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One fine, sunny day in 1957, Barbara Whidden Chatham — a beguiling beauty then in her early 20s — dressed in a billowing skirt, summoned her best come-hither gaze, languidly draped herself across the hood of a spanking-new Mercury automobile and had her picture taken. The resulting photograph is an appealing amalgam of sensuality and innocence, and it can be seen in a scrapbook that is stuffed into a nook at Boca Grande's Gasparilla Island Maritime Museum, which about a decade back was fashioned out of an old fish house that adjoined Whidden's Marina (founded by Mrs.

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Counterclockwise from top: Boca Grande features many sights to see, including the lighthouse, 19th Street beach, Sherman Black serving up a Moscow Mule, loggerhead turtles and tarpon fishing. Inset: Boca Grande

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Jackson Labs receives some funding, awaits more

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The move to bring a world-class research complex to Collier County continues, and supporters say recent events — which seem to have slowed, but not derailed, progress on the proposal — were not totally unexpected.

The Jackson Laboratory, an 81-year-old Maine-based nonprofit entity that is a recognized leader in genetic research, is

Boosters claim new facility will reshape economy

proposing to build a state-of-the-art \$70 million facility on land near Ava Maria that has been donated by The Barron Collier Companies. Jackson engages in medical research that explores genetic



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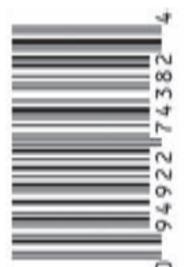
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COMMENTARY

What kind of conservative are you?

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"Mr. Williams, I much enjoyed your article 'I lift my lamp beside the golden door' and I find that strange since, usually, you seem to write very conservative commentaries. I cannot get through them without disagreeing with you."

When someone of good will wrote to accuse me of being a conservative the other day, I responded appropriately: I wailed in despair, gnashed my teeth, and tore out my hair — the last one on top. I even considered dressing in black from head to foot for 40 days. I prefer pink, of course.

A conservative, of all things. Call me the devil, why don't you?

Call me a "low-down Yankee liar" (Shane to the black-hat gunfighter Jack Wilson in the 1953 movie, "Shane"). Call me a miserable muckraking SOB, a commie pinko, or even, if you have to, a Generation Xer or Yer or Zer. I'm not any of those things, but you can call me that.

Just don't call me a conservative.

The fact of the matter is, I'm an unrepentant, uninhibited, unaltered and frequently unintelligible liberal. Dyed in the wool. A lefty. A knock-kneed, flower-waving, open-minded pissant, as my football coach and my drill instructors used to say.

I've never been sure what a pissant is, or a conservative either, really — but it can't be good.

When some thin-lipped, square-jawed, crew-cut block of chromosome X calls you a pissant at the top of his lungs from a point six inches north of your nostrils, you feel bad. Even your gas-operated, air-cooled, lightweight, hand-held, shoulder-fired M-16 rifle that fires a 5.56 mm round at 3,100 feet-per-second, a creature not known for sensitive feelings, probably feels bad.

But when an intelligent liberal calls you a conservative, that's even worse. Most likely, it violates the Geneva Convention. It's a form of torture, in my book.

The thoughtful letter suggested first, that we should solve the problem of illegal immigrants with better laws to control immigration and a policy of amnesty for those already here; and second, that I should stick to writing about dogs (last week's column) and not politics.

Both very good points.

The letter also forced me to think about those two work-horse terms: "Conservative" and "Liberal."

Conservative comes from the Latin conservare (conserve, conserve, conservati, conservatum): "To maintain existing views, marked by moderation or caution (and) traditional norms of taste, elegance, style or manners."

Could that define me or you?

If, by those traditional norms you mean racism, sexism, religious intolerance, greed, self-righteous profiteering, and intolerance, then no. I could not be those things.

But if by "conservative" you mean the willingness to live with others who hold different opinions in the moment (that's a traditional American norm), or the willingness to defend our universal rights to freedom of speech, religion, lifestyle or equal treatment

with arms, or the unrelenting determination to make our own way and help those who can't (remember the traditional parable of the good Samaritan?), then yes. I hope I'm a conservative, difficult as that is to admit.

Oddly enough, all of those terms describe traditional norms or values, both good and bad. So the question becomes not, "Are you a conservative?" but "What kind of conservative are you?"

Which brings us to "liberal."

The word springs from the Latin, liberalis, defined as freedom, or "befitting the free."

Could we be defined as liberals — as people in favor of freedom, and things befitting the free, such as free speech, worship uncensored by government and equal opportunity?

Well, of course. You and I aren't interested in the freedom to abuse anybody we please anytime, or the freedom to compel our divine right to the exclusion of everybody else's, are we?

Maybe I am, I admit. But I know you aren't.

Which proves that whoever you are, you're a G—danged liberal, too, just like me. And here all this time you've been telling your friends and family you're a conservative.

But come to find out, you're a...a...a...a GD liberal.

And here I come to find out that I'm a...a...a...GD conservative.

If there's a closet close by, maybe we should hide in it. On second thought, let's not. The people who traditionally hide in closets might be hiding in there as we speak. It could get ugly.

Nowadays, of course, the words "conservative" and "liberal" have slipped their hal-

ters and gotten out in the big pasture. Conservative, loosely applied, means a Republican. And liberal, just as loosely applied, means a Democrat.

At best it's sloppy. Is a conservative supposed to be against all government programs and social regulation, for big capitalism and unrestrained markets, against the little guy or gal and for big weapons and armies in a hostile world?

I know some conservatives who refuse to be pigeon-holed like that.

And is a liberal supposed to be for all government programs and social regulation, against unrestrained markets, for the little guy and gal and against big weapons and armies, whether the world is hostile or not?

I know some liberals who refuse to be pigeon-holed, too.

Just so you know, a conservative is not supposed to like preserved wetlands, a clean environment and fair wages for workers if they get in the way of the American greenback and its prolific multiplication, along with flag waving. A liberal is not supposed to like a successful corporation, a strong army, fiscal discipline and a competitive market if they get in the way of kissing and hugging, along with flower waving.

Conservatives are not supposed to like liberals, either, and vice versa.

But you know what? Some of the finest human beings and most faithful friends I've ever known are GD conservatives, surprising as that is. And I hope some of them (perhaps the more foolish) could say that about a GD liberal like me.

What I conclude from all this is that dogs are probably far ahead of human beings — they don't worry about who's liberal or conservative. And my correspondent is probably far ahead of me.

Which is why I should probably stick to writing about dogs. ■

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OPINION

The no-matter-what tax increase



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Special to Florida Weekly

White House economic adviser Christina Romer is off-message. Her offense is nearly as grave as that of White House spokesman Robert Gibbs, who let slip that Democrats are in danger of losing the House. Ms. Romer's indiscretion is an academic paper arguing that tax increases kill growth ... just as the White House prepares to increase taxes.

Published with her husband in the June issue of *The American Economic Review*, Ms. Romer's paper is complicated and nuanced, befitting the work of a serious academic economist. It surveys tax changes during the past few decades in widely varying circumstances. But here's a crude, two-sentence takeaway: "Our estimates suggest that a tax increase of 1 percent of GDP reduces output over the next three years by nearly 3 percent. The effect is highly significant."

In recent congressional testimony, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Ber-

nanke warned against spending cuts or tax increases in this "unusually uncertain" economy. Democratic Sens. Kent Conrad, Evan Bayh and Ben Nelson are opposed to letting the tax increases expire next year on similar Keynesian grounds. They are all guilty of thinking about what's best for the economy, when the rest of the Democrats are thinking about how best to punish the rich.

The rich don't "deserve" the current tax rates, they'll say, as if a top income tax rate of 35 percent rather than 39.6 percent is something that has to be earned. Of course, that's impossible to do if being rich itself constitutes a status offense. There is no expiation from the stain of wealth, no matter how hard someone worked to get there, no matter how many people his business has hired, no matter how much he invests.

Never mind that higher marginal tax rates discourage work and investment. To see how taxes affect behavior, look no further than Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry's \$7 million, 76-foot yacht, which he happens to dock in Rhode Island, where he saves \$500,000 in taxes.

The Democrats figure they can tag Republicans who oppose the expiration of the tax cuts as deficit-hypocrites,

even after running up \$1.47 trillion in red ink this year. In the recent fight over extending unemployment benefits, the GOP wanted to pay for them, while Democrats insisted on adding another \$35 billion to the deficit, and prevailed. Despite the scorn they heap on the "Bush tax cuts," Democrats want to extend the vast majority of them on the middle class, at a 10-year cost of \$1.5 trillion.

Where to look for spending cuts to offset maintaining the Bush upper-end tax cuts? Unspent stimulus dollars and the other new spending that has hiked federal expenditures to 25 percent of GDP, the highest level since World War II. Thanks to President Barack Obama's exemplary profligacy, we have been reminded that government spending is not a durable basis of growth. Even Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said just the other week that "we need to make that transition now to a recovery led by private investment."

A tax increase is not the best way to start, as any reader of Christina Romer's work knows. ■

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

GUEST OPINION

Wikileaks' Afghan war diary



amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

Wikileaks.org has done it again, publishing thousands of classified documents about the U.S. war in Afghanistan. The website provides a secure platform for whistleblowers to deliver documents, videos and other electronic media while maintaining anonymity. Last March it released a video shot from a U.S. military helicopter over Baghdad, exposing the Army's indiscriminate killing of at least 12 people, two of whom worked for the Reuters news agency. This week, WikiLeaks, along with three mainstream media partners — *The New York Times*, *The Guardian of London* and *Der Spiegel* in Germany — released 91,000 classified reports from the United States military in Afghanistan. The reports, mostly written by soldiers on the ground immediately after military actions, represent a true diary of the war from 2004 to 2009, detailing everything from the killing of civilians, including children, to the growing strength of the Taliban insurgency, to Pakistan's support for the Taliban.

After the documents were released, WikiLeaks founder and editor-in-chief Julian Assange told me: "Most civilian casualties occur in instances where one, two, 10 or 20 people are killed — they really numerically dominate the list of events. ... The way to really understand this war is by seeing that there is one killed after another, every day, going on and on."

Mr. Assange described a massacre, what he called a "Polish My Lai." On Aug. 16, 2007, Polish troops returned to a village where they had suffered an IED roadside bomb that morning. The Poles launched mortars into the village, striking a house where a wedding party was under way. Mr. Assange suspects that the Poles, retaliating for the IED, committed a war crime, concealed in the dry bureaucratic language in the report:

"Current Casualty list: 6x KIA (1x male, 4 female, one baby) 3x WIA (all female, one of which was 9 months pregnant)"

KIA means "Killed in Action," and the tens of thousands of classified reports are dense with KIAs. Assange says that there are 2,000 civilian deaths detailed in the reports. Other entries describe "Task Force 373," a U.S. Army assassination unit that allegedly captures or kills people believed to be members of the Taliban or al-Qaida.

The Obama administration is running for cover and their response has been confused. National Security Advisor Gen. James Jones condemned the disclosure of classified information saying it "could put the lives of Americans and our partners at risk, and threaten our national security." At the same time, White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said, "there's no broad new revelations in this."

The threat posed by this historic leak is not a threat to the lives of American soldiers at war, but rather to a policy that puts those lives at risk. With public support already waning, this leak can only strengthen the call for the war's end.

"I've been waiting for it for a long time," tweeted Daniel Ellsberg, the most

famous whistleblower in America. Mr. Ellsberg is the former military analyst who famously leaked "The Pentagon Papers" in 1971, thousands of pages of a top-secret government study revealing the secret history of the Vietnam War. Many credit Mr. Ellsberg's action, with helping to end the Vietnam War. Ellsberg told me, this week: "I'm very impressed by the (WikiLeaks) release. It is the first release in 39 years, on the scale of the Pentagon Papers. How many times in these years should there have been the release of thousands of pages showing our being lied into war in Iraq, as in Vietnam, and the nature of the war in Afghanistan?"

Mr. Assange has been advised by his lawyers not to enter the United States.

Homeland Security agents descended on a recent hacker conference in New York where he was scheduled to speak. He canceled. He said the Obama administration also tried to get the Australian government to arrest him. Speaking to me from London, Mr. Assange said: "We are not pacifists. We are transparency activists who understand that transparent government tends to produce just government. That is our modus operandi behind our whole organization: to get out suppressed information into the public where the press and the public and our nations' politics can work on it to produce better outcomes." ■

— Amy Goodman is the host of "Democracy Now!," a daily international TV/radio news hour airing on more than 800 stations in North America. She is the author of "Breaking the Sound Barrier," recently released in paperback and now a *New York Times* best-seller.



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Rand Bass – a good read unto himself

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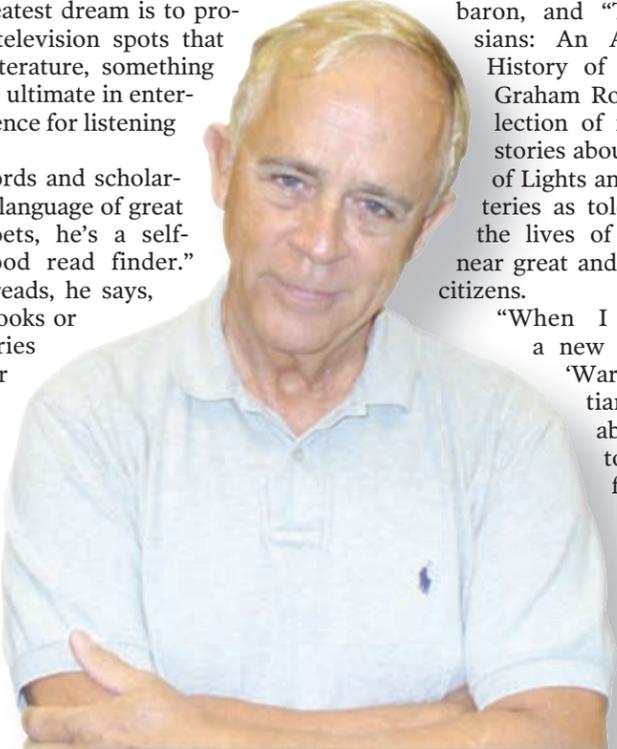
If you ask Rand Bass where he gets his wisdom, he'll likely credit the literature to which he has devoted his life.

"Great life lessons may come from great words," says Mr. Bass, who is a huge fan of the poets Edgar Guest and Ogden Nash. "They were poets of the people — and high-school and college drop-outs."

Mr. Bass's greatest dream is to produce radio or television spots that present good literature, something he considers the ultimate in entertainment excellence for listening audiences.

A lover of words and scholarship, and of the language of great writers and poets, he's a self-proclaimed "good read finder." Not just good reads, he says, but particular books or movies or stories for particular tastes for people who are unable to come in to the Collier County Library to make their own selections.

Mr. Bass has worked for the library for 10 years



as an outreach specialist, managing the Mail-A-Book program that provides library materials through the mail to more than 420 patrons who are home-bound. As such, he spends his days helping people indulge in reading, a pastime he too, relishes with passion.

He has a lot of good reads for word-hungry library patrons. He suggests "The Roses" by Leila Meacham about a girl in East Texas who comes up from poverty to become a cattle baron, and "The Parisians: An Adventure History of Paris" by Graham Robb, a collection of nonfiction stories about the City of Lights and its mysteries as told through the lives of its great, near great and forgotten citizens.

"When I discover a new book like 'War' by Sebastian Junger, about a platoon on the front lines of the Afghan war, and the DVD of the book

'Restrepo: One Platoon, One Valley, One Year,'" he says for example, "I know just which ones of my Mail-A-Book patrons will want to read or view it."

He loves it when the books he recommends are also published in large print and on audio for need this extra consideration in order to have access to enjoy the literature.

There have been some interesting twists and turns in the life of Rand Bass, a native of Fort Myers who has lived in Naples since 1956. He calls it all "luck and happenstance," but it includes completion of a master's in education-adaptive physical education, a program on the cutting-edge of assistive methods for helping those in society who face various challenges.

"I lead with my heart and don't always listen to my head and logic, but I care about people, especially those who are needy," he says.

He's quick to note that his path, while usually the more difficult, is always gratifying. And he credits family and friends, especially his son, for supporting him on his journey along that path.

"I worked with as many differing types of groups of people as I could — from inmates in jails to bedridden patients and autistic children," he says. "Early on this helped me to learn to connect with others and to be a good listener — and not just with my ears, but on many levels."

In his sparse spare time, Mr. Bass (you guessed it) reads and studies to inform

and enrich the activity programs he produces and presents for seniors. He also loves to swim, a mile swim twice daily if you please.

He loves Collier County, and counts the diversity of its people and cultures — from native peoples to early settlers, the vagabonds and the raconteurs, the resort visitors and beachcomber residents — as invaluable contributors to the community's colorful landscape.

As for what Mr. Bass would like to see change about his community, his wish is simple: "Less of everything please," he says. "Let's turn back the clock and extend the off-season attitude a bit.

"It's funny, but when I was much younger I wished for more to do," he says, adding this thoughtful observation: "Be careful what you wish for."

There are many things he wants to stay just the same, and they include the picturesque sunsets and sunrises, pristine waters, beaches and wildlife — especially in what he refers to as "the magnificent Glades."

His work at the library is a gift and a great joy to this bookworm, a labor of love that provides assistance to patrons every day who are most in need of the kind of services he provides.

"Sometimes it is a great struggle to carry on the good fight — the daily struggle for them — but I truly believe in this and do my very best for them," he says. And it would not be possible, he stresses, "without the extraordinary volunteers who help me in this service." ■

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BOCA GRANDE

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Chatham's father in 1926).

"That Mercury was my one and only new car," explains Mrs. Chatham, now 75 years old. Shaking her head while seated behind the counter at the museum, where she is curator, she elaborates: "(The car) only had 7,000 miles on it when a friend of mine ran it into a palm tree. I let her borrow my car, and she was on her way to work and trying to light a cigarette when it happened. The only new car I've ever had, and she ran it right into that palm tree."

The friend survived, but the Mercury did not, and Mrs. Chatham thereafter began her practice of purchasing used vehicles.

As historical yarns go, Mrs. Chatham's tale is several rungs below, say, *The Trail of Tears*. But it is the sort of quirky, homespun lore you'll find in Boca Grande, the sleepy fishing village on Gasparilla Island that may be the most misunderstood and least-appreciated place in all of Southwest Florida. The Gasparilla Island Maritime Museum juts precariously into a bayou, and it will never be mistaken for the Smithsonian (crowd four or five people into its musty confines and space becomes a serious issue), but as an affectionate and honest reflection of a place and its people, it does a pretty darned good job.

To many outsiders, Boca Grande is synonymous with wealth and privilege, which is understandable and to a great degree accurate. Francis Crowinshield, a member of a wealthy New England shipping family, and his wife, Louise du Pont Crowinshield, and Henry F. du Pont, Mrs. Crowinshield's brother, were among the first outsiders to discover Boca Grande's delights long about 1914. Rich friends from up north soon followed, quickly won over by the area's jewel-like winters, superb tarpon fishing and other joys attendant to island living.

For about four months during the winter, the seriously rich still flock to the Boca Grande, where the population doubles to roughly 2,000 people at the height of "the season." Galas and benefit balls abound during this time,



Top: Whidden's Marina.

Above: Lisa Janita owns Sisters Restaurant with her twin sister Paula.



Left: Beachgoers enjoy a front row seat to a spectacular sunset.

and the golf course gets a good workout. But the notion that Boca Grande is merely a playground for idle rich — a sort of scaled-down Naples or bargain basement Palm Beach — is only part of the story. Boca Grande remains one of the last places that truly embodies the amorphous concept we describe as "Old Florida." There are residents — like Mrs. Chatham — who have lived in Boca Grande for decades and still regard it as a place that is as agreeable for a dyed-in-the-wool Florida Cracker as it is for high-flying winter folks.

During the dog days, bereft of its northern elite, Boca Grande is as laid-back and congenial as Jimmy Buffett after his third margarita. It is the sort of place where golf carts (the preferred means of local transportation) might outnumber automobiles, and no one appears to be in a particular hurry to get wherever it is they are going. There are no traffic lights and no high-rise buildings. The town is spic and span and just about everybody seems to know everybody else. In summer, Boca Grande belongs to people who regard it as home, whatever the season

may be.

Travel writers are belatedly beginning to take note. Yahoo! Travel, for example, recently selected Boca Grande as one of its top five "little beach towns."

"A funky Florida spot with character," Yahoo! wrote, calling it an "Edenic escape on the Gulf of Mexico (that) is a real slice of Old Florida."

The locals (meaning those who live and work there all year) are a little baffled by the studied indifference that Southwest Florida largely bestows upon the place. And while they savor the slow times of summer, they wouldn't mind seeing a little more business during the hottest months.

"It is a wonderful, wonderful place, and you have to wonder who wouldn't love it here," says Ted George, general manager of Boca Boats, which specializes in cruises, charters and rentals. The 59-year-old Mr. George chucked a career in office supplies in Michigan for his life in the sun — and he has never regretted a minute.

"We sell frozen bait," he says, "and I have to defrost that freezer. Let me tell

you, that is as close to winter as I ever want to be."

