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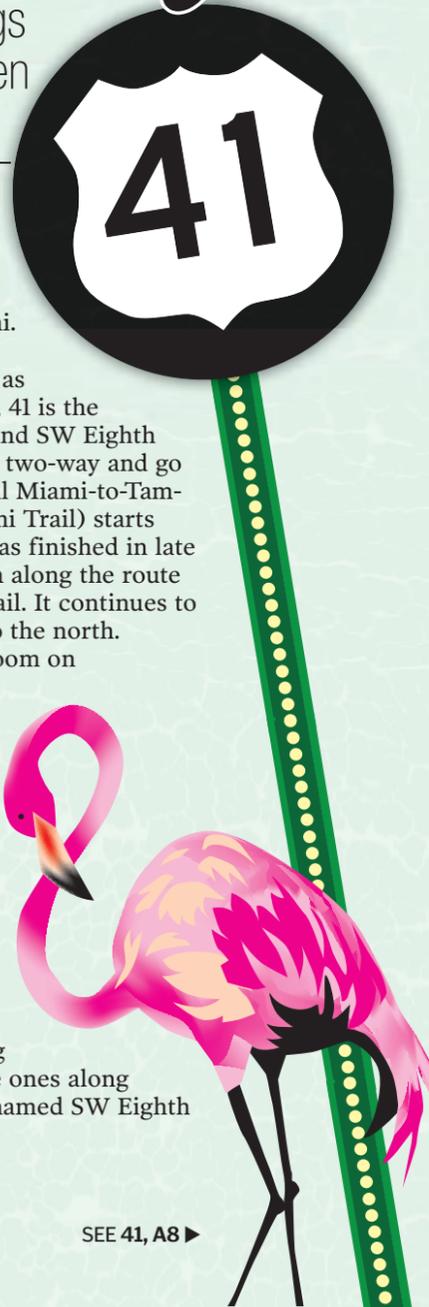
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U.S. ROUTE 41 SEEMS TO APPEAR from out of the underground parking garage of one of the glass bank buildings in downtown Miami. Beyond it, by the Port of Miami, cruise ships glitter in the sunlight, as imposing as cathedrals. From here, 41 is the one-way SW Seventh Street west and SW Eighth Street east, until they merge into a two-way and go through Little Havana. The original Miami-to-Tampa portion of the road (the Tamiami Trail) starts there, at the glass buildings, and was finished in late April 1928, 83 years ago. Each town along the route financed its own portion of the Trail. It continues to Lake Superior, about 1,800 miles to the north.

I was planning to find a cheap room on the road somewhere in the Miami area Monday night before continuing to the Georgia border by the end of the week. But when I stopped at the Stardust Motel, the Durex condom wrapper taped conspicuously to the thick protective window in front of a clerk scared me away. I headed to a generic Hampton Inn in Coral Gables a few miles away. I told the front desk attendant I decided not to stay at one of the places on 41. "It's kind of a running joke," she told me, that most of the ones along "Calle Ocho," as Cuban residents named SW Eighth Street, are "pay-by-the-hour."

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Veterinarians hit the road to Immokalee for Spay Days

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Local vets — the animal kind — are going to Immokalee to provide pet owners free spay/neuter surgeries and rabies vaccinations for their cats and dogs. It's the first time Humane Society Naples has organized the mission, called Spay Days. Dr. Linda George, HSN medical director, took the lead in organizing a group of about 20 staff and volunteers for the mission.

They'll set up a clinic from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 30, and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday, May 1, at 201 N. First St., the former site of the PACE Center for Girls-Immokalee. Procedures will also be performed in two mobile veterinary vans.

To promote the service, fliers printed in English, Creole and Spanish have been posted throughout Immokalee and sent home with schoolchildren, and announcements have aired on the Immokalee radio station. The aim is to educate pet owners on the importance of spaying and neutering as the key to reducing the population of unwanted



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Dr. Dena Baker is ready to hit the road to Immokalee.

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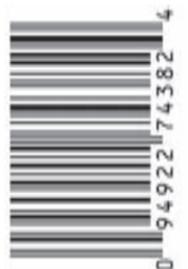
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COMMENTARY

He's a president, not a King

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When I first saw the clip of Vice President Joe Biden making like an on-the-job air traffic controller during President Obama's Big Budget Speech, I was appalled. For crying out loud, the least this guy can do is stay awake while the boss is talking.

Later, I heard Mr. Obama's speech in its entirety.

Joe, you are due an apology.

Mr. Obama's oration on our budget crisis was the verbal equivalent of an IV drip filled with Ambien. President Obama earned a reputation during the 2008 campaign for what Washington pundits liked to call "towering rhetoric." Since then, "cowering rhetoric" has become the norm.

Gone are the artful phrases and soaring metaphors. A typical presidential address these days is little more than pedestrian political blabbering. Like an aging baseball star whose reflexes are shot, Mr. Obama can no longer hit the fastball when he's on the stump.

Mr. Obama's descent into bumbling phrases and oblique b.s. is made all the more disturbing by the fact that we are coming off eight years of reeking rhetoric from the Bush administration. I will not flog the dead horse that is George W.'s speechifying. Those sometimes

painful, sometime hilarious memories are still fresh in our minds.

And as for Dick Cheney, what can you say about a guy whose sinister sneer, guttural growl and mean-spiritedness are his trademarks? Even when delivering the most benign anecdote, Mr. Cheney calls to mind a sadistic parole board chairman who delights in informing desperate cons that they will be guests of the state for another 20 years.

But let's set aside the misadventures of Mr. Obama's tongue-tied predecessors and focus squarely on the here and now.

When a nation faces the challenges that we do today, leadership — strong leadership — is needed to tamp the fear and anxiety that is abroad in the land. Part of being a strong leader is being a strong communicator. Whatever you thought of their policies, presidents like FDR, Ronald Reagan and Bill Clinton (who did well if there was someone available to wrest the microphone from his hands after 30 minutes or so) knew this instinctively.

My first inkling of Mr. Obama's inability to rise to the occasion verbally came during his inaugural address, which was liberally laced with bromides and hackneyed verbosity. "All are equal, all are free and all deserve a chance to strive for happiness." Can I get a big "Amen!" on that one? Didn't think so.

Mr. Obama's next historic moment came when he delivered his speech in Cairo in June 2009. This was another grand opportunity, and to again use a baseball metaphor, he whiffed. Given

the enormity of the time and place, I think most of us expected better. Much better.

There was nothing in it that even came close to Mr. Reagan's clarion call in Berlin in 1987: "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!" Nor did Mr. Obama approach John F. Kennedy's memorable eloquence, which also was part of an address in Berlin: "All free men, wherever they may live, are citizens of Berlin, and, therefore, as a free man I take pride in the words 'Ich bin ein Berliner!'"

Harry C. McPherson, who wrote speeches for Lyndon Johnson, succinctly nailed Mr. Obama's desultory performance in Egypt.

"I can't tell you — and this is one of the shortcomings of the kind of speech (Mr. Obama) makes — I can't quote anything, or cite anything, off the top of my head," Mr. McPherson said.

Neither can I. And I'll bet you can't, either.

Mr. Obama has drawn inevitable comparisons to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., which is ludicrous. Yes, both won the Nobel Peace Prize, but in Dr. King's case it was deserved. He had suffered and sacrificed in ways that I doubt Mr. Obama could have endured. And when it came to using oratory to further a cause and prick the consciences of those who opposed him, Dr. King knew no peer.

Most Americans harken to Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" address on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial when they want to discuss his ability to move an audience — indeed, an entire nation. It

is, of course, one of the great speeches of our time. No argument there.

Yet the one that gives me goose bumps still was the impromptu outpouring of raw emotion that Dr. King delivered in Memphis on April 3, 1968, the eve of his assassination.

He was ill that night, and it showed. Sweat poured from his forehead and cheeks and drenched the starched collar of his dress shirt. His eyes were clouded with a glaze of fever. The weather was violent; tornadoes circled the city. Enormous claps of thunder shook the walls and rafters of Mason Temple as Dr. King spoke. It was as if the gods were hurling bolts from above, demanding that we listen closely to what proved to be the great man's last speech.

"I want you to know tonight that we as a people will get to the Promised Land," he said in conclusion. "So I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!"

The crowd of about 3,000 exploded, and Dr. King, spent physically and emotionally, collapsed into the arms of Ralph David Abernathy, his most trusted aide.

Will we ever see the like from Barack Obama? Don't count on it. The president is more professor than preacher. His vaunted coolness is in desperate need of some fire, but he seems totally incapable of summoning the spark needed to ignite it.

Sleep on, old Joe. ■

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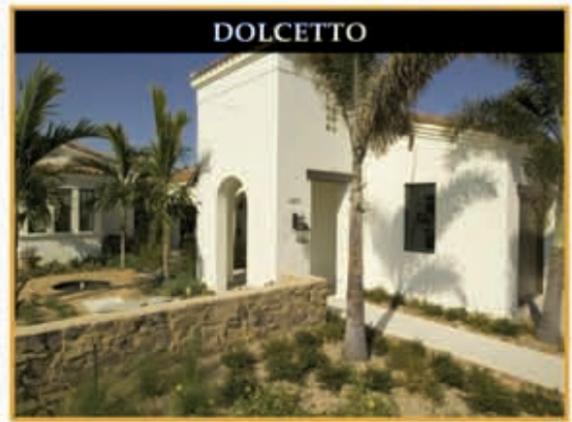
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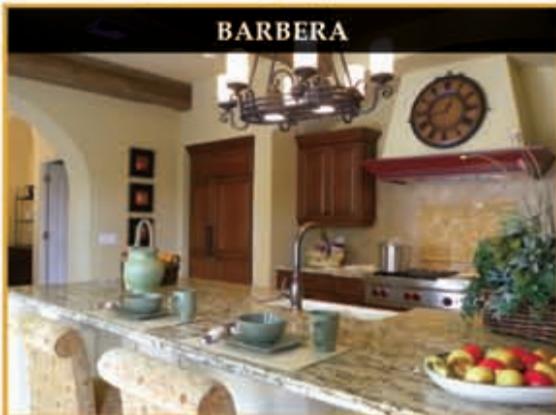
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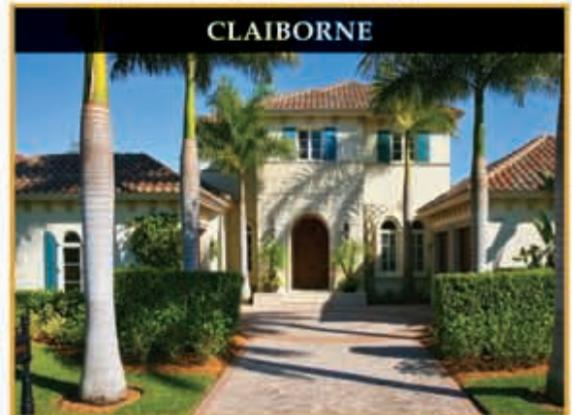
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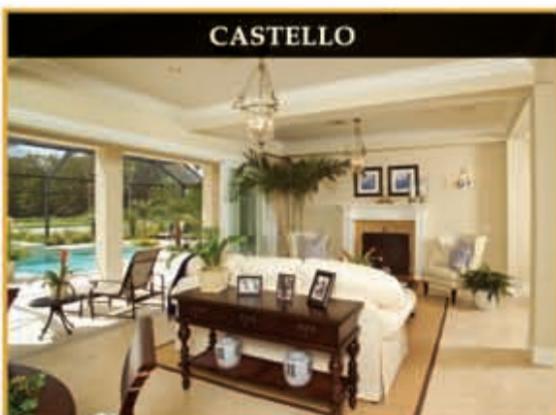
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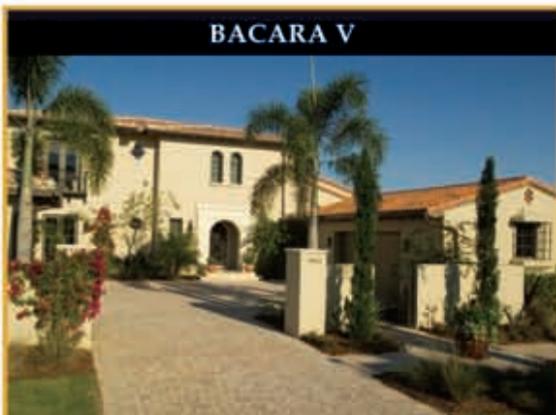
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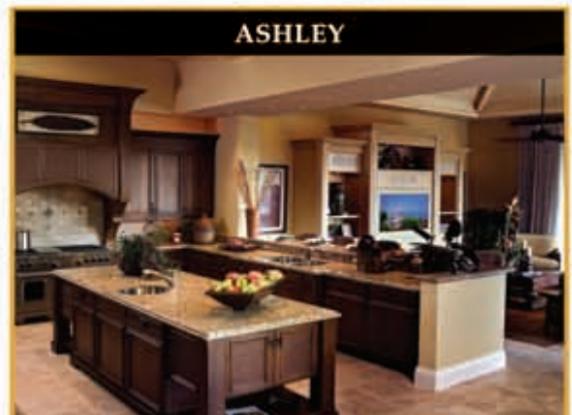
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OPINION**Coming apart at the seams**

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 Special to Florida Weekly



The size of government threatens the American way of life as we know it. The solution is straightforward — cut government. A vibrant grass-roots movement insists that it happen, and Washington is lousy with rival plans for how to go about it.

The social threat to the American way of life is as dire, if not more so. But it is more insidious, and more complicated. No grass-roots movement has mobilized against it, and no high-profile bipartisan commission is suggesting remedies. Yet it proceeds apace, all but ignored except in the lives of Americans.

Among those trying to sound the alarm is author and thinker Charles Murray of the American Enterprise Institute. In a bracing lecture on “The State of White America,” he notes that America has long had an exceptional civic culture. “America is coming apart at the seams,” he warns. “Not the seams of race or ethnicity, but of class.”

Murray takes whites as his subject to avoid the question of whether racism is responsible for the problem he describes, namely the “emergence of classes that diverge on core behaviors and values.”

Murray identifies what he calls the “founding virtues,” such as marriage, industriousness and religiosity, which have always been considered the social basis of self-government. He looks at whites aged 30-49 and divides them into the top 20 percent socio-economically and the bottom 30 percent. The top tier is basically the upper middle class, the bottom the working class. He finds two worlds, increasingly separate and unequal.

In 1960, everyone was married — 88 percent of the upper middle class and 83 percent of the working class. In 2010, 83 percent of the upper middle is married and only 48 percent of the working class. In 1960, births to single mothers in the working class were just 6 percent; now they are close to 50 percent.

When it comes to industriousness, there's the same divergence. In 1960, 1.5 percent of men in the upper middle class were out of the workforce; it's 2 percent now. In 1968, the number for working-class men hit a low of 5 percent; even before the

spike in unemployment after the financial crisis, it was 12 percent in 2008.

Although secularization is on the rise, it's more pronounced in the working class. Among the upper middle class, 42 percent say either they don't believe in God or don't go to church. In the working class, it's 61 percent. In other words, a majority of the upper middle class still has some religious commitment, while a majority of the working class does not.

These trends mean the working class is getting cut off from the richest sources of social capital: marriage, two-parent families and church-going. More people are falling into a lower class characterized by men who can't make a minimal living and single women with children. Murray argues that America can maintain its national power even if these trends continue. With a growing lower class “increasingly unsuited for citizenry in a free society,” though, it will no longer be the country we once knew.

When it comes to saving the American way, balancing the budget is the easy part. ■

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

Hey, hey, hippie-yi-yey, it's Earth Day

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Earth Day arrived this week with the usual lefty fanfare: politically correct cuisine created by politically correct chefs, politically correct ruminations printed by the politically correct press, and politically correct crappers designed for politically correct crap (if you haven't read up lately on green toilets, I'm sorry for you).

I just want to ask one question: Who cares?

Earth Day ought to be relegated at the business end of a bulldozer (see below) to the once-upon-a-time. But as usual, the mainstream media trots out the same tired old green-speak. They whine about water, they whine about earth and they whine about air, when all they have to do is look around and see: There's plenty.

After all, 19.3 million Floridians carry on drinking, bathing, peeing, pooping, inhaling, exhaling, boating, driving, walking and crawling up and down the 150-mile-wide peninsula, several times every single day.

So clearly, there's enough water and air for everybody, and then some. Always has been. And if it isn't the same quality it once was, so what? We have to adjust, and we can. That's why God invented evolution. You just get used to it.

There should be no whining about the wildlife on Earth Day, either. You can still see a bird or an alligator or a panther anytime you want to — just visit a theme park or zoo.

Here's the real problem. A bunch of Pantywaist Idiots, Stuffed-Shirts, and Environmentalist Rogue Sissies (henceforth referred to by the acronym PISSERS) keep criticizing Gov. Rick Scott, and getting in the way of business.

In the midst of all their self-aggrandizing grumbling lies a nasty liberal undertone, a haughty indignation at real progress: they whine about tax breaks for the wealthy and the corporate. They whine about cutting the salaries of teachers, for example. And they whine about the dismantling of

decades of bipartisan programs to make a cleaner, greener Florida.

But they ignore the most important green stuff we have: the highly endangered American greenback.

This oft-rare species (except in corporate boardrooms) appears most commonly in a plumage of \$1s, \$5s, \$10s, \$20s, \$50s and \$100s, unapologetically displaying the visages of ugly dead white men. You may have seen the smaller denominations, from time to time, in the distant past.

Gov. Scott, thank the Republican Lord, is trying to save the American greenback for all the corporations and big businesses that contributed so much money to his campaign, and more recently to his single cause in government service: to make them money.

But don't take my opinionated word for it. Public records of campaign-finance data organized and printed by those muckraking whiners at the *Orlando Sentinel* last week show that 28 of the top 30 political money-givers this year are corporations or special-interest business lobbies that mostly support Gov. Scott.

Since January, they've funneled \$3.7 million of a total \$4.2 million to Gov. Scott and some of his most trusted fellow Republicans.

