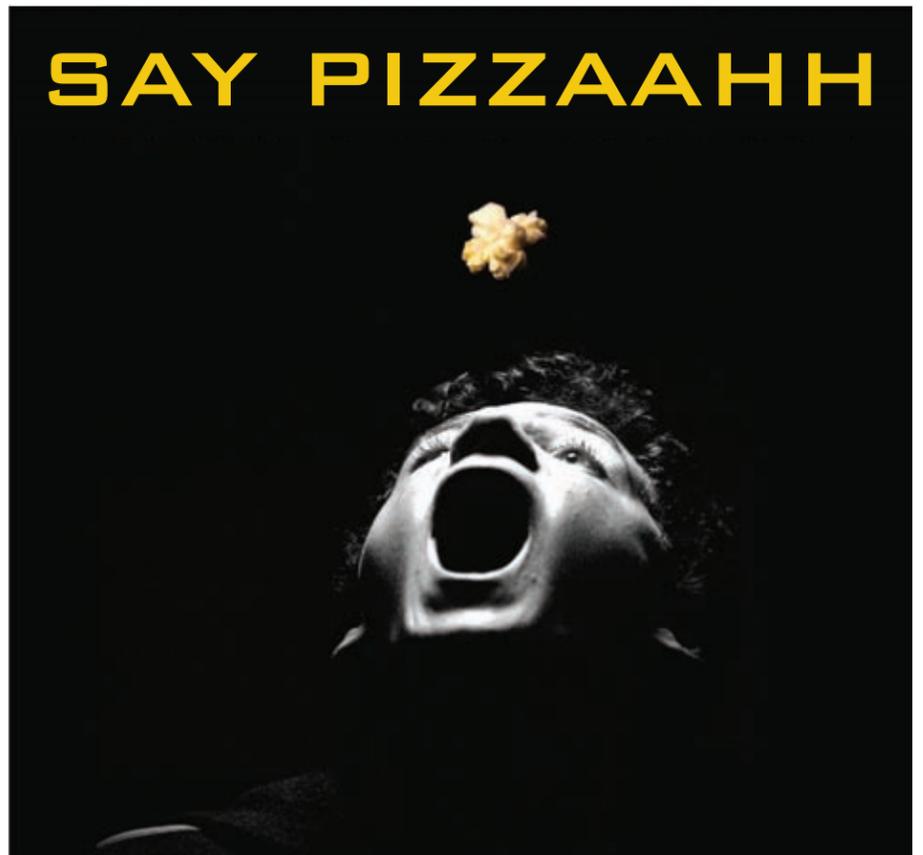


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four dressers. Lots of instant costume changes. The dressers are ripping the clothes off us, it's crazy... We have yards and yards of Velcro. Dozens of shoes...

Mr. Bean: It's demanding. We exit and, in seconds, come back on as another person. The dressers strip off the outfits and tug us into the next persona. The true show is backstage... The reporter who came to the show last year in Blue Ridge, Ga., had to come back the next night to write her article. The first time she said she couldn't look away long enough to write anything.

• Can you give us a general description of the play?

Mr. Ashton: It's one day in Tuna, Texas. It starts and ends with a radio broadcast. The OKKK radio station is the common thread. On the surface, the people all look like rednecks or bigots, but inside you find the love and concern for each other small town people have. They're endearing. It's about small town life. People who know small towns know these people. We want to capture the essence of these characters.

Mr. Bean: It's so funny it hurts. Real laugh-out-loud stuff... There's nothing serious about it. Well, a few touching moments, but mostly it's raucous adult humor... You don't have a deep thought all evening.

• Tell us about some of the characters you play.

Mr. Ashton: One is a car salesman — or at least that's what we think he is



— he has the radio talk show. I play that guy, and B.T. plays different characters

Above: Pat Ashton and B.T. Bean as an odd mother-daughter duo in "Greater Tuna." Left: Mr. Ashton as another one of the quirky characters who call Tuna, Texas, home.

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behind my back. He does one, Phineas Bly, with fake teeth. Thank God we do it so I don't have to look at him. If I ever had to look at him while he's doing it, I'd never be able to speak my lines.