If Boca Grande is indeed poised to for a takeoff as a prized destination, it will be due in large part to the indefatigable efforts of Lynda Lancaster, the peripatetic executive director of the Boca Grande Area Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Lancaster sends out a daily barrage of news releases and other materials to writers and travel professionals far and wide. If anyone with a pad and a pen and a reading audience of almost any size at all cares to visit, Ms. Lancaster is ready in a heartbeat to pack them into a golf cart and trundle about the island for a few hours.

"Houston, Atlanta, we send material out everywhere," says Ms. Lancaster, a lithe, tanned blonde who on this day is dressed in what she calls "Boca business" — a white Patagonia shirt (untucked), white shorts and sandals. "There is this misconception that Boca Grande exists only for the benefit of the rich and that we close down when they are not here. Yeah, things do slow down some, but really the summer is one of the greatest times to be here."

Hopping into her golf cart, Ms. Lancaster zips to a beach (all of Boca Grande's beaches are public access) off of 19th Street. Kicking free of her sandals and wading into the gentle surf, she makes a wide arc with her arms and says: "Look at this! Are you going to find anything better than this anywhere? Even Sanibel can't get any better than this."

In truth, Sanibel would be pressed to outdo Boca Grande at this moment. The sand is terrific (maybe not Sanibel terrific, but still plenty good) and the beach is being visited by a just a scattering of people. Perhaps the oil-spill scare has something to do with it, but Boca Grande's beaches long have been known for their sparse crowds, especially in the summer. Compared to the cheek-to-jowl conditions that can exist at other spots in Southwest Florida, it is almost like having the Gulf of Mexico to oneself.

Ms. Lancaster's enthusiasm is no false front brought about by her paid responsibilities as Boca Grande's promoter-in-chief. She absolutely, positively adores the place, and, as a result, fairly hums with the highly caffeinated energy of a true believer.

She fell in love with the area about 18 years ago during a vacation. Raised on a farm near Springfield, Illinois, Ms. Lancaster was employed as a legislative aide for the governor's office in her home state when she resigned to move to Boca Grande, where she worked, initially, as a waitress, carpenter, house painter and just about anything else that paid a wage. She also established a reputation as an extraordinarily talented artist. Her paintings and artwork appear in local establishments, and her brightly colored murals — which mirror her love for all things Florida — grace the exterior walls of buildings in Boca Grande.

But Ms. Lancaster, 53, tired of the life of a starving artist, and when the chamber job was offered last year, she jumped on it.

She remains puzzled that Boca Grande has not attained the all-year popularity of Sanibel or other spots in the area.

"I think part of it may be that a lot of people don't know how to find us or how to get here," she says. Indeed, an informal survey of four longtime Fort Myers residents yielded three different driving routes to Boca Grande, one of which proved grossly inaccurate. The fourth person admitted that she hadn't a clue as to how to get there and didn't really care since she thought it was mainly for the jet set.

Boca Grande exists in two coun

ties — Lee and Charlotte — with the village itself resting in Lee. This geographic uncertainty, coupled with the perception of the village as a haven of the mega wealthy, tends to limit weekend visits and the like, especially in the summer, according to Ms. Lancaster.

No one would argue that it is a cheap place to live if you are planning on moving there permanently or seasonally. The influx of well-to-do seasonal residents has pushed the price of real estate upward.

A quick check at Gulf to Bay Sotheby's International Realty in the village confirms this. There is a modest but tasteful two-bedroom, two-bath home that measures 1,900 square feet on the market for \$550,000. Other random listings show a couple of offerings at just under \$1.2 million, another at \$2.9 million and, finally, a monster on Shore Lane that boasts 21,298 square feet and a price tag of \$12 million.

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These high-toned and high-visibility dwellings tend to obscure the less ostentatious side of Boca Grande, the side that many permanent residents call home. One such area is the "Damfi" zone, which is southeast of downtown. It is a series of streets legally named "Damficare," "Damfiwill" and "Damfino."

"It's not just rich people coming here," says Sherman Black from behind the bar at The Temptation, a landmark Boca Grande restaurant. On a hot day, with a ferocious, glaring Florida sun beating down outside, the restaurant's cool, dark-wood bar is the sort of place that could lead a man — were he not careful and possessed of great discipline — to miss an afternoon's worth of business. If Hemingway didn't swill his daiquiris in bars exactly like this down in old Key West, then we have been misled for decades now by legions of literary biographers.

Mr. Black says fishermen and billionaires alike mosey into the place, often to down the bar's specialty — the Moscow Mule — which is made with Smirnoff vodka, ginger beer and a lime slice. The trademark concoction is presented in a copper cup that beads invitingly with ice sweat.

"I think we (Temptation) are like most people (in Boca Grande)," Mr. Black says. "If you've got \$10 or \$10 million, we're glad to see you. Everybody gets treated well."

At Sisters, a restaurant that specializes in Italian cuisine and pizza (its chef trained in Napoli), the owners — twin, 45-year-old sisters originally from Batavia, N.Y., named Paula Beecher and Lisa Ianita — say the laid-back veneer the casual visitor to Boca Grande sees is actually no veneer at all. The sisters worked as waitresses at the restaurant before buying it from its former owner.

"These are island people," says Ms. Ianita, "and island people are, for the most part, laid-back and take things as they come."

And nowhere is the "don't worry be happy" essence of Boca Grande more evident than at Whidden's Marina. When signs spring up in town announcing that shrimp boats are in, the signs list no location, because everyone knows that Whidden's is where you go for fresh-from-the-boat treasures from the gulf. During the

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— Ted George, general manager of Boca Boats



Left: The Boca Grande Lighthouse was used to guide phosphate mining ships in the late 1800s.

Below: Girls practice kite surfing on the beach before getting wet.

Bottom left: Golf carts are the preferred means of transportation.

Bottom right: Sherman Black, Bob Jewett and Lynda Lancaster enjoy Moscow Mules at The Temptation after work.

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season, as the boats chug in, billionaires stand side by side on the dock with yardmen and day laborers, all eagerly anticipating the same delicious bounty. Ten years ago, the marina was placed on the National Register of Historic Places, and the rustic building is a favorite subject for artists.

Isabelle Whidden Joiner, 76, manages the marina and recalls the days when Chico, a pet monkey who died in the late 1950s, practically owned the place. It is said that if Chico (who was reputed to be a keen judge of human character) took a dislike to you, he might express that displeasure with a nasty bite. Ben Whidden, Mrs. Joiner's late father and the Marina's founder, usually kept Chico on a chain to keep him from feasting on obnoxious visitors.

Mrs. Joiner is the sister of the previously described Barbara Whidden



Chatham, who oversees the adjacent museum. Mrs. Joiner has lived in Boca Grande all her life.

The place has changed over the years, she says, but she's not sure exactly how.

"I don't get out much," she explains. "I stay here inside mostly. (Boca Grande) is a nice place. Good people. That hasn't changed. I know that."

And what about those hoity-toity Yankees who migrate down when the

thermometer plunges and snow starts to fall in places like New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Michigan?

"Oh, they're fine, too," Mrs. Joiner says with a trace of a smile. "Besides, they go back home when the weather heats up."

The locals know better, though. They're not going anywhere. They realize that the long, sun-dappled days of summer are when Boca Grande and its people are at their best. ■

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Victor Borge: 100 Years of Music and Laughter!
 This unparalleled collection of Borge's most memorable skits is combined with rare archival footage from the Borge family vault. Rita Rudner narrates.

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Ed Sullivan's Rock and Roll Classics: The '60s
 From the late 1940s through the early '70s, millions of viewers saw great acts each week on "The Ed Sullivan Show." This collection of classic, full-length music performances from 1963-1968 features the Beatles, the Doors, the Rolling Stones, Sly and the Family Stone and many more.



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 The Ed Sullivan Show saw some great acts including the Beatles, above.

► **MONDAY, AUG. 9, 8 P.M.**
The Big Band Years
 This retrospective features the songs that brought the country through World War II and kick-started the baby boom in a mix of vintage live, rare and unreleased footage of bands and vocalists from the 1930s and '40s. Peter Marshall hosts.

► **TUESDAY, AUG. 10, 8 P.M.**
Chet Atkins: Certified Guitar Player
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► **WEDNESDAY, AUG. 11, 8 P.M.**
The Canadian Tenors: Live in Toronto
 See Aug. 8 for program details. ■

Naples Orchid Society announces scholarships

The Naples Orchid Society will award two \$2,000 scholarships to qualified students pursuing a program in botany, conservation or environmental science this year. More information and the application forms may be downloaded from www.NaplesOrchid-Society.org.

Preference will be given, but not limited, to students who are studying or working in Southwest Florida on a worthy orchid-related project. The scholarships may also be used toward funding internships at appropriate organizations.

Applications will be accepted at any time and will be reviewed by a scholarship committee appointed by the society's Board of Directors. Recipients who are working on a project at a college or university will be announced at the soci-



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 Seed pods ripen on a local native orchid, *Prothechea chochleata*, commonly known as the clamshell orchid.

ety's Oct. 7 meeting. For persons who will be taking part in summer internships, the award will be made in the spring of 2011. The society hopes to make these scholarship awards annually.

The Naples Orchid Society is a not-for-profit organization, devoted to the promotion and appreciation of orchids, as well as the preservation of native orchids. The society also provides information about the cultivation and hybridization of orchids for hobbyists.

More than 100 native orchids have been identified in Florida. Because of the area's sub-tropical climate and large amounts of land held by various government entities, Southwest Florida abounds with federal- and state-protected species.

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BACK TO SCHOOL BRIEFS

Bank of Naples sponsors Back to School Expo on Aug. 14

Bank of Naples, a locally owned and operated community bank, is a sponsor of the Neapolitan Family Back to School Expo. This annual event will be held on Saturday, Aug. 14, at the YMCA of the Palms, 3251 Pine Ridge Road in North Naples. The event is free and open to the community.

The Neapolitan Family Back to School Expo will feature dozens of vendors from throughout Southwest Florida to assist parents and their children in returning to school this year. Last year more than 3,000 parents and children attended the very popular event.

Established in 2000, Bank of Naples serves the personal and commercial banking needs of local residents and businesses within Naples, Bonita Springs and the surrounding communities in Southwest Florida. The bank offers relationship banking through



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a complete line of loan and deposit products as well as Internet Banking. Banking hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday. For more information, call 430-2500 or visit the bank online at www.bankof-naples.com. ■

Edison and Coconut Point malls to host back-to-school clothing drive

Edison Mall and Coconut Point will be two of 20 Simon Malls across the state of Florida to host "Look Smart. Book Smart," a back-to-school new clothing drive for disadvantaged children, in support of Dignity U Wear, a statewide not-for-profit with partnering organizations located throughout Florida, including Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Clubs, Creative Services, Hacienda Girls Ranch, Neat Stuff and more. Simon Property Group's "Look Smart. Book Smart" will welcome representatives from Dignity U Wear's partner organizations to collect donations of brand new children's clothing and school supplies during tax-free weekend from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 14 and 15.

Edison Mall and Coconut Point will host a clothing drive with one of Dignity U Wear's Southwest Florida partners,

Our Mother's Home, a nonprofit organization dedicated to keeping teen foster mothers and their children together, breaking the foster cycle, teaching transitioning skills, and overcoming histories of abuse. Items needed at this time include new or gently used clothing for teenage mothers, toddlers and babies.

Coconut Point shoppers will enjoy a safety demonstration and fire truck display compliments of Estero Fire Rescue. Shoppers will learn how to protect their homes and families in case of a fire. The display will be located near Hollywood Theaters at Coconut Point from 10 m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14.

For information about Simon Property Group's "Look Smart. Book Smart." back-to-school clothing drive, visit www.simon.com. For details on Dignity U Wear, visit www.dignityuwear.org. ■

Dealership collects school shoes, backpacks

John Marazzi Nissan is joining forces with the Boys and Girls Club of Collier County to outfit children with new sneakers and backpacks for the new school year.

Stop by and collect information about a specific child at the dealership at 3640 Pine Ridge Road, then purchase shoes

and backpacks and return them to the store in time for a student party at the dealership on Saturday, Aug. 7.

The Boys and Girls Club provides after-school programs at its Arlene & Jerry F. Nichols Campus at 7500 Davis Blvd. For more information, call 325-1765 or visit. www.bgccc.com. ■

Shelter gets ready for back to school

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children is preparing for the next school year and seeking community support for the nonprofit organization's Back to School Drive. Throughout the year, families fleeing domestic violence arrive at The Shelter's Beau Venturi Home without extra clothing, personal items or school supplies. To ensure the organization can meet the children's ongoing needs, The Shelter is collecting the following supplies:

Gift certificates, school clothes, school shoes, backpacks, Kleenex, lunch boxes and thermoses, #2 pencils, pocket folders, highlighters, black, red and blue pens, glue sticks, children's scissors, white board markers, three-hole binder paper, rulers, primary color paint set, pencil boxes, construction paper,

washable crayons, colored pencils and markers, erasers, binders, calculators, writing tablets, calendars, protractors, subject notebooks and Elmer's glue

The Shelter, a state-certified domestic violence center, provides programs and services crafted to prevent domestic violence before it begins; advocates for societal changes to end domestic violence; and meets the immediate and long-term needs of victims and survivors of intimate partner abuse.

Those interested in seeking further involvement are invited to host a Back to School Drive or party to help raise awareness and collect donations. To learn more about The Shelter's Back to School needs, as well as drop off locations, call 775-3862, ext. 235, or e-mail rgrabau@naplesshelter.org. ■



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Youth Haven seeks girls for 'All About Me' group

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

Dates for the next sessions are Sept. 16 through Oct. 21 and Nov. 4 through Dec. 16. Spaces are open in both sessions.

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

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

The "All About Me" curriculum

guides girls in discovering how to:

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

"No one is perfect. We all have something uniquely beautiful about us. It

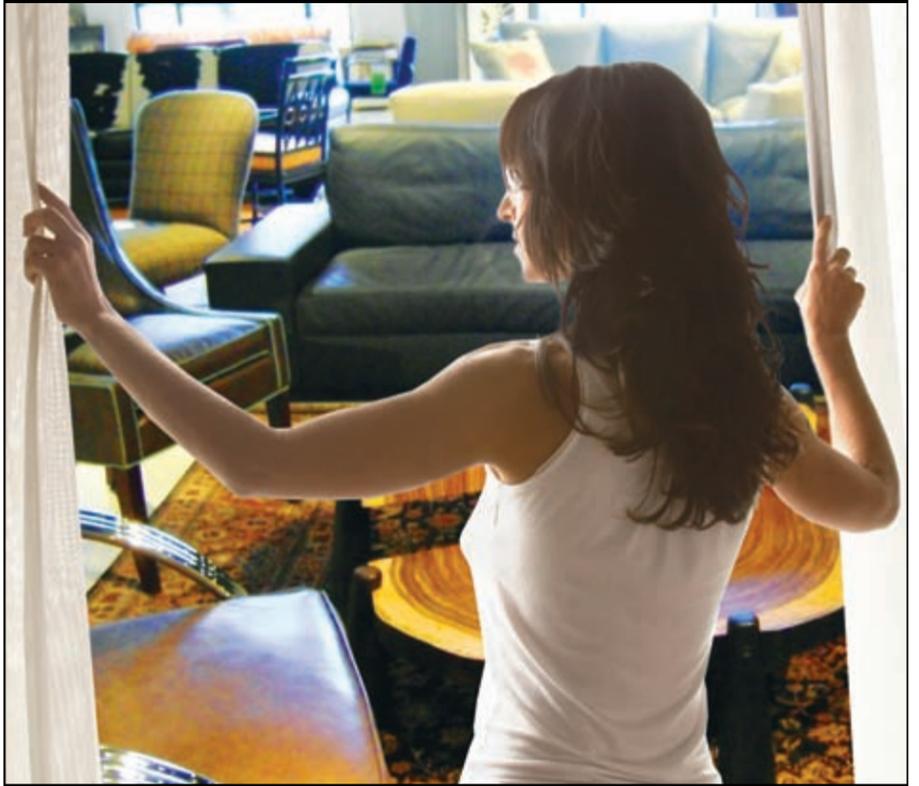
is our hope that through this program, girls will learn to love themselves and appreciate others for their differences," Ms. Weisberg adds.

For more information or to register for a fall session of "All About Me," call Ms. Weisberg at 687-5172 or e-mail her at kim.weisberg@youthhaven.net. ■

— Youth Haven is Collier County's only emergency shelter for severely traumatized abused, abandoned and neglected children as well as the sole provider of an array of home- and community-based parenting education, child abuse and homelessness prevention, crisis intervention and family support programs. In operation since 1972, Youth Haven provides services to more than 1,600 children and family members annually.



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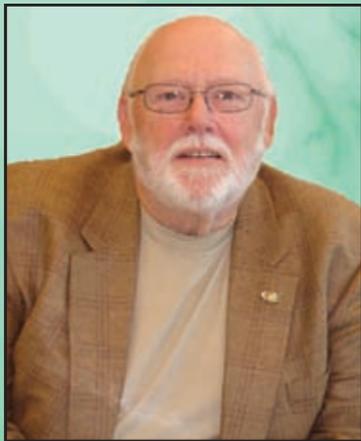
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It made news in January 2010 when a photo of President Barack Obama wearing a Weatherproof Garment Co. jacket was used on a billboard on Times Square. The photograph was taken when the president visited China, but he did not give permission for his image to be used in an ad. Weatherproof was asked to take the picture down and did. Presidents do not endorse products, although they do endorse candidates. The earliest "presidential" ad was for a magazine. It was a copy of an 1811 letter written by Thomas Jefferson to say he was a subscriber to the magazine. It too was probably not approved by the president.

During Victorian times, many ads appeared that pictured a president or mentioned his campaign and suggested he had made a product endorsement. Recently one of those advertising posters sold at a Cowan's auction for \$3,500. It was an 1890s ad for Warner's Log Cabin Sarsaparilla picturing President William Henry Harrison and his grandson, President Benjamin Harrison. The poster says the liquid medicine cures scrofula, biliousness, dizziness, headache, constipation, salt rheum, erysipelas and other diseases. Also pictured is the log cabin symbol used in William Henry's presidential campaign and the logo of the medicine company. A poster with both a

medicine ad and a presidential picture sells for a premium price. This brought \$4,112.

Q: I have a 1939 New York World's Fair combination purse-muff that belonged to my mother. One side is black velvet and the other is Persian lamb. It's 14 inches wide by 10 inches high. The zipper pull on the velvet (purse) side is a chrome circle surrounding the Trylon and Perisphere symbols of the fair. It's in pristine condition. I wrote to a group of World's Fair collectors, but no one there had ever seen a souvenir like mine.

A: A few souvenir purses were made for the 1939 New York World's Fair. The ones we have seen are decorated with images of the Trylon and Perisphere and sell for \$250 to \$350. One that matches the description of yours was offered at auction 10 years ago but didn't sell. Today a World's Fair collector would probably pay at least \$100 for it.

Q: My mother has an oak hutch with an inscribed mark that says, "A Genuine Kuehne Product." Is this piece of furniture a rarity? I can't find any information about the company.

A: Kuehne Manufacturing Co. made kitchen dinette sets in Mattoon, Ill., from the time of its founding in 1932 until it



This poster, 32-by-46 inches, is a chromolithograph by Cosack & Co. of Buffalo, N.Y. It pictures William Henry Harrison, grandfather and grandson and both presidents of the United States. It sold for \$4,112 at a Cowan's Auctions in Cincinnati.

closed in 1965. Its early sets were wooden, but by the 1950s Kuehne was making the chromed metal breakfast-room sets so popular during that decade. The value of your hutch is not likely to be more than \$100, but its price depends on size, condition and what it's made of.

Q: A copy of the *New York Herald* newspaper from April 15, 1865, has been in my family for generations. The front page announces the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln the previous day and his death that morning. The center of the front page, right below a drawing of Lincoln's face, calls the newspaper the "Extra 8:10 a.m." edition. All four sheets, yellowed with age, were encased in plastic 30 years ago and are legible. It is a precious heirloom we have treasured. What is its value?

A: You have a well-known fake newspaper that was printed in huge numbers between 1880 and the early 1900s. Most of the fakes probably were made to advertise the *Herald* or to hand out as souve-

nirs at historic sites. They weren't meant to deceive collectors. There are several clues that prove your paper is a fake and next to worthless: There was no original 8:10 a.m. edition of the *Herald*. Originals were printed on rag paper, which does not yellow with age. *The Herald* did not publish a portrait of Lincoln on April 15, 1865. And the original newspaper was eight pages long, not four. Family stories about long-held possessions are often more myth than fact.

Tip: Do not wrap ceramics, wood, marble or other porous materials in old newspapers; the ink used to print will eventually stain the pieces. Newsprint is high acid paper and it can discolor other materials, especially other pieces of paper, over time. Recycled paper usually is bad but some photocopy paper is acid-free and good for archival storage. Watch out for cardboard boxes and plastic boxes. Many folders, scrapbook and plastic sleeves can damage old paper items like autographs, photographs or baseball cards. ■

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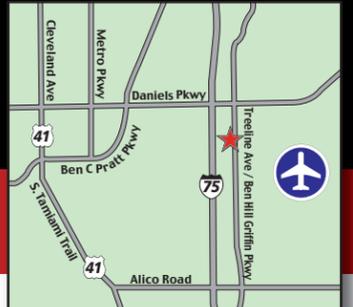
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New community mental health services available

Recognizing the need for more choices in the mental health services community in Southwest Florida, Felix O. Padron, Psy.D., LMHC, and Rey Gomez, program administrator, have opened a community enrichment services center in Naples. FACES (Florida, Adult & Community Enrichment Services Inc.) offers in-home, on-site, community-based programs designed to provide intensive, in-home, support services to children and their families. The location is also an AHCA-certified mental health center.