The same 30 organizations pumped in \$45 million during the pre-election campaign last year, almost all of it to Republicans.

All of which is why I'm disappointed in the governor for not taking a bolder stand about this Earth Day-Everglades-whatever crap.

He has the precedent and the support, after all — not from the people anymore, but he doesn't have to worry about them.

His support comes from big business, which got him elected in the first place.

My intention here is not to completely decry Gov. Scott's audacity, however.

Admittedly, the governor has made some audacious progress, in spite of the whiners. His budget proposal for restoration of the Everglades — that big river of useless grass just lying out there in the sun waiting to be put to a higher better business use — cuts the available money by almost two-thirds, from \$50 million to \$17 million.

And that's a start.

But I don't think it's enough, especially not on Earth Day, when the PISSERS are pissing about everything under Gov. Scott's sun.

If Gov. Scott was a real leader, he'd demonstrate that the only thing we really need to do with earth, is move it.

What the governor needs to do forthwith is purchase his own personal bulldozer, which he should use both symbolically and literally to move earth.

He could drive it to Tea Party meetings. He could drive it home to Naples. He could drive it to the health club or the doughnut shop or the state capital and park it out front, to show that he means business. And if the legislature doesn't give in to his demands for tax breaks that are biggest for the richest, well, by God, he could do a little more than just threaten a veto. He could bulldoze them.

I've researched this for the governor, of course, and I recommend the Komatsu D575A-3SD, billed as “the world's biggest (production) super-bulldozer.”

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Mike Detzler, president of the Continental Equipment Company, says of this big honey, “It could push downtown Dallas into rubble in two weeks,” according to the Komatsu company ad.

Not a bad idea, and possibly one that appeals in particular to the Japanese. But can you imagine what the D575A-3SD could do to a single stretch of the Everglades in a single afternoon?

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Parents cannot assume a legal say once child turns 18

■ **April is Autism Awareness Month**
This is the last in a four-part series about the different aspects of dealing with autism.

BY EDEN AUTISM SERVICES FLORIDA
 Special to Florida Weekly

When children with an autism spectrum disorder or developmental disability turn 18, they are considered legally emancipated unless a parent or caregiver has been court-appointed as a guardian. Without some form of court-ordered guardianship, parents can be denied access to their child's school and medical records, prohibited from discussing treatment options with the doctor and prevented from applying for benefits for their child.

Many parents don't realize they will no longer have a legal say in very important decisions involving their now-adult child.

"Parents with a child with a developmental disorder just assume they're taking care of him or her for their whole life," says Christie Bhageloe, a staff attorney for Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, a nonprofit legal service provider in Central Florida. "Then they find out once their child is 18, it doesn't matter about their disabilities. They are an adult according to law. Doctors don't have to talk to parents; hospitals don't have to talk about treatment."

As Sandra and Dustin Worth's son approached 18, the Southwest Florida parents knew they would have to declare guardianship but weren't sure how to proceed. While attending last year's Family Café, an Orlando conference geared to parents and caregivers of

children and adults with developmental disabilities, they attended Ms. Bhageloe's workshop about a little-known update to Florida law that allows parents to establish themselves as a guardian advocate without hiring an attorney.

"Guardianship is always presented as a daunting and expensive process," says Mrs. Worth. "I was always afraid it was going to cost thousands of dollars to hire an attorney. Christie reassured me cost wouldn't be a major factor."

As guardian advocates for their son, the Worths oversee his medical, educational and financial concerns. "Our son told us, 'I can't make those decisions. I need your help, Mom,'" says Mrs. Worth. "That affirmed our direction."

Under Florida Statute 393.12, parents of children with autism, spina bifida, cerebral palsy, Prader-Willi syndrome and developmental disabilities can petition the court to become a guardian advocate. An alternative to full guardianship that strips the ward of almost all legal rights, the guardian advocate program allows parents and children to pick the areas where parental oversight is needed. It does not require a legal declaration of incapacity and in most cases, unless property is involved, allows the parties to proceed without legal representation.

"It cost us about \$300, which included notary fees, to file the forms," says Mrs. Worth.

In some cases, guardianship can cost up to \$10,000 in legal fees and requires annual attorney-generated reports that add to the price tag, says Ms. Bhageloe.



child is not incompetent." For the Worths, ensuring their son's educational success was one of their major priorities. He's expected to graduate next year.

"Struggling students can get so overwhelmed and are eagerly swayed to give up on a standard diploma for a certificate of completion because it's easier," says Mrs. Worth. "Education is so important; we've worked so hard and our son has worked extremely hard for his standard diploma. Having guardianship allows us to continue the dialogue with his teachers. They can't dismiss us."

"Guardianship brought us peace of mind," she continues. "It's like a huge brick has been lifted, knowing we could still have input."

Guardian advocacy forms can be downloaded at <http://www.ninth-circuit.org/about/divisions/probate/index.shtml>. ■



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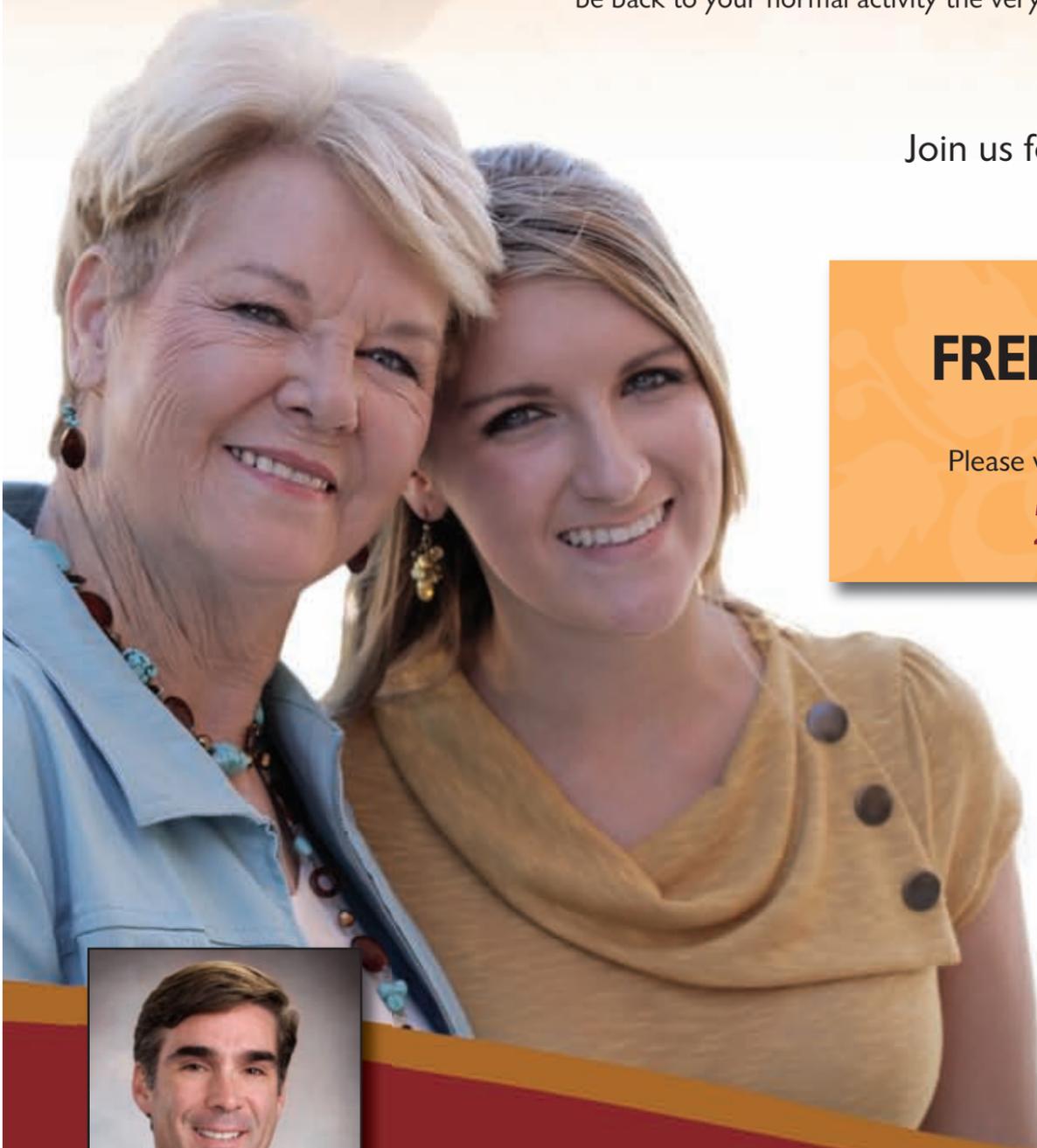
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William Larson with a customer at Blanche Barber Shop in Lake City

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U.S. 41 can be a gritty road. It takes all comers, selling fast food and cars, lap dances and Jesus Christ. Strip malls have names that in retrospect seem slightly sad, such as the Majestic Plaza, or the Rainbow Shopping Center. It is a city road and country road. Indians (both Eastern and Western), Cubans and pale white Midwesterners make their livings from its tourists or tour it, jaywalk across it, sleep on benches alongside it, take it to work every day, flourish and of course sometimes die on it. Whatever parts you think are the most beautiful or miserably ugly are really neither — they are both. Beauty takes care of itself, I read somewhere recently, and any point along 41 would make a perfect picture postcard to send home.

Miami

- THE WAITER AT S&S DINER IN Allen's Drug Store looked like he was in his mid-40s, with a sculpted physique, tattoos, jeans and a T-shirt, and buzzed hair. Noticing I was writing on a pad, he asked what newspaper I worked for. "We get a lot of journalists in here," said the man, Carlos Cardona, one of the owners. The old combination pharmacy/diner concept has been in the building, according to a sign on the window, since 1938. You get there by turning south off 41 at SW 57th Avenue and driving until you get to SW 40th Street. After I ordered a tuna salad sandwich on white bread to go, an elderly Cuban woman sat down next to me and ordered an espresso.

It was around noon. As she sat sipping the espresso, the cook, the other co-owner, Nancy Cajaraville, came over to talk with her. A woman on the other stool next to me was wearing a pink do-rag and headphones and smiling to herself, eating pancakes. In a tentative voice, and then more boldly, she began to sing: "O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming. And the rockets' red glare..." No one reacted to her. "O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave..." the woman sang in a shaky voice.

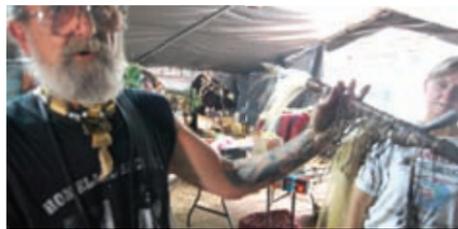
- THE OLD CUBAN MEN AT MAXIMO GOMEZ Park on Calle Ocho, near where Ms. Cajaraville grew up, were playing dominos as usual Tuesday afternoon. They've smoked cigars and played dominos and chess every day here for decades. Gabriele Iglesia, 75, sat on a bench, observing. He comes to the small park not to play games but "to kill the time, until the time kills me." He used to work for the county, he said without elaborating. He's lived in Little Havana, he told me, since he came from Cuba in 1961, the year of the infamous Bay of Pigs invasion. The neighborhood is busier now than ever. "There was not much else here when the Cubans came," he said. "It was peaceful, much better than now. You could leave your door open, nobody would bother you." He translated for a woman who was hanging around with the domino players, who said she came to the park every day. "I'm looking for an old guy who will be a millionaire," the woman joked.

- I ATE THE TUNA SANDWICH FROM S&S DINER in the car after leaving Maximo Gomez Park, drove back toward downtown and stopped at Tobacco Road on South Miami Avenue. It's a small, dark, well-loved dive known for its lineup of blues bands. "You walk through her doors and feel her years," wrote *The Miami Herald's* one-time music critic Leonard Pitts Jr., in an old article that hangs on the wall. The place turns 100 next year, and is believed to have gotten Miami's first liquor license. Old Polaroids are stapled up above the bar. A nude or, maybe, a prostitute, is painted in the hallway leading upstairs.

- SOME OF THE APARTMENT BUILDINGS ON THE city's working-class outskirts are painted in sea greens, pale pinks, darkened yellows and tanned creams. A shirtless man leaned off a second-story apartment railing. Women held babies at bus stops. The outskirts of Miami give way to the Everglades, divided by a two-lane 41.



Bobby Bryant in Sarasota



Showing off an 1840s medicine pipe



Little Havana



Tobacco Road in Miami



Michael Anthony Williams in Lake City

Everglades

THE MICCOSUKEE TRIBE HAS LIVED IN between what is now Big Cypress Preserve and Everglades National Park since the Seminole Wars. They offer airboat rides to tourists by a diner off 41, next to what may be one of the last full-service gas stations in the state, aside from Frank's Pure Automotive (on 41 in Naples). I filled up and had an Indian Taco at the diner — the Miccosukees' rich fry bread with taco toppings. Two women working in a gift shop and museum by the Miccosukee community said they drive there from the Miami suburbs, and that only people of Miccosukee heritage are allowed to live in the community of about 500 people, a block off 41. Along a main road there is a school and the police station; whatever is there is financed largely by an enormous 10-story casino and hotel the tribe owns on 41, close to Miami's outer suburbs.

"It's not like crazy how the city is. It's nice and tranquil," said Nadine Cypress, who lives in the Miccosukee community. She's 18 and works with her brothers and sisters at her parents' restaurant, Pam and Ted's, on the main road a few blocks from the school. Around 5 o'clock Tuesday evening, they were hanging out there along with some older Miccosukee guys who had finished giving airboat rides for the day. A pickup truck equipped with airhorns drove by and blasted. They got us. A few miles along the road, I stopped to walk the Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk. At a lookout, people watched an alligator. Only its eyes appeared above the almost neon green film over the water.

Southwest Florida

• AT THE END OF FIFTH AVENUE IN Naples, luxury cars parked. People walked toward the beach to look at the sunset. The light brightened and winds cooled. Black shapes, birds, cruised above the Gulf of Mexico. People stood with one arm extended toward the water, snapping pictures on smartphones. Near here, about 110 miles from Miami, 41 heads north. And for the next 400 miles or so, aside from Tampa, it passes through small to miniscule Florida towns. Most were founded in the late 1800s and have historic downtowns in various stages of gentrification.

• LIT-UP SIGNS FLASHED BY ALONG 41's signature urban bazaar in North Naples: institutions like CVS, Wendy's, Taco Bell and Red Lobster instantly recognizable between mom and pop businesses. I stopped for a stuffed spinach and cheese pie at Aurelio's Pizza, having yearned for the delectable sweet sauce at this small shop, crammed with Chicago memorabilia, since I went with a friend months ago. The scenery along the road stayed with me for hours after I stopped. It replayed when I started to fall asleep at my apartment that night near downtown Fort Myers: Steak and Ale where I used to wait tables (defunct), Babe's (hiring dancers), a bridge soaring over the Caloosahatchee River, a friend picking me up at the

North Fort Myers Pizza Hut, Del Tura Golf & Country Club where I spent a summer mowing lawns with a crew, the utter flatness of Southwest Florida roads, a giant American flag billowing over a car lot, the silhouettes of palm trees.

• I stopped for lunch at The Golden Corral on 41 in Punta Gorda. Two retired snowbirds from Cincinnati, Ohio, were talking about the price of gas. They felt cantankerous about that, about politics and the government. "I was telling him when we were first married 45 years ago, it was 24 cents per gallon," Edith Doughty said. Her husband Ed had been in the tax and accounting business for 30 years, "and enjoyed every minute of it." She's going to have cataract surgery before they go back to Cincinnati for the summer.

A pretty waitress with grayish-purple nail polish cleaned up our plates. "Have you gotten your invitation to the royal wedding?" Mrs. Doughty asked me when I mentioned I was born in London. "Not yet," I said, and they laughed.

• Somewhere past Venice, a sign-waver next to a strip mall, selling granite, was doing the robot under a cloudless sky bleached by the sun. Vultures picked at a dead raccoon by the side of the road. I looked for out-of-state license plates and found Michigan, Tennessee, Maryland. I passed a black Mercedes convertible with a woman's bare foot resting on the passenger window.

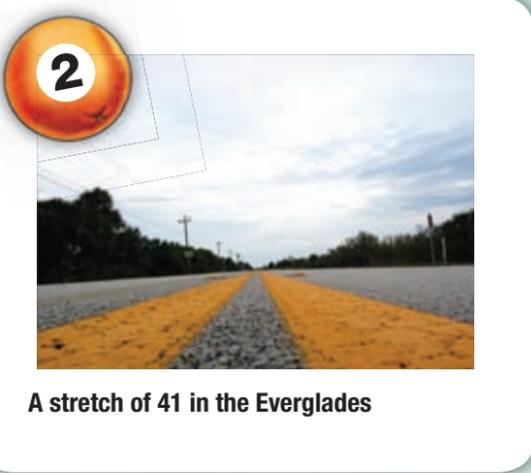
Downtown Sarasota

• I WAS NOW ROUGHLY 215 MILES from Miami. U.S. 41 swung around downtown Sarasota. I parked, walking under the awnings of shops, and stopped to talk with a man who sat on the sidewalk outside Parker's Books Book Bazaar. I asked if I could interview him and he said, "I thought you said something about giving me money." I offered him \$5. He suggested \$20, which I gave him and he took, slowly folding it into his hand without looking at me. "Just promise me you won't spend it on food," I said, quoting Dirty Harry. "Man, why you messin' with me?" he said, seemingly pleased. He squinted out at the street and slipped off his shoes. His socks smelled sour.