And then there's the Rev. Spikes. He's a fire-and-brimstone minister who gives a eulogy with every cliché known. But you can't hear a word he says. Because, though she doesn't say one word, B.T. as Vera Carp is sitting there, reacting, eating, making noise, bored to tears.

The audience is laughing so loud, no one hears a word I'm saying. People have asked me "Doesn't it bother you that he's upstaging you?" But that's the point.

Mr. Bean: Here, where I live now (in North Carolina), local shop owners want me to come over in costume. I went to a wine tasting as Vera Carp. She's a Dame Edna, high-society type... big in the church. The Blue Ridge Humane Society asked me to go to one of their membership drives in costume as Petey Fisk, head of the Greater Tuna Humane Society.

• Tell us about your affiliations with The Naples Players.

Mr. Ashton: There was an open casting in 1976 and I auditioned for "Fiddler on the Roof." It was a huge hit... a great experience. I moved here full time and opened a design business. In 1990, when the Players decided to present "Greater Tuna," I auditioned and got the part. Really, it was The Naples Players that brought me to Naples.

Mr. Bean: I got started in Naples 20 years ago. I met my wife, Cindy, at The Naples Players. We moved up to North Carolina six years ago, and this is the first time we've been back. It's thrilling. I'm excited. ■

in the know

- >> **What:** "Greater Tuna"
- >> **Who:** The Naples Players
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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. Local celebrities and socialites will recreate famous dance moments in cinematic history. The Fort Myers Fred Astaire Dance Studio is assisting with the gala, which will also feature cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and silent and live auctions.

Tickets are \$175 or \$1,600 for a table

of 10. For more information, contact Connie Martin at 992-9474 or cmartin@sflawish.org.

Let It Be at Mercato for Youth Haven

The British are coming to Mercato. As a benefit for Youth Haven, the inaugural British Invasion takes place from 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 a musical tribute to The Beatles by the tribute band Let It Be. Food with British flair and beer, wine and specialty Beatle-themed cocktails will be provided by The Pub at Mercato.

Tickets for \$75 per person include hors d'oeuvres, one drink ticket, musical entertainment and valet parking. Groovy attire is encouraged. The British Invasion raffle will have a grand prize of a trip for two to Las Vegas to see "LOVE," the Cirque du Soleil celebration of the musical legacy of The Beatles at The Mirage. Raffle tickets are available for a suggested minimum donation of \$25. Winners need not be present at the event.

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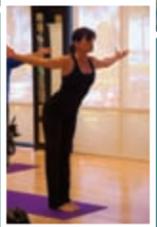
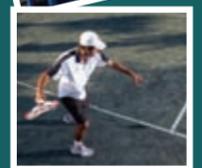
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It's never too early to make plans for New Year's Eve. Ring in 2011 with Paul Anka and members of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra at the Phil. Early birds can celebrate with champagne and hors d'oeuvres at 5 p.m. followed by a 6 p.m. performance. Those who like to stay up late can enjoy a 9:30 p.m. performance followed by dessert and champagne. Either way, tickets are \$129 per person, \$200 for limited "guest circle" seating. Reserve your spot now by calling 597-1900.

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@nchmd.org.

Uncork a new decade

With a theme of "Uncorking A New Decade," the 11th annual Naples Winter Wine Festival is set for Jan. 28-30, 2011.

Bruce and Cynthia Sherman, trustees of the Naples Children & Education Foundation, are co-chairing the program of social and educational events for 600 guests.

Founded by trustees of NCEF, the festival has raised \$82.5 million since 2001 for underprivileged and at-risk children. Proceeds have helped fund major projects including a pediatric dental center and an early learning center.

The festival has been ranked among the most successful charity wine auctions in the nation for the past six years by Wine Spectator and among the top 10 arts and entertainment events by the Luxury Institute. Tickets are \$7,500 per couple and \$20,000 for reserved seating at the same vintner dinner for two couples.

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Norman Love Confections sponsored the "Gift of Love," which raised \$55,430 specifically for the Heart Heroes Program, which organizes activities for local children with cardiovascular disease, and for the placement of Automatic External Defibrillators in local sheriff's vehicles. The remainder of the ball's proceeds will go toward heart disease and stroke research, education and prevention programs in our community and across the country.