"We believe that individuals have the right and responsibility to make choices about their own health. Our services are consumer, family and community focused," says Dr. Padron.

The clinic is accepting referrals for children ages 6 to 18 who are on Florida Medicaid (Medipass) or in the foster care system. The clinic will launch a psychosocial rehab program this summer.

The center is located at 3050 Horse-shoe Drive N., Suite 197, Naples. For more information, call 403-9400. ■

Bereavement support on Marco

Joell Canglin, a licensed clinical social worker and bereavement manager at Vitas Innovative Hospice Care, leads a weekly bereavement support group on Marco Island for those dealing with loss. Sessions are from 10:30 a.m. to noon every Thursday in the boardroom at IberiaBank Marco.

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

BY BILL CORNWELL
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Dr. Teresa Sievers wages a daily battle against the one enemy that medical science will never fully conquer: time.

No pill, potion or injection will completely counteract the ravages of aging, and Dr. Sievers — who is board certified in both internal medicine and aging, regenerative and functional medicine, knows this full well. But she also knows that proper medical care, combined with common-sense nutrition and cutting-edge advancements in natural and holistic practices, can prevent, alleviate or greatly delay the onset of many age-related illnesses, including diabetes, heart disease, obesity, strokes and cancer.

Laymen often characterize Dr. Sievers, who maintains a practice in Estero, as an



Dr. Teresa Sievers

Anti-aging doctor practices what she preaches

"anti-aging specialist." She accepts that description with qualification.

"Anti-aging means many things to many people," she says. "Too often, (anti-aging) is associated with the quest to look eternally youthful or to be slimmer — something that is mostly cosmetic. While that is fine, my practice involves finding imbalances in the body before they reach the disease state."

And even after disease is present, Dr. Sievers believes that a healthy state can be achieved, often with minimal use of prescription medications.

"I'm not against prescribing medicines at all," she explains, "but I am against the wholesale and indiscriminate administration of medications. I don't want the (side effects) of a medication to be worse than the condition I am treating."

An example of this approach might involve a patient who comes to Dr. Sievers with a dangerously high blood pressure reading. The first order of business, she says, is to quickly reduce the blood pressure to prevent a possible stroke. Then she can work with the patient on different ways to bring the pressure down with less or no medication.

Dr. Sievers sees numerous patients who suffer from what is known as "metabolic syndrome," which is used to describe a condition that involves elevated blood pressure, high cholesterol and/or triglycerides and unhealthy blood sugar readings.

"I would estimate that three-quarters of my patients have metabolic syndrome," she says. When metabolic syndrome is present, Dr. Sievers says she uses all the tools at her disposal — traditional medical practices, diet, exercise and stress relief — to restore the patient's chemical balance.

"(Treatment) really is a partnership, and the patient has to be

committed to making a change," says the 41-year-old physician.

Ann Lisa is one of those patients who was committed to getting better, and the results, she says, have been nothing short of life-changing. Ms. Lisa, 47, suffered from a sluggish thyroid that left her listless and prone to weight gain. Repeated visits to specialists brought little relief. Dr. Sievers placed Ms. Lisa on a regimen that greatly reduced her medications, but added vitamins and supplements. The doctor further made dietary and exercise suggestions that led to renewed energy and weight loss.

"I don't know how many pounds I lost in the process, but I'm down two sizes in my jeans," she says.

Mirtha Rubbo of Estero is another patient who credits Dr. Sievers with revitalizing her health and, in turn, her life. Mrs. Rubbo, 65, had been plagued by rheumatoid arthritis and constant stomach discomfort.

Dr. Sievers, through nutritional therapy and supplementation, was able to bring an end to Mrs. Rubbo's abdominal distress.

"It was like a godsend," says Mrs. Rubbo.

Dr. Sievers says she is in the best shape of her life as her 42nd birthday approaches. She feels an obligation to "practice what I preach to my patients," and she believes that her personal story provides an example for those she treats.

On a more personal note, the doctor says she also hopes to set an example for her two daughters, ages 6 and 3.

"I had a difficult time when I was younger, and I want to show my daughters there is a better way," she says.

Dr. Sievers says some patients mistakenly believe that good health can only be attained by the young.

"That is simply not true," she says. "People in their 70s and 80s can greatly improve their health and the quality of their lives. Unless there has been some catastrophic medical event, it is never too late to make healthy changes and enjoy the benefits. The body is an amazing machine that can take a lot of abuse and still function." ■

STRAIGHT TALK

A solid year means employee bonuses



In the summer, senior management traditionally recommends compensation changes for the board's Human Resources Committee to consider. These changes take into account a multitude of factors — the general economy, health-care reform, local and regional wages, the economic health of NCH and, most important, our desire to reward the staff for its contribution while remaining prudent in an uncertain economic environment.

At its core, NCH's pay philosophy is to maintain market competitiveness and continue to be the community's health-care employer of choice. Our pay history over the past three years has been as follows:

■ **2007** — We celebrated a good economic year. As a result, all RNs received a 10 percent base rate increase and all other eligible employees received an 8 percent base rate increase. Also, all eligible employees received a 3.0 percent board-designated bonus.

■ **2008** — With the economy sputtering, all eligible employees received a 2.0 percent base rate increase.

■ **2009** — With the continued uncertain economy, all eligible employees received a 1.5 percent board-designated bonus but no base increase.

What about 2010? While unemployment in the nation and region is still high and the economy is still unsettled, we're having a solid year at NCH and want to reward and thank the employees for their efforts. Consequently, we are planning a board-designated bonus of up to 3 percent for all eligible employees, payable in November, after the books on our fiscal year are audited and closed. Based on a labor compensa-

tion analysis, the overall economy, and anticipated further decreases in reimbursement under health-care reform, we are not increasing the base rates for most positions. The exception is in certain critical needs positions where labor market competitiveness, turnover, and/or recruitment challenges have created a need to increase base wages — for example, direct patient care RNs and lab technologists.

Beginning in this next (2011) fiscal year, we are contemplating an employee performance bonus focused on improving our patient satisfaction measurements, which directly impact our system's success. For this employee performance bonus, we plan to use the Press Ganey scores that correlate with the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems metrics employed by Thomson Reuters. These metrics are public knowledge (www.Hospitalcompare.hhs.gov and www.ThomsonReuters.com).

I will provide more detail as this plan is finalized.

As we round into the final quarter of our 2010 fiscal year, my overriding message is: So far, so good. We are ahead of last year and ahead of budget. These improvements are due to everyone's hard work, diligence and prudence. And we intend to reward you for it.

At the same time, we must never lose sight of the fact that we are in a tough economic and health-care environment. We must remain vigilant, not only to ensure job security for 3,400 people but also to guarantee that we will constantly improve and grow in serving the health-care needs of our community with the highest quality.

Thank you, as always, for working together to build a more responsive NCH. ■

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

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approaches to the treatment of diseases that range from cancer to diabetes. Proponents say the facility would serve as an anchor for a wide-ranging complex of research and medical facilities. The University of South Florida has announced that it would like to build a research facility in conjunction with laboratory. And Edison State College thinks it would be a fine site for a charter high school that specializes in scientific studies.

Jackson is seeking \$260 million in public funds — half from the state and half from Collier County — to get the proposal off the ground, and that has generated opposition from groups and individuals who say the county simply cannot afford to fund the project, regardless of its merits.

Last week, the Collier County Commission voted 4-1 to float a \$28 million loan to keep the idea going. The commission did not act on the full \$130 million proposal. Likewise, the state has put forth only \$50 million in funding for the proposal, and lawmakers in Tallahassee say the remaining \$80 million must come from federal stimulus dollars, which are awaiting approval from congress.

Despite the halting progress, supporters of the plan insist the idea is right on track.

"This is all part of a larger process,"



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Jackson Labs would initially employ about 200 people locally.

says Tammie Nemecek, CEO of the Economic Development Council of Collier County. "When you are attempting to put something like this together, you are not going to get everything done in one fell swoop. We've been working on this since 2008, and we are committed to having this process play out in plain view, where everyone can watch all of the pieces being put together."

Ms. Nemecek and other backers insist that it could be one of the most significant economic developments in the county's recent history and would be a significant step toward permanently diversifying Collier's financial base.

Michael Reagen, president and CEO of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, boldly predicts that a biomedical research complex near Ava Maria would "dramatically change the face of eastern Collier County forever."

While Jackson asserts that thousands of jobs could eventually be created, the

research center initially would employ only around 200 people. Of course, Jackson officials say, hundreds of other jobs would be created by the construction phase.

Much of the opposition to the plan centers on the county's \$130 million investment. There is no guarantee, of course, that the research park would grow to the dimensions its supporters predict. And opponents also note that the record of such research centers is mixed in Florida, with fewer jobs actually created than had been promised.

Even those who favor bringing Jackson to Collier concede that the timing is — at best — unfortunate. The notion of shelling out \$130 million during the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression makes it a hard sell on the most basic level. Also, reports that increases in property taxes or new utility fees might be required to generate sufficient funding do not resonate at a time when taxes and fees are extremely unpopular.

Yet, for all the obstacles, the idea continues apace.

Ms. Nemecek says she believes that the more attention the plan receives, the more popular it will become.

"When you go out and actually talk to people and explain what is going on, you see some of the opposition softening," she says. "In that respect, full disclosure benefits everyone. Once people understand that this probably would cost no more than \$30 to \$60 per year per household, they are less likely to be opposed."

Although Ms. Nemecek says she is content to let the idea proceed at its own natural pace, she also notes that, naturally, at some point a decision must be made. She refuses to set a deadline,

but she says the next hurdle to clear is the state funding. If federal stimulus funds are not available, and the state's contribution tops out at the current \$50 million, then non-public areas of financing will be explored, for it is highly unlikely that Collier could increase its proposed contribution of \$130 million.

"If (state funding stalls), then we will have get another partner or entity (to take its place)," she says.

And no one, at this moment, can say where such a partner could be found at this late date. ■

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PET TALES

Prevention is key

A few simple steps can help prevent cancer

BY DR. MARTY BECKER & GINA SPADAFORI

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Prevention is always a better option, no matter what the problem. It's usually easier, less expensive and certainly less painful. That's never been more true than when it comes to cancer.

While cancer is more treatable than ever before, veterinarians also know more about what steps can be taken to help prevent the dreaded disease.

To reduce the risk of cancer in your pet:

- Make sure your dog has good nutrition, weight-management and plenty of exercise. Help your dog to maintain a fit body for life. A fit dog will have a wasp-like waist and a tucked-in abdomen.

- Feed your dog a high-quality diet made by a reputable company or a home-prepared diet prepared with the help of your veterinarian. Start with the amount of food recommended for your dog and adjust accordingly with how your pet's body responds. Cut down on extra calories by substituting baby carrots as treats or by adding volume to meals with green beans.

- Consider adding omega-3 fatty acids (also known as n-3, found in fish oils and other sources) to potentially reduce the risk of developing cancer. Get regular exercise, and you and your dog will



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Keeping dogs exercised and lean can help keep them healthier, including keeping cancer at bay.

benefit with greater health and a closer, more vibrant relationship.

- Spay or neuter your dog. Spaying and neutering have been shown to be an effective method of preventing cancer. Spaying has a significant impact on preventing breast cancer if it is done before a dog goes into her first heat cycle. Discuss the timing and the options with your veterinarian, though: Waiting to alter until later, especially in breeds prone to bone cancer, is worth considering for some male dogs — although the majority of pets are better off neutered.

- Choose clean living for your dog. Eliminate exposure to environmental carcinogens such as pesticides, coal or kerosene heaters, herbicides, passive tobacco smoke, asbestos, radiation and

strong electromagnetic fields. Each one of these factors has been suggested to increase the risk of cancer in your dog (and in you).

You may do everything you can and still end up with a cancer diagnosis for your pet. Don't despair. Cure rates and an improved quality of life are increasing because families are working with veterinarians to identify the disease in its initial stages and to employ new technologies that are highly effective in the early stages of cancer care.

Even for those dogs who cannot be cured, most who are treated are still able to enjoy an improved, robust life. In most situations, animals undergoing cancer treatment experience limited to no decrease in their quality of life.

Almost all dogs with cancer can be helped, and you can defeat the darkness of cancer with knowledge. Work with your veterinary team to learn as much about the disease and its treatment as possible. Be proactive. Ask questions and obtain resources to tear away the many misconceptions about cancer and cancer therapies. Tackling the emotional aspects of cancer can enhance your ability to think clearly, make decisions, and begin to find the hope and opportunities that lie before you as you deal with your dog's cancer.

Understand there are no wrong decisions — only decisions that are right for you. Do not worry what other people will think about your choices. You know your dog better than anyone else in the world knows him. Once you are empowered with the information you need, listen to your heart and you will make the right decisions. ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Angel** is a sweet tortie kitten. She's quite active, too.



>> **Gator Girl** is a brindle pit bull who's about 3 years old. She does well on the leash but is rather shy.



>> **Sarge** is a 2-year-old pit bull. He's a strong guy who likes to play and go for long walks.



>> **Stormy** is a playful little guy who would love to be your pal.

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MUSINGS

Quaff



My mouth is poised on the edge. The rim is a cool presence of promise. I breathe in deeply, preparing for what it is to come. This is amuse-bouche supreme, wonderful inkling of the feast, in slow, seductive, time lapse approach. Liquid bouquet.

In this eternally now suspension, like T. S. Eliot's hollow between desire and spasm, in the shallows of my rapidly receding capacity for naming, it is like this. The castle gate of my teeth is so open that lips and tongue evanesce, not caring for themselves, but only for the empty space they worship. This mouth as space is only in relation to the nectar that gives it meaning, that promises to fill and to fill exquisitely. This nectar promises to fill abundantly, like kaleidoscopic visions that are lovelier with each disappearing.

The first touch first bemuses. Sight is set on site of edge, self defined by this pirate as ship's keel, principle structural member running lengthwise long and longing along the center from bow to stern. An imperative voice, "Keel over," comes from within, a first recognition of the need to know more by knowing less. For this off keel is now more breast bone

of flying bird and pairs of united petals. The shape that had many names is merest mist and smoke.

For there are no eyes here in the shadows. Or mouth parts, no lips or teeth or tongue. No ears, no nose, no edgy skin.

No identity of gender or race or nation.

No occupation or pre-occupation or history or whatever information you might pursue. No crashing drum, no clanging symbols.

Let's get impersonal, transpersonal. Let's put ourselves in position to yearn beyond satiation.

Piracy is mere suggestion, merest outline of possible, an offering to the realization that any saying of me or thee is less than this sacrifice of praise. This sacrifice is freely offered, no strings attached. It is love.

In the see of love there is fluid mix, one body so confused with another that nobody remains.

The yearning of the pirate is for that, not only in the brief orgasmic moment, but in the asymptotic approach of annihilation birthed in each moment of its own petite mort.

Invisibility is a sign of the yearning for new seeing and new saying and new mind.

This pirate remains invisible, but connected. The connection is the vision of what emerges between, the stuff of nectar. Nectar is taste beyond telling, sight for the blind, music of the spheres,

musings of the pirate.

I do not want to give less. I do not want to give the eternal recurrence of Nietzsche's despair, or the death instinct of Freudian transference, or the crystallized categorization that says this is mine and where are you?

Lay hands on me to anoint my nefarious, omnifarious love. Rejoice that I give more than any what or who.

In this play we become this together. We come together. We come to gather all the parts, written and unwritten, bidden and unbidden.

Pirates together, we are in the embrace of the see, water mixing with water, bubbles rising out of the mix and popping before visibility ossifies. ■

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Francette Guy sees loyal repeat customers coming in to Auctions Neapolitan & Gallery where she works as assistant to the owner.

In with the old

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Antiques business holds steady in hard times

Joe Fink pauses in mid-sentence to welcome customers into his Pearl's Place antique shop in Arcadia. Sitting behind a glass case displaying antique baubles and assorted glassware and trinkets, Mr. Fink says his business has been "holding. You have to remember, we're a want shop, not a need shop."

Whatever it was they wanted, customers on a recent Saturday afternoon continued to enter the boutique and browse its selection of primitive farm tools, wicker pieces and late 1800s wood furnishings, including a needlepoint-topped wood privy with the original bowl. Sidewalks along West Oak Street, the city's main hub, were also busy and downtown's tearoom had run out of fixings for its signature sandwich.

With 25 shops, some of which have opened in just the past year and offer multiple vendors under one roof, Arcadia's downtown boasts one of Florida's highest concentrations of antique shops, earning it kudos as the state's best antiques town.

"Arcadia is known all over Florida as the antique capital," says Howard Lacourse, the newly elected president of the Antiques Association of Arcadia and the owner of Tokens of Tyme Antiques & Collectibles, which relocated here after Hurricane Charley claimed his Port Charlotte building. "The joy of this place is you can park and cover four blocks with-

out having to get into your car. Other places are really spread out."

The snowball effect

Many credit Flo Rife for the city's rebirth from cattle town to antique destination. She hung a shingle for Maddy's Antiques back in 1993, and others soon followed, turning the once-failing ghost town into a day trip or weekend getaway for hunter-gatherers in search of art glass, folk art, pottery, furniture, jewelry and primitive pieces.

The association also attracts shoppers by sponsoring a fourth Saturday of the month antiques fair that during season attracts as many as 150 sidewalk vendors and "wall-to-wall people on the sidewalk," according to Mr. Lacourse.

Other Southwest Florida antique shop

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On the move

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Get thrifty by following tips for deal seekers. B2 ►



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Miromar Design Center offers free Saturday seminars

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Learn how to enhance remodel your current home or your future home with environmentally friendly solutions. Melissa G. Allen, principal of MGA Interior Design LLC, provides easily understood concepts related to the environ-

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MONEY & INVESTING

Savings abound for savvy deal-seekers



Since the onset of the Great Recession (the name given to the current, prolonged malaise), thrifty behavior has become very much "in vogue." Shopping for values and asking for discounts have always been behaviors largely characteristic of those impacted by the Great Depression, those whose childhood was economically harsh or those whose core values embraced such.

Truth be told, Southwest Florida's economy depended on luxury homes, extravagant vacations and retirees spending freely. So, even for locals, the solution to cash-flow challenges was often to grow income/revenue and worry less about reining in expenditures. These were pervasive mindsets.

But all that has changed and even those who previously experienced great financial freedoms are now looking to save money.

There is plenty of news coverage about cost cutting, and many ideas have merit. Here are a few ways that are not often mentioned in press coverage — some are unique to snowbirds but some apply to permanent residents. Certainly those locals involved with seasonal services might want to share these ideas with seasonal friends and customers.

After reading these ideas, you might find that thrifty thinking has taken seed in your own mind. Soon you will be generating additional ideas — ideas good for all and some unique to your household. The important

thing is to get the "thrifty seed" planted and then give it the time and opportunity to grow.

Credit cards

There is a lot of counsel about wise use of leverage and about paying off high-interest rate credit balances. Another idea is to review the past year's credit card bills and look to see if there were any late fee charges, as these can be \$25 to \$40 per occurrence. You should consider calling your credit card company and asking for a refund of such fees. It is a courtesy often extended to customers. Most credit card companies limit it to two in the past three months or three in the past year; most recently incurred late charges are more likely to be refunded. You can also ask banks to reverse their fees for accounts that used credit card lines of credit, which is often a \$10 per occurrence charge.

Auto insurance

Before making any changes to your auto policy, you should consult with your agent; these ideas might not be applicable to your situation.

First, ask your agent how much money you can save if you are not using your car for an extended period of time. You might be able to suspend collision portion of coverage and, generally, the largest portion of the insurance bill is collision coverage. Many insurers have clear policies about suspension; some allow it for a minimum of two weeks and for others the threshold is one month. For those planning a month away or for the snowbirds who are gone for nine months, this can be a significant savings.

Another auto insurance idea focuses on coverage of children. Most parents know about the good student discount on premiums

but not all know that premiums can be lowered for students who are at boarding school or at college, if the school is a specified distance from the parents' home. Further, should the college student be age 18 or older, you can take them off the policy if, and only if, they are only an occasional driver (e.g. vacations). It might be that the insurer has the flexibility to add the student back on the policy when the student returns for the summer or times of full usage. Most insurance companies do not consider summer usage to be occasional.

Unused items to be returned

There are several national store chains that have a gracious and generous return policy in that they take back purchases made a long time ago if there has been an unsatisfactory product experience. Some high-end retailers and some warehouse stores have a policy of no or few questions asked about returns. This is not to suggest that you should take undue advantage of these return policies.