He said his name was Bobby Bryant. He is "40-something," and grew up in The Bronx, moving to Boston sometime later, where his mother lives now. He became homeless about four years ago after a girlfriend "put him out." He followed another girlfriend to Florida. Mr. Bryant deadpanned answers to a few of my silly questions. What are you going to do with your life? "Too soon to tell. It's gonna be a little bit." Where do you see yourself in five years? "Probably the beach. I haven't been to the beach yet since I've been here." He got up and gave me a fist bump. "Nice chattin' with you," he said. Inside Parker's Books, jazz music played softly. The clerk there, Lore Feld, showed me the CD: "Jessica Williams, Live at Yoshi's, Volume Two." "Art, my co-worker, has an amazing jazz



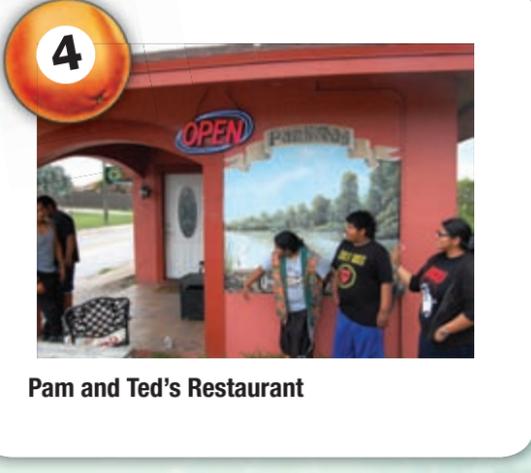
JJ Kent, whose Lakota tribal name is Wicasa Ho' Waste'



A stretch of 41 in the Everglades



Lore Feld at Parker's Books



Pam and Ted's Restaurant

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collection," she said. She showed me the back room, stuffed with rare books and some first editions. When I asked about her recent favorites, she recommended "Positively Fifth Street," by James McManus, a non-fiction murder mystery in which the author also makes it to the poker's world championship. Ms. Feld is an avid poker player.

- I HAD PASSED FROM AREA CODES 305 to 239 to 941. I continued to Tampa's southern outskirts, through Sun City, then Ruskin, where I drove a block off 41 and stopped around dusk. An ambitious historical mural looked strangely out over an empty parking lot filled with weeds, colorfully filling the long wall of a nearly abandoned office building and warehouse. Stern faces of historic figures floated across the wall towards a sunset that a young couple and their younger child stood watching, their hands resting on each other's shoulders.

Tampa

- U.S. 41 JOGS AND TWISTS THROUGH Tampa. Signs leap by in another loop of the urban bazaar touched with greasy American poetry: Foxy's Showbar, Auto Zone, Al's Barber Shop, African hair braiding, The Library Lounge Gentleman's Club, Cash n' Pawn, University Motel, Interstate Lounge Liquors, Tropical Car Wash, Church's Chicken, Family Dollar, the Egg Role King. Crossing over Palm River, the windows of downtown Tampa were winking in the dark. I stopped at Southern Ground Saloon, where a soothing, twangy country song about Motel 8 played. The bartender, Lu-Lu, informed me that the next decent-sized city north of here was Brooksville; also that tiny Land O' Lakes has nothing to do with the butter. I stopped at Fun-Lan Drive-in Theatre to see "Your Highness," but left before the movie ended. At the snack bar, I played Rampage, the 1980's classic arcade game featuring an angry giant gorilla. There, an old brochure is encased in glass, advertising the theater's opening in 1950, with "The Story of Seabiscuit" starring Shirley Temple.

- AT A QUARTER-TILL TEN AT NIGHT, I WAS in the middle of nowhere, apparently, north of Land O' Lakes. I passed a church. Its clear front doors were lit up and two men stood next to each other inside having a conversation. Then suddenly I was in Brooksville. For the first time, there are beautiful, rolling hills. I drove around some of the neighborhood's brick streets and it seemed everyone was asleep, except for a baseball game being played at the high school.

Brooksville

- I EXPLORED DOWNTOWN IN THE MORNING and stopped in at WWJB, a community radio station. A tall man with a goatee and neatly combed, thinning hair, Mike Higgins had arrived still in his scrubs for a live call-in show he does every Thursday from 12:30 to 1 p.m. called "No Bones About It." He's an orthopedic surgeon and chief of surgery at Brooksville Regional Hospital.

"Let's talk about knees today," said DJ Bob Haa. Mr. Haa expected a slow morning, wondering if anyone would call in at all since news of the latest aftershocks in Japan. A few minutes into the show they got a caller and were silent in the studio, listening on headphones.

"OK, how long ago?" Dr. Higgins asked. And then, after a few seconds,

"And how was your rehab?"

"You had both done at once?"

Mr. Haa broke in, and then clarified something: "When you do bilateral, that means both knees."

Dr. Higgins doesn't usually recommend having two knees replaced at once because of the strenuous rehab.

"What was your experience, Charley, with post operative rehab?" Dr. Higgins asked.

Mr. Haa took a drag off an electronic cigarette. Dr. Higgins asked, "Would you do it all over again? And you've had no clicking? Popping? Your range of motion is good? Good. Then you're a success story."

- I EAVESDROPPED WHILE EATING CHUNKS of pork "marinated in beer and sour orange," according to the menu. At Enchilada's Mexican Restaurant on Broad Street (41 in downtown Brooksville), a conversation between three men and a woman, who seemed to be having a business meeting, drifted. They chewed over the merits of homeschooling, a robbery of one of their homes and the mystifying vanilla ice cream topped with bacon and maple syrup at Denny's (everyone groaned). "That sounds terrible. I'm sorry," the woman said.

The discussion moved on to those people who harbor apocalyptic fears based on statements in various holy books.

"My brother-in-law, my wife's brother, was so sure the world was going to end in October he sold everything," said one of the men, with a shaved head, a blue T-shirt and khakis. "He sold his stereo. I bought his speakers." The man added, "Every once in a while you run into one."

Citrus County

- WITH TWO LANES AT 55 TO 65 miles per hour, 41 split a landscape of skinny pine trees, oaks cloaked in moss, an antique store, low hills, radio towers, power lines and sprawling ranches divided by wooden fences. Smoke from a distant fire kept slowly filling part of the mid-afternoon sky.

In Floral Park, people were setting up tents for The 11th annual Intertribal Pow Wow. They were all Native Americans. JJ Kent, whose Lakota tribal name is Wicasa Ho' Waste' (Man With A Good Voice), had just arrived from Nashville. He's a flutist, in his 50s with long straight black hair and icy blue eyes, who records music and lectures at schools about the seven Lakota principles.

Security for the festival would be provided by a group of Native Americans who had also served in the armed forces. Brian Beasley, or Thundering Elk, a big seventh-generation Cherokee and a former U.S. Marine, led that group. A couple setting up a tent filled with museum pieces showed me one of their prize possessions, an 1840s Native American medicine pipe.

Floral City seems to pop up out of the tall grand oak trees without warning with a gas station, a leather shop for bikers, a lunch bar, an antique shop and a small produce stand. The outskirts include a feed and supply store, a barber shop, pizza shop, a Dollar General and an enormous junkyard filled with rusted farm equipment.

Near the city limits of Inverness, Cooter Pond Park has a boardwalk over a lake filled with lily pads.

- LOST NEAR DUNNELLON, A FEW MILES from 41, I backtrack and stop to buy a Styrofoam cup full of boiled peanuts. Under a small umbrella near a stop sign, a skinny man in a Harley David-



41 turns north near Naples



Gabriele Iglesia at Maximo Gomez Park



Welcome to Florida



S&S Diner cook Nancy Cajaraville, left, and a friend

son T-shirt, shorts and visor, scooped the nuts out of a big stockpot. His name is Robert Winant III, and he spent 25 years as a freemason, making elaborate floors out of marble, granite and stone, until the economy went sour.

"Can you believe I used to be an artist?" he asked in his low, smoky voice.

He spent last year traveling instead, "all the way to the Redwood Forest," and then came back and started selling peanuts by the road a month ago. When his mother visited from Castle Rock, Colo., recently, he introduced her to the regional dish, which she'd never tried. He doesn't like selling peanuts, but is taking the work in stride. "Hey, this is what life can turn out to be here in the future, man," he said, filling the \$1.50 cup-full for a man who pulled up in a white van.

- AT THE DUNNELLON SONIC DRIVE-IN, a teenager with short blondish hair, his face lightly speckled with acne, brought me a limeade. I drove for another hour and a half into North Florida, on by three more towns and three watertowers: Williston, Archer, Newberry.

High Springs

- ROUGHLY 15 MILES NORTHWEST of Gainesville I arrived in High Springs, with a population of about 4,000. It's a hotspot for scuba diving and cave diving in often glass-clear, spring-fed rivers such as the Santa Fe and its tributaries. One cave system among dozens, called The Devil's Eye, includes 5,600 feet of underground passageways at a depth of 190 feet in places, said Zach Lowman, a 24-year-old who works at the dive shop near downtown.

Mr. Lowman, who grew up here, doesn't like to cave dive because of the risk involved. On a map of The Devil's Eye he points to a picture of blue circles depicting where my head and oxygen tanks would be, scrunching my way through a dark tunnel somewhere. You go in connected to a rope, sometimes squeezing through crawlspaces. Usually at least one inexperienced cave diver per year who comes to High Springs dies attempting it, Mr. Lowman said. He prefers diving for artifacts, and has found arrowheads, spear points, and sharks teeth. "The clear water is really nice for

night diving," he said.

The next morning I walked from High Springs Country Inn across 41 to the Springs Diner. A cook with a skull tattoo on his skinny, muscled bicep made me biscuits and gravy. I scanned the papers: someone had lost a gator-tooth necklace. Criminals tried to throw tires down a sinkhole. During a police chase, a man drove a car into his own house. Soon I'd drive over the tea-colored Santa Fe River into Columbia County. I was passed by a pickup truck with a bed full of golden retrievers, big pretty ones that cured my foul mood.

Lake City and Osceola National Forest

- LAKE CITY, WITH A POPULATION around 12,500, is the last sizeable town before you leave Florida. It meets the southwest corner of Osceola National Forest: 200,000 acres of cypress and pine created in 1931 by President Herbert Hoover. I took a county road into the forest and drove aimlessly, sometimes on dirt and sometimes asphalt. At 1,700-acre Ocean Lake, there were campers parked around

the shoreline. Near there, I found Olustee, a tiny town in the park that was the site of a Civil War Battle on Feb. 20, 1864. The Union Army was trying to cut an important Confederacy supply line. The casualty rate on both sides was near 50 percent, and the Union Army was forced into retreat.

- THE BARBER IN DOWNTOWN LAKE CITY is a lean, handsome 50-year-old Southerner with a swoop of thick graying hair and a mustache. William Larson has a single chair where he cuts hair now, much different from the row of chairs where men worked when Blanche Barber Shop opened there in 1924, in the old Blanche Hotel. "My daddy bought the business in 1976," Mr. Larson said, and he's worked there as a shoeshine boy, janitor and barber since he was a teenager. He knows the building so thoroughly, having played up in the old hotel when he was a kid, that to hear him talk about the building's intimate architectural features and people who were there — staircases behind certain walls, old barbers and the exact placement of their chairs, a chilling tale of Klu Klux Klan meeting

here — is to believe in ghosts.

“Pete would be 100 or 102 by now,” Mr. Wilson said at the beginning of a story, referring a man he worked with. “He’s been gone probably 15 years. He actually cut hair in this chair, the third chair. He cut hair in this chair 62 years.” He continued, “All the men I worked for and most of the men I worked on are gone. That’s one thing I didn’t count on, most of the men passing away. Now I’m the old one.”

• MICHAEL ANTHONY WILLIAMS STOOD AT the lake downtown feeding ducks with the crumbs from a package of saltines. He claims to have once been a star football player at his high school, and with his enormous hands he looks like it. Now more than 35 years later, he’s a minister — call him Dr. Rev. Evangelist Michael Anthony Williams. Not that he can’t still snag a pass. “I was taught whatever comes towards your hands catch it,” he said. “I was out at Youngs Park the other day and a little short fellow, every ball he threw I caught.”

Night music

• AFTER SPOTTING A WILD TURKEY NEAR the Georgia border earlier in the day, and then stopping to photograph the landmark, I picked up some sesame chicken at Chen’s Chinese Restaurant in Jasper late Friday night and drove back to White Springs.

I flipped around on the radio.

“It’s a quarter after one, I’m a little drunk and I need you now,” a country singer moaned. Then I listened to a religious program for a while: “And the new cry is I am a victim, it’s not my fault and I’m not responsible,” the preacher said. “Guilt for anything and everything is pushed off on others. It’s sort of wimpy, sort of cowardly. We’ve all been oppressed, abused, victims, and we aren’t about to forgive anybody. But the price of unforgiveness is really severe. Let me tell you some of the things that unforgiveness does. Unforgiveness imprisons people in the past.”

Then a Florida Gators baseball game: “The Gators trail by two here in the fifth. There are two outs ... a swing and a miss ... the place is really gettin’ loud now, probably the loudest we’ve heard it ... here’s the pitch, it’s high, another breaking ball ... here’s the 2-2 pitch, swing and a miss ... he was nowhere near that breaking ball either...”

People were apparently working late at a huge phosphate mine run by Potash Corp. (Some people in nearby White Springs blame them for drying up the old healing sulfur springs; others say it was natural causes.) The lights glowed beside the road, coming up from under a long, tall pile of earth the miners left behind, like a huge alien ship about to emerge from the ground.

White Springs

• JUDITH McCLURE HAD STAYED UP LATE out on the porch of White Springs Bed and Breakfast to watch for my car. She stayed up longer after I arrived, asking when I’d be ready for breakfast (she made fantastic heart-shaped waffles, bacon and eggs) and telling me about the town or answering my questions, while I sat on the back porch and ate sesame chicken.

An electrical fire on March 8 started when a tree fell into powerlines, burning down White Springs antique store. For this town of about 800 people, which claims the Suwannee River and a history as a thriving riverboat town among its charms, losing the store was a major blow, Ms. McClure explained.

“It’s a depressed area,” she said of the town now, and this was one of its few businesses. Like her bed and breakfast, the two-story antique store had also been built in 1905. Many of the town’s historic buildings along 41 and on its other streets came from the beginning of last century. “All the old houses around

here are made of heart of pine and they just go up,” Ms. McClure said.

Four years ago, when she short-sold her house in Phoenix, Ariz., and moved here, the entire town was threatened by a wildfire. It was over Memorial Day weekend, the weekend of the annual Fall River Folk Festival, which was canceled when the fire got too close.

“The smoke was so thick you could look out the window and not see two feet,” Ms. McClure said.

White Springs had been evacuated on that Memorial Day weekend four years ago. Ms. McClure had just bought the bed and breakfast. But the fire itself never reached the city limits. “It would have taken the whole town,” she said.

• FROM THE FRONT, FOR A SECOND, THE antique store almost looked normal. And then you could see where half the roof had collapsed; and the broken windows; and the thin strip of yellow emergency tape. When you went around to the back of the house it was like a horror movie in which the front of a person’s face looks normal and then they turn around and part of them is missing and you realize he’s a ghost.

Pattie Tower sat out on the porch of her burned antique store on Saturday morning, selling off whatever was left, some of it covered in soot. The smell of burnt pine was ironically pleasant. The tree had fallen at 7:30 p.m., she said, while she was on the highway. There was no storm, Mrs. Tower said. “It just fell.” Her husband had called and blurted the news. By the time she got home two hours later, everything was smoldering, in spite of the fire house being directly across the street.

The Towers still have a booth at an antique mall in Jacksonville. The house itself was insured, but they estimate a \$100,000 loss on inventory. After what’s left is sold, they plan to more or less retire and spend more time with their grandchildren. The house will be cleared away. “I hated for the town to lose it, aside from our loss,” Mrs. Tower said. “It was a cheerful little place.”

Jasper

• STACY BEMBRY WAS BORN IN JENNINGS in Hamilton County, the last town in Florida before Georgia. Her relatives were farmers who settled the area in the late 1800s, she said. Now she works at a pizza shop 12 miles away in Jasper, and her husband is a truck driver whose family goes back here just as many generations. She and her husband’s relatives are buried in Geiger Cemetery and Jennings Bluff Cemetery just up the road, she said, so I went to see. I found them in both, including the married couple Hiram Bembry (1881 to 1940) and Palma Lashley Bembry (1885 to 1958). Jennings Bluff Cemetery is located at the end of a long dirt road, just past a Great Florida Birding Trail. The gravestones stick out of the ground like crooked teeth and in the evening it’s incredibly creepy. Some are well kept though, even the oldest ones, including Ms. Bembry’s relatives. Her maiden name is Beaty, and there were some deceased Beatys from the late 1800s here. Beyond the cemetery a bluff fell into the Alapaha River, a tributary of the famous Suwannee. It was dark as molasses, thick, moving, full. I found the skeletal remains of a strange-looking fish near the water. It was late Saturday afternoon.

Before taking Interstate 75 back to Fort Myers, I stopped at Cooter Jack’s bar, the last place before you leave the state. An old woman tended bar to four men, one of them ancient, falling asleep.

“What’s the news?” a robust suntanned man, maybe in his 50s, asked her.

“Same old same old,” she said, shaking her head.

“Ain’t a damn thing changed,” the man said. ■

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Program, raffle will help feather the nest of the Marco Eagle Sanctuary Foundation

The first-ever Marco Eagle Sanctuary Foundation "Nest Fest" fundraiser takes flight from 4:30-7 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at Marco Island's Art League Center for the Arts. The wine and hors d'oeuvres affair will focus on protecting Marco Island's bald eagles and preserving their 11.6-acre habitat, the Marco Eagle Sanctuary on Tiger-tail Court.

Guest speaker Randy McCormick, environmental manager at Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, will discuss native and environmentally friendly landscaping. Nature photographer Dennis Goodman has donated matted eagle photographs to be raffled off to MESF founding members. Foundation chairman Carl Way will discuss the need for pledges and contributions.

Admission is free for MESF founding members and \$15 for others.