Co-chairs of the affair were Bob and Linda Simpson. Mr. Simpson is president and CEO of LeeSar, a Lehigh Acres-based health care supply chain management company that provides Lee Memorial and Sarasota Memorial health systems with medical supplies.

LeeSar's vice president of operations, Paul McWhinnie, 58, who underwent quadruple bypass surgery in early April, attended the ball. Mr. McWhinnie lost his father to a heart attack in 1982, and his mother lives every day with coronary heart disease. He began his fight with heart disease about 11 years ago

when he had a heart attack.

"I was able to take advantage of the technology of having a stent installed to clear the blockage area," Mr. McWhinnie said. "According to the doctor, at that time, I was literally minutes away from having the same thing that my father did. It's the advances that the American Heart Association has made over the years that spared me that same heart attack that my dad had."

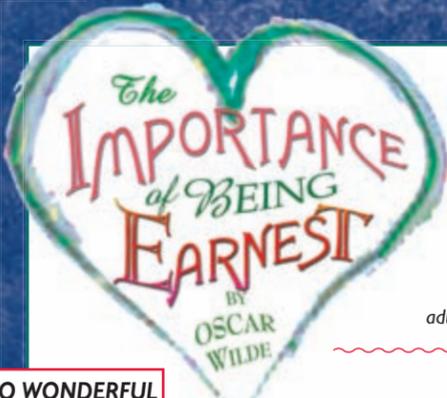
Last year, the AHA's nationwide Heart Ball campaign raised more than \$51 million, which was a part of the more than \$123 million that the nonprofit donated to heart disease and stroke research and prevention programs across the country and in our community. These heart-warming, glamorous events are a celebration of the association's work and mission, its donors and volunteers and most importantly, the lives saved and improved because of everyone's efforts.

This is the second year that the Southwest Florida American Heart Association has hosted a combined Heart Ball for Lee and Collier counties. Collier County has been celebrating the Heart Ball for 35 years, and Lee County has been celebrating it for 27 years. St. Jude Medical was the presenting sponsor of this year's event.

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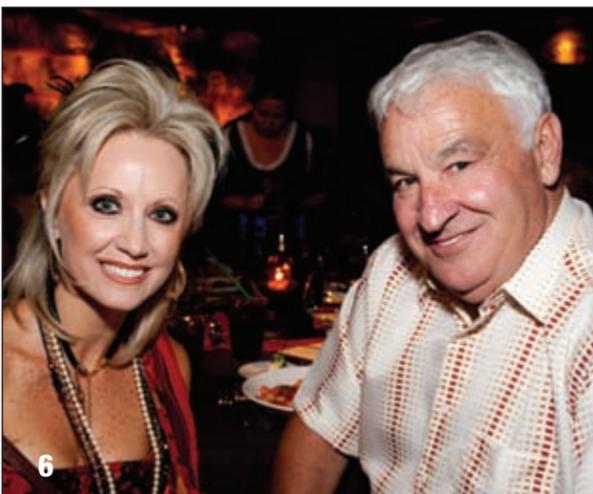
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VINO

Thinking inside the (wine) box can be a good thing

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Let all who love wine and a good bargain observe a moment of silence (and perhaps make a toast) in honor of Australian winemaker Thomas Angove, who died last month at the age of 92.

Although you may not know him, odds are you know his invention: bag-in-box wine, in which a resealable plastic bag holds wine within a corrugated box.

Managing director of Angove Wines, John Angove, said of his father, "He thought he was onto a good thing and history certainly indicates that he was."

Box wines have been around since the 1970s, and for much of that time they've had a bad reputation. That's mainly because the early varieties were cheap, generic bulk wines, and they tasted that way.

Fast forward to 2010. Box wines are still inexpensive, but what's inside has changed considerably.

Most three-liter box wines cost from \$10 to \$20. That's the equivalent of four 750ml bottles, which translates to a price per bottle of \$2.50 to \$5. That's quite a buy, especially when what's inside is pretty darned good.

In a recent Facebook posting, social butterfly Stephanie Davis of Fort Myers

says, "We were served this in Colorado and found this brand (Black Box) of wine in o' box so quaffable that we may become box converts."