Dining out

Southwest Florida is noted for its abundance of restaurants; the dining specials (two entrees and a bottle of wine for \$29.95 or half-price drinks and appetizers) have almost become de facto standards for summer business. These offers are hard to beat. Beyond that, restaurant.com sells \$25 certificates to local restaurants for \$10 and, sometimes, for as little as \$2. Some local restaurants list very few conditions for usage.

Pharmacy cash coupons

Several chain pharmacies offer cash coupons attached to register receipts. The only

problem with their use is that they often expire soon after being issued; frequently people don't return before expiration or they lose the coupon. One solution is to divide your purchases in half and pay for one portion first and, if the receipt generates a cash coupon, you can immediately use it for the remainder of your purchase.

Decorating

Whether for new homes, renovations or preparation for resale, the services of a professional decorator are often used. But before committing to their services for the entire home, consider whether you can have the decorator do the difficult part and you finish with the easier assignments. For instance, the decorator might create the theme for the entire house and decorate the key rooms (living/family rooms, den, kitchen). The savings will be realized by decorating the bedrooms yourself.

Auto servicing

If you consider an oil change to be generic, then check for specials offered online. (Last week, a major local dealer had a \$5.95 oil change special.)

After reading these ideas, *Florida Weekly* readers most certainly will have examples of other ways to stretch their dollars. Please forward these ideas and they will be included in future columns. ■

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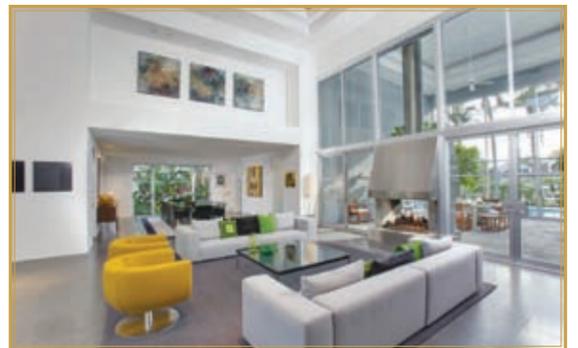
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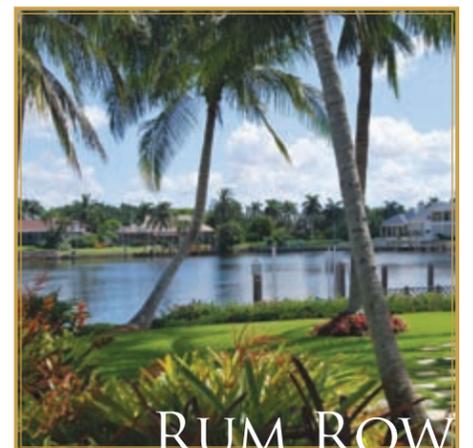
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Construction



BRECKENRIDGE

GATES announces the addition of **Michael Breckenridge** has joined GATES as senior estimator responsible for comprehensive estimating for material take-offs and labor estimates as well as developing subcontractor scopes and bidding criteria. He collaborates with the company's executive staff and the project team in all preconstruction services including sequencing, design review, constructability and life cycle analysis, value engineering, cost/budget analysis and strategic planning. He holds a bachelor's degree in construction technology with a minor in business administration from the University of North Florida, Jacksonville.

Professional Development



SKY

Joshua Sky of The Sky's The Limit Consulting Inc. has earned certification as a senior professional in human resources from the HR Certification Institute.

Christine Ross, president and CEO of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of

Commerce, has completed the Regional Sustainable Development Fellowship funded by the Ford Foundation. Ms. Ross was selected by the American Chamber of Commerce Executives to participate in the 12-month program designed to deepen participants' understanding of the policies and practices that lead to long-term economic and community growth.

Law



LIFE

Laird Life is one of 10 attorneys statewide inducted into Florida Trend's 2010 Legal Elite Hall of Fame. Certified by The Florida Bar as a wills, trusts and estates lawyer since 1989, Mr. Life is a fellow in the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, a member of the board of governors for The Florida Bar and past chair of its real property, probate and trust law section. He has been included in Woodward/White's "The Best Lawyers in America" since 1995 and is recognized as one of Florida's "100 Top Super Lawyers." He graduated from College of William and Mary, Ohio Northern University and the University of Miami.



BUDD

David Budd and **Rachael Loukonen** have been elected as shareholders of the firm Grant, Fridkin, Pearson, Athan & Crown, P.A. **Jacqueline Gadberry** has joined the firm's trusts and estates practice group.

Mr. Budd has been practicing law in Southwest Florida since 1981 and is a member of the firm's business and real estate transaction practice group. Prior to moving to Naples, he served as a trial attorney in the antitrust division of the U.S. Department of Justice, as chief of



LOUKONEN

the antitrust section in the office of the Ohio Attorney General, as a partner and head corporate attorney in an Ohio law firm, and as in-house or general counsel to Florida corporations engaged in manufacturing and mining. He earned his bachelor's degree from Ohio University and his J.D. from the University of Cincinnati in 1962.



GADBERRY

Ms. Loukonen has been practicing law in Southwest Florida since 2003 and is a member of the firm's litigation and dispute resolution practice group, representing businesses and individuals in matters involving complex property, business, construction and employment issues. She received her bachelor's and J.D. degrees from the University of Florida.

Ms. Gadberry has been practicing law in Southwest Florida since 2007 and is part of the firm's trusts and estates practice group, concentrating on tax planning and estate planning and administration. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Indiana, her J.D. from the Cumberland School of Law at Samford University and her LL.M. from the University of Florida.

Higher Education

Jeanne Von Ohlsen has been appointed chair of the Medical Assisting Program at the School of Allied Health at Hodges University. Professor Von Ohlsen has worked in health care for more than 25 years in a variety of clinical and management positions. She serves as president of the Florida Society of Medical Assistants and is also a certified medical practice executive. She holds a bachelor's degree in health care administration from Hodges University and is enrolled in the master's program with an emphasis in education.

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ANTIQUES

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owners have also launched similar snowball effects. Dottie Simpson “took the plunge, thinking bigger may be better” when she moved her now 20-year-old Treasure Island from Second Avenue to Central Avenue in Naples. Her 12,000-square-foot multi-dealer mall offers Oriental, French, English and American furniture and antiques, Dutch pottery, English majolica and high-end and costume jewelry. Ms. Simpson specializes in sterling and “anything English.”

First-time visitors to Gannon’s Antiques and Art Center, a multi-dealer mall in Fort Myers, are always surprised by its size, says owner Richard Gannon, who relocated from College Parkway to Tamiami Trail six years ago. “From the outside, it looks like a nice, mild-mannered building. But inside, we have 80 different vendors. We have Tiffany and a lot of things you wouldn’t expect to find in sleepy Fort Myers,” he says.

Business may not be as good as it was during the height of Southwest Florida’s real estate boom in 2005, when residents had extra money to throw around, but sales have been fairly steady, and even on the upswing.

“I just checked our year-to-date numbers and we’re up 13 percent,” Mr. Gannon says. “That probably puts us right back where we were four years ago. Last year we were up 10 percent, so we’ve seen two years of double-digit increases. Our average ticket sales are up.”

Mr. Gannon credits the 13-year-old business’ success to a best-of-everything, best-of-anything business acumen. “We’ve done a good job upgrading through the years. We now sell \$25,000 paintings. We realized the knickknack stuff wasn’t cutting it. A shop selling \$8 teacups is not going to survive.”

Since moving from Naples’ Third Street Plaza to a nearby storefront between popular restaurants Sea Salt and Tommy Bahama, sales and traffic have increased at The Englishman, a dealer specializing in 19th century English and European antiques.



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Richard and Ursula Gannon, owners of Gannon’s Antiques & Art, offer a warehouse of vintage collectibles.

“It’s a prime location, and we keep long hours,” says Rob Thomas, general manager. “Most years we sell more paintings than anything else. This year we’ve done very well with furniture, probably because furniture is more an essential item.”

A \$24,000 carved Italian buffet, a piece Mr. Thomas calls a “traffic stopper,” was one of the items sold this year.

In Arcadia, there’s more of a mixed reaction. “Last season was quite good,” says Arcadia’s Mr. Fink. “We’re seeing customers coming back.”

Not the case, ironically, at Maddy’s where Ms. Rife’s inventory of early Americana pieces includes a turn-of-last-century pie safe and a corner cupboard from Pennsylvania. Although she recently sold an apothecary cabinet, Ms. Rife credits sales from scented candles for helping her survive the slow summer months.

“Year-wise, we’re doing fine but the summer has been bad,” agrees Mr. Lacourse, who sells century-old lamps, furnishings and glass. “We’ve had a high heat index and storms.”

Judy’s Antiques & Jewelry in Fort Myers also falls into the lukewarm category, according to owner Judy Haar. The 21-year-old business specializes in “girly stuff” — vintage estate and costume jewelry,

perfume bottles, sterling flatware, art glass and pottery. Among the recent top sellers: sterling and American Indian turquoise jewelry.

“People used to collect a lot of little doodads and cutesy stuff but the trend now is for a more subdued look,” says Ms. Haar. “Now they don’t want a lot of clutter. They don’t want something unless it’s functional. Lamps and candlesticks, they’re buying that kind of thing. We do have a market for tabletop frames for old pictures, art pottery and majolica. But Flow Blue (blue and white pottery) has gone down the tubes.”

Sure, the state of the economy is to blame but local dealers cite other factors, as well. Ms. Haar says the Internet has brought down prices as items become more readily available to the masses. “It’s taken away the thrill of the chase,” she says.

Several dealers speculate media reports of the gulf oil spill and closed beaches have kept away summer’s usual influx of European tourists. There’s also a growing interior design trend away from antiques and disinterest among Generation Y-ers.

“These days, few people want a house full of antiques and nothing else,” says Mr. Thomas. “Parents and grandparents are selling their antiques to us because their children or grandchildren don’t want them.”

Those who are buying from the store are furnishing second homes in Southwest Florida or primary residences up north. “They’re 75 percent of our business,” Mr. Thomas says. “We also have international clients.”

While most antiquers fall in the 50- to 60 age category, there are younger buyers, often raised by collectors or tapping into the nostalgia bug.

“People have fun in here,” says Tommy Childers, co-owner of Arcadia’s Yesterday’s Today, which opened last October. “You hear them all the way through the store saying how they had that, their moth-

er had that or ‘I can’t believe I threw it away.’ Look at what happened with the book ‘Ferdinand the Bull’ after it was in that movie ‘The Blind Side.’ It was going for \$250.”

Vintage colored Pyrex dishes, Tonka trucks and 1930s Buddy L trucks are popular with Childers’ 30- and 40-year-old buyers. “They’re collecting what their mothers or grandmothers had,” he says.

Ms. Rife says her younger customers want the country and primitive look. “They don’t care if it has a pedigree as long as it has the look,” she says. “They don’t care if it was owned by Paul Revere, just as long as it looks like it could have been owned by Paul Revere.”

Buyers are also looking for deals. And generally they’ll find them, particularly if an item has been occupying valuable showroom space for a while. “If we have something that’s two or three years old and the market has dropped, we’re willing to take a loss and replace it with goods we can buy at a lower price,” says Mr. Gannon.

The face of Arcadia’s antiques district is continually changing. Businesses come, businesses go, says Mr. Lacourse, noting shops vacated due to death, marriage or retirement fill quickly as new or existing stores leapfrog to bigger spaces or more visible locations.

BlackRidge Antique Center co-owners Mark Holdridge and Fred Blacker selected the district because of its reputation as an antiques destination. The store, which sells American primitive pieces from the 1800s and earlier, opened nine months ago.

Keep ‘em coming

Special events also drum up business. Like Arcadia, Gannon’s offers an in-season monthly fair that attracts as many as 3,000. Mr. Gannon is also shooting a commercial that will air during the “Antique Road Show,” and Arcadia is patterning its Sept. 11 “Appraisal Day” after the popular TV show. The association will also sponsor an Oct. 2 fall festival/Octoberfest that will play upon the city’s small-town, old-fashion feel. Holiday open houses, a chocolate festival and tea party are also planned, says Mr. Lacourse.

Come Labor Day Ms. Rife will offer her fifth annual country antiques show. “It’s become a tradition,” she says. “We get country dealers and people from all over the state.”

Mr. Fink says the association’s advertising efforts have been paying off. “We’re getting customers from Naples, Sarasota, Fort Myers and the other coast.”

Guestbooks at the Hot Fudge Shoppe, Mary Margaret’s Tea & Biscuit and various stores were inscribed by visitors from Sweden, the Netherlands and a Spanish signee who declared the ice cream shop the best in “Florida, maybe the world.”

“People drive all the way to Arcadia and want to buy something,” says Mr. Childers. ■



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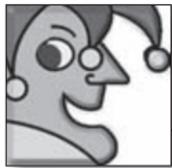


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■ **Banking services.** Some brokerages now offer check-writing, money market

accounts, credit cards, ATM cards, direct deposits and more.

■ **Research.** See what free research reports on companies a brokerage provides. Of course, there's plenty of free research available online anyway.

■ **Mutual fund offerings.** Many brokerages offer a variety of mutual funds. If you're interested in some particular funds, check to see which brokerages offer them. Know, though, that you can usually purchase no-load mutual funds directly from their companies, too.

■ **Non-stock offerings.** If you're interested in bonds, for example, see whether they're offered.

■ **Convenience.** Would you rather place orders through an actual person, touch-tone phone or online?

Some of these factors are more important than others. For example, if you trade only twice a year, commission costs might not matter much. So list all the services you need and then evaluate each contender on each category. For more on brokerages, visit www.brokerage.fool.com and www.consumersearch.com/online-brokers/reviews. ■

My Dumbest Investment

A Costly Victory

About 13 years ago, a friend who worked for sound card maker Aureal Semiconductor told me I should invest in it. Since I was a computer geek and thought Aureal made the best sound cards ever, I sunk \$500 into the stock. About six months later, the company went out of business.

Helping drive it into bankruptcy was the cost of fighting a patent infringement lawsuit from Creative Labs. Aureal won the lawsuit, though. Yay.

— Mike Lindley, -Davenport, Iowa

The Fool Responds: This is a sad story, as Creative Labs ended up buying much of Aureal's remaining assets and its technology, and then didn't have to pay royalties to it for its use. The lesson here is that it's important to pay attention to a company's cash position and how effectively it's gaining or losing cash, and also to be mindful of any ongoing or potential lawsuits. It's not always enough to have a superior technology.

You also need the resources to protect and sell it. ■



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

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to a construction company founded by Swiss immigrants in Wisconsin in 1890. Today, based in Texas, I'm one of the world's largest publicly owned engineering, procurement, construction, maintenance (EPCM), and project management companies, involved in industries such as chemicals and petrochemicals, life sciences, oil and gas, renewable energy, telecommunications, and transportation infrastructure.

I toiled on the trans-Alaska pipeline in the 1970s and recently worked on the world's largest polysilicon facility in China. I've built refineries, pipeline pumping stations, missile sites, copper mines and power plants, and have worked on six continents. Who am I? ■

(Answer: Fluor)



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Ask the Fool

Investing in Do-Gooders

How can I be a socially responsible investor?

— P.F., Norwalk, Conn.

First off, understand that there are many social issues to consider. A company may have many women in management and not produce tobacco, but it might pollute the environment. It's hard to find completely objection-free organizations.

Still, you do have several options for socially responsible investing (SRI). For starters, you can invest in a socially responsible mutual fund. As with most funds, not all SRI funds have above-average records. Still, some do, such as the Neuberger Berman Socially Responsible Fund (NBSRX), the Appleseed Fund (APPLX) and the Parnassus Equity Income (PRBLX) Fund.

Learn more about SRI investing and issues at www.socialinvest.org, www.socialfunds.com, www.csrwire.com and www.corpwatch.org. You can also visit the websites of firms that run responsible funds, such as www.calvert.com, www.domini.com, www.paxworld.com and others.

Alternatively, seek out companies whose practices you approve of. One spot where you can research various individual firms' social track records is www.socialfunds.com/csr.

If you're not online, check out these books: "Socially Responsible Investing for Dummies" by Ann Logue (For Dummies, \$25) and "Compelling Returns" by Scott J. Budde (Wiley, \$30).

If a mutual fund closes its doors to new investors, is that a bad sign?

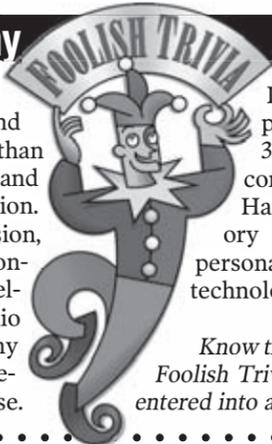
— T.N., Mankato, Minn.

It's usually a good sign, suggesting that the fund managers recognize that they're having trouble finding enough top-notch places to invest their growing pile of shareholder money. When a fund grows enormous, it's harder for managers to earn high returns because they have to spread the money out more. ■

Got a question for the Fool?
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Name That Company

Headquartered in Tokyo, I'm a giant in both the entertainment and technology arenas, with more than 160,000 employees worldwide and annual revenue nearing \$80 billion. I'm involved in movies, television, recorded music, video game consoles and more. I'm the co-developer of the CD, DVD, Super Audio CD and Blu-ray Disc. Some of my biggest sellers were named something like StrollGuy and FrolicBase.



I'm a leader in developing, producing and distributing 3D sports, music and game content. You might know my Handycam camcorder, Memory Stick flash media, VAIO personal computers or Betamax technology. Who am I? ■

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

The Motley Fool Take

More IMAX to Love

Ticket sales for theatrical releases digitally remastered for IMAX's (Nasdaq: IMAX) screens this past quarter clocked in at roughly \$115 million, up 37 percent from a year ago.

"Even excluding 'Avatar' completely from our 2010 results, our per-screen average through the first six months is \$647,000, a 13 percent increase over the same period in the prior year," CEO Richard Gelfond points out.

IMAX will have to share those millions with movie studios and exhibitors. However, its recent moves to team up with AMC and Regal through joint-venture deals give it a little more skin in the game.

Success on the big screen also helps IMAX grow its global empire. It recently announced a deal for five new screens in the Philippines, upping new screen signings to 89 so far this year. There were just 35 new screens scheduled at this point last year.

The larger IMAX's base of theaters is, the more lucrative each theatrical release becomes. Some multiplex chains are trying to cobble together rival platforms, but they typically can't do much more than just play the same film on a larger screen with a beefed-up sound system. It takes millions to remaster a movie for an optimized IMAX experience, and that's where IMAX will continue to stand alone. (IMAX is a "Motley Fool Rule Breakers" recommendation.) ■

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

► **Blinds and Drapery Concept** has leased 1,400 square feet of retail space in Pelican Village at 24830 S. Tamiami Trail, Suite 1700, Bonita Springs, from Crandall Commercial Group LLC. Bill Young of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples negotiated the transaction.

► **Quest of Naples** d/b/a Zazou has leased 2,235 square feet of retail space at 390 12th Av. S., Unit 100, from 382 Building Development LLC. Patrick Fraley and Paige Eber of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

► **Rambh LLC** has purchased 25,405 square feet of professional/medical office space at 6610 Willow Park Drive from Neapolitan Ventures LLC. Purchase price was \$2,987,500. David

Stevens and Clint Sherwood of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

► **Silverleaf Advisors LLC** has purchased 8.14 acres (14 vacant residential lots) in Whiskey Creek, Key Marco, from Associated Bank for \$500,000. Enn Luthringer and Michael Orden of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples negotiated the transaction.

► **Simpson Strong-Tie Company** has leased an additional 3,286 square feet of office space at 999 Vanderbilt Beach Road from FTC Naples LLC. Craig Timmins of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

► **Sinclair Financial Group** has leased 1,112 square feet of office space

at 2640 Golden Gate Parkway from Poinciana Professional Park. Clint Sherwood of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

► **Vincent Prestige Properties LLC** has purchased 9,700 square feet of commercial/residential space at 602 Fifth Ave. S. from Everbank for \$2.4 million. Craig Timmins and David Stevens of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

► **Alico Lakes Commons LLC** has leased space in the Seatech Center, 17595 S. Tamiami Trail, Fort Myers, to Rent A Genius, Suites 200.1 and 200.2; and LPS, Suite 107. Michael J. Frye, CCIM, RE/MAX Realty Group Commercial Division, negotiated the transactions. ■

Modern Service launches new website

Modern Service for Home & Business has launched an interactive website with added content for current customers and the community as a whole. The site is intended to provide the clients and the public with an informational resource that can be used to answer questions about air conditioning.

The "Click to chat" function allows one-to-one live conversations with Modern representatives. The "Click to call" feature will allow a user to input a phone number to have a representative call back within a number of minutes.