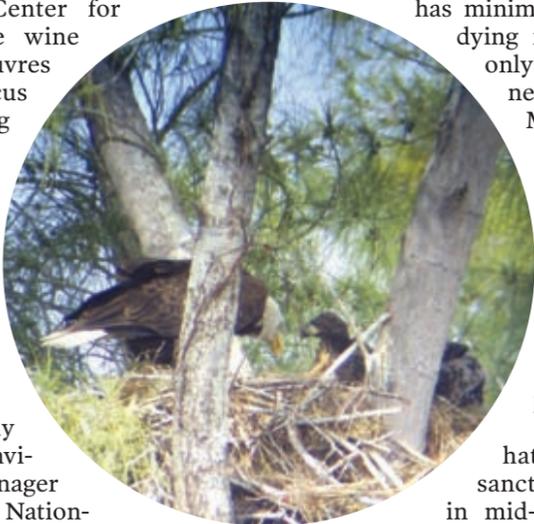
Fewer than 50 years ago, Marco Island was abundant with wildlife, surrounded by mangroves and home

to many bald eagles. After years of dredging canals and building homes, high-rises and commercial buildings, however, the island today has minimal green space, dying mangroves and only two bald eagle nests. The goal of MESF is to create an eagle sanctuary in an eco-park environment with newly planted slash pines, native plants and flowers and park benches.

Two eaglets hatched at the sanctuary nest site in mid-December last year. Both had fledged the nest by mid-March, venturing out on their first shaky flights to the cheers of onlookers. The site has been a popular attraction for Marco residents and visitors all season.

For information about becoming a founding member of MESF, call 394-9285 or visit www.marcoeaglesanctuaryfoundation.org.

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John Parravini photographed the eagle family in their Marco Eagle Sanctuary nest through a telescope.

A great season winds down aboard the Good Fortune

BY ART RIVAS

Special to Florida Weekly

Daily trips aboard the Good Fortune pontoon boat are coming to an end for another season at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, but there's still time to catch a glimpse of the eagle family that's been a star attraction.

The eaglets have fledged and are as large as their parents. The dark youngsters are sometimes mistaken for vultures, however, because they have yet to develop their characteristic white head and bright yellow bill. That doesn't happen until they reach sexual maturity at about age 5.

Lucky Good Fortune passengers see a family tableau: two white-headed parents and two dark juveniles standing vigilant and noble on high slash pine limbs. All along the waterway, we also see osprey nests with juveniles about to take their first flight.

One of this season's most extraordinary sightings from the pontoon boat was made on April 8. Here's the report from Carol Haberkern, one of two naturalists on board:

"With two of us on board, it was easy to help passengers spot and identify all four eagles, lots of ospreys, great and snowy egrets, tricolored herons, cormorants, brown pelicans and a reddish egret. But nothing compared to what we saw in the area of marker 44 in the ICW. On a sandy area on Keewaydin Island we spotted a panther — not a dog, not a bobcat, but a panther with a long tail, tawny color and an unmistakable feline stride. We watched it walk slowly along the sandy area until it



JOHN JOHNSON / COURTESY PHOTO

The eaglets atop a slash pine

finally disappeared into the trees."

Before this, the only time a panther is known to have been on Keewaydin Island was in January 2007. He stayed a short time, left and then returned for another short stay a month later. He had been tagged with a radio collar and was located electronically but never seen. Nicknamed Beach Boy, he was rumored to have had many nice meals on feral pigs and green iguana on the island.

Although we call them birding trips, you just never know what you'll spot when you come on an excursion aboard the Good Fortune. ■

— Art Rivas is a volunteer with the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Sunset tours aboard the Good Fortune depart two hours before sunset daily through April 28; lunch tours depart through April 30, after which tours will end until January. Cost for Conservancy members is \$30 for adults, \$13 for children; non-members pay \$40 and \$18. For reservations and more information, call 403-4236.

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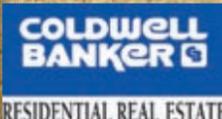


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Rookery Bay has a deal for Earth Day

Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve celebrates Earth Day with buy-one, get-one-free admission Friday, April 22. Regular admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 6-12.

The Environmental Learning Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Movies from the Planet Earth series will be screened hourly in the auditorium, beginning at 9 a.m. with "From Pole to Pole" and followed by "Mountains," "Fresh Water," "Great Plains," "Jungles," "Shallow Seas" and "Ocean Deep."

At 11 a.m., Rookery Bay naturalists will lead "Munchin' in the Mangroves," an educational program about native fish and estuarine organisms that includes feeding the residents of the learning center's 2,300-gallon aquarium.

A guided walk along the half-mile Snail Trail

will set out from the center at 2 p.m., and visitors throughout the day will be able to go on an eco-friendly scavenger hunt.

The Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center is at 300 Tower Road, off Collier Boulevard south of U.S. 41 on the way to Marco Island. For more information, call 417-6310 or visit www.rookerybay.org. ■

Kids get into the Garden free for Earth Day

The Naples Botanical Garden holds an Earth Day celebration from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, April 22, when each adult ticket purchased earns free admission for an accompanying child. Garden guests will enjoy a variety of guided tours and demonstrations, with special activities and programs for kids throughout the day.

The first 50 visitors to the Smith Children's Gar-

den will participate in a native butterfly release.

At 9:30 a.m., take a tour through the Garden's native areas and learn about edible and useful plants from Chad Washburn, director of conservation and education.

At 10 a.m., find out about the Garden's many non-plant residents, including birds, butterflies, tortoises and insects.

At 10:30 a.m., Brian Galligan, director of horticulture, will discuss fruit trees that you can grow in your own backyard.

Also at 10:30 a.m., young Garden visitor will enjoy hearing "Stella and Roy Go Camping" before going on the hunt for animal tracks.

Tour the Naples Garden Club's Idea Garden at 11 a.m.

Regular admission to the Garden is \$12.95 for adults and \$7.95 for children ages 4-14. Kids under 4 and Garden members are admitted free. For more information, call 643-7275 or visit www.naplesgarden.org. ■

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Koreshan site holds 10th annual festival

Koreshan State Historic Site in Estero holds its 10th annual Earth Day Festival from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 23. The event is co-sponsored by The Sierra Club Calusa Group and the Happehatchee Center.

Opening ceremonies begin at 9:45 a.m. Environmental presentations and free kayak rides on the Estero River will begin at 10:30 a.m. and continue throughout the day. A nature walk through the park will set out at 11 a.m.

Local artists will have their work on display, and various organizations will have information and booths, including Camp Bow Wow with a program for children about how to care for pets, Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, Shy Wolf Sanctuary with some wolves and Kowiachobee Animal Preserve with an African leopard. Clyde Butcher has donated a photographic poster that will be raffled off to benefit the Sierra Club Calusa Group.

There will be arts and crafts for the kids, and Ben & Jerry's ice cream for all, and concessions by the Lions Club of Estero & South Fort Myers (hot dogs and beef barbecue) and For Goodness Sake (veggie wraps and turkey wraps).



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A wolf from Shy Wolf Sanctuary

Live entertainment will be by:

- Rosie Emery from 10-11 a.m.
- The James Willhite Band, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
- The Lids, 1-2 p.m.
- Adam Mac, 2:15-3:15 p.m.

A drum circle under the tree canopy will be open for everyone from 4-6 p.m. Bring a drum or other percussion instrument.

Although there is no festival admission fee, parking is \$10 per car. ■

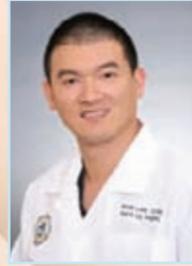
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The Easter Bunny roams free greeting visitors, and the wild animals at **The Naples Zoo** tear into special papier mache eggs filled with treats at feeding time Friday-Sunday, April 22-24. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the last tickets sold at 4 p.m. Admission is \$19.95 for adults, \$11.95 for ages 3-12, and free for children younger than 3. For more information, call 262-5409 or visit www.napleszoo.org.



COURTESY PHOTO
Tigers at The Naples Zoo tear into papier mache eggs filled with special treats.

The Immokalee Pioneer Museum at Roberts Ranch holds an Easter egg hunt from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23. Everyone is welcome. After the hunt, hop into the museum to see the "Cattle Keepers" exhibit of photos and memorabilia about the history of cattle ranching from the days of the Seminoles in Florida. For more information, call 658-2466 or 272-4856.

Marco Island's Mackle Park holds its Spring Jubilee and Easter Egg Hunt for ages 11 and younger from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 23. The egg hunt will begin at 11:30 a.m. Other fun includes a bounce house, sand art, pony rides and games for all. For more information, call 389-5032.

Max Hass Community Park hosts an Easter Eggstravaganza complete with photos with the friendly, floppy-eared Easter Bunny, an egg hunt, face painting and springtime crafts from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 23. Admission is \$2. For more information, call 348-7500.

An Easter egg hunt, divided by age groups, takes place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at the **Immokalee Sports Complex**. Admission is free. For more information, call 657-1951.

Youngsters can start the day with breakfast with the Easter Bunny from 9-10 a.m. Saturday, April 23, in the restaurant piazza at **Miromar Outlets** in Estero. Cost is \$4 per child. Call 948-3766 for more information.

Enjoy an Easter dinner buffet before the **Trans-Siberian Orchestra** concert at Germain Arena in Estero on Easter Sunday, April 24. Dinner will be served in the Big Cypress Club beginning at 5:30 p.m., and the concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Dinner is \$20. Concert tickets are \$59.50, \$49.50 and \$39.50. Call 948-7825 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

Naples Botanical Garden invites families to meet the Easter Bunny and hunt for colorful eggs from 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 23, in the Vicky C. and David Byron Smith Children's Garden. Egg hunts will take place at 9:30, 10, 10:30 and 11 a.m. for children ages 12 and younger. General admission applies. For more information, call 643-7275 or visit www.naplesgarden.org.



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Young visitors to Naples Botanical Garden make a dash for Easter eggs at last year's hunt.

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Naples sunrise photo taken in September 2010

Marco Marriott hosts sunrise service

The 23rd annual Easter sunrise service on Marco Island will begin at 7 a.m. Sunday, April 24, at the Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort.

Residents' Beach will open at 6 a.m. for members' parking. Attendees can get to the beach via the walkway north of the Marriott or at the public access north of Madeira Condominium. Chairs and blankets are recommended.

The Rev. Bill Lyle, senior pastor at

Marco Presbyterian Church, will deliver the message titled, "All I Need is a Cheeseburger in Paradise." Other participating clergy are the Rev. Dr. Roger Felipe of First Baptist Family Church and the Rev. Thomas McCulley of New Life Community Church of God. Craig Greusel, director of music at Marco Lutheran Church and a music specialist with Collier County schools, will be the soloist. ■

NOC performs 'Seven Last Words of Christ'

The Naples Orchestra and Chorus presents "The Seven Last Words of Christ" at 2 p.m. Good Friday, April 22, at Moorings Presbyterian Church.

The oratorio is performed without intermission or applause so as not to disrupt the mood that begins with the over-

ture. The work is sung in the original Latin with the words printed in English in the program. This is the 17th year the NOC has presented the program at area churches; two performances were held earlier this week on Marco Island and in Naples. A free will offering will be collected. ■

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BY ROBIN DEMATTIA
Special to Florida Weekly

Students at four Collier County elementary schools have raised more than \$12,000 as part of the Charity for Change character building program so far this year.

During five sessions throughout the year, students learn about 72 different charities.

Each classroom works together to decide on a charity to support for each session, and then sets a goal to raise for that organization.

The Charity for Change School "Giver" Program reinforces character traits such as cooperation, kindness, respect, responsibility and tolerance. The character development and charity themes are carried throughout the curriculum, which also incorporates the concept of volunteering.

At Calusa Park, Golden Terrace, Lake Park and Lely elementary schools, more than 3,000 students are involved in the weekly program.

"This program has broadened our students' understanding of the world and helped them develop character, citizenship and empathy for others," says Principal Terrie Mitev at Calusa Park.

Representatives from numerous charities have visited classrooms to discuss their work and thank the students for their donations. For example, Special Olympics bronze medal athlete Alberto Nieves talked to students about his



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Andy Reed and Bud Smith (holding Kenny) from Humane Society Naples visit Lake Park Elementary School.

experience at the 2007 Beijing Special Olympics, stressing the importance of perseverance, one of the character traits the program emphasizes.

During the fourth session of the year, the students raised more than \$2,500 for 18 charities benefiting animals. As a volunteer project, one Calusa Park first grader asked his birthday party guests to bring presents for the animals at Humane Society Naples rather than for himself.

In the final session, students are learning about charities involving the arts, education and the environment. "Thanks to our community partners, 100 percent of what the children raise is donated to the charities," commented Karen Conley, president and CEO of Charity for Change.

Learn more by calling 592-6787 or visiting www.charityforchange.org. ■



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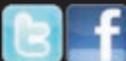
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► **FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 8:30 p.m.**

FGCU Sports Report

Catch Florida Gulf Coast University's weekly sports scores and highlights, as well as interviews, profiles and a preview of upcoming events on the Eagles' schedule. Hosted by Tom James.

► **9 p.m.**

Masterpiece Classic, "Upstairs Downstairs, Part 2"

A German-Jewish refugee comes to 165 Eaton Place as a maid, prompting a range of reactions from upstairs and down.

► **SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 10 p.m.**

"The Old Guys"

Tom and Roy are devastated when they discover that Sally has fallen in love with Mark, an old flame. To make matters worse, the younger and physically impressive Mark moves in with Sally. Later, Amber and Sally bond over their shared interest in acting and love of the poetry of W.H. Auden.

► **SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 9 p.m.**

Masterpiece Classic, "Upstairs Downstairs, Part 3"

As 1936 comes to a close, 165 Eaton Place is in turmoil.

► **MONDAY, APRIL 25, 9 p.m.**

American Experience, "Stonewall Uprising"



When Stonewall Inn, a gay bar, was raided in 1969, gay men and women did something they had not done before: They fought back. As told by eyewitnesses, the streets of New York erupted into violent demonstrations, announcing that the gay rights movement had arrived.

► **TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 8 p.m.**
"Black in Latin America - Cuba: The Next Revolution, Part 2"



In Cuba, Henry Louis Gates Jr. finds out how the culture, religion, politics and music of the island nation are inextricably linked to 19th-century slaves.

► **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 9 p.m.**
NOVA, "Mt. St. Helens Back from the Dead"

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Tune in to 'Your Voice'

Southwest Florida's water supply is stressed by a growing population and periods of drought. A 2011 Estuaries Report Card shows many of our waterways in bad shape. With 50 to 60 inches of rain every year, Florida has plenty of this natural resource, so how could supply be a worry? And what can we do about it?

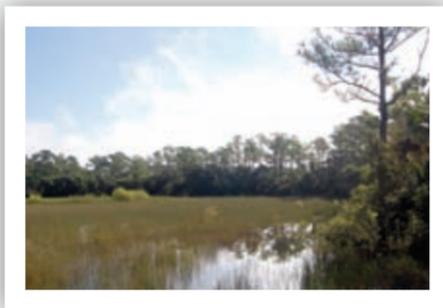
Tune in to "Your Voice" on WGCU-TV at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 21, to hear what a panel of local leaders, experts and scientists have to say about the Sunshine State's most precious resource. Viewers will be invited to call in with questions and suggestions. ■

Documentary explores vast, ecologically important watershed

At 60,000 wild acres in eastern Collier and Lee counties, the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed is an ecologically important mix of marshes, pine flatwoods, pop ash sloughs and oak hammocks that provide critical water purification, aquifer recharge and natural flood protection for the region.

It is the subject of a WGCU-TV documentary, "CREW: Keepers of the Watershed," that premieres at 9 p.m. Thursday, April 21, as part of WGCU Public Media's series titled "Water - The Lifeblood of Southwest Florida."

CREW is about 18 miles east of I-75 off Corkscrew Road. Its importance was realized after the National Audubon Society established Corkscrew Swamp



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Marshes throughout CREW store and filter water.

Sanctuary in 1954. To protect the sanctuary's virgin cypress swamp from degradation by the encroachment of development, the South Florida Water Man-

agement District initiated an ambitious land acquisition project in the early 1980s. Before long, a unique consortium of environmentalists, government agencies, landowners, developers and private citizens had come together to manage the CREW Land & Water Trust.

While school field trips and adventure campers seek out the wilderness for environmental education and primal experience on terra firma, two of the region's most productive water storage resources — the Sandstone and Tamiami aquifers — remain protected underground.

"CREW: Keepers of the Watershed" is the first part of a two-part series exploring CREW. Part two will air in June. ■

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"Our research demonstrates that children who participate in Bright Beginnings here at Grace Place consistently enter pre-k and kindergar-

ten with improved school readiness scores," says Diane Ponton, director of Bright Beginnings. "We are grateful for this continued support from PGA that will help us sustain and grow this critical program area."