She's not alone. "Hey, don't knock it!" added Susan Bennett of Fort Myers, who knows a good wine when she tastes it. "Box wine can be excellent. I've had my share, for sure."

The exchange — which included comments from several other devotees and a few detractors — prompted me to make an exploratory trip to Total Wine, where I found an impressive wall of domestic and imported brands from which to choose.

I ended up tasting some Monthaven Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 in a three-liter box. It is priced right at \$19.95.

"We sell a lot of this and I have one open right now," said wine manager Martha Grattan. "It's been open five or six days and still tastes fresh."

I liked it and brought a box home to test its staying power. This is inexpensive but not "cheap" wine. I've had the box open for a week at home and it tastes the same as when I first opened it. It has nice cherry and dark red fruit, medium in body and almost no tannins, good legs and color. This is a good wine to serve at a party, or around the barbeque.

In its Oct. 15, 2009, issue, Wine Spectator rated more than 500 value wines priced at less than \$20, including box

wines. Ten box wines scored between 85 and 89, earning the magazine's "Very Good" rating. The top red wine, a cabernet sauvignon from Black Box, was rated 87, and the top white, a chardonnay from Wine Cube, was rated 88.

Boxes keep wines fresh up to six weeks. There's no glass to break, and there's no danger of spoilage from cork taint. Plus, they're easy to store and environmentally friendly.

You might have tried one recently and not even known it. Many restaurants are serving box wines for their wines by the glass.

Before you dismiss the concept outright, remember that screw caps and the wines under them were looked down upon until fairly recently.

Then New Zealand and Australia started shipping most of their wines with screw caps. Now many quality wineries use them, and they have proven especially good at keeping young whites fresh.

Compared to bottles, box wines use 91 percent less packaging material, according to industry site www.aboutboxed-wine.com. Less material is produced, less is shipped to landfills, and making the box packaging produces 79 percent less greenhouse gas emissions than the equivalent glass packaging. The box is recyclable, and the bags can be recycled where number sevens are accepted.

Bag-in-box wines are becoming more popular worldwide. According to ACN-

ielsen, about 9 percent of the wine consumed in the United Kingdom and France is packaged this way; that number rises to 25 percent in Sweden and 42 percent in Norway. Australia leads the world with 50 percent of its wines now in bag-in-box packaging. The United States lags behind at 6 percent.

The next time you're shopping for a decent value wine for everyday consumption, think inside the box. It can really grow on you. ■

Wine picks of the week

>> Black Box Cabernet Sauvignon Paso Robles 2006: Wine Spectator rating 87: "Tasty and complex, with savory dried currant, herb, dried berry and a touch of chicory. Full-bodied, focused and well structured. Drink now." About \$20.

>> Spectator rating 88: "Floral and intense, yet supple and fleshy. Notably complex, with a citrus-grapefruit edge to the green apple flavors. Drink now." About \$18.

>> Wine Cube Sauvignon Blanc 2007: Wine Spectator rating 87: "Bright and refreshing, with smooth, mouthwatering Key lime, quince, pepper and passion fruit flavors on a light body, with good intensity. Drink now." About \$18.

>> Bota Box Pinot Grigio California 2007: Wine Spectator rating 86: "Fragrant and perfumed, with floral notes. This has a silky smooth texture, a light body and tangy citrus flavors, and a soft acidity provides a refreshing edge. Drink now." About \$20.



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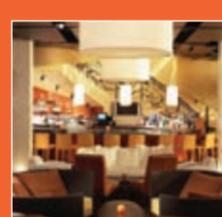
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FLORIDA WEEKLY CUISINE

Stage 62 Deli should win an Oscar for kosher-style comfort food



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When you grow up in the Northeast — or pretty much any northern metropolitan area — kosher-style delis are everywhere. But even though a great many people have migrated south, inexplicably the delis haven't followed.

Until now. Steve Goldberg has brought to Naples a tradition his parents, Jack and Harriet Goldberg, began close to half a century ago when they opened their first deli in Oak Park, Mich. Stage 62 Deli at Mercato is a chip off the Stage Deli block.