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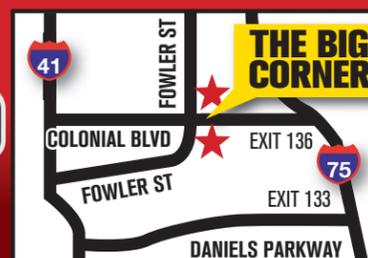
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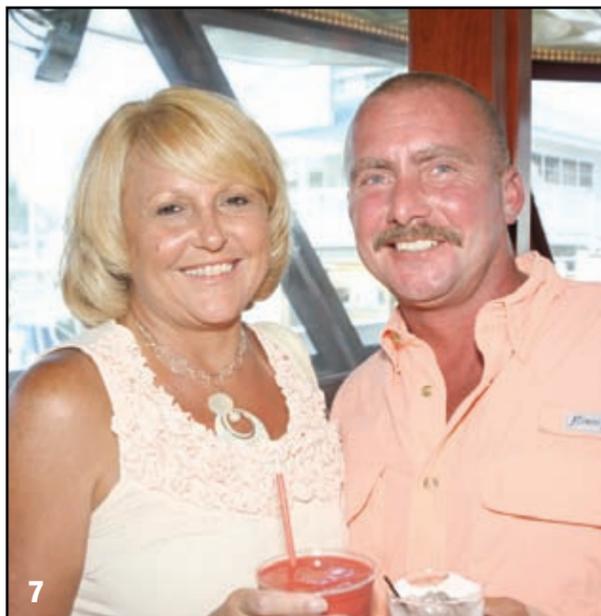
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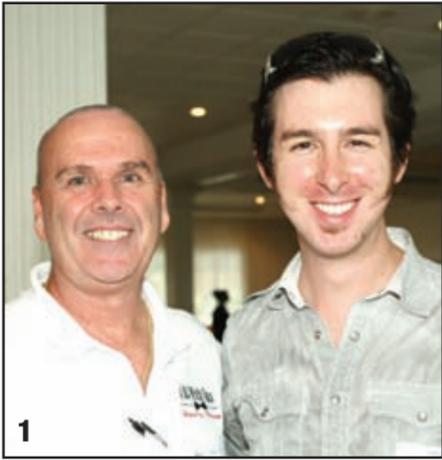
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The National Association of Wedding Professionals The Naples Beach Hotel hosts annual meeting



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2. Dorothy Peltier-Fanchi and Tori Lawless
3. Meg Kerrigan and Sue Savino
4. Sandy Lacefield and Dale Kubala
5. Tammy Mercer, Melissa Read, Dale Kubala and Carol Heitz
6. Maurica Hurley, Karl Rouwhorst and Nanette Dorbeck
7. Javier Araujo, Britney Riley, Fatima Brosious and Billy Hill
8. Deborah K. Elias and Marie Jeanluis

ABWA Neapolitan Chapter new officer inductions, celebration at Pincher's Crab Shack



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1. Toby Buerger, Jessica Macera, Kelly Lauman and Jennifer Zeigelmaier
2. Shirley Rose, Kena Yoke and Jennifer Zeigelmaier
3. Lynne Sapere and Susie Mehas
4. Sandy Waite and Rachelle Youmans
5. Cyndee Woolley and Linda Bellinder

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Ronto Group buys villa neighborhoods

Miramonte and Torino, two luxury villa neighborhoods within the Grey Oaks community, have been acquired by the Naples-based Ronto Group. The acquisition includes 18 developed lots in Miramonte and 38 developed lots in Torino. Also included are three professionally decorated villa homes, one in Miramonte and two in Torino, each of which is available for immediate purchase. The Ronto Group was the sole bidder at a court-approved auction of the property.

The Ronto Group is a family-owned development company with over 40 years of experience in the creation and completion of residential, commercial and retail projects. The company was founded by Jack Solomon in 1967 and is currently managed by Mr. Solomon and his son, Anthony Solomon.

Ronto is in discussion with several local builders and will be finalizing its Preferred Builder Program soon. What will be built will be in line with the quality and architectural style of the existing neighborhoods and the Grey Oaks community at large.

Grey Oaks is located on Airport-Pulling Road just north of Golden Gate Parkway in Naples.

Positive projections for housing market

Two top economists recently offered encouraging news for the housing market. NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun and Moody's Economy.com Chief Economist Mark Zandi are predicting a slightly stronger demand for housing going into 2011. The two expect mortgage interest rates to remain historically low and the availability of jumbo loans to improve.

According to Susan Ackerson, president of the Marco Island Area Association of Realtors, the Marco Island market mirrors the projections. In a comparison of first quarter 2010 statistics (January through March) with second quarter 2010 statistics (April through June), total all property types closed on Marco Island increased 39.34 percent. Prices are stabilizing. The average sale price first quarter compared to second quarter, as well as the median sale price for the same time period, all property types, showed declines of 2.34 percent and 3.90 percent respectively, while the average sale price for a single-family home increased 8.48 percent first to second quarter 2010.

Total inventory has declined from first quarter by 8.89 percent, and new listings coming on the market in the second quarter have declined by

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Valencia Golf & Country Club

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D.R. Horton now selling in three Naples communities

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

America's Builder, D.R. Horton, is now selling new homes in three Naples communities: Valencia Golf & Country Club, Horse Creek Estates and Il Regalo.

Valencia Golf & Country Club in Naples is a private, gated golf-course community, close to shopping, dining and entertainment. Homes offer fairway, lake and preserve views and range from 1,554 square feet to 2,676 square feet. Standard features included granite countertops in the kitchen, a two- or three-car attached garage, tile roof, and paver driveway and walkway. Prices start in the \$170s.

Valencia features a Gordon Lewis-designed 18-hole championship golf course. This 7,200-yard course is currently undergoing a major upgrade, including

re-grassing, re-contouring the course and upgrading the irrigation system. Residents will also enjoy access to the clubhouse with a resort-style swimming pool.

To visit Valencia Golf & Country Club, take I-75 to Immokalee Road and head east. Take a right at Randall Boulevard, then left on Approach Boulevard. Call the sales office at 354-0243 for more information.

Horse Creek Estates offers estate style living in a North Naples location and is very close to golf and the gulf. This new community features 109 single-family homes built in a natural preserve setting.

Homes range from 2,260 square feet to 3,869 square feet. Standard features include solid surface countertops in the kitchen, a two- or three-car attached garage, tile roof, and paver driveway and

walkway. Prices start from the \$290s.

Horse Creek Estates offers single-family estate homes without the maintenance. Services covered include lawn/yard maintenance, irrigation, pest control, high speed Internet and cable TV.

Horse Creek Estates is located west of I-75 off of Immokalee Road. Head west to Cypress Way and turn right and continue north to Saddle Brook Lane. Call the sales office at 593-1633 for more information.

Il Regalo is the third of D.R. Horton's Naples communities. This quaint, neighborhood-sized community offers only 35 estate homes with two floor plans with living areas ranging from 2,260 to 3,041 square feet.

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Area firms earn Aurora Awards

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Several local companies were awarded Aurora Awards during the annual Industry Gala at the 2010 Southeast Building Conference/Green Building Show in Orlando on July 24.

K2 Design Group of Bonita Springs won the top award, the Gold Aurora - Best in Show. The single-source architectural, interior design and construction management firm also won four Aurora Grand awards for highest achievement in a category and another four Aurora awards for a total of nine awards.

Stock Development received two Aurora Awards for its work at Lely Resort, and Covelli Development Group won an Aurora for the Mariana in The Estuary at Grey Oaks.

Lely Resort won Auroras for Residential/Mixed Use Land Development and The Players Club & Spa was honored in the Recreational Facility Category.

"We are gratified to have been given these national honors by our peers in the building industry," said Claudine Léger-Wetzel, vice president of sales and marketing for Stock Development. "They confirm what the local market has been saying: Lely Resort is Naples' most dynamic community."

Lely Resort offers 11 neighborhoods showcasing flats, townhomes, casitas, coach homes, twin villas, single-family homes and custom estate homes with prices beginning in the \$180s.

Amenities at Lely Resort include The Players Club & Spa and three championship golf courses designed by legends of the game Robert Trent Jones, Gary Player and Lee Trevino, as well as two golf clubhouses.

Covelli Development Group's winning entry, the Mariana in The Estuary at Grey Oaks, was named the Best Home in the category for detached single-family homes over \$3,000,001.

"Covelli Development Group is very proud to be recognized by industry peers," says John Covelli, president of Covelli Development Group. "Our custom home models are planned with meticulous attention to detail to provide only the best of the best."

The home is offered furnished for \$4,995,000.

Each year, the Aurora Awards are presented to builders, developers, architects, planners, interior merchandisers, landscape architects and other disciplines actively involved in projects in a 12-state southeastern region plus the Caribbean who have demonstrated excellence in building and design.

"The Aurora Awards are the Grammys of the home building profession," says Patti Guthrie, 2010 Aurora Award chair. "The Aurora symbolizes tremendous achievement, honor and distinction among building industry professionals." ■



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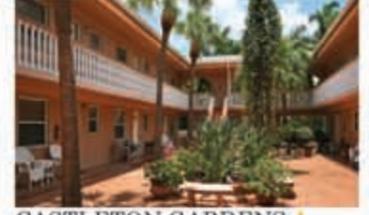
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BRIEFS

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24.25 percent compared to the first quarter, said Ms. Ackerson.

In regard to foreclosures, Mr. Yun predicts a fairly even level of foreclosures, with home prices potentially rising 2 to 3 percent this year. Mr. Zandi forecasts a rise of foreclosures later in 2010 before easing in 2011. ■

John R. Wood Realtors ranked 89th in nation

REALTOR Magazine, in its annual report of the nation's top 100 companies, announced that John R. Wood Realtors ranked 14th in closed sales per agent. Compiled for the year 2009, the report gave the company an overall ranking of 89th in the nation with \$942 million in sales, regardless of company size, number of agents or geographic location.

"And that number is only for closed sales," says Phil Wood, president. "When we include those sales not yet closed at year end, our 2009 total was \$1.1 billion, just shy of a 3 percent increase over last year."

Mr. Wood cited the firm's award-winning sales and administrative staff for its "excellent performance in a tough market," but also credited the company's ongoing enhancements to its numerous websites and its presence on social media sites such as Facebook and YouTube.

"Buyers need to be able to search all properties, see all open houses, and set up automatic notifications when a hot property comes on the market," he says.

Lennar's sales strong at Heritage Bay Club

Lennar reports it sold more than 100 new homes since January at Heritage Bay, a gated golf and country club resort community located on Immokalee Road five miles east of I-75 in Naples.

Matt Devereaux, director of sales for Lennar's Southwest Florida Division, said value is the key ingredient to the homebuilder's success in the Southwest Florida region

"Heritage Bay offers a range of single-family homes and condominiums that are both affordably priced and rich in amenities," Mr. Devereaux said. "That all adds up to tremendous value when you are a retiree or empty nester trying to live the good life," he said.

New home buyers at Heritage Bay receive free membership in the Heritage Bay golf club with its 27-hole championship golf course.

Pricing starts from the \$160s for terrace condominiums and verandas to over \$500,000 for luxury coach and estate homes. Homes range in size from 1,194 square feet to over 2,900 square feet of living space.

Community amenities also include seven lighted Har-Tru tennis courts with stadium seating for tournaments, a well-appointed 42,000 square two-story clubhouse with state-of-the-art fitness center and resort-style swimming pool with Chickee Bar. "Eighty percent of the land at Heritage Bay is comprised of lakes, golf course, conservation areas and open preserves," Devereaux said.

For information about Heritage Bay, call 348-1087 or visit www.Lennar.com. ■

HORTON

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Standard features included solid-surface countertops in the kitchen, a two- or three-car attached garage, tile roof, and paver driveway and walkway. Prices start in the \$290s.

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D.R. Horton Inc., America's Builder, is a publicly traded company, listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker DHL.

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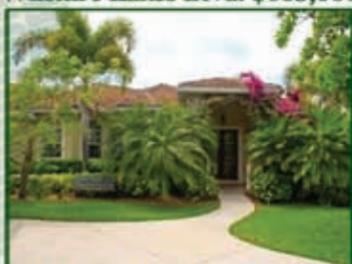
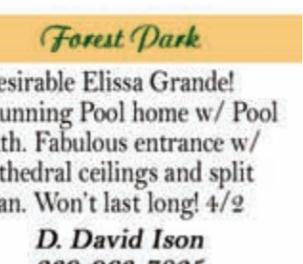
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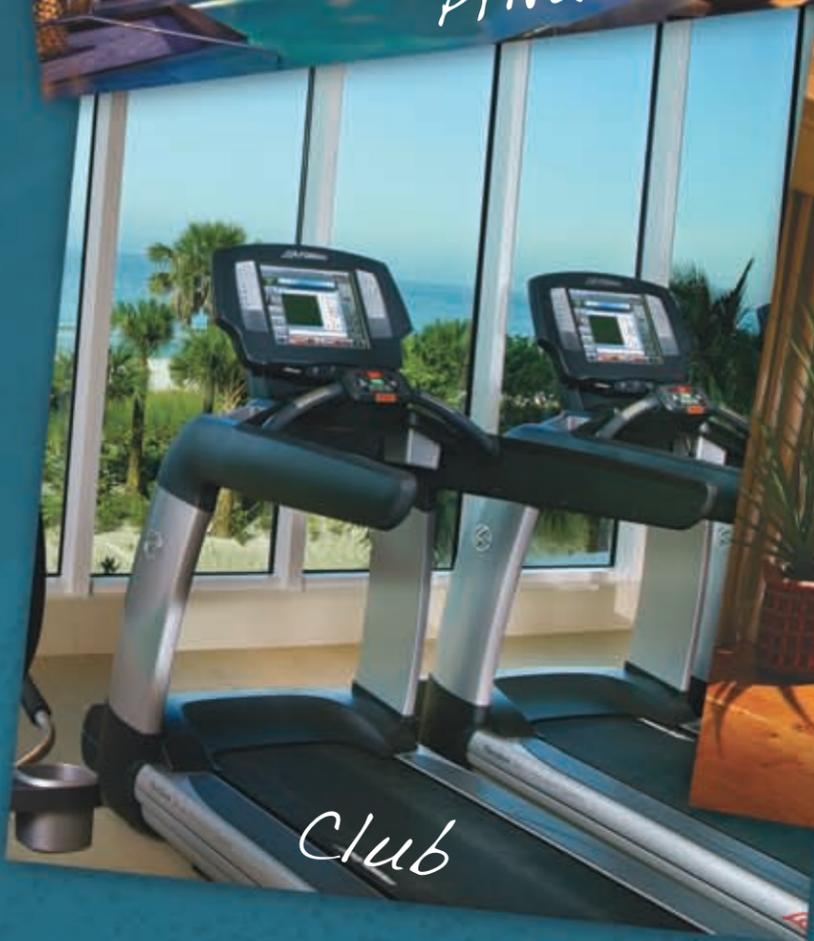
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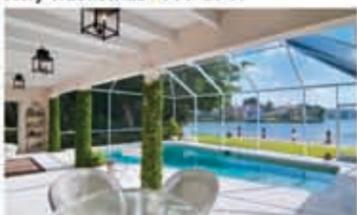
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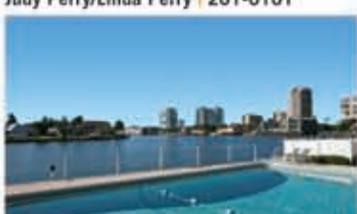
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Parents post proof of their children's destructive behavior, sometimes anonymously, online. Top: Hank helped himself to his mother's box of tampons. Middle: A photo titled "Nesquik Dust Storm." Bottom: This boy tried unsuccessfully to help his father repair a laptop.

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You can read all about it — and view the incriminating photographs — on the website Sh#t My Kids Ruined.com, which bills itself as "the strongest visual birth control on the market today."

They're not kidding.

Mercato First Fridays goes Caribbean

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Sounds of the Caribbean will fill the air at First Fridays on Aug. 6 at Mercato's Summer Reggae Concert. From 6 to 9 p.m., the streets of Mercato will play host to the monthly street party.

On the main stage, across from The Pub, enjoy the island sounds of Pieces. Lead vocalist and Jamaican-born Sanjah Bailey has been performing since the young age of 10 and formed her first band at age 14, entertaining crowds throughout Jamaica. Pieces is comprised of seasoned musicians who have performed all over Southwest Florida. Aug. 6 is a celebration in itself

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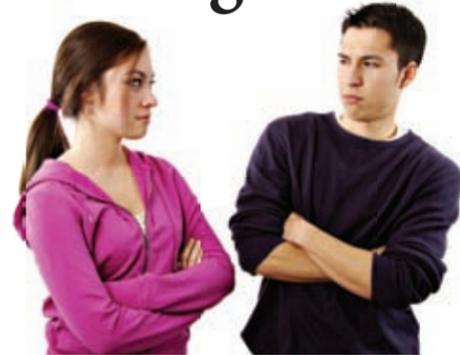
First Fridays also kicks off Restaurant Week, which runs through Aug. 12 with special offerings at Mercato restaurants. Log onto mercatoshops.com to learn more.

Mercato stores include Bobby Chan, Books-A-Million, Byte Shop/Style, Coldwater Creek, Gigi's Children's

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WEEK at-a-glance



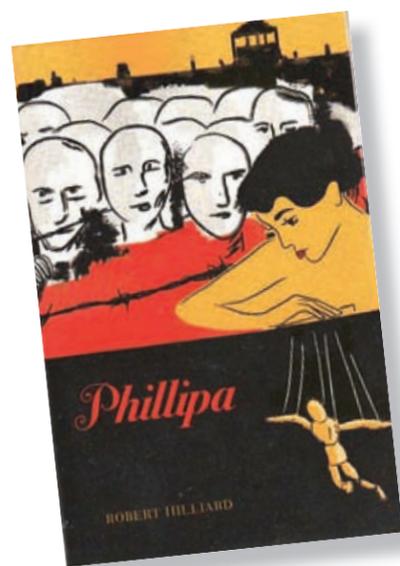
Fleeing civilization

Reflecting on the darker side of camping. C2 ▶



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Film an intriguing mix of action, food for thought. C8 ▶



Florida Writers

Sanibel's Robert Hilliard delves into the Holocaust. C13 ▶



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Naples family runs classic, classy establishment. C23 ▶

SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Haven in the woods has a gritty side



This is how it begins: with an escape from civilization, a hard thumping desire to step outside the daily grind, to drink in sunlight like pond water, to sleep beneath a flimsy tent, to expose ourselves to the elements, to step out and more importantly to return, unscathed, having braved the darkest wild. Camping has an especially powerful lure for suburbanites, couples who like to pack the RV and head to a campground for the weekend, confident in the belief that they're roughing it. True, the RVs have AC and the tents have electric fans, but it's still the wilderness, and in its own way, an escape.

Only the escape is not the way we imagine. Camping takes us away from our ordinary lives, but it allows something more primal to creep in. It strips us down to our essential elements. With relationships, especially, it's hard to keep a good face when all the civilizing forces — things like make-up and deodorant, air conditioning and feather beds, Starbucks and Publix — are suddenly gone.

During my own backwoods adventure this past weekend, I had a front-row look at the slow unraveling of polite romance. On the way from our campsite to the washhouse each evening, I passed the sites of

other campers. I walked by unnoticed in the dim twilight where couples sat together beside burning campfires or huddled inside tents, their shadows thrown large against the thin walls. They spoke in hushed voices, but it was enough that I could hear them clearly as I trespassed through their intimacy. In one tent, the soft voice of a woman asking if a man would like to take a sleeping pill. He murmured yes. In another, the sound of a light smack, the kind a woman makes when she's flirting, when a man has just done something naughty, tested some boundary.



"You're so bad," she said. She giggled as I moved up the path.

The next evening, I again toted my toothbrush to the washhouse, and I walked past the same campsites as the

night before. The atmosphere was different somehow, heavier, strained. The couples inside had spent the day outdoors. I had seen them swimming or hiking or lounging in camp chairs. The women wore rough clothes; the men spent the day bare-chested. They talked less as the day wore on, and the veneer of civility peeled and cracked until there was little left by nightfall. During my walk to the bathhouse, I passed one tent where a man spoke in a rough voice. Further on, a woman cried softly in the dark.

The next morning, voices were strained as the couples packed up.

"Where're the keys to the van?" a man yelled to his

'Camping takes us away from our ordinary lives, but it allows something more primal to creep in...'

wife in the campsite opposite ours.

"Where you left them," she yelled back.

He threw up his hands; she stomped into the RV.

The other couples around us also bickered as they loaded their camping equipment. But soon they would be out of the park, back onto paved highways, stopping at fast food joints for iced coffee. The conveniences of civilization would come flooding back, and they would wonder why they had been fighting in the first place. ■



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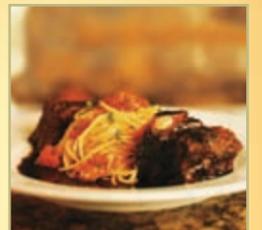
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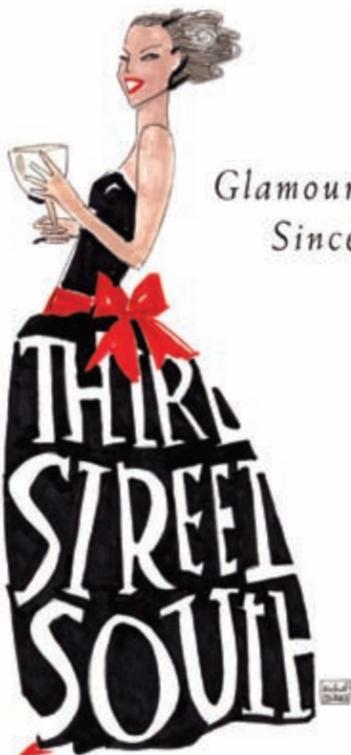


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STUFF

From page 1

If you don't already have kids, this site will certainly cause you to reevaluate any maternal or paternal instincts you think you possess.