Since its founding in 2004, Grace Place for Children and Families has taught literacy, language and life skills to at-risk children and their families in Golden Gate city. For more information, call 455-2707. ■

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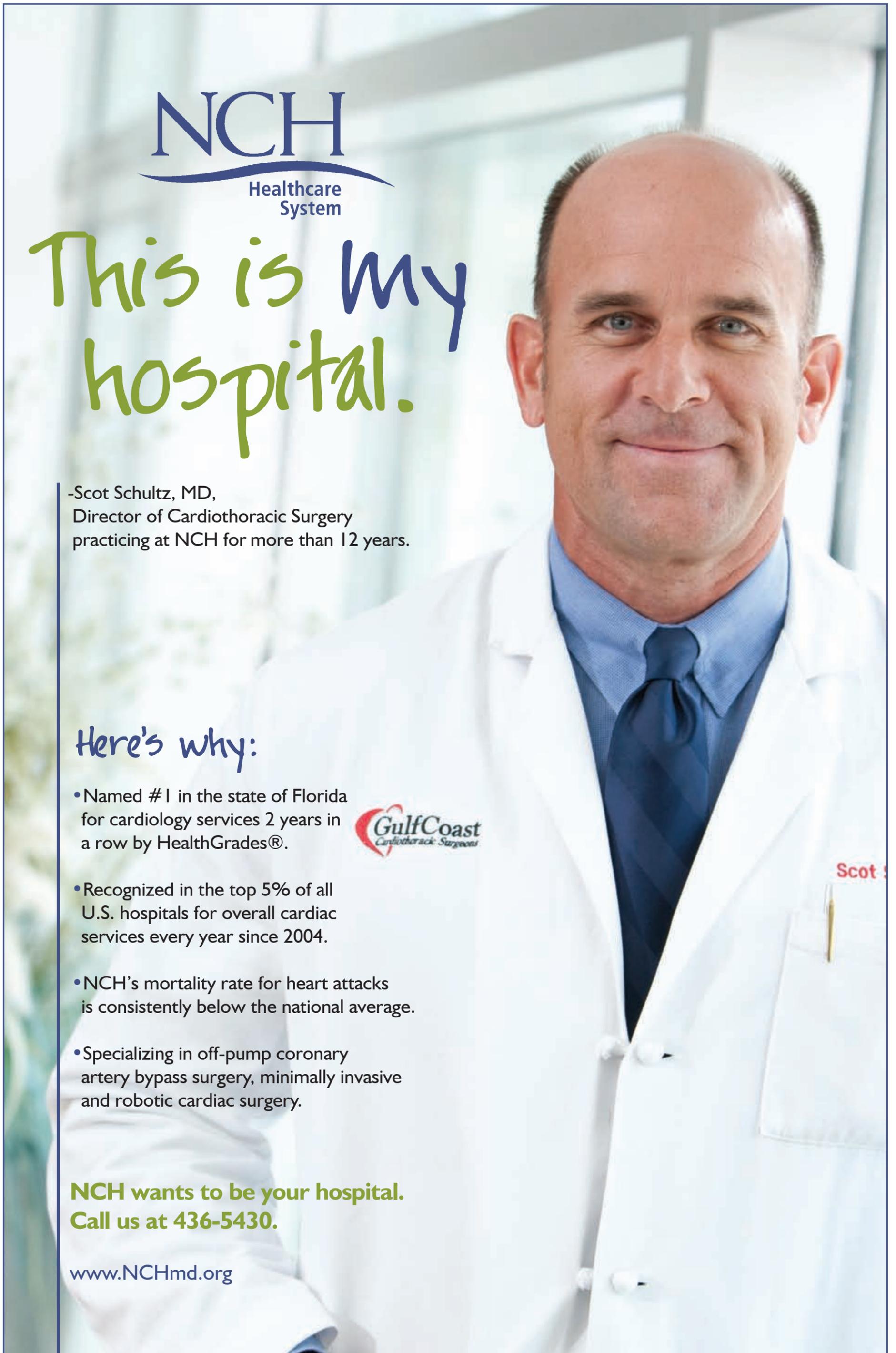
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Free program about link between mind and body

The Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida presents "Mind & Body: How the Systems Influence Each Other" from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, in Telford Auditorium at NCH downtown.

The free program for the general public and health care professionals will be presented by Dr. Robert Albanese Jr. Mental health professionals will receive one CEU provided by MHASWFL; medical professionals will receive one CEU provided NCH.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call the MHASWFL at 261-5405 or visit www.mhaswfl.org. ■

Support group for Alzheimer's caregivers

Juniper Village at Naples Memory Care hosts a support group meeting for family and friends of Alzheimer's disease patients from 10-11 a.m. Thursday, April 27. Caregivers will be on hand to watch loved ones during the meeting. Dr. Catherine Cruikshank, director of education for the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, will discuss "The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's."

Juniper Village Naples Memory Care is at 1155 Encore Way. RSVP by calling 598-1368. ■

We never grow out of the need to make new friends



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■ "Make New Friends... Live Longer: A Guide for Seniors,"

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LEVIN

Three cheers for the compact, clear, practical and upbeat book that helps people help themselves. Sunie Levin's latest book is just such a volume.

For today's seniors, especially those who either must or choose to relocate in their retirement years, making new friends can pose a real problem. Ms. Levin, who has faced the challenge herself and given it much thought, offers sound advice spiced with brief illustrative stories of seniors taking control of their lives in new surroundings.

While Ms. Levin is concerned for those who are housebound, divorced, bereft of a spouse or trapped in caregiver situations, she is just as much concerned for those who "are simply watching their circle of friends dwindle year by year and are at a loss how to replace them."

Many of her suggestions are familiar or simply exercises in common sense. However, the author's caring, reassuring tone is what makes the difference. She persuades readers that they can make the changes they need to make in order to avoid iso-

lation and despair.

Here's one of the most aggressive tactics she records: A newcomer had a T-shirt made that read "I'm New Here - Displaced From Ohio. Please Talk to Me." This simple, if flamboyant, tactic worked. But Ms. Levin also notes that most of us are not quite so extroverted.

We need to scour community newsletters, join clubs, invite new neighbors over for meals, ask their advice about doctors and beauticians, sign up with volunteer organizations, take classes. We need to project a sunny disposition and avoid turning people off by complaining. Most importantly, we need to become good listeners; after all, there will be plenty of times when we need someone to listen — really listen — to us.

Establishing relationships with new people means being able to remember their names, how to contact them and something about their interests. As we age, however, short-term memory loss weakens our ability to hold onto such information. Documenting what you learned about a new acquaintance allows you to make the next conversation more effective, Ms. Levin suggests, adding you'll find that people are delighted when you remember things about them. Moreover, this discipline of writing things down is in itself a memory aide.

Ms. Levin explores how today's communication technologies can help fill our lives with new relationships. E-mail, Internet cameras, instant messaging and social media are worthwhile steps toward maintaining established relationships while building new ones. She also reminds us that religious institutions and senior centers often provide sure-fire cures for loneliness.

Some seniors need special support groups to help them cope with disease, loss, divorce or restricted mobility. If you need such support in your new community, she would urge you not to hesitate in seeking it. It's important for people with common problems to find one another and feel less alone.

"Make New Friends... Live Longer" is filled with resources to ease the task of relocation. Web sites, organizations and specific suggestions flow through this compact guide. As a reader, your own personality will direct you to experiment with the suggestions that are most likely to work for you.

A resident of Naples for some time now, Ms. Levin holds degrees in psychology and education. She has lectured and held workshops around the country, appeared on local and national television and written for a wide array of print publications. Her books on grandparenting, as well as this new title, are available from online booksellers like amazon.com and from her own website: www.makenewfriendslive-longer.com. ■

— Sunie Levin will be at The Carlisle at 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 25, and at Bentley Village's West Clubhouse at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 27.



STRAIGHT TALK

The latest 'Report from Washington'



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Here is a periodic "Report from Washington," where I recently attended the American Hospital Association's annual meeting. One of AHA President Rich Umbdenstock's primary themes was "taking charge of our future and building bridges with patients before they arrive and after they leave the hospital." Bravo to that.

Here are a few highlights from our sessions.

■ Dr. Don Berwick, director of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, began his opening plenary address by declaring: "We are in fascinating times in health care." He noted that we can do more for the sick and infirm than ever before, and we can care for more people than ever before — but he cautioned that our sys-

tem is unsustainable.

Dr. Berwick stressed the importance of working together to improve quality, lower costs and realize better health for the entire population. Physicians, nurses, mid-level providers and ancillary health care workers in areas ranging from environmental service to diet and nutrition can only accomplish this triple goal by collaboration and mutual respect.

As proof, Dr. Berwick, who was previously the CEO of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (which NCH has participated in for the past six years) and other speakers shared compelling data. We learned that there has been a 58 percent decrease nationally in blood infections caused by central intravenous lines in intensive care units. We were told that usage of ERs and hospitals decreases when chronically ill patients are managed in special out-patient clinics. We learned that readmissions can be reduced by having video-recorded discharge instructions

on YouTube for future reference.

■ When the government shutdown was averted, Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius was able to join the meeting and announce the formation of Partnership for Patients, a collaboration among hospitals and others to reduce hospital-acquired complications by 40 percent and readmissions by 20 percent.

■ Our Florida delegation met with Senators Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio and nine members of the House of Representatives. Our legislators seemed to fully understand the sacrifices hospitals have made and the need to make ours a more efficient system. This would include selflessness, bottom-up approaches, regaining position/confidence as a world leader and adding value (meaning quality divided by cost).

Summarizing our message, we encouraged our representatives to move forward in three areas:

1. Medicaid reform that ensures both patients and caregivers are treated fairly;

2. Regulatory relief through removal of antiquated regulations that add cost without benefit; and

3. Preserving the positive aspects of the Affordable Care Act while refining provisions that interfere with providing good care.

As an industry and as individual hospitals, we also stressed that over the past several years, we have all been overcoming economic hardships. Our point was that while we all are willing to sacrifice, we don't want to be alone or disproportionately disadvantaged. I believe our message got through.

Our greatest national health care concern at the moment is how to share our industry's considerable accomplishments in serving patients with more equitable distribution of the burden of decreased resources. Fairness for all is the bottom line. ■

GET MOVING

Turtle Trot 5K coming to Lovers Key

Friends of Lovers Key are setting the pace for the Turtle Trot 5K coming up Saturday, April 30. Runners and walkers trek over a hard-packed shell path along the Black Island Trail, climb a 38-foot-high Calusa Indian mound and cross two bridges as they race toward the finish line at the beach. Breakfast and awards are presented at the Lovers Key pavilion.

Registration is \$25 by April 23 and \$30 thereafter. Sponsors include Whole Foods, Angel Animal Hospital and Sweet Tomatoes. Register online at www.FriendsOfLoversKey.com.

For more information, call 463-4588. ■

Make a run for the Tropicool 5K

Gulf Coast Runners host the 2011 Tropicool 5K race beginning at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, May 8. The race starts at the corner of Third Street and Broad Avenue South in old Naples. Overall and masters male and female awards will be presented.

Registration is \$10 for ages 18 and younger, \$15 for adults by April 30, \$20 between May 1-7, and \$25 on race day. Race packets will be available the day before the race at Naples On The Run, 2116 Ninth Ave. N.

For more information and registration, visit www.gcrunner.org. ■

Hop aboard a paddleboard for Special Olympics

The second annual Stand-Up Paddleboard Luau Races to benefit Special Olympics Collier County takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 21, at Bayfront marketplace and marina.

Five SUP division races will take place along the picturesque waterfront as follows: 10 a.m., boys ages 10-16; 11 a.m., girls ages 10-16; noon, women's open; 1 p.m., men's open; and 3 p.m., Special Olympics Athletes Race, in which the top 10 finishers will compete with a Special Olympics athlete atop their board.

Participants can sign up on race day or in advance at title sponsor Noodles Italian Café and Sushi Bar. Other sponsors include: 21st Century Oncology, Avantgarde Hair Salon, Agro Surf Shop, attorney Mark Shapiro, Bayfront Inn, Bayfront Marketplace, BCBEngle Construction Corp., Crossfit Gym, First National Bank of the Gulfcoast, Gates Construction, Germain Toyota, Goldman Chiropractic, Gulfcoast Inn, King Richard's Fun Park, Lutgert Insurance, Lux Boutique, Naples Bay Resort, Naples Kiteboarding, Naples Pools, Naples Soap Company, New Image Fitness, PT Gator/Our Town magazine, Rumbatime Watches, Soiltech, Stofft-Cooney Architects, Tavern on the Bay, The Spot and True Blue Water Sports.

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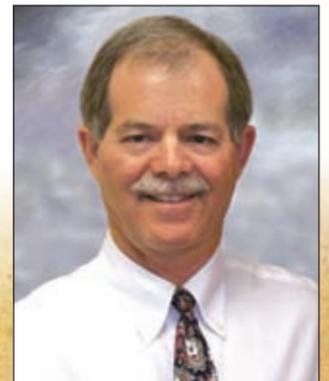
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The traveling clinic will serve many owners who cannot get their pets to a veterinarian because they don't have transportation.

"They don't have a car, or the time, or it's just not a priority," says Ericka Basile, a spokesperson for HSN. "Instead of trying to get them to our Naples clinic, we're taking a clinic to them."

Including pre-op exam, spay or neuter, and a rabies vaccine, a conservative cost per animal is \$200, Dr. George estimates. If 100 animals are served in Immokalee as expected, that's worth \$20,000 in health care. Since this is the first time HSN has organized a free clinic in Immokalee, no one is really sure how many pet owners will take advantage of the service.

"Many feel we are going to be overwhelmed with more requests than we can actually handle," Dr. George says. "So we'll see."

Dr. George and the HSN's Dr. Kim Traugott will participate, as well as veterinarians Cecilia Fisher, Victor Brown, John Greenfield, Deirdre Carver, Dena Baker and Lena Plavumkal. Drs. Baker and Plavumkal will send their mobile veterinary practice vans to Immokalee for Spay Days.

Dr. Baker is sending two vet techs to administer rabies shots and perform sterilizations. She says similar missions to Everglades City, where she has provided free spay/neuter procedures on cats every few weeks for the past eight years,



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Dr. Kim Traugott

have greatly helped reduce the stray cat population there. Offering the service in Immokalee, "will definitely make a difference," she says, "especially considering how many offspring a cat can have and how soon after they can get pregnant again and reproduce."

Officials say spaying and neutering is the key to reducing euthanasia for dogs and cats.

About 60 percent of the animals entering Collier County Domestic Animal Services are put down — 3,500 to 4,500 per year, according to Tom Kepp, a board member for HSN. That percentage is consistent with most places in the United States.

"If we can help eliminate the problem at the beginning of this overpopulation cycle by offering low-cost or, in this instance, free spay and neuter, then it will help decrease the number of euthanized animals in general," Mr. Kepp says.

In addition to preventing pet overpopu-

lation in the community, neutering pets provides major health benefits and can prevent male animals from roaming from their homes.

It is estimated that only 10 percent of animals that are received by pet shelters are neutered. ■

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PET TALES

In the know

'Your Dog' offers secrets, surprises and solutions for every dog lover

BY DR. MARTY BECKER
Special to Florida Weekly

"Your Dog: The Owner's Manual" isn't just another book on dog care.

When I say "hundreds of secrets, surprises and solutions for raising a happy, healthy dog," I'm not kidding. In my work, I balance my decades of real-world experience as a practicing veterinarian with my access to the leaders in the veterinary and pet care world. The result: an insider's view of what's tried and true, as well as what you need to know about what's new. And I share it all, with you.

Here are 10 of my top insider's secrets from "Your Dog: The Owner's Manual" that will help any dog lover. Secrets? They might as well be, they're so little known. Surprises? To most people, you bet. Solutions? Absolutely. Read on!

■ **Secret No. 1:** Shedding is a top complaint of dog lovers, but when people choose a low-shed pet, they're usually barking up the wrong tree. The kind of dog who sheds the least? A small one (less dog, less fur) with long fur (long fur stays in longer than short fur) who's kept clipped short (less left on to clean up when it does eventually fall out).

■ **Secret No. 2:** Preventing accidents can save more than your pet — it saves money, too. By keeping all medications — human and pet prescriptions, and all over-

the-counters — safely locked away, you'll protect your pet from the No. 1 poisoning hazard.

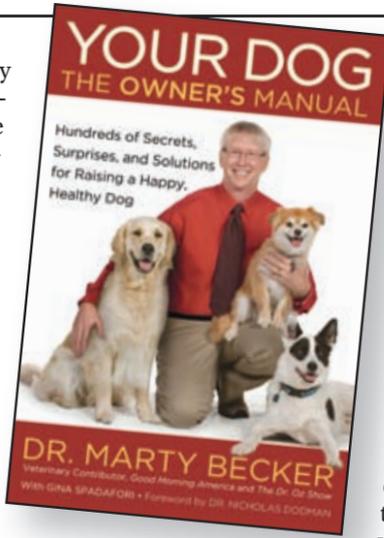
■ **Secret No. 3:** Stop the post-bath shake from getting water all over your bathroom — and you. It's simple: That water-spraying shake starts at the nose, and if you hold your dog's muzzle until you can get a towel over him, you'll prevent him from shaking.

■ **Secret No. 4:** New training tools like head halters and front-clip leashes can make walking your dog a pleasure for you both. These tools are like power-steering for your dog. I also share how to develop an exercise program that will improve the health of both you and your dog.

■ **Secret No. 5:** Getting old doesn't need to mean misery for your dog. Working with your veterinarian to provide your old dog "neutraceuticals" such as omega-3 oil and glucosamine, along with prescription pain medications, can put the bounce back in your old dog's step.

■ **Secret No. 6:** Learn why every pet owner needs to keep several over-the-counter remedies on hand — and when your veterinarian may direct you to use them. You'll want to stock up on Pepto-Bismol (for upset tummies), hydrogen peroxide (to induce vomiting) and Benadryl (for allergies).

■ **Secret No. 7:** Most people want to take



advantage of the incredible advances in veterinary medicine, but some simply can't afford them. The solution for many is pet health insurance. The surprise? Despite several companies offering such insurance with good track records and countless satisfied customers, fewer than 2 percent of dog lovers protect their pets this way.

■ **Secret No. 8:** Your dog doesn't have to hate going to the veterinarian. If you work with your veterinarian to keep early experiences pleasant — such as not having nails trimmed at your vet's place and having your pet given pats and treats on every visit — your dog will love going to the hospital.

■ **Secret No. 9:** It's easy to save money on pet care without short-changing your pet. You can save money by price-shopping for prescription medications, buying in bulk, keeping your pet thin and even bartering for your pet's needs.

■ **Secret No. 10:** "Yearly shots" are no longer recommended. Most dogs should now get "core" vaccines on a three-year cycle. There is no longer any "one size fits all" when it comes to vaccines.

These 10 secrets? They're just the beginning of what you'll find I've shared with you in "Your Dog: The Owner's Manual." And if you're a cat lover, I have great news for you, too: "Your Cat: The Owner's Manual" will be out next spring. ■

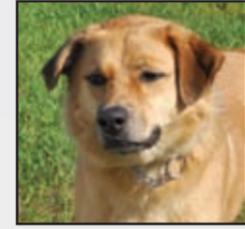
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>> **Molly** is about 9 years old, which makes her adoption free to a qualified senior citizen. She's very sweet and affectionate, and her front paws are declawed.