The voluminous menu will make the deli-deprived swoon. Matzo ball soup, bagels and smoked fish, brisket, corned beef, pastrami and egg creams — it's all there. That there's a demand for it all is evident by the crowds that flock to the place night and day. It took me three

attempts to get in without having to wait an hour for a table. Having dined there, however, I might be willing to wait the next time, if necessary.

The deli takes its name from that of the original Stage Deli. Mr. Goldberg added the 62 in honor of the year his parents opened their first place. (There are now two Stage Delis, in Bloomfield and West Troy, Mich., as well as Stage 62 in Naples, all run by Mr. Goldberg.)

There's no doubt that he knows his business, having started working in his parents' place at the age of 9 and becoming a manager by age 16. He left to attend college and law school, then worked as a tax attorney in Los Angeles for 10 years before returning to his family home and business.

Stage 62 has Mercato style — a high industrial ceiling, light wood floors and olive walls adorned with movie posters from classics such as "Some Like It Hot" and "The Producers." There are photos of Paul Newman in his prime (sigh), Barbra Streisand and other iconic celebrities. It also has authentic deli charm, with friendly, nurturing servers, a bustling atmosphere and tables clustered close together so that talking to your neighbor seems a natural thing to do.

I had a terrible time deciding what to order. The menu is massive. Although our personable server raved about the barbecued salami, I needed a fix of chopped liver (\$6.95), while my meat-shunning partner opted for a cup of gazpacho (\$3.25).

In addition to cans of Dr. Brown's diet black cherry soda, we split an egg cream (\$1.95), which tastes far better than the name would suggest. There are no eggs or cream in it, so I'm not sure why it's called that. It's just chocolate milk made fizzy by the addition of seltzer, a refreshing and not overly sweet beverage that works well with the abundance of onions and garlic found in deli food. Stage 62's version is a faithful rendition, although I'd have liked it served a bit colder.

A generous scoop of chopped liver came with a generous mound of chopped onion, a slice of ripe tomato, a crisp half-



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Above: Beef brisket is sliced whisper thin and generously stacked on toasted rye bread. Left: Delis are best known for their meats, but the Pretty Woman is a hearty and satisfying vegetarian Reuben.



sour pickle and a basket of the deli's signature sourdough rye bread. While not quite as rich as my grandmother's version, it was creamy and flavorful, enhanced by all that crunchy onion.

Purists might take issue with the seedless, sourdough bread, but it had substance (unlike so many alleged ryes, which are simply mushy white bread with seeds). The deli offers a "N.Y. Deli Rescue Kit," gamely delivering a bowl of caraway seeds upon request.

The gazpacho had lots of veggies and good texture, but it was in need of more seasoning.

I ordered a classic hot brisket sandwich (\$10.95), and my companion tried the Pretty Woman (\$10.95), a vegetarian version of a Reuben with avocado, tomato, sauerkraut, Swiss cheese and Russian dressing on grilled rye. It had a great mix of textures and flavors, making for a very satisfying meal.

The brisket sandwich was about 2 inches thick, filled with a stack of thin slices of tender brisket with traces of the savory sauce in which it was cooked. It, too, was delicious and very much like my grandmother used to make. A side of hot, crisp steak fries was right on target.

A trio of rugelach — rolled cookies with various fruit fillings (\$5.95) — were gummy and not worth the price or calories. Next time I'm holding out for cheese blintzes.

It's easy to see what's made the Stage Deli such a hit in Michigan. May its offspring enjoy a similarly long and successful run here in Naples



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Stage 62 Deli is in Mercato.

in the know

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diningCALENDAR

> **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.

> **Saturday, May 8,** 7 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center: The weekly wine dinner features a multi-course meal and wines; \$75 inclusive, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; (866) 206-3840. Reservations required.

> **Saturday, May 8,** noon-2 p.m.,

Alexander's: Chef Alexander Bernard shares techniques for outdoor grilling, with samples of all dishes and a glass of wine; \$40, 4077 Tamiami Trail N.; 262-4999. Reservations required.

> **Sunday, May 9,** 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon, Naples Botanical Garden: Enjoy a Mother's Day buffet brunch in the garden; \$50 for adult members, \$20 for children of members, or \$55 and \$25 for non-members, 4820 Bayshore Drive; 643-7275. 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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