How it all began

It all started when Julie Haas Brophy's then-3-year-old son spilled a quart of black paint all over her Oriental rug.

"I took a picture of it; it was a spectacular blob," she says. She posted it on Facebook for her friends.

"It got a huge response. People were horrified. Some offered tips. Some said, 'This is what happened to me.' Everyone found it horrifying and funny. It was cathartic to share and commiserate with people."

The next morning, she was talking with a friend, and she said, "They ruin all my sh#t." And that phrase stuck with her. So she checked to see if "Sh#t My Kids Ruin" was available as a domain name. It was. So was "Sh#t My Pets Ruin." She purchased them both.

"Whatever my boys don't have a hand in ruining, the pets do," she explains. "Living with kids, pets, husband, whoever, is messy. Things happen, despite our best effort to child-proof or pet-proof."

And she says, every parent knows it's impossible to watch toddlers 24 hours a day.

"You have to go to the bathroom, change the laundry," she says. "I was no more than 6 feet away (when my son spilled the paint.) He was not unsupervised. My older son is the sort of person: 'What if I did this? What if I did that?' He's experiencing the world as curiosity, rather than mischievousness."

"These are not bad-intentioned guys," she says of her two sons, now 3 and 4, "but they find trouble."

She posted the photo of the black paint on the Oriental rug on her new blog site. Next, she posted a photo from the previous year: the side of their white leather couch that had been scribbled on with "Permanent marker, Clearasil zit cream and nail polish." Then she added the comment, "We're so proud."

Other photos followed: a legless Spiderman doll looking at the head of the Green Hulk, who is missing his entire body. "Oh No, You Too?" the comment reads.

Parents, who could relate, began sending in their own photos and commentary.

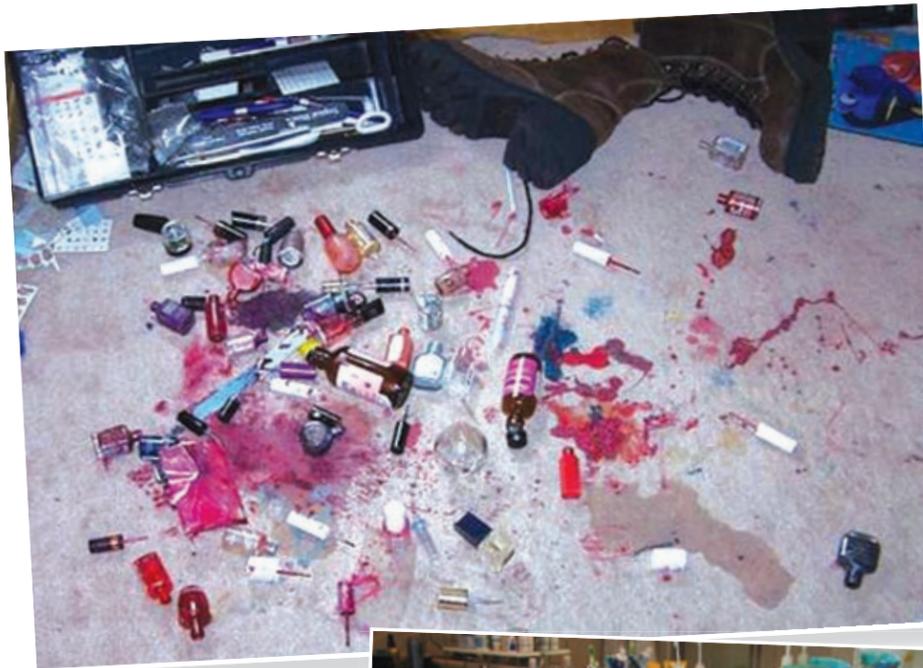
It's all in good fun

Their comments aren't bitter, though sometimes they're bittersweet or rueful. The site refuses to be snarky. As Ms. Brophy explains on her blog: "The only unwelcome visitors are those who are here to be mean or judgmental or offer a parenting critique. This is not the place for you."

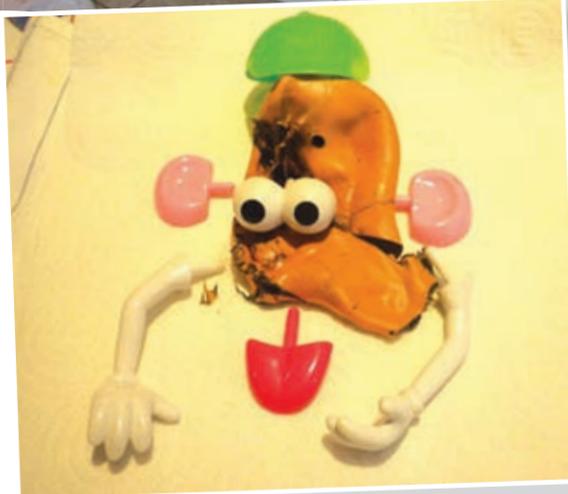
"The more I thought about sh#t they have ruined, the more I thought about the intangibles: a phone call, changes to my body or to my life," she says. "There are people who see the site in a different light, and are sensing some bitterness that really isn't there. I try hard to control the tone. It's intended to be lighthearted and funny and for sure non-judgmental."

"No one's bitching. We're posting these photos (and the reactions are): 'My kids did that too,' or, 'Thank God I don't have that in my life.'"

That's been one of the fun things about the site, she says, seeing the reactions of various people: those who are childless and glad, those who have



SHITMYKIDSRUINED.COM
Top: Nail polish on carpet. Middle, bathroom artwork. Bottom: Farewell, Mr. Potato Head.



children and can relate, and those whose children are grown.

"People have found sharing very therapeutic. Very early on, it became clear that other parents were enjoying that aspect of it. (The site) grew exponentially over the first few weeks. I was getting submissions from strangers all over the world in (a matter of) weeks."

Many of the photos are low-resolution, and Ms. Brophy thinks they were taken with cell phones. When her son spilled the quart of black paint, she knows she wouldn't have run upstairs to get the camera. But her cell phone was in her pocket, so she took a quick picture.

The photos are unique, but also universal. There's a photo of a kid who spilled white paint down a flight of carpeted stairs, and another who tore open a playpen to "rescue" her baby sister. There's the kid who poured flour all over himself and the kitchen floor. (It's titled "The Day He Learned to Open the Fridge." The mom comments: "His Dad was watching him... enough said.")

There's a photo of a melted Mr. Potato Head, which looks as if it was taken by Salvador Dali. The comment: "Farewell Mr. Potato Head!! Although you were only in our home from Christmas to February you will be missed, but rest assured, the smell of burnt plastic shall linger forever. My 2-year-old threw him into the gas fireplace. He started to melt, rolled out



COURTESY PHOTO
Julie Haas Brophy started the website after her son spilled paint on an Oriental rug.

my husband: "There were 100 page views today!"

After *The NY Times* story ran, she had 1.2 million views in that one week.

The site was mentioned in the Huffington Post and in *entertainmentweekly.com*. Time.com picked it as one of the top blogs of 2010.

After *The NY Times* story came out, literary agents began courting her, and one suggested she put together a book proposal. She did, and different publishers wanted to purchase it. Random House won the auction. Her book, "Sh#t My Kids Ruined: An A to Z of Things Children Made Filthy, Distasteful, Gross or Painful," will be published by Villard on Nov. 23.

"I can't believe it," she says. "If anyone had told me in February this year, that this is what I'm up to in July and August, I would've thought it was hilarious."

The blog has turned into a full-time job. She and her brother Brian Haas, who has an MBA and shares her sense of humor, formed a company to oversee the sites and projects. They call it Sibling Thrive. Her brother is now in charge of the Sh#t My Pets Ruined site (which is hosted by her Pug, Columbo.)

The two sites share some similarities, and not just in design. Maybe kids are just as destructive as animals, and vice versa. For example, on May 15 there's a photo of two German shepherds and the futon they tore up. On July 29, there's a dog looking down at the remains of an allegedly indestructible dog bed. (It's the third one he's ruined. The company has given up on sending replacement beds and just refunded their money.) And on the Sh#t My Kids Ruined site, on April 12, there's a photo of two kids who've pulled stuffing out of the couch. It looks as if someone has turned on a fan in a feather

factory. On the Sh#t My Pets Ruined site there's a photo of a woman with cat scratches on her face. On the Sh#t My Kids Ruined site, there are a couple different photos of moms with eye patches, because their kid accidentally hit them or poked them in the eye.

Some popular themes

And then there are certain themes that reoccur: breaking eggs is one. Destroying laptops or cell phones is another. Dropping things into the toilet. And more than one family has had a white couch ruined by their child's permanent marker.

But it's not just toddlers who ruin their parents' stuff. The site includes a middle-school-aged boy who shaved off parts of his eyebrows, teens who wrecked their parents' cars (a Porsche crushed by a garage door is a particularly sad example), and a couple of 20-somethings who decided to stand on their parents' SUV, permanently denting the roof.

Apparently, the destruction never ends.

Reading the site straight through can be overwhelming.

"Seeing item after item, scene after scene of messes and sheer destruction, the totality of it all is quite an experience," Ms. Brophy says. "This is not one home, it is not every day. These are cases that everyone has had to one extent or another, but the constant day-to-day life isn't like this."

Gaining media attention

The blog — Ms. Brophy's first — began in March. Then in May, *The New York Times* ran a story about it.

"That was a big turning point," she says. "Early on, with this thing, I'd call



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Theater

■ **Auditions** - Creative Theater Workshop holds auditions for "Jungle Book" (ages 5-13) and "High School Musical" (ages 13-18) at 10 a.m. Aug. 7 at the Alliance for the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd. creativetheaterworkshop@yahoo.com.

■ **Improv Group** - Naples City Improv performs a dinner show at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 7 and 21. 2700 Immokalee Road. Reservations: 431-7928.

■ **Cats** - By KidzAct teens and youth Aug. 10-15 on the main stage at Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990.



Experience the haunting beauty and whimsical magic of Andrew Lloyd Webber's world renowned masterpiece, "Cats," at the Sugden Community Theatre, home of The Naples Players and KidzAct. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for those under 18, and are available at The Naples Players Box Office, 701 5th Avenue South, or by phone at 263-7990. This is a limited engagement of only eight performances, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, Aug. 10-15, and at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 14-15.

■ **Seussical the Musical** - By the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre through Aug. 15. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

Thursday, Aug. 5

■ **Erotic Hypnotic** - Anthony Potmesil performs at 9:30 p.m. tonight through Sunday at the Off the Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island. Rated R. \$20. 389-6900.

■ **Village Nights** - Village Nights is set for 6-9 p.m. at the Village on Venetian Bay. Enjoy live entertainment, waterfront dining and shopping. www.venetianvillage.com.



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Sweet Art Gallery, 2054 Trade Center Way, hosts the opening reception of "Summer Essentials" from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6. The exhibit features works that celebrate this time of year in our tropical paradise. Included in the exhibit are these three pieces, "Creation I Saw," "Trio of Trumpets" and "Tropical Paradise", all by Shelly Houser. For more information, call 597-2110 or visit www.thesweetartgallery.com.

■ **Jazz Jam** - Jebry's Jazz Jam happens Thursdays at Capri: A Taste of Italy, 11140 Tamiami Trail. 594-3500.

■ **More Jazz** - Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits presents the Expandable Jazz Band from 6-8:30 p.m. Thursdays with Bob Zottola, Stu Shelton and John Lamb. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

■ **CJ's Thursday Thing** - Enjoy live music from 6-11 p.m. every Thursday at CJ's on the Bay, Marco Island. Outside entertainment from 6-9 p.m., inside from 8-11:30 p.m.

■ **Open Mic** - Naples Flatbread & Wine Bar in Miromar Outlets and on

Naples Boulevard hosts open mic nights from 6:30-9:30 p.m. every Thursday. www.naplesflatbread.com.

■ **Quiz Night** - The English Pub hosts Quiz Night at 8:30 p.m. 775-3727, 2408 Linwood Ave. East Naples. www.naplesenglishpub.com.

Friday, Aug. 6

■ **Art Walk** - Downtown Fort Myers comes alive with art and music from 6-10 p.m. during the monthly Art Walk. 332-0161 or 278-5236.

■ **New Exhibit** - The Hodges Univer-

sity Falciglia Art Gallery in Naples hosts "It's All About Women" through Sept. 24, with an opening reception set for 6-8:30 p.m. tonight. 243-6253 or www.reecorpevents.com.

■ **Friday Tunes** - The First Friday Summer Concert at Mercato is set for 6-9 p.m. with a tribute to the sounds of the Caribbean. www.mercatoshops.com.

■ **Big Trucks** - A Monster Truck Spectacular starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Lee County Posse Arena, 17401 Palm Creek Dr. Kids 2 and under are free. VIP ticket includes free dinner, parking, and pit pass. \$15 adults (13 and older), \$10 kids (3-12). www.ticketmaster.com.

■ **Exhibit Opens** - An opening reception for "Summer Essentials" is set for 6-9 p.m. at Sweet Art Gallery, 2054 Trade Center Way. 597-2110 or www.thesweetartgallery.com.

■ **Live Music** - Bob Zottola and the Expandable Jazz Band performs from 5-8 p.m. Fridays at Shula's Steak House, 5111 Tamiami Trail N. Naples. 430-4999.

Saturday, Aug. 7

■ **Buffet Tribute** - Caribbean Chillers, a Jimmy Buffett tribute band, performs from 2-6 p.m. at the Seminole Casino Immokalee. 800-218-0007.

■ **Story Time** - Kids are invited to story time in the Children's Garden at the Naples Botanical Garden from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Saturday and Sunday. Regular admission applies; free for Garden members. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

■ **Jazz Tunes** - The Naples Jazzmasters perform from 2-4 p.m. every Saturday through the summer at the Norris Community Center. 213-3058.

■ **Fresh Produce** - The North Naples Green Market is open from 8:30-12:30 every Saturday through Sept. 25 at the Collection at Vanderbilt. 249-9480.

■ **Weekend Concerts** - Gulf Coast Town Center offers its free Weekend Concert Series in Market Plaza from 8-10 p.m. Tonight: Reggae by Yaad Music. 267-0783 or gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

■ **Chess Anyone?** - The Southwest Florida Chess Club invites players of all ages and abilities to find a partner at Books-A-Million in Mercato anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. 898-0458 or e-mail swflchess@yahoo.com.

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"Frida La Sufrida" by Ana Abreu will be exhibited at the Hodge University Falciglia Art Gallery in Naples Aug. 6-Sept. 24 as part of the exhibit "It's All About Women."

Sunday from 3-5 p.m. every Sunday at the Calusa Nature Cerner & Planetarium. Families can walk their dogs on three different trails. Families with dogs enter for free. 275-3435 or e-mail info@calusa-nature.org.

Monday, Aug. 9

■ **Band Performs** - Bob Zottola & the Expandable Jazz Band play from 6-9 p.m. Mondays at Capri - A Taste of Italy in the Riverchase Plaza. 594-3500.

■ **Jazz Tunes** - Enjoy Jebry's Jazz Jam session from 5-8 p.m. every Monday at the Island Pub, 600 Neapolitan Way. 262-2500.

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

Tuesday, August 10

■ **MoTown Tunes** - Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits hosts MoTown from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesdays, with Omar Baker performing favorites from the '70s, '80s and '90s. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

■ **Pet Party** - Every Tuesday is Yappy Hour at The Dock at Crayton Cove from 4:30-6 p.m. Pups and their people can get acquainted, have a drink and a snack, with contributions accepted for the Naples Dog Park.

■ **Movie Night** - Gulf Coast Town Center hosts Cinema Under the Stars on Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m. in Market Plaza

Courtyard. Tonight: "The Spy Next Door."

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

Wednesday, August 11

■ **Steppin' Out** - Vergina on Fifth Avenue hosts a Dancing Under the Stars Summer Dance Contest at 8 p.m. every Wednesday, with prizes for winners. The contest finals are Nov 17. 659-7008 or www.verginarestaurant.com.

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

■ **Song Night** - Wednesdays are Singer/Songwriter Night from 7-10 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits, 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or www.freds-diner.com.

Upcoming events

■ **Night Out** - Evening on Fifth starts at 7 p.m. Aug. 12. Stroll the avenue, shop, dine or enjoy a cocktail while listening to live bands. 435-3742.

■ **Sock Hop** - Swing dancing and hula hoop contests are part of the fun when the Naples Area Board of Realtors holds a sock hop to benefit Laces of Love from 5:30-9 p.m. Aug. 13 at NABOR headquarters, 1455 Pine Ridge Road. \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. 249-2850 or www.NABOR.com.

■ **Laugh a Lot** - Comedians Michael Mack and Vic Clevener perform at 8 and 10 p.m. Aug. 14 and 15 at the Laugh In Comedy Café. 479-LAFF.

■ **Trucks Galore** - The Monster X Tour comes to Estero's Germain Arena Aug. 13 and 14, with shows at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. 948-7825.

■ **Funny Guy** - Comedian Bruce Bruce performs at the Off the Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island at 9:30 p.m. Aug. 13 and 14. 389-6900.

■ **Live Tunes** - The Bean Pickers perform from 7-10 p.m. Aug. 13 at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. \$5 cover.

■ **Pet Party** - The Bell Tower Shops host Yappy Hour and Bowl Stroll from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 13 at Center Court. Bring your pooch to the furriest happy hour in town with proceeds benefiting the Gulf Coast Humane Society.

■ **Craft Show** - Bucklers Arts & Craft Show comes to the Lee Civic Center Aug. 14 and 15. 543-8368.

■ **Dinner and a Movie** - After dinner catered by McCormick & Schmick's in the lobby at the Phil, adjourn to the Daniels Pavilion for a screening of Alfred Hitchcock's "Notorious," starring Cary Grant. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 14, and is a benefit for the Naples International Film Festival. 597-1900.

— Send calendar listings to events@floridaweekly.com.

Sunday, Aug. 8

■ **Live Tunes** - Bob Zottola and the Expandable Jazz Band perform from 6-8:30 p.m. Sunday at Naples Flatbread, 6434 Naples Blvd. 687-3454.

■ **Biker Event** - The Shell Factory and Nature Park hosts Hawgs & Dawgs from 2-9 p.m. every Sunday. Enjoy live entertainment by Daniel Cook and a special menu at The Swamp Bar, which also caters to four-legged friends. 995-2141, ext. 117.

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ARTS COMMENTARY

Come dream with me: Six things I love about 'Inception'



I was one of many who flocked to the theater when "Inception" opened. (The movie made \$68.2 million during its opening weekend.)

I was so blown away a month or so ago when I saw the trailer that I couldn't wait to see the whole thing. Christopher Nolan wrote and directed it, and I loved "Memento" and "The Prestige," two of his previous films.

"Inception," of course, is the blockbuster about Cobb (Leo DiCaprio), who has the ability to invade people's dreams and steal their secrets. Then he's hired to plant an idea in the dream of a man who's about to inherit his father's corporation. A rival wants the man to break up his father's monolithic company, so his own company can prosper.

It was so entertaining and thought-provoking that I want to see it again. It's certainly sparked a lot of discussion and debate.

In a world where Hollywood keeps churning out sequels, movies based on TV shows, remakes of previous movies and gimmicky 3-D flicks, it's refreshing to see something so innovative. Will the success of "Inception" open the door for other creative movies? I don't know, but I certainly hope so.

Here are six reasons I loved "Inception."

• **1.** "Inception" is an intriguing mixture of action and food for thought. It satisfies moviegoers who love car chases and explosions. But it also pleases those who hate dumbed-down movies. What other film could appear simultaneously on the covers of "Entertainment Weekly" and "Film Comment" (which is published by the Film Society of Lincoln Center)? It's like meeting someone who's attractive and intelligent.

• **2.** I love the way "Inception" makes M.C. Escher's artwork come to life. There's an Escher staircase that goes around and around, always returning to where it started. And in the scene where a chunk of the city is bent up and twisted over itself (so rooftops are curling over to touch the rooftops of buildings that were previously standing next to), it looks as if they're meeting and joining



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together like puzzle pieces. Mr. Escher was known for playing with positive and negative space, where the allegedly negative space was actually another image.

• **3.** "Inception" makes you think. As movie critic Roger Ebert has complained, so many films released today seem to be aimed at 12- and 13-year-old

boys — not exactly an audience that's searching for stories that call on your brain cells. After you see "Inception," you're just bursting to discuss it. And the great thing about it is, it gives you a lot to think about. Not only that, but it's written and filmed in such a way that it allows conflicting theories and viewpoints to make sense.

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• **4.** This movie pays homage to previous films. With its snow scenes, some feel Mr. Nolan is giving a nod to James Bond movies, while others see him referencing Alfred Hitchcock's "Spellbound." Others have noted visual references to "La Jetee" and "Last Year at Marienbad" and "2001: A Space Odyssey." And, like "The Matrix," it makes you question what is real and what is a dream.