>> **Ruby** is a beautiful, 2-year-old red chow mix. Alert and good on a leash, she's lots of fun and even likes cats.



>> **Teddy**, a Labrador retriever mix, is about 18 months old and weighs about 45 pounds. Good on a leash and with cats, he has lots of energy and likes to play.



>> **Waylon** is a handsome lap cat who's about 1 year old. He's a bit shy in the beginning, but he warms up quickly and lot to be petted.

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Fascinoma



"I can't believe that!" said Alice.
 "Can't you?" the Queen said in a pitying tone. "Try again: draw a long breath, and shut your eyes."

Alice laughed. "There's no use trying," she said. "One can't believe impossible things."

"I daresay you haven't had much practice," said the Queen. "When I was your age, I always did it for half-an-hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast..."

— "Through the Looking-Glass and What Alice Found There,"
 Lewis Carroll

"Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication."
 — Leonardo da Vinci

"Make everything as simple as possible, but not simpler."
 — Albert Einstein

"A neoplasm is an abnormal mass of tissue, the growth of which exceeds and is uncoordinated with that of normal tissues and persists in the same excessive manner after the cessation of the stimulus which evoked the change."
 — R. A. Willis, oncologist

Because they have white underbellies, it was previously believed that zebras were white animals with black stripes. Embryological research, however, has confirmed that zebras are really black animals with white stripes and bellies added.

There are many theories regarding the addition of these white stripes. Some cite theories of camouflage. Perhaps the stripes create visual non-recognition in non-zebras, from lions to tse-tse flies, as well as means of recognition by other zebras. Or perhaps the stripes coincide with and make visible underskin fat patterning useful in body temperature regulation.

And then there are the zebra wannabes, the so-called zonkeys or Tijuana donkeys. These animals are not zebras at all, but merely white donkeys that have been painted with black stripes. In this case one might hypothesize human motivation to achieve clarity in tourist photos.

The word zebra also has another, entirely different meaning. In medical parlance, zebra is a slang term that means an unlikely diagnosis. It comes from the dictum oft heard in medical school: "When you hear hoof beats, think horses, not zebras." Another term used for an unusual or interesting case or diagnosis is fascinoma. This word was created by



cinoma of neoplastic ideation?

Perhaps emergence from the Dark Ages was aided by the English Friar William's proclamation of his theory, Occam's Razor. This principle calls for selecting the hypothesis that requires the fewest new assumptions. We hear the rustling of an acronym: KISS — Keep it simple, stupid. Or perhaps that translates "Keep it simply stupid." That would be the thrust of Hickam's Dictum, another medical school favorite, the anti-razor, that reads: "Patients can have

as many diseases as they damn well please." Perhaps parsimony is not necessarily reality.

Do pirates posit unnecessary signs as necessarily meaningless? That seems impossible. When was a KISS ever simple? When was excessive divisiveness remedy ever seemingly impassible?

If the whole of creation is radically contingent, it is clear that plurality must never be posited without necessity. ■

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

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— Carole Stockard, general manager, Saks Fifth Avenue, Bell Tower Shops



The new Hospitality Lab at FGCU

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Relaxation 101

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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Sheri Brezina had another good year. The fact is, she's had good years right through the bad years and out the other side — which is good not only for her and her students at Florida Gulf Coast University, but for the regional economy.

Everything, in fact, seems to be good about the program she directs, known broadly as Resort and Hospitality Management.

That's why Carole Stockard arrived in fine fettle to put in a five-figure bid for fun at the school's premier fundraising event, Wanderlust, a self-billed “travel auction and culinary extravaganza.”

That and the obvious — a luxurious, eight-day trip to California wine country, just one of scores of enviable opportunities both regionally and world-wide

FGCU resort and hospitality program fuels a multibillion-dollar industry

that were donated like low-hanging fruit for the several hundred who enjoyed the event, earlier this month.

When Ms. Stockard arrived for the plush evening at Sugden Hall, with its new state-of-the-art kitchen and “wine lab,” there stood program alumnus Alister Munro '09 and his crew, to offer her free valet service. (Roughly 100 students volunteered to help make the evening hop, as well.)

Mr. Munro is now co-owner with Joey Rock of Five Star Valet based in Naples, which donated services for the evening



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Joey Rock and Alister Munro own Five Star Valet.

to the FGCU program.

Wanderlust garnered about \$260,000 for the program, which is throwing good money after good, in Mr. Munro's

SEE HOSPITALITY, B4 ▶

INSIDE



Business After 5

A Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce get-together at Lely Resort, and more business events. **B7-8 ▶**



The Fool knows

Are there any downsides to consumer credit counseling organizations? **B6 ▶**



Great NABORS

An evening of honors with the Naples Area Board of Realtors. **B11 ▶**

Breakfast for women business owners

Key4Women, a program of Key Bank, presents its next “breakfast club lesson” for women business owners from 7:30-9 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.

Michael Haffey, senior vice president of Brown and Brown Benefits, will discuss how small businesses are controlling health care costs.

The program is free and hosted by KeyBank's Trisha Hare and Tom Maiale. RSVP by April 22 by calling Barbara Crowe at 659-8802 or e-mailing Barbara_a_crowe@keybank.com. ■

Barrister's Bash for Legal Aid Service

The Legal Aid Service of Collier County holds its third annual Barrister's Bash beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at the Hilton Naples. The evening celebrates those who assist the underprivileged in gaining access to justice.

Tickets for cocktail hour, dinner and the awards ceremony are \$75 per person. Silent and live auctions will help raise funds for Legal Aid Service of Collier County. The private, nonprofit law firm is headquartered in Naples and has an outreach office in Immokalee.

To RSVP, call 298-8143 or e-mail ana.galaid@gmail.com. ■

Annual conference for professional advisors

The Community Foundation of Collier County invites professional advisors in Collier and Lee counties to a conference about charitable planning from 7:45 to 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, at the Hilton Naples.

Guest speakers will be Ramsay Slugg of the National Wealth Strategies Group U.S. Trust, Bank of America Private Wealth Management; Robert Pierpont of Pierpont Fundraising Counsel; and Kevin Carmichael of Salvatori, Wood, Buckel, Attorneys at Law.

The conference is a public service of the Community Foundation's Professional Advisors Council. To register, call Susan Barton at 649-5000 or e-mail sbarton@cfcollier.org. ■

MONEY & INVESTING

Fear of a wilting dollar warranted



As the dollar continues to fall, the front and center discussion in international economics is whether the U.S. will lose its status as the world's reserve currency.

The U.S. dollar index has fallen 38 percent since 2001 and a whopping 53 percent since 1985. Can it fall further? It surely seems that way.

Is it cause for concern? It's billionaire Sam Zell's single biggest financial fear: "The U.S. standard of living could drop 25 percent if the dollar loses its standing as the world's reserve currency." (Source: "U.S. standard of Living in Peril From Dollar's Weakness: Zell", www.CNBCnews.com, March 3, 2011)

The issue is of critical importance for the economic wellbeing of the U.S., as history suggests. After World War II, Great Britain largely yielded its reserve status to the U.S. until full relinquishment in 1973 when oil switched to U.S. dollar pricing. Many believe that Britain's ensuing years of economic doldrums after 1973 were tied to reserve status loss.

The issue is also of paramount importance for institutional and individual portfolios. If a dollar-denominated portfolio appreciates 10 percent on paper but the dollar loses 30 percent in value, the portfolio lost 20 percent in international valuation terms. If the investor is holding cash

earning 1 percent, the loss of international purchasing power is a whopping 29 percent.

What does it mean for a currency to be the "world's reserve currency?" It means it is the main currency of the world. In the case of the dollar, "It is used in 85 percent of foreign exchange transactions, and serves as the currency of choice for 45 percent of international debt securities and more than half of world exports." (Source: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, William Shaw, "How Long Will the Dollar Be King?")

As such, our currency is used to price commodities and most anything globally traded. Oil is priced in U.S. dollars. Gold is priced in U.S. dollars. Copper, corn, wheat, silver, etc. If commodities are traded in something other than dollars, the U.S. might well find itself in the position of much higher prices if the new reserve standard appreciated vis-à-vis the dollar.... termed price inflation.

What other impact would loss of reserve status have upon the U.S.? It might raise our borrowing costs and lessen demand for our debt.

How so? Japan, China, Germany, India, etc. are all exporting much more to us than we are importing. These countries wind up with huge U.S. dollar holdings; they get paid more than what they spend in U.S. dollars.

What do they do with these dollars? Buy U.S. Treasuries and make all other sorts of investments in the U.S.... equities, bonds, real estate, commodities, land, etc. Most would say that, absent the huge

amount of U.S. dollars that foreigners had to "park," our borrowing costs would have been higher, our dollar amounts borrowed much less and our investment opportunities curtailed.

But The International Monetary Fund's calculations of foreign reserve holdings of the U.S. dollar peaked in 1999 at 71 percent of all foreign reserves and, as of 2010 year end, had dropped to 62 percent.

The British pound once held this position. But after WW II, the U.S. emerged as the world's dominant power and our currency was the only major currency easily convertible into gold (as we were on the gold standard until Nixon's presidency.) The shift away from the British pound began and, by 1973, Britain agreed that oil would no longer be traded in pounds. So don't think that such status can't be taken away; it already happened in our lifetime.

Why was the dollar originally chosen? And are those reasons intact today?

The U.S. was the world's dominant economic and transactional power, accounting for 50 percent of world GDP post WWII. Today we account for 30 percent.

The U.S. dollar was once convertible into gold... a "certain." But when we came off the gold standard, our currency became a "fiat" currency, convertible into nothing. Over time, the developed countries moved from fixed exchange rates and adopted a "float" policy (i.e. freely traded currency markets would establish exchange values).

The U.S. dollar is now neither strong nor stable nor convertible; it has fallen

53 percent since 1985. As to GDP power, we are still the leader but the BRICs have emerged as the engine of world growth and are garnering more and more of world GDP. The U.S. is running horrific budget deficits and its total debt burden, including off-the-books liabilities, exceeds our GDP. No wonder the dollar falls and reserve status is challenged.

The U.S. is radically changed from the "strong dollar" world of the 1990s, yet many investors cling to a traditional portfolio of U.S. dollar denominated bonds and equities, sprinkled with some international holdings. Maybe they think the 1990s scenario of: oil prices at \$30 a barrel, 3 percent unemployment, a further fall in interest rates of some 4 percent (into negative rates), a strong dollar and U.S. budget surpluses are around the corner.

Speak to your adviser about the benefit of portfolio diversification that provides protection against a falling dollar. At the very least, understand the potentially severe consequences of a portfolio of cash or one that gains in U.S. paper terms but loses value vis-à-vis the other currencies of the world. ■

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Sensational vistas from this stunning residence situated on two Port Royal lots with expansive water frontage. Beautiful Southern exposure facing the confluence of Naples Bay and the picturesque inland waterways leading to Rookery Bay and the pristine coastal estuaries. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$12,990,000



NELSON’S WALK

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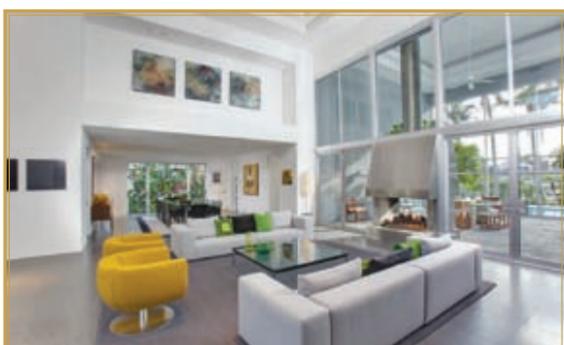
SPYGLASS LANE

Situated on two wide water estate lots with magnificently landscaped grounds. Originally built in 1993 and renovated in 2006 & 2008 by Newbury North Associates. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$9,750,000



RUM ROW

With captivating long water views of Galleon Cove, this beautiful Costa del Sol architectural masterpiece captures the essence of Florida’s indoor-outdoor lifestyle. Located on one and one-half Port Royal lots, this five bedroom home is designed for glorious water views. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$6,850,000



SPYGLASS LANE

The minimalist design of this well conceived home encourages a soothing tranquility and contemporary comfort. Expansive long water views, with remarkable privacy. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$6,750,000



RUM ROW

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LANTERN LANE

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HOSPITALITY

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considered opinion.

"The program prepared me for life in the hospitality industry," he remarks. "The good thing about it is, they make you do a lot of work in field. I'm a big believer that you only learn it when you do it, and the program made me do it."

There are business courses, law courses, accounting courses, and other courses. Then there's the internship requirement, the meat of the matter.

"Your first internship is called field experience — you can be a server, a bus boy, whatever — and the second two internships you have to do something more than a line employee — you have to do something in management," Mr. Munro explains.

Fortuitously, Mr. Munro did his internships with the company he now owns.

Cozy as all this may seem, it's also remarkable.

Ms. Stockard, after all, is general manager of Saks Fifth Avenue in Bell Tower, a premier Lee County shopping destination. She is not a restaurateur, a hotelier or a club owner who might actually hire students from the program — there are 40 exclusive resorts and more than 160 private clubs in the Naples-Fort Myers area alone, according to numbers provided by a public relations firm.

Not surprisingly, many of the folks who own or operate those places appeared at Wanderlust, too.

But whatever our professions, we're all in this ascending star of an academic program together, Ms. Stockard says.

"The reason the FGCU program is important is because it's at the heart of what we are about here (in Southwest Florida). We're all about tourism. We have two industries: one is tourism and the other construction. To me, tourism is the heart of everything we are, with all these spokes radiating outward from it, and affecting all of us."

Including Saks Fifth Avenue.

"So I am very supportive of a program where young people can get a start through education, and enter a business that is thriving," she adds.



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Paris, anyone? Bidding is always lively at Wanderlust, the annual travel auction that benefits the FGCU hospitality program.

"Thriving" is an apt verb both for the program and for the resuscitating service industry here.

The program is so big it's almost behemoth. It started in a modular with two students, in 2003, says director Ms. Brezina. Not so promising.

But by shaping it differently than traditional programs at such gold-standard schools as Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., Ms. Brezina grew the program to include about 500 students.

The Golf Management program within the School of Resort and Hospitality Management was so good, she notes, that administrators broke it out separately last year, with 120 students.

How did she do this during a recession? In large part by aiming to fit the needs of a diverse service industry on the Southwest coast that currently employs a vast army of about 60,000, she explains.

"We combined food, beverage and lodging education with recreational-amenities management, which is why we're more successful than, say, the program at the University of South Florida in Sarasota, which is traditional," Ms. Brezina says.

"It's the resort-management component. You learn everything you would in a traditional hospitality degree, but you have extra layering. When you manage a resort as opposed to a Holi-

day Inn on the side of I-75, it's different. A resort has all and more than the traditional (place) has, but on steroids: very valuable real estate, sophisticated food and beverage services, spas, golf, beach clubs, whatever — and now in a scrunch economy every square inch of property you have has to produce a profit."

Don't tell the director of the School of Resort and Hospitality Management that profiting can't be done in hard times.

It can be, she insists, and "the only way you can do that is to manage the amenities correctly."

Which is all a lot of talk — good talk, admittedly. But Ms. Brezina can back it up with numbers.

The best thing about this program, perhaps, is the job-to-graduation ratio, a sure sign that somebody, probably everybody in the hospitality service industry is paying attention.

Remarkably, not only do 94 percent of the graduating class already have job offers — 47 of the 50 students about to graduate this spring or summer — but they've acquired them coming out of a tough year or two working their behinds off in the salon and spa (they learn to manage, not manicure, which is done by freelancers).

Or laboring away in the glistening new kitchen or wine lab at FGCU (that's right, you can go to college to drink fine wine, apparently, as long as you learn how to buy it, manage its purveyors and dispensers, and sell it at great profit).

They put their skills to work helping to host the Wanderlust evening — successfully, of course.

"It had so much energy, and everyone who was there, wanted to be there," says Ms. Stockard.

The students themselves better have

energy, Ms. Brezina suggests; this career is not for the lazy, or for those who don't enjoy making other people feel good.

"It's important for them to test drive this career, because they will not find a nine-to-five job. Somebody who wants that, to have a regular schedule, should go elsewhere."

Take the Ritz-Carlton, Naples, as an example, she says — a big supporter of the school.

"They have been opened every single day, 24/7, for 20 years now," she points out. "It doesn't matter if it's a hurricane, a heat wave or anything else — they're open."

"I will say this about the industry: the burnout rate is high because we're overworking people. But places like the Ritz or the Hyatt have done a good job over 10 to 15 years in instituting work practices to keep people in positions so they don't burn out."

Of those service-industry pros who avoided burnout over the years, several hundred ate, drank, and bid on trips during the Wanderlust auction to places like Paris and London and Key West and Hawaii, and Sonoma and Napa, and Marco and Sanibel Islands, as well as bidding on hotel stays of sometimes many nights at such places as The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, or The Breakers in Palm Beach, or the Ritz-Carlton in a variety of places.

Meanwhile, Program Director Brezina has just hired a fancy new chef to serve the School of Resort and Hospitality Management at the instructor level, she says.

Although she won't name him or her just yet, one applicant, even sought the job from as far away as Singapore.

"This is what happens when you can meet the needs of the local area," she says. ■

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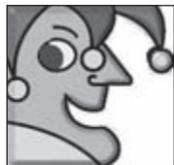
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Capital structure explained

To understand companies you're studying as possible investments, you need to understand their "capital structure." The capital structure shows you the components of the company's value and how it finances its operations.

A firm's capital structure will typically reflect one or more of the following: cash, debt financing (borrowing from a bank or issuing bonds), and equity financing (selling a chunk of the company and/or issuing shares of stock).