Marion Cotillard, who won the Academy Award for portraying Edith Piaf in "La Vie en Rose," plays Cobb's wife in "Inception." I found it interesting that "Non, Je Ne Regrette Rien," one of Ms. Piaf's songs from "La Vie en Rose," turned up in "Inception" as a way to help draw the dreamers out of their shared dream and back to reality. In his interview with "Film Comment," Mr. Nolan says he had made the decision to use that song 10 years ago when he wrote the script, and that the fact that Ms. Cotillard has portrayed Edith Piaf is "pure coincidence."

• **5.** The entire film up for grabs when it comes to interpretation, including its open-ended conclusion. Mr. Nolan refuses to go the typical Hollywood route and tie everything up with a neat bow for his audience. In fact, he gives us an ending that's definitely open for debate and, depending upon how you see it, can cause you to reinterpret everything you've just seen and thought you knew.

• **6.** With its creation of new worlds and transporting of people to imaginary alternative worlds, "Inception" can be seen as a commentary on filmmaking. Just like a filmmaker, Cobb causes people to inhabit a world of his making that is not real, but illusionary. And what else is going to the movies but a magical experience in which you share the same images and narrative with others? ■

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Immokalee Foundation kids aren't saying 'I'm bored' this summer

The Immokalee Foundation is creating many once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for its students this summer ranging from art school in Chicago to prestigious summer camps in New England.

Instead of enduring a long hot Florida summer, eight students packed their bags and attended two prestigious summer camps in New England. Six students attended Kingsley Pines in Maine and two attended Camp Deerwood in New Hampshire.

"Our Immokalee children are meeting kids from all around the world, and exploring their own talents and gifts," says Liz Allbritten, executive director of The Immokalee Foundation. "What an incredible gift to give these young people."

Jaine Flories attended the Maine camp for two weeks. "I didn't know that this much fun existed," she says. "I made lots of friends and my summer was not as boring as my other summers."

Jessalyn Walker didn't expect camp to be so much fun. "I did waterskiing, played Lacrosse and biked up a mountain," she says. "But my favorite part was meeting people from all over the world."

Those kind of experiences are just what the foundation is trying to create.

"One of the hardest things to do in Immokalee is to get the kids to think beyond Fort Myers, Miami and Orlando," says John Henry, vice chairman of The Immokalee Foundation. "But once they see what's out there, they can dream even bigger."

More exciting events continued throughout the summer for many of the students:

▶ Jonathan Cantu had a summer he won't forget. The aspiring fashion designer is spending a month as an art student at the School of Art Institute of Chicago. "My chance of a lifetime opportunity is about to come to an end and all I really want to do is cry," he says. "Then I want to jump up and down in joy and think about how lucky I have been. I learned so much and my time here has been incredibly valuable."

▶ A group of college bound students visited half a dozen colleges including University of South Florida, University of Florida, Florida State University, University of North Florida, University of Central Florida and Florida Atlantic University. "We want to keep our students on track," Ms. Allbritten says. "Our goal is to show them how to reach for their dreams. Touring a college campus is one of the best ways to do that."

▶ Three dozen Immokalee Readers helped tutor more than 160 students at Lake Trafford Elementary School this summer. "This program's goal is to maintain and improve reading levels during the summer, so by the time summer arrives they haven't lost ground," Ms. Allbritten notes.

▶ Many students are enjoying paid internships, including Johnny Gonzales, 18, who continues to work at Salazar Machine

and Steel in Immokalee.

▶ The 2010 First Tee of Naples/Collier Summer Camp allowed more than two dozen students to spend more than a month playing regional courses and honing their golfing skills.

▶ The Immokalee Foundation partnered with local soccer veteran Manny Touron and the Soccer Pit to host a girls' summer soccer program. The program, which expects to grow in the fall, is the first of its kind in Immokalee.

▶ Ave Maria University and TIF worked together to provide a "Boot Camp" for incoming college freshman. Five current college freshmen volunteered 30 hours each to help plan and mentor incoming students. The camp offered tips and guest speakers to help ease the freshmen transition.

▶ About 30 students participated in a leadership/team building training with Adventure Training Concepts in Naples. "The group participated in this event to 'explore their inner strengths,'" says Elda Hernandez, vocational success director at the foundation. Students participated in obstacle courses, team-building exercises and physical challenges. "In order to be successful one must have self-confidence, our youth need to know they are strong and can accomplish anything."

Ms. Allbritten added that the summer isn't over yet.



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Team-building exercises 2010

Since 1991, The Immokalee Foundation has been building pathways to success for many of the children in Immokalee through a variety of programs that focus on mentorship, after-school activities, college scholarships, the development of vocational skills and incentives for educational growth. In 2009, The Immokalee Foundation served 2,700 children through its core programs.

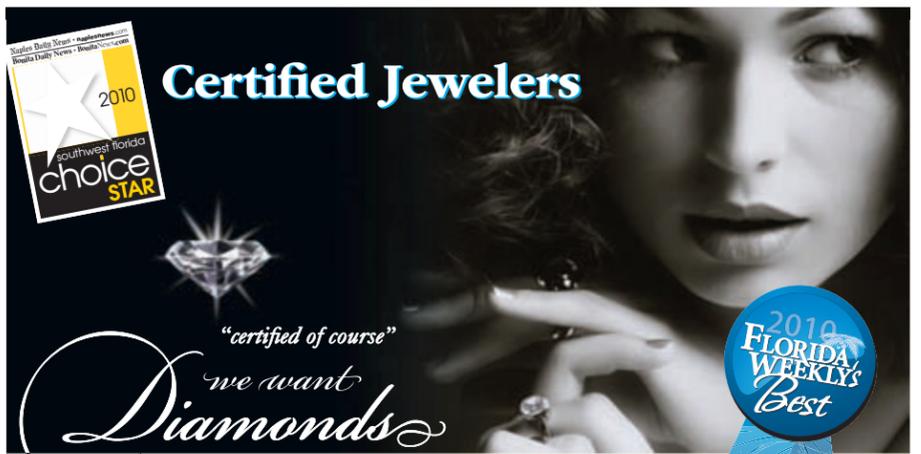
The Immokalee Foundation offers a road map toward a brighter future. It helps manage seven core programs, including Take Stock in Children, Vocational Success, College Success, Direct Scholarships, The First Tee of Naples/Collier Program in Immokalee, Immokalee Readers and Community Grants. TIF's Take Stock in Children program has been recognized as one of the best in Florida. ■

— For more information call 430-9122, e-mail info@immokaleefoundation.org or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.

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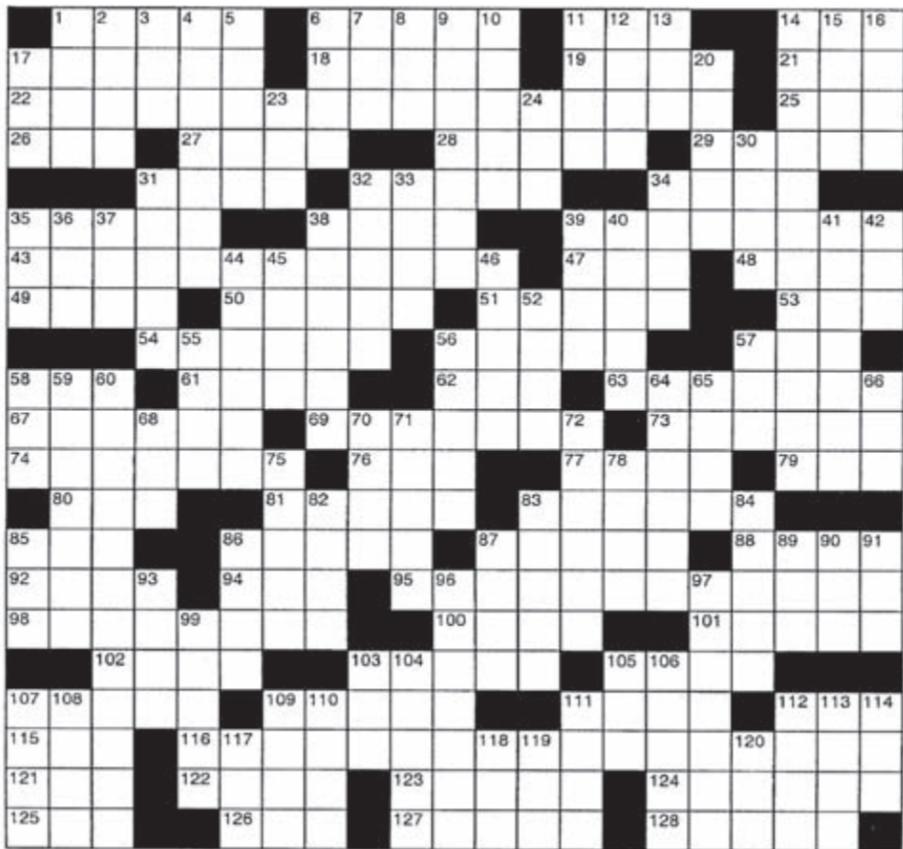
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HOROSCOPES

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** The Big Cat's energy levels should be rather high these days, and you might do well to tackle any tasks that still need doing. This will clear the way for those upcoming projects.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Someone's criticism might not be as negative as you perceive. Actually, it could be helpful. Discuss the matter with your critic, and you both could learn something valuable.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A business matter could cause some friction among your colleagues. But once again, that logical mind of yours comes to the rescue. And the sooner it does, the better!

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** There might still be some heated temper flare-ups out there. But your sensible self should advise you to stay out of these situations until things cool down and calm is restored.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Changing your mind could be the right thing to do if you can't resolve your doubts. You might want to discuss the matter with someone whose advice you trust.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** The Sea Goat's merrier side dominates this week, and this means that, despite your usual busy schedule, you'll be able to squeeze in parties and all sorts of fabulous fun times.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** An educational oppor-

tunity could lead to something other than what you had planned. But keep an open mind, and before you decide to turn it down, check it out.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** The Piscean wit and wisdom helps you work through a situation that might have been accidentally or even deliberately obscured. What you unravel could prove to be very revealing.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** A previous misunderstanding continues to taint the atmosphere to some extent in the early part of the week. But cooler heads prevail, and the situation eases by week's end.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** While the artistic aspect of the Divine Bovine is well-served this week, that practical side is also getting the sort of recognition that could lead to a new and well-deserved opportunity.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** With home-related matters taking on more importance this week, now could be the time to make some long-deferred purchases. But shop carefully for the best quality at the best price.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Congratulations. While that family problem might still rankle, it should be easing thanks to your efforts to calm the waters. Also, a workplace situation seems to be moving in your favor.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** Loyalty is important to you. You demand it, but you also give it generously and lovingly.

By Linda Thistle

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'Cat & Dogs: The Revenge Of Kitty Galore'

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Is it worth \$10? Yes

Is it worth \$14 (3-D)? No

Sometimes a movie just makes you smile.

"Cats & Dogs: The Revenge Of Kitty Galore" made me smile with its humor, good-natured story, quirky script and spirited visuals. And for a kid-friendly movie of this nature, smiling is all it takes.

Cats and dogs are natural rivals in director Brad Peyton's film, but they agree on one thing: Humans must be protected at all costs. So when Kitty Galore (Bette Midler) plans to unleash a sound that will make all dogs "barking mad," secret agent canines and felines must band together to stop the mad cat.

They are: German Shepherd Diggs (James Marsden), the new recruit who doesn't take orders; Australian Shepherd Butch (Nick Nolte), the grizzled veteran; Catherine (Christina Applegate), a female cat who puts all nine of her lives on the line; and a pigeon named Seamus (Katt Williams), who holds secret information. They're helped by a bevy of supporting animals, most delightfully the dangerous cat Mr. Tinkles, a Hannibal Lecter-type wonderfully voiced by Sean Hayes.

While the animals are (mostly) cute and amusing, far too often kiddie movies offer little for adults. Not here. In fact, there are so many James Bond references you'd think this was an "Austin Powers" movie. A few: The opening credits; the name Kitty Galore comes from the character Pussy Galore in "Goldfinger"; Kitty's henchcat has metal teeth and is named Paws, a direct ode to Jaws in "Moonraker"; gadget cat Peek (Joe Pantoliano) serves the same function as Q; and lastly, Sir Roger Moore does the voice of Tab Lazenby, and that last name should ring familiar to true Bond fans.

But it's not just Bond references that offer cheeky humor. There are numerous animal-related puns throughout, such as Butch telling Diggs they can't



let it become a "cat eat dog world out there." When you're willing to believe cats and dogs have secret organizations designed to protect humans, a line like this is absolutely delightful. And if you're having trouble believing the premise, a) have a soul, and b) lighten up. If toys can warm our hearts by coming alive in "Toy Story 3," surely our animal companions can do more than we expect as well.

As for the 3-D, don't waste the extra money. In order for it to be worth higher 3-D prices the animals would have to appear so close — and have such finely detailed fur — that we literally feel like we can pet them. That doesn't happen, so although there's nothing wrong with the visual effects, don't bother with the 3-D.

Do, however, bother with the rest of "Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore," as it's fun for kids, fine for adults and great for animal lovers. And, most importantly, it'll make you smile. ■

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did you know? >> With the exception of Seamus and Paws, the film's leading four-legged roles are all played by real animals with some animatronics and CGI mixed in.

CAPSULES

REVIEWED BY DAN HUDAK
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Winter's Bone ★★ ★

(Jennifer Lawrence, John Hawkes, Dale Dickey) Ree (Lawrence) is 17 years old and raising her two younger siblings in poverty because her father is gone and her mother is mentally ill. When she learns her father used their house as collateral for bail, and that they'll lose the house if he doesn't show for his trial, Ree goes on a desperate and dangerous quest to find him. It's a star-making role for Ms. Lawrence (she'll next play a young Mystique in "X-Men: First Class," due next summer), and she is excellent. But note the way Mr. Hawkes, who plays Ree's uncle, sneaks up on you — he's superb

as well. As for the movie, it's cold, harsh, distant and touching, as it should be, but it doesn't quite have the dramatic punch to be "great." Rated R. ■

Ramona and Beezus ★★ ½

(Selena Gomez, Joey King, John Corbett) When their father (Mr. Corbett) loses his job, clumsy young Ramona (Ms. King) and teenage Beezus (Ms. Gomez) try to help the family make ends meet. It's a wholesome and harmless family film that's a bit too cutesy and sweet for adults, though there are some amusing moments. In fairness: The 10-year-old girl who saw the movie with me said it was "amazing." So there you have it. Rated G. ■

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FLORIDA WEEKLY WRITING CHALLENGE

My summer at Camp Blue Skies

BY DOUG CARMAN

"Rain, stop," that's what Larry would say when we would get the occasional thundershower at camp. It was 1968. I was 13 years old and had volunteered to work as a counselor at Camp Blue Skies. Larry was one of the special needs kids who had the opportunity to attend the camp located on property owned by one of the partners in Brown Brothers Cadillac that was just a short bus ride east of Louisville, Ky., where the dealership was located.

Larry's attempts to control the weather through the use of his mind were fun and actually quite impressive, as he was successful about 50 percent of the time. Larry used to greet people with the same question, "How's your mother?" The predictable greeting was also characteristic of a close friend's younger brother, Lonnie, who, depending on his mood, would ask either, "Are you going to spend the night?" or say, "You go home," when I would knock on the door of the house. That friendship got me involved with Teens Who Care, which was associated with the Council for Retarded Citizens and was a pathway to the counselor



COURTESY PHOTO

Doug Carman at 13 years

position at the camp.

My first day on the school bus Lynn, a girl with Down syndrome sitting in the seat in front of mine, turned to me and said, "You're my boyfriend." I thought I should play along, smiled, nodded my head and replied, "Yes, yes, I'm your boyfriend." The statement and reply form of the conversation continued with slight alterations in content through several repetitions when suddenly, she started shouting, "Help, help, he's kissing me!" All heads turned my way. The joke was on me as my first day on the job got off to a great start.

I was a shrimp at 13 but somehow I was assigned to the older kids. Some of the guys I worked with looked like they could be 40 years old to me. There was Rick, who looked like baseball's Bob Gibson and enjoyed horseback riding, but when asked about the experience said, "I want to ride a cow." Then there was Truck, so named because he always carried a model truck. He wore colorful plaid shorts and seemed to have a perpetual five o'clock shadow. One morning during the Pledge of Allegiance, I was asked to accompany Truck to the porta-can, which was down the hill a ways from the location of the start of day procedures. "Truck," I asked, "Do we need to move a little bit faster?" "Yep," he said.

Kids and counselors played games like Duck, Duck, Goose, and laughed and enjoyed the summer together on the grounds of a beautiful estate. By 1984, I was working with the homeless in Lexington, Ky., and those who were considered in the parlance of mental health to be end-stage alcoholics. A more credentialed counselor than me said that he thought I had a lot of posi-

tive unconditional regard. As one raised in a Christian household, and fond of Jesus' saying, "In as much as you have done it unto the least of these you have done it also unto me," it was something I was pleased to hear. These days, I'm sure I have less positive unconditional regard than I did, but for what little bit I have, I'm grateful and feel I owe it to my summer at Camp Blue Skies. ■



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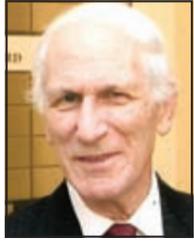
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'Phillipa' plumbs the psychology of a Holocaust heroine

"Phillipa," by Robert Hilliard. Parallax. 425 pages. \$17.95.

BY PHILIP K. JASON
Special to Florida Weekly



HILLIARD

"Phillipa" is the best self-published book I've read in years. Robert Hilliard, a major force in communications education and professor emeritus from Boston's Emerson College, is the author of more than 30 books about radio and television broadcasting. Now, in his retirement on Sanibel Island, he offers a brilliant novel examining the incremental rise of the Third Reich, the nightmare and aftermath of the Holocaust and the unusual sensibilities of his remarkable and imposing title character.

Phillipa Kohn was born into an upper middle-class Jewish family in 1910. Her father was a Munich stockbroker and her mother a status-hungry woman who insisted that her daughter think very highly of herself and be given the tools of education and culture to assure her social prominence. Nothing, no one, was too good for Phillipa.

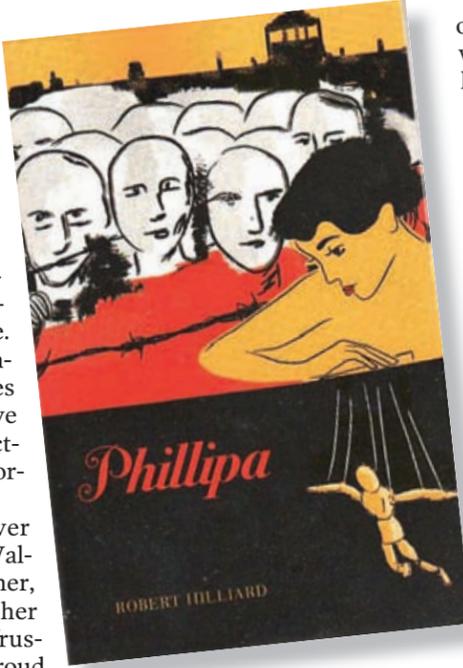
This beautiful young woman developed a calculating, prideful personality. She achieved an unusual degree of control over herself and her situation — but at the expense of spontaneity and a

deeply felt sense of life's flow.

After marrying the non-Jewish chair of the Philosophy Department at Heidelberg University, Phillipa earns a prominent place in the community's intellectual and cultural life. As Mrs. Walter Penman, she continues to hold herself above others while projecting an attractive cordiality.

Phillipa is never truly bonded to Walter, however; rather, she manipulates her infatuated and frustrated husband. Proud of her self-containment, she never sheds a tear. She seems invulnerable, but emotionally hollow.

Mr. Hilliard uses the university setting to illustrate the effects of Nazi policies on people whose grasp of the situation is far better than their response to it. The author's convincing delineation of the psychology of denial unfolds as human rights are slowly, then rapidly, stripped from dissenters, outsiders and those accused or merely suspected of less than total allegiance to the government's policies. People, including these college professors, become zombies — teaching



only approved topics with approved texts handed down from above. Resistance, too long delayed, is meager — as well as quickly and violently suppressed.

As the wife of a well-regarded faculty member, Phillipa is safe for a while, but soon she is torn from her comfortable life and becomes one of the millions of Jews, other minorities and alleged dissenters crushed into slavery and potential extinction by

the Nazi regime.

After a long, hideous journey crammed into a boxcar, she ends up at Auschwitz-Birkenau, the Nazi empire's largest killing factory. With torture and death all around her, Phillipa finds that her ability to suppress emotion, to think clearly and to be constantly observant allows her to keep herself alive. Certainly luck plays a part, but her deeply instilled pride and her ability to control her situation are factors as well.

After a time spent scrubbing human skins for a tanning factory, Phillipa gets herself assigned to an easier work detail,

packaging prisoners' uniforms, and manages to wait out the years until Russian forces liberate the camp.

Meanwhile, Walter, feeling threatened and ashamed, leaves Heidelberg for Cologne, where he falls in love with a woman half his age and joins her in the anti-Nazi resistance. In time he discovers a truer, fuller self: passionate and courageous, he is never more fully alive than when Phillipa is gone from his life. However, his life ends abruptly.

After the liberation, Phillipa journeys to Paris and becomes the aide to an American army officer charged with scheduling cultural events for soldiers stationed there. The position fits her well, and so, as it turns out, does the officer. Phillipa's new life, which includes a high level of sexual fulfillment with this forceful yet respectful partner, echoes Walter's.

The novel concludes with the new couple living in an American college town, where the officer resumes his career as a mathematics professor. As Mr. Hilliard takes Phillipa's journey into the 1950s, he shows her stunned by the machinations of Sen. Joseph McCarthy, wondering if she is seeing the beginning of a new fascism and a repetition of public indifference to menacing pressures.

In "Phillipa," the author masterfully plumbs the psychology of fascinating major characters and convincingly dramatizes the avoidance mechanisms by which people forsake their individuality and their moral grounding. ■

— "Phillipa" is available at www.amazon.com.

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Q: Dear Seafood Professor,
In my travels around S.W. Florida I often see a pick-up truck parked in some vacant lot, tail gate open with an ice cooler atop, and a hand written sign advertising "FRESH SHRIMP". Are these guys regulated? Is it safe to buy seafood from them? Where do they get their seafood?
—June M., Golden Gate Estates

A: June, thanks for the great question.
The Florida Department of agriculture classifies these operations as "Mobile Food Establishments"(MFE). Florida, perhaps because of the favorable weather, seems to have a lot of these types of seafood vendors selling all kinds of "fresh" seafood to the public out of the back of trucks.
Yes, there are state regulations on MFE's. They are permitted to sell headless shrimp, head-on shrimp, and whole or eviscerated fish. However, they are not allowed to do any processing on the mobile unit. Processing must be done at a licensed and inspected "commissary" prior to loading of the MFE. In addition, the MFE selling seafood must have a state license to sell retail seafood, the operator must have certification as a food protection manager, the seafood must be protected from contamination, there must be a state certified scale for weighing the product, a means of refrigeration is required with a thermometer to monitor product temperature, containers for solid waste must be provided, a potable water supply and hand washing capability is required, as is a container large enough to hold all waste water generated within the unit.
In reality, many mobile seafood vendors do not meet the state requirements. The regulations are difficult to enforce since these operations are, by definition, mobile. They constantly move around and usually operate on weekends. This is why the seafood professor advises against buying seafood from the roadside vendors. If you are tempted to do so, verify that they meet the state requirements, and as always, use your nose.

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Annual Undy Sunday gears up to assist needy students

Organizers of the 14th annual Undy Sunday event are preparing for more students than ever to be in need of items to be ready for another school year. During August, about 50 Collier County churches and synagogues will be asking their members to donate new underwear and socks for school-aged children along with donations of money for other necessary school items.

Participating religious communities will set out donation boxes on two Sundays, Aug. 15 and Aug. 22. Donors will be asked to bring new socks and new underwear for boys and girls sizes six through 12. Monetary donations also are needed to purchase backpacks and school supplies.

"It is undeniable that the economic problems that have affected us here in Southwest Florida are particularly acute among the children of the underemployed and unemployed," says

Armando Galella, district director of Catholic Charities of Collier County. The agency is organizing the event.

"In all of its 14-year history here in Collier County, the 2010 version of Undy Sunday may be fulfilling the greatest need," Mr. Galella says. "We are again fortunate in attracting financial contributions that will allow Catholic Charities to supplement the clothing donations with other school needs for the underprivileged children of our community."

Around 15 Collier County public elementary schools, Bonita Springs Elementary School in Lee County, Youth Haven and the Shelter for Abused Women and other social service agencies will receive the underwear and



socks and school supplies to distribute to children during the school year.

Since the initial Undy Sunday in 1997, the number of churches and synagogues participating has more than doubled. About 600,000 undergarments have been given to disadvantaged children in Collier County during the past 13 years.

A group of volunteers from Catholic Charities of Collier County will distribute collection boxes to participating local churches and synagogues prior to the two Undy Sundays. After the event, with help from students of St. John Neumann High School they will collect the donated items, and sort and distribute them to the elementary schools and social service agencies.

Donation items also can be dropped off at the Catholic Charities office located at 2210 Santa Barbara from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and from 9 a.m. through 3 p.m. on Fridays. For more information about the Undy Sunday Program, contact Catholic Charities of Collier County at 455-2655 ■

Arts organizations issue calls to the creatives

It's not the season for art shows, but summer is the time for area artists to prepare entries and submit applications for a host of exhibits and juried shows on the calendar in the months ahead.

In Naples

Online registration at www.JuriedArtServices.com is now open for five national art festivals taking place in Naples between November 2010 and March 2011. Four of the festivals sponsored by the Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center are held in

conjunction with the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Naples Association.

"We are excited to offer local and national artists these opportunities to show and sell their work," says Festival Director Marianne Megela. "Naples is known as a community with savvy art buyers and patrons who appreciate the quality and variety of works we present at these shows." The festivals are:

- The Naples Fall Fine Art & Craft Festival (formerly the Naples Renaissance Fall Art Festival) on Nov. 26-27.

The application deadline is Sept. 1.

- The 15th annual Downtown Naples New Year's Art Fair on Jan. 1-2, 2011 (application deadline Sept. 29).

- The 32nd annual Naples National Art Festival on Feb. 26-27, 2011 (application deadline Nov. 3).

- The second annual Mercato Fine Arts Festival on March 5-6 (application deadline Dec. 1).

- The 23rd annual Downtown Naples Festival of the Arts on March 26-27 (application deadline Dec. 29).

For more information, call Marianne

Megela at 262-6517, ext. 103, or e-mail marianne.megela@naplesart.org. Visit www.JuriedArtServices.com for complete registration details for the individual festivals.

In Bonita Springs

• The 2011 Bonita Springs National Art Festivals are set for Jan. 15-16 and March 12-13 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. Entries for the jurying process must be received by Oct. 8 for the January exhibit and by Nov. 8 for the March festival. For more information, call 992-1213 or e-mail artfest@artinusa.com. ■



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want to meet others who are new to the area.

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Prospective members are invited to coffee at 10 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month.

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

Bonita Newcomers welcome members

Membership in the Bonita Springs Newcomers Club is open to women who have been residing in Bonita Springs for less than three years. Annual membership dues are \$40. Bonita Springs Newcomer Luncheons are held on the third Thursday of every month at local country clubs, except for December. Due to the holidays, the December luncheon is the second Thursday of that month.

Members are required to attend five out of 12 luncheon meetings in the course of a year and to pay their annual dues of \$40 to maintain member status. A wide variety of other club activities are organized and directed by an all-volunteer board of directors that is elected annually. Activities encourage members to learn about Southwest Florida, its culture and lifestyle and to develop friendships by sharing interests and hobbies with each other. The monthly newsletter keeps members informed of the various events available to members.

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Zonta Club plans spring fashion show

The sixth annual Zonta Club Spring Fashion Show and Luncheon is set for Friday, March 25, 2011, at The Club at The Strand. The beneficiaries will be the Naples and Immokalee Teenage Parenting Programs as well as scholarships for women in the medical field at Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology and Zonta International service and scholarship Programs.

Tickets are \$80 per person. For more information, call Honey Gardiner at 598-9058 or visit www.zonta-naples.org. ■

Guild supports Opera Naples

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

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

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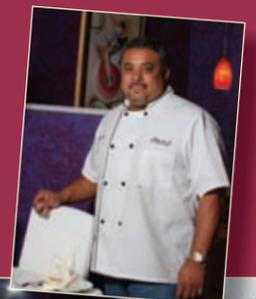
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zo-soprano Melissa Vitrella and soprano Deborah Berioli. Sopranos Steffanie Pearce and Florida Gulf Coast University's Carolyn Greiner will join Ms. Vitrella in a performance of the trio "Der Rosenkavalier" by Richard Strauss. Pianist Robin Shuford Frank will provide accompaniment.

Tickets are \$100 per person. Seating is limited, and reservations can be made by calling Opera Naples at 514-SING (7464). ■

The evening's soloists include baritone Stephen Andrew Mumbert, mez-

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Creative grilled food calls for equally worthy wine



The grill has become an extension of the gourmet cook's kitchen. A creative home cook may throw a burger or hot dog on now and again, but it's more likely to be steaks, seafood, choice cuts of pork and even vegetables that feel the heat.

Some grill mavens have even mastered pizza and desserts.

More palatable grilled food rightfully deserves a better beverage than beer in a flip-top can.

With that in mind, I've consulted some wine and food aficionados to suggest appropriate wines to accompany grilled fare.

Red meat remains a popular choice at backyard barbecues and tailgating soirees. Its robust flavor pairs well with a host of red wines.

With filet mignon, Thom McKay from The Wine Merchant in Naples likes Neno Cabernet 2005 (about \$66).

It possesses "nice aromas of ripe blackberry, raspberry, black currants, coffee and tobacco leaf," he says. "On the mid-palate you can taste black cherries, plums, and maybe a little cocoa. This is a soft cabernet that goes well with filet."

At Decanted Wine, Beer, Tastings in Naples, co-owner Al Fialkovich chooses

Solena Pinot Noir 2008 from Oregon (about \$25) with grilled steaks.

"It has typical good red fruit, but is burgundian in style," he says. "It has a little earthiness mixed with slight mushroom flavors, balanced with good acid."

Lovers of white burgundies will appreciate the 2007 Manciat Poncet Saint Veran from France (about \$17).

"It's a full-flavored, 100 percent chardonnay, but clean and balanced," says Jason Adams, owner of Real Wine in Fort Myers. "There's plenty of crisp acid and the oak is minimal and balanced. It drinks like a much more expensive white burgundy."

With a fatty steak such as T-bone or New York strip, Mr. McKay suggests Justin Cabernet 2006 (about \$27).

"On the nose, blackberry and raspberry mingle with caramel and vanilla," he says, "while on the palate you taste red berries and black plum. The wine itself is dry and palate filling, with a soft but well-structured, velvet finish."

Chicken, pork and veal are lighter meats that pair equally well with whites, roses and reds.

Chris Gross, owner of Gulf Points Liquors in Fort Myers, likes Clos du Val Carneros Pinot Noir 2006 (about \$30).

"I like pinot noir and pork," he says. "This one is lighter and more fruit forward than big cabernets, and has complex flavors and finish. The ripe strawberry and cherry flavors and a hint of cinnamon pair well with grilled pork chops."



Al Fialkovich and Jessica Palmer of Decanted Wines

He also likes Veramonte Primus 2006 (about \$17).

"This is nice blend of syrah, merlot, cabernet sauvignon and carmenere," he says. "It shows good earthiness and depth of flavor with mid-palate jamminess and a smooth finish."

For Mr. Adams, lighter-bodied wines, such as Chateau Pierreux Brouilly 2006 (about \$16) work best.

"When we want reds with grilling we almost always choose lower alcohol wines that can be chilled," he says.

Spanish wines pair well with lighter meats and are often a good value.

Muga Rosado 2009 runs about \$12, while Monte Oton Garnacha 2008 is

about \$10.

"This Rioja rose has a little bit of oak for spiciness and body," says Mr. Adams. "It has a deep rose color with an earthiness that most roses never achieve. The garnacha is a lighter red that sees no oak. It's great chilled."

For lighter grilled meats, Mr. Fialkovich chooses Spanish wines like Tarima Monastrell 2009 (about \$10).

"This wine starts with passion fruit up front," he says, "good fruit with a little pepper, and good berry dark flavors."

King Estate Pinot Gris 2008 (about \$17), pairs well with lighter meats as well as seafood, says Mr. McKay, citing the aromas of grapefruit, green apple, peach and apricots, with melon, citrus and honey on the palate.

Although white wine is widely paired with seafood, there are other options.

For red lovers, Mr. McKay recommends Torbreck Juvenile 2008 (\$29).

"It will pair well with a dish like seared ahi tuna with olive oil and pepper," he says of this Grenache-shiraz blend, which has soft tannins.

He also recommends Atticus Pinot Noir 2007 (about \$30).

"I get aromas of blueberry and raspberry, with hints of rose and leather," he says.

This range of options provides plenty of latitude for creative grill cooks to be equally adventurous in selecting wines to accompany their creations. ■

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Family-run Sophia's Ristorante takes Italian food to higher level

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Sophia Cherr is one lucky little girl. Not only is she blessed with two parents who obviously adore her, but she even has a restaurant named after her. Sophia's Ristorante Italiano is an establishment she's sure to be proud of, although at two weeks shy of her first birthday, it'll be a while before she appreciates it.

Meanwhile, the rest of us can rejoice to find a classic, classy establishment run by a local couple who care so much about the food and service they are at work and one the floor seven days a week. And that's in addition to running their Marco Island spot, Susie's Diner.

I'm at a loss to explain how owners Jay and Camille Cherr found the time or energy to have a child, but expect to see at least one of them proudly parading from table to table with the adorable little girl in their arms, a pink chef's hat jauntily perched on her head.

The charm of the place doesn't end there. Sophia's, which occupies the space that previously held Tuscan Brick Oven, has a well-appointed dining room with large windows and faux textured walls surrounding individual tables and banquettes that run the length of an Italianate room. Tasteful chandeliers and matching sconces shed a glare-free glow on the tables. A musician strolls from table to table, playing a guitar and singing. One whole side of the room holds an open kitchen in which staff in black or red jackets efficiently craft dish after dish.

There's nothing that escapes

Top: The house version of zuppa di pesce features a mountain of seafood atop homemade linguine.

Below: Sophia's homemade tiramisu is light and airy and a refreshing finish to a meal full of garlic and spices.

the Cherr's attention. An in-house pastry chef makes bread, pasta and dessert from scratch. The wine list offers an impressive range of selections, including more than a dozen by the glass. A musician strolls from table to table singing and playing his guitar. Jay Cherr keeps a watchful eye on the dining room, checking in at tables to make occasional suggestions and to ensure that what's delivered satisfies.

Sophia's offers familiar fare, such as fried calamari, pasta fagioli, pasta Bolognese, spaghetti and meatballs and veal piccata, but there are also some less-predictable options, such as risotto with truffles and champagne and filet of sole, that add interest to the menu.

What makes Sophia's so special, however, is that whatever the dish, it is painstakingly prepared and presented, leaving no doubt that the kitchen has as much pride in the food as do the owners.

Fresh Italian bread, hot and crusty, arrived with our glasses of Conn cabernet.



KAREN FELDMAN/FLORIDA WEEKLY
A personable musician strolls through the dining room, serenading each table and taking requests.

Tender-crisp broccoli rabe, spicy homemade sausage and crisp polenta (\$12.95) was attractively plated, triangles of polenta framing the fresh greens and sausage. I love broccoli rabe, but all too often wind up disappointed by a bowl full of oil-soaked greens. That wasn't a problem here as it was perfectly cooked and lightly dressed with olive oil.

The vivid red tuna carpaccio (\$13.95) was thinly sliced, fanned over the plate, then topped with caper berries, arugula, shaved Parmesan, truffle oil and lemon, creating a heady blend of tastes and textures.

Both a house salad with delicate vinaigrette and a lively Caesar salad were served crisp and cold.

We chose two house specialties for entrees: Bella Sophia sole (\$26.95) and zuppa di pesce (\$35.95). The sole came with chopped plum tomatoes, garlic, onions, kalamata olives, capers and a white wine balsamic sauce. The fish was somewhat soft, as sole tends to be, but the sauce was yet another delicious study in how judiciously balanced ingredients combine to create a sum greater than their parts.

The zuppa di pesce was a marvel

of seasoning and engineering. The well-constructed mountain of succulent seafood included a split Maine lobster tail, clams, mussels, calamari and scungilli atop a mound of tender house-made linguine, all bathed in an oh-so-light tomato sauce and topped with three gigantic leaves of basil grown in the Cherr's garden.

It seemed an impossible amount of food to consume in a single sitting, but with the help of my reliable companion, we managed to polish off about two-thirds of it and took the rest home for yet another meal. Sophia's version of this classic seafood soup is well worth ordering, although I'd recommend that two people share it.

We completed the meal with an ethereal piece of tiramisu (\$6.95) and two warm, sfogliatelle (\$5.95), multi-layered, shell-shaped pastries filled with citrus-scented ricotta.

With the number of Italian restaurants doing business in the region, I can't always remember what I had where. But the food and service at Sophia's was so exceptional, it was a meal I'm not likely to forget. ■

If you go

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★ **Poor**

food & wine CALENDAR

> **Friday, Aug. 6, 7-9 p.m.,** Whole Foods Market: The First Friday wine and cheese tasting features live music in the lounge and tastes of some 25 wines from around the world plus paired cheese; \$10 (proceeds benefit The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, South Florida Chapter), Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100. Register online at www.acteva.com/go/LifestyleCenter.

> **Friday, Aug. 6-Thursday, Aug. 12,** Mercato: The restaurants of Mercato will offer a variety of specials and fixed-price meals during Mercato's first Restaurant Week; U.S. 41, North Naples.

> **Saturday, Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28, 7:30-11:30 a.m.,** Third Street South: The weekly farmers market features

fruit, veggies, cheeses, desserts, breads, flowers and many more items along with music; parking area behind Tommy Bahamas between Third Street and Gordon Drive.

> **Saturday, Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,** The Collection at Vanderbilt: More than 30 vendors gather for the North Naples Green Market, an air-conditioned indoor farmers market, featuring fresh produce, jams and salsa, smoked meats and dish, prepared foods and artisanal products; northwest corner of Vanderbilt Beach and Airport roads; 249-9480.

> **Saturday, Aug. 7, 6:30 p.m.,** Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits: Naples City Improv teams with Fred's for an evening of food and laughter; \$29.95 (for show only, it's \$15), 2700 Immokalee

Road; 431-7928. Reservations recommended.

> **Tuesday, Aug. 10, 6-8 p.m.,** Whole Foods Market: Chef Eric Delano, from Roy's in Naples, takes participants on a world tour of appetizers featuring dishes from Japan, the United States and Italy; \$10, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place, Naples; 552-5100 or register at www.acteva.com/go/lifestylecenter.

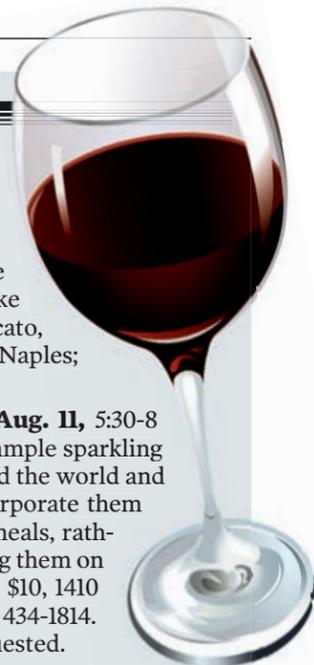
> **Wednesday, Aug. 11, 18 and 25, 6-8 p.m.,** The Sauce Lady: Ela Vivonetto, aka The Sauce Lady, is a second-generation Italian chef who will demonstrate how to create 5-minute meals at weekly cooking classes through October; \$20, 1810 J&C Blvd.; 592-5557. Reservations required.

> **Wednesday, Aug. 11, 5:30-7 p.m.,** Whole Foods Market: The monthly

Summer Recipe Smack-down features a variety of interesting foods to taste with recipes to take home; free, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place, Naples; 552-5100.

> **Wednesday, Aug. 11, 5:30-8 p.m.,** Decanted: Sample sparkling wines from around the world and learn how to incorporate them into a variety of meals, rather than just serving them on special occasions; \$10, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations requested.

— Submit event listings to Cuisine@floridaweekly.com.



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\$140,874
Townhouse home with 3 bedrooms 2.1 bath and single car garage in gated community. Ask for 802NA10023466.
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\$140,000
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\$126,000
Bank owned, not a short sale, quick response from seller. Large home 3/2/2 situated on 2.44 acres Ask for 802NA10023152.
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\$124,900
short sale opportunity 3 bed 3 bath with office (converted garagethis was permitted) large back yard quiet street Ask for 802NA10021528.
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\$119,900
Three bedroom 2 bath home with bonus suite on 1st floor on 2.73 acres! Florida Home Builders Key West style Ask for 802NA10023442.
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Third floor, 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo and elevator, neat and tidy community offering pool, clubhouse and quiet relaxation Ask for 802NA10024668.
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\$99,900
3 bedroom 2 bath home with tile floors throughout, screened patio and plenty of room for a pool in the back yard. Ask for 802NA10009288.
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Potential Short Sale, this lovely home has 3bed/2bath/2 car-garage on a mostly clear lot. Ceramic tile throughout, Ask for 802NA10012872.
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\$87,900
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3 BED 2 BATH 2 CAR GARAGE
\$86,500
This is a potential short sale subject to lender approval. Beautiful lake front view to enjoy with your family.AS IS Ask for 802NA9042546.
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4 BED 2 BATH 1 CAR GARAGE
\$79,750
Short sale opportunity. 4 bed 2 bath on 1.14 acres priced to sell yesterday needs some paint and carpet and a little TLC Ask for 802NA10009867.
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GOLDEN GATE ESTATES BUILT IN 2004
\$76,900
Bank owned 3 bed 2 bath property situated on 2.27 acres Ask for 802NA10023319.
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3/2 on 1.59 acres, owner was replacing frame work around doors, newer wood flooring, sold as is Ask for 802NA10024350.
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WELL ESTABLISHED COMMUNITY
\$59,490
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