Consider some examples. Imagine a company financed with debt. If it's paying 6 percent interest on its debt but growing earnings at 10 percent yearly, its payments can likely be met, so the financing is effective. The lower the interest rate, the better, and rates are influenced by a company's credit rating. If a company is carrying a lot of debt at high interest rates but is growing slowly, that's a red flag. Fluctuating earnings can also be problematic, as interest payments may sometimes completely wipe out profits.

Next, imagine a company that raises needed funds by issuing more stock. This is an appealing option when the market is hopping. If its shares are trading at steep prices and buyers are plentiful, cash will be easily generated. The downside to equity financing, though, is that the value of existing shareholders' stock is diluted every time new shares are issued. This is OK only if the money raised creates more value for the company than the value eroded by dilution.

Eventually, many great companies grow so profitable that they can methodically buy back shares, driving up value for existing shareholders.

Finally, a firm can finance its operations on its own, by fueling its growth with cash generated from operations. The advantage of internally financed growth is that it forces a firm to plan and budget carefully as it creates value for the company's owners. But it can be a slow, grueling process. Worse yet, competitors effectively issuing debt or stock can fund more rapid growth than this company.

Many companies use a combination of these financing methods. ■

My Dumbest Investment

On a sucker list

I must be on lots of sucker lists. When I read a stock tip about Ventana Biotech having a way of delivering an appetite-suppressing drug in chewing gum, it sounded so good that I didn't bother to check it out before buying. Later that same day I checked my portfolio, and the stock was down 30 percent. I bailed — except for 500 shares I kept to remind me not to buy before doing the due diligence

— J.G., online

The Fool Responds: We found a 2009 newsletter touting the stock as "worth an estimated \$1.5 to \$1.7 billion in cash flow!" It declared that the company was planning to "blow the doors off of the diet industry" with its potentially patented use of the human hormone that controls hunger. It suggested that "when big [drug companies get] wind of this breakthrough," the stock would "explode" (in a good way). It would have been smart to demand proven performance, not just "potential" patents and speculation. If it were really so promising, drug companies would surely be aware of it already. ■



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 was founded in Germany in 1865 by a fellow who was excited by the possible uses of coal tar. I synthesized the first natural dye in 1869, which was mainly used to color cotton. I was socially progressive, providing housing and health insurance for my workers back in the 1800s. I was once the world's largest sulfuric acid producer, and liquefied chlorine was an early best-seller. Today I'm the world's top chemical company, with some 109,000 employees and 385 production sites globally. I specialize in plastics, petrochemicals, construction chemicals, pigments, agricultural solutions, coatings and more. Who am I? ■

(Answer: BASF)



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Ask the Fool

On credit counseling

Q Is it OK to use consumer credit counseling organizations to help me get out of debt? Do they have any downsides?

— C.R., Indianapolis

A Be careful with such outfits, as some can rip you off. Worse still, if they set up a debt repayment plan with you and a creditor reports to a credit agency that you paid off some debt through a debt management program, that could hurt your credit score to some degree.

Look elsewhere for help or advice, too. Discuss your situation with a trusted banker or mortgage officer, and perhaps consult a bankruptcy lawyer, as well, to learn about your options. Know that many people are able to pay off their debts without outside help. Learn more about credit card debt and how to get out of it at www.fool.com/how-to-invest/personal-finance/credit/index.aspx.

If you want to look into counseling organizations, seek a non-profit one. One resource is the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC), with many member agencies. Call 800-388-2227 or visit www.nfcc.org. But first heed these government warnings: <http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/menus/consumer/credit/debt.shtm>.

Q I just read a reference to "liar loans." What are they?

— J.W., Maryville, Tenn

A Liar loan is a term that popped up during the recent financial crisis. It's a loan that's made based not on documented necessary information (such as the borrower's income or assets), but mainly on the say-so of the borrower. These low-documentation or no-documentation loans tend to be subprime ones, as many borrowers haven't always been truthful about their financial conditions, leading to defaults. While these loans have helped many good people secure loans, they've also been abused by opportunistic lenders and borrowers — thus, the term "liar" loan. ■

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Name That Company

I was founded in 1975, and in 1981 IBM introduced a PC with my new operating system on it. My latest system is installed on more than 20 percent of all Internet-connected PCs. I went public in 1986, and now my market capitalization tops \$200 billion. My workplace software evokes a Steve Carell TV show, and my search engine evokes a Bob Hope sidekick. My gaming system marks the spot, and I've invested



in many companies, such as Facebook. I have more than \$40 billion in cash and short-term investments and began paying a dividend in 2003. 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

Nike's still great and growing

If you bet that Nike (NYSE: NKE) would beat its earnings estimates in its recently reported quarter, you lost. However, if you're like most Foolish investors, you're investing in companies for the long term, not making wagers on a single quarter's earnings.

Beyond the headlines, things really aren't so bad. Sure, Nike took a hit from rising commodity costs, but so did many companies. The selling and administrative costs that Nike can more easily control rose more slowly than revenue, pulling profits in the right direction — up 5 percent.

Nike's total revenue grew 7 percent over last year. Future orders — which represent footwear and apparel to be deliv-

ered between March and July — were up 11 percent overall, jumping 11 percent in North America, 19 percent in China, and 21 percent in other emerging markets.

Was it an outstanding quarter? No. But Nike is still the same great company, and its business continues to grow around the world. The commodity issue isn't ideal and will likely persist, but the value of a brand such as Nike is that the company is more able to pass on rising costs to customers.

Still, Nike's stock doesn't appear to be a screaming bargain right now. Consider keeping an eye on it, staying up-to-date with its developments, and watching for a more attractive buy-in price. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

► **A Job Search Support Group** meets from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Contact Karen Klukiewicz at kluk77@comcast.net or visit www.napleschamber.org.

► **The Collier Building Industry Association** holds its "Real Estate Snapshot: Season at a Glance" industry panel at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at Olde Cypress Country Club. Call 436-6100 or sign up at www.cbia.net.

► **The Public Relations Society of America-Gulf Coast** Chapter presents "Promoting Corporate Wellness to Impact Your Bottom Line" at its next Lunch 'n' Learn session beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 26, at the Hilton Naples. Reservations required by April 22. Visit www.gulfcoastprsa.org/events.

► **Planning Partners Financial Group** presents a workshop titled "The Six Mistakes that can Kill Your Business" from 8-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, at the Island Country Club on Marco Island. RSVP by calling 676-3200 or e-mailing Melissa_Arcacha@glic.com.

► **The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Business Before Business event from 8-9:15 a.m. Thursday, April 28, at Florida Gulf Bank in Estero. Cost for members is \$5 by April 26 and \$10 thereafter, \$30 for non-members. Call 992-2943 or visit www.BonitaSpringsChamber.com.

► **The Executive Club of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** has a networking gathering set for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at Cruise Naples. This complimentary get-together is for

Executive Club members only. Register at www.napleschamber.org/events.

► **The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation** will host a Kentucky Derby party from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point. A hat contest for men and women will be part of the fun. Tickets are \$85. For reservations or more information, visit www.BonitaSpringsChamber.com.

► **The Certified Financial Analysts Society of Naples** meets for luncheon and a program titled "The Evolving World of Equity Indexing" at noon Tuesday, May 10, at McCormick & Schmick's in Mercato. Guest speaker Greg Savage, a senior portfolio manager at iShares, will discuss institutional trends in global equity benchmarking along with mar-

ket impact, access and liquidity issues of trading global equities. Cost is \$30 for CFA Society members, \$40 for non-members and \$15 for students. Register at www.cfanaples.org. For more information, call Ken Thomas at 213-6160 or e-mail kt63@ntrs.com.

► **The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Wake Up Naples at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, April 20, at the Hilton Naples. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for others. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org.

► **The Neapolitan Chapter of the American Business Women's Association** meets for dinner and a business meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Bellasera Hotel. For more information, visit www.abwaneapolitan.org. ■

NETWORKING

Business After 5 at Lely Resort

Networking with the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce



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A breakfast roundtable for Get on the Bus A program of the Education Foundation of Collier County



Brittany Dixon, Bob Sandy and MJ Scarpelli

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The newest members of the NABOR Honor Society

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'Evening in Paradise' honors the best of NABOR

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Naples Area Board of Realtors hosted its 2011 Night of Honors: "An Evening in Paradise" at a private club in Port Royal on April 9 to recognize those who offer their time and talents to the betterment of NABOR, its members and the community as a whole.

Brenda Fioretti, 2011 NABOR president, served as emcee for the evening that was coordinated by the organization's Professional Recognition Committee and sponsored by the *Naples Daily News*, Boran Craig Barber Engel Construction Company, Harris Private Bank, Home Check Systems, Taylor Morrison Homes, Homes & Land Magazine, Key Locksmith Services, London Bay Homes, SAR Inspection Services, Turn Key

Construction and Weatherburn Gallery.

Top honors presented every year are Realtor of the Year and the Ad Miller Award, as well as the announcement of Emeritus Status achieved by individuals in the NABOR organization.

Arlene Carozza, corporate trainer for Downing-Frye Realty, was named Realtor of the Year.

Ms. Carozza entered the real estate profession in Gainesville, Fla., in 1977 and as been active in several Florida associations in addition to NABOR. She holds the Graduate Realtors Institute, Certified Residential Specialist and Council of Real Estate Brokerage Managers designations. She was a speaker/instructor for 10 years with Florida REALTORS and served as a director for 15 years. She is a past president of the Orlando Regional

Realtors Association.

Since joining NABOR in 1996, Ms. Carozza has served on numerous local and state committees and was president of the organization in 2008.

The Ad Miller Award is named for longtime Collier County business leader, Addison Miller, who strove to get NABOR more politically involved while focusing on the protection of private property rights. This year's award was presented to John Vaughn of Coldwell Banker.

A Naples resident since 1959, Mr. Vaughn has been selling real estate in Collier County since 1963. Besides holding the GRI and CRS designations, he was the first Accredited Land Consultant in Collier County. He has previously been honored as

SEE EVENING, B26 ►

Declining inventory means things could be looking up

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The latest report from the Naples Area Board of Realtors indicates inventory continues on a downward trend. NABOR tracks home listings and sales within Collier County, excluding Marco Island.

According to the report, available inventory declined to 8,762 properties in the first quarter of 2011, down from 9,557 in the first quarter of 2010. Phil Wood, president of John R. Wood Realtors, attributes the decline to a slowing pace of properties coming to the market coupled with current inventory selling more rapidly.

"In March 2008, we had just under 38 months of inventory on the market for sale," says Tom Bringardner, president and CEO of Premier Commercial Inc. "Today we are hovering in a much healthier range of 12 months of inventory," he adds.

The new report also indicates that the median closed price for properties over \$300,000 increased to \$575,000 in the first quarter of 2010, up from \$525,000 in the first quarter of 2010.

"For properties over \$300,000, the medi-



an closed price jumped 10 percent from quarter to quarter and 5 percent for the 12 months ending March 2011. Pending sale statistics suggest the median closed price will continue to climb," says John Steinwand, president of Naples Realty Services.

The first-quarter report provides annual comparisons of single-family home and condo sales (via the SunshineMLS), price ranges and geographic segmentation, and also includes an overall market summary.

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<i>2BR/2BA</i>	
Parkshore Beach/Vistas.....	\$2200
<i>2BR/2BA</i>	
Beachfront Penthouse.....	\$7000
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Bonita Bay/The Crossings.....	\$2000
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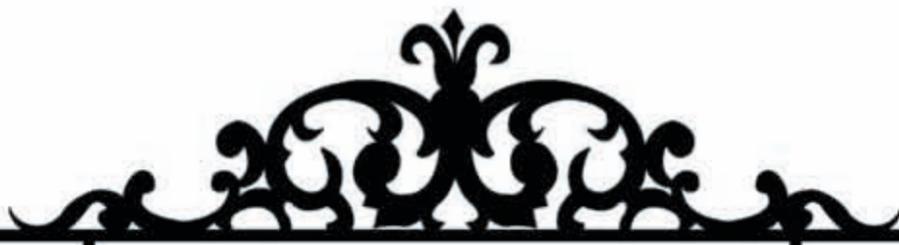
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Moorings, 2905 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #N7N - This tremendous unit is completely updated, granite counter tops, new appliances, a truly luxurious finish. Watch sunrise and sunset 2 lanais. 3 Bed/4 (C5043) Dustin Beard, 289-2650 **\$1,250,000**



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Vineyards, 613 Shoreline Dr - Exquisitely renovated Arthur Rutenburg Estate home with spectacular lake view. Meticulously maintained, open & bright design with granite counters & much more! 4+Den/3 (H5760) Jeannette P. Batten, 825-4167 **\$899,000**



Pelican Bay, 6573 Marissa Loop, #202/204 - This expansive, double condominium lives like a single family home, spacious & private. 2 residences combined. Wood & marble floors. Covered parking. Pets. 4+Den/4 (C7235) Molly Monette, 290-9083, Linda C. Loomis, PA, 451-0769 **\$825,000**



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Waterside At Bay Beach, 4137 Bay Beach Ln, #592 - Bayfront home feels like you are on a cruise ship with water everywhere you look. Enjoy elegant appointments and great space for entertaining!! What a Deal!!! 3+Den/3 (C7093) Heather Wightman, 450-1891, Ginny Nobbe, 218-0025 **\$699,500**



Moorings, 3003 Crayton Rd - Charming home - updated kitchen & baths, large yard, circle drive, & expansive screened lanai w/ pool. Loved by the current owners, ready to be enjoyed by you! 2+Den/2 (H5706) Friley Saucier, PA, 293-3532 **\$679,000**



Banyan Woods, 4980 Rustic Oaks Cir - Modified Catalina floor plan allows more open area in kitchen and family room. Home has an upgraded allergy free A/C system w/air purifier. . 3+Den/3 (H4031) Mary Kay Hart, 821-5500 **\$659,000**



Pelican Bay, 7040 Pelican Bay Blvd, #305 - Stunning views of golf course from 2 glassed-in lanais in spacious end unit! Updated kitchen/baths. Walk to pool and beach access. CALL FOR APPT. 3 Bed/2 (C7384) Pam Etheridge, 269-4614 **\$639,000**



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The Quarry, 8768 Hideaway Harbor Ct - Unparalleled property. Over 3200 sq ft living area w/private boat dock on quiet Cul de Sac overlooking a serene lagoon with oversized pool w/spa & wading area. 4+Den/4 (H5359) Jeannette P. Batten, 825-4167 **\$619,900**



Pelican Bay, 6618 Trident Way - Open floor-plan with private lanai, patio, breakfast room, courtyard, 2c garage. Large dogs OK. Walk to pool. Pelican Bay includes 2 beach clubs. CALL FOR APPT. 2 Bed/2 (V1533) Pam Etheridge, 269-4614 **\$599,000**



Golden Gate Est, 5945 Painted Leaf Ln Sw - Amazing estate home great for entertaining. Expansive outdoor covered area by pool. Plumbing & elec in place for summer kit. Stone fire pit in backyard. 3c gar. 5+Den/3.5 (H5765) Mary Kay Hart, 821-5500, Greg Gorman, PA, 784-2841 **\$599,000**



Pelican Bay, 6020 Pelican Bay Blvd, #105 - Exceptional lake and golf course view, corner unit, large rooms, extremely large wrap around lanai, new hurricane rated sliders and windows. 3/3 (C6906) Friley Saucier, PA, 293-3532 **\$550,000**



Pelican Bay, 5954 Pelican Bay Blvd, #215 - Updated 2000SFUA turnkey furn. end unit in low-density Sanctuary! Newer lg tiled living areas, quality cabs w/granite, new A/C 2009, lake view, oversized lanai! 3/2 (C7209) JoAnn Aycock 777-2743, John Aycock, 777-9898 **\$525,000**



Vasari, 28680 Altessa Way, #201 - JUST LISTED! Model perfect 3100+SF furn luxury condo w/panoramic lake & golf view in bundled golf & tennis community. Tiled, granite, designer décor, 2c garage. 3+Den/2.5 (C7302) Laurie Bellico, PA, 293-9389 **\$515,000**



Vanderbilt Beach, 402 Pine - One of the best lots avail in Connors Vanderbilt Beach. Gulf access, southern exp, wide canal view & seawall. W/in walking & biking distance to Vanderbilt Beach. (L1267) Dustin Beard, 289-2650 **\$489,000**



Eden On The Bay, 312 Steerforth Ct - 2005 SFH, eastern exp, west of 41 in gated community near beaches. Open flr plan, heated pool & spa, nicely upgraded, tiled, crown & custom paint on private lot. 3+Den/2.5 (H5243) Laurie Bellico, PA, 293-9389 **\$481,000**



Old Naples, 722 10th Ave S, #202A - Meticulous 2 BR 2 BA condo w/formal dining rm in excellent location within blocks of Cambier Park for sports, 5th Ave & the beach. Lg lanai, many updates. 2 Bed/2 (C7336) Yvonne Wood, 248-0873, JoAnn Aycock 777-2743, John Ay, 777-9898 **\$475,000**



Eden On The Bay, 361 Mallory Ct - A casually well-designed & decorated 2005 home in one of Naples' best kept secrets West of 41. Private corner preserve lot, pool, spa, tile, granite & more. 3/2 (H4368) Laurie Bellico, PA, 239-9389 **\$449,900**



Waterside At Bay Beach, 4191 Bay Beach Ln, #252 - SPECTACULAR water views for a bargain price!!! Watch dolphins & manatees meander in Estero Bay from every room in your home! A must see for the view alone! 2 Bed/2 (C6086) Heather Wightman, 450-1891, Ginny Nobbe, 218-0025 **\$449,900**



Tiburon, 2738 Tiburon Blvd E, #302 - Tiburon's best value model-perfect Ventanas 1865 SFUA condo overlooking golf course & 99-acre preserve! Tiled living areas, crown molding, granite kitchen! 2 Bed/2.5 (C7038) JoAnn Aycock 777-2743, John Aycock, 777-9898 **\$425,000**



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Pelican Bay, 6320 Pelican Bay Blvd, #T-6 - Desirable tennis villa in Pelican Bay close to tram and beach. Garage parking. 2nd floor, great price for P Bay, turnkey! 2 Bed/2.5 (C7252) Charles Berry, 595-1840, JoAnn Aycock 777-2743, John Aycock, 777-9898 **\$350,000**



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Wilshire Lakes, 5030 Fairhaven Ln - 3+Den/2.5 (H5602) Mary Kay Hart, 821-5500, Greg Gorman, PA, 784-2841 **\$295,000**



Cascades At Estero, 20224 Foxworth Cir - 2458 sq ft, vaulted/tray ceilings, 2 mstr suites, large kitchen, great room, 21# tile, hurricane glass, ext patio, paver drive, tile roof, active 55+ community. 3 Bed/3 (H5699) Ginny Nobbe, 218-0025, Heather Wightman, 450-1891 **\$275,000**



Carlton Lakes, 5875 Northridge Dr N - Like model! Terrific floor plan & private view, oversized screened lanai, high-end summer kitchen, sound system, eat-in-kitchen, vol. ceiling & extras!. 2+Den/2 (V1470) Laurie Bellico, PA, 293-9389 **\$269,000**



Stonebrook, 21568 Brixham Run Loop - 3 car garage, great room, formal living/dining, large master with sitting area, extra storage, California closets, loft/den, open floor plan, large lanai. 3+Den/2.5 (H5705) Ginny Nobbe, 218-0025, Heather Wightman, 450-1891 **\$265,000**



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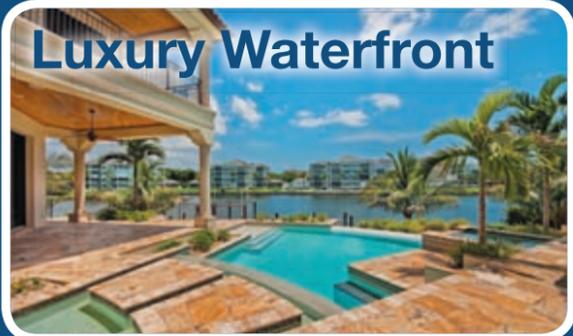
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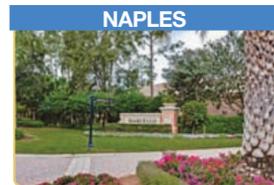
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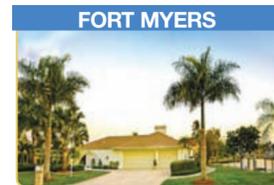
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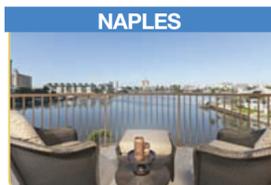
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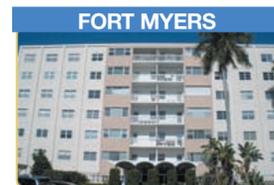
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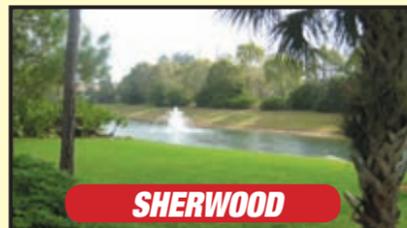
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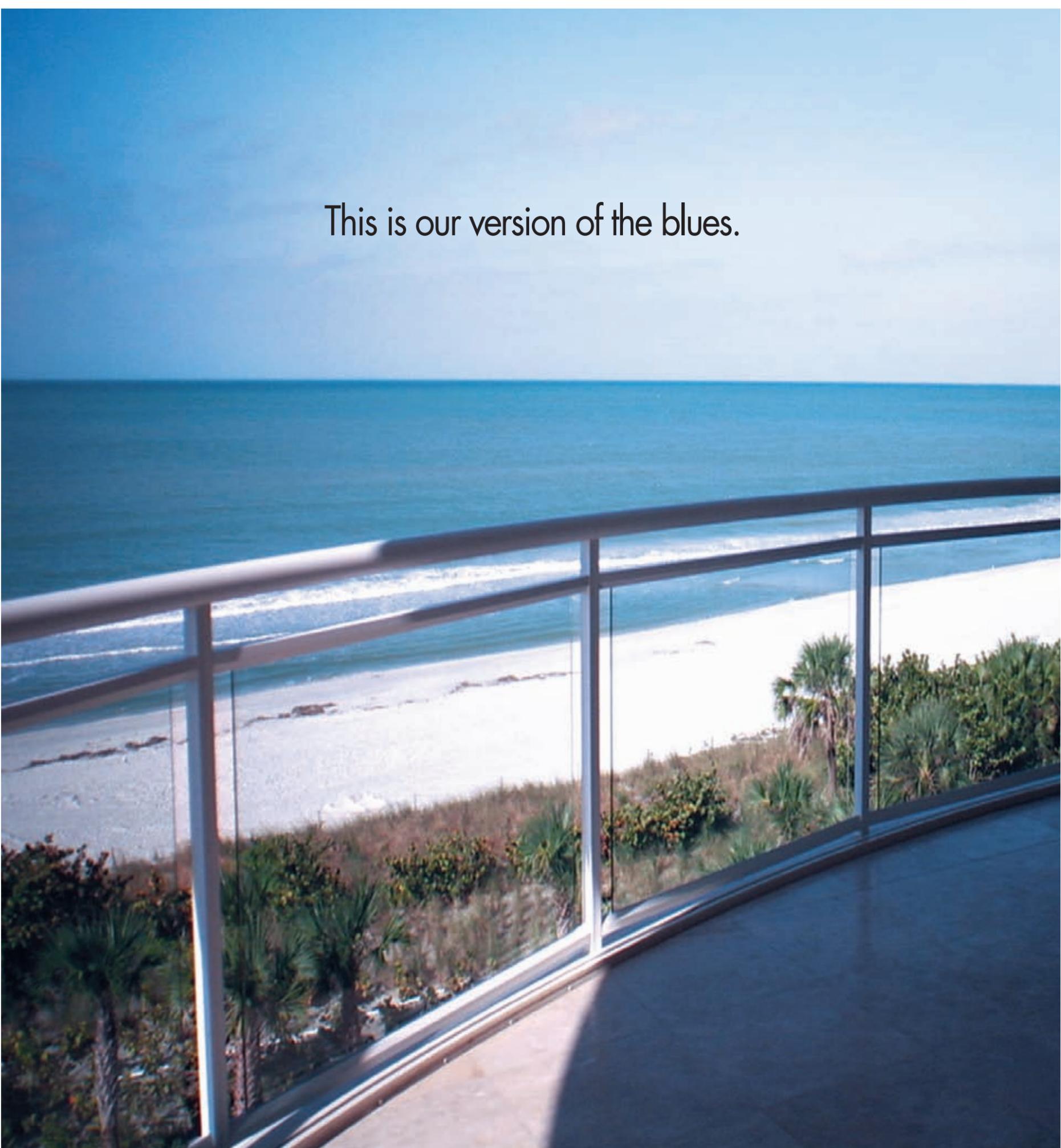
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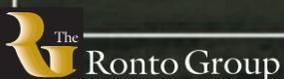
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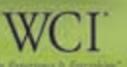
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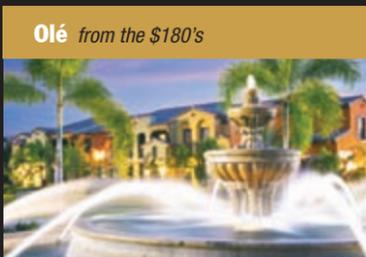


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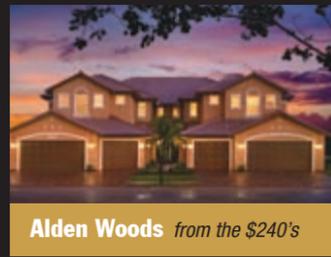
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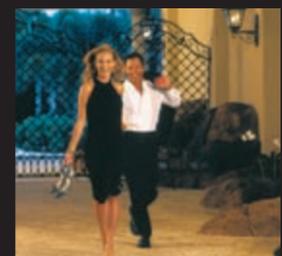
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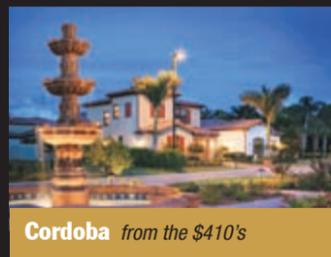
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the NABOR Realtor Associate of the Year and Realtor of the Year, and served as president in 1977.

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In recognition of 40 years of membership in the National Association of Realtors, Emeritus Status was conferred to NABOR members James Coleman, Lonnie Martin and Kenneth Slack.

NABOR CEO Mike Richardson received an award in recognition of his 25 years of service to the organization.

The following awards were also presented during the Night of Honors: "An Evening in Paradise":

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- Realtor Rising Star Award: Eben Moran, Prudential Florida Realty
- Task Force Contribution: Mike Hughes, Downing-Frye Realty. ■

INVENTORY

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The report presents the following analysis:

- Overall pending sales saw an 8 percent increase, with 3,630 contracts in the first quarter of 2011 compared to 3,346 contracts in the first quarter of 2010.
- Single-family pending sales increased 6 percent, with 1,763 contracts in the first quarter of 2011 compared to 1,667 contracts in the first quarter of 2010.
- Condo sales increased 7 percent, with 1,114 sales in the first quarter of 2011 compared to 1,042 sales in the first quarter of 2010.

"We may be seeing a glimpse of the kind of year 2011 will be," says Mike Hughes, vice president of Downing-Frye Realty. "The statistics are encouraging, and sales activity continues to remain high."

The March monthly report presents the following analysis:

- Overall home sales increased 5 percent, to 936 sales in March 2011 compared to 890 sales in March 2010.
- Overall single-family pending sales saw a 6 percent increase, with 732 in March 2011 compared to 689 in March 2010.
- Condo sales saw a 17 percent increase, with 525 sales in March 2011 compared to 447 sales in March 2010.

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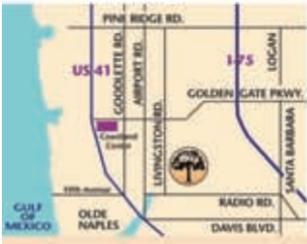


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MIRA LAGO 26250 Mira Way - Professionally decorated, 3BR, 2.5BA on golf course. Family room, formal dining and living rooms. Courtyard pool. \$999,990 | Harriet Hamar | 273-5443

BAY HARBOR 27134 Shell Ridge Circle - Sunset views from this 2BR+den/2.5BA with oversized lanai and spa. Updated. Furniture available separately. \$549,900 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210

Condominiums/Villas

TAVIRA 4851 Bonita Bay Blvd. #2201 - "Wow!" Former designer furnished 3BR model, 4,064 A/C sq. ft., den & family room. Panoramic Gulf Bay/golf views. \$2,775,000 | Ginger/Michael Lickley & Carol Johnson | 860-4661

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VISTAS 4751 Bonita Bay Blvd. #1202 - Gorgeous Gulf, Bay/golf views! Offering 2,519 A/C space, 12th floor 3BR/3BA. Marina, beach park, 5 golf courses. \$799,000 | Carol Johnson & Ginger/Michael Lickley | 564-1282

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RIVIERA 3340 Riviera Lakes Court - Carefree 3BR villa with soaring ceilings overlooking long golf and lake views. Screened lanai, pool/spa. \$645,000 | Carol Wood/Claire McMahon | 822-3709

THE HAMPTONS 26960 Wyndhurst Court #202 - Exotic tropical landscaping, spotless former model. Elevator, 3BRs, 3BAs, media room, Romeo & Juliet balcony, pool. \$549,900 | Cathy/Jim McCormick | 850-4278

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WATERFORD 26270 Devonshire Court #202 - Location, location, location! Great room plan 3 bedrooms, 3 baths. Neutral palette. Endless community amenities. \$419,900 | Chris Mier | 850-7787

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HAMMOCK ISLE 26021 Hammock Isle Court #101 - Overlook the 7th fairway & preserve! Very private end residence, numerous custom features. Walk to Estero Bay Park. \$395,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210

WATERFORD 3310 Glen Cairn Court #102 - First floor 3BR/2BA condominium. Remodeled kitchen, new carpet, new A/C in 2010. Lake/golf view. Turnkey furnished. \$359,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112

WATERFORD 3311 Glen Cairn Court #201 - Beautiful lake & golf course view! This 3BR/3BA, 2-car garage condominium has been lovingly updated. Near club. \$349,000 | Judy Stead | 273-3438

ENCLAVE 3650 Key Lime Court - Neutrally decorated, light 3BR/2BA detached villa. Extended screened lanai, very private, lushly landscaped view. \$339,000 | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441

Condominiums/Villas

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BAY POINTE 26956 Montego Pointe Court #101 - Sunsets from glassed-in lanai, tastefully decorated 2BR+den corner residence. Community pool, spa & exercise room. \$309,000 | Trudy Sayers | 398-8901

WEDGEWOOD 26890 Wedgewood Drive #201 - Great golf course views! Turnkey furnished, updated 3BR/3BA corner 2nd floor residence, 2-car garage. Resort pool. \$295,000 | Connie/Max Lummis | 289-3543

GREENBRIAR 4120 Bayhead Drive #205 - Sweeping vistas across golf course & preserves. Former model, meticulously maintained. Pool/spa, tennis steps away. \$289,000 | Pat Callis | 250-0562

HARBOR LANDING 4430 Riverwatch Drive #102 - NEW NEW NEW! Everything has been replaced from the door hinges on up. HVAC replaced in 2008. \$269,900 | Carol Johnson & Ginger/Michael Lickley | 564-1282

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SANDPIPER 4241 Lake Forest Drive #512 - Lovely 1st floor 2BR/2BA + den condominium, corner location and well-maintained. Close to community pool/spa. \$185,000 | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441

WILD PINES 3651 Wild Pines Drive #104 - Enjoy nature views from this completely updated sparkling cottage, new A/C, lovingly maintained, turnkey furnished. \$124,900 | Cathy/Jim McCormick | 850-4278

Acresage

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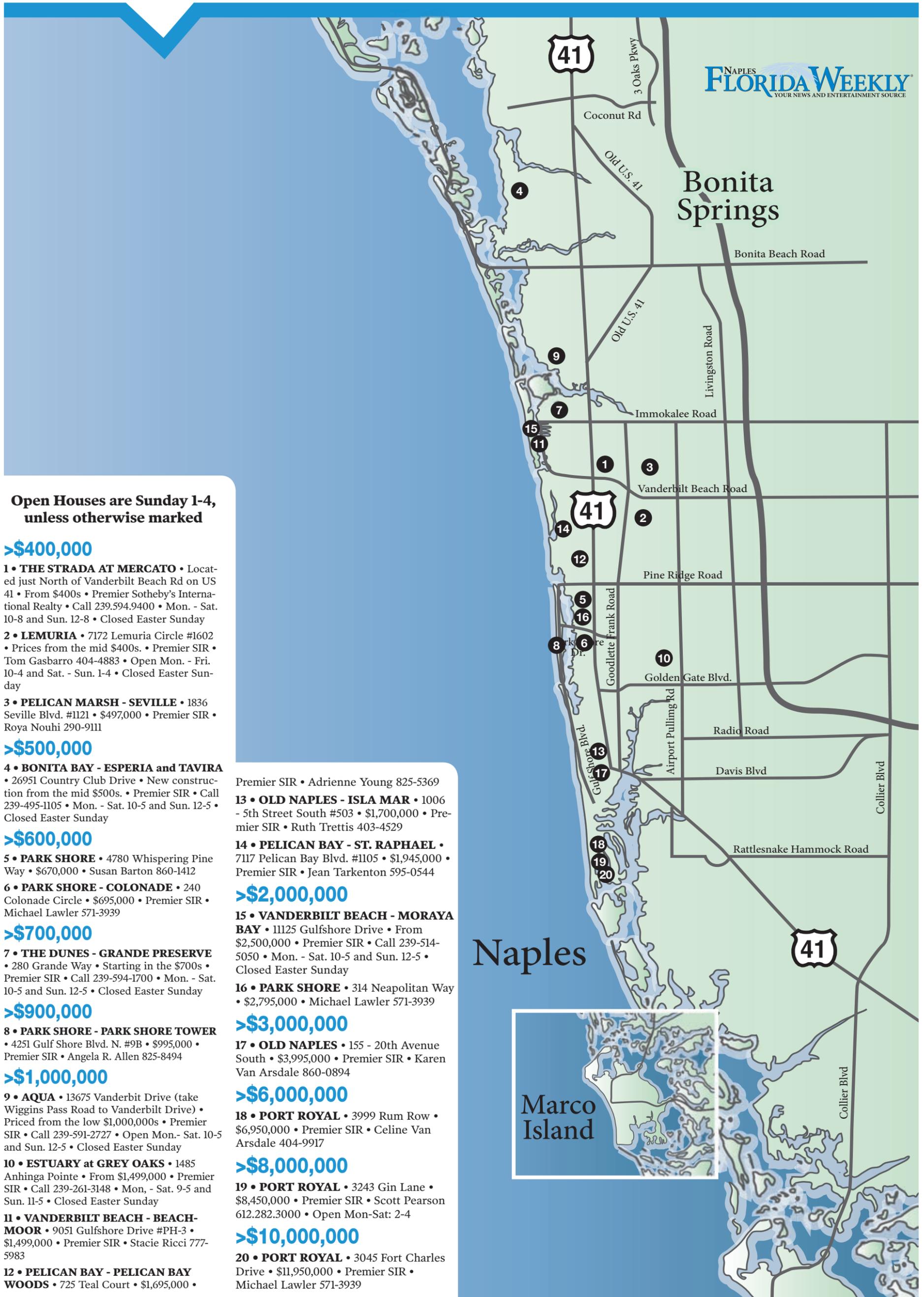
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Premier beachfront home with guest suite. Luxurious appointments. 6BR+, 8,800 A/C SF. Beautiful beach, Gulf views. \$7,950,000
Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133



MADEIRA #PH201 ▲
Largest PH (7,414 total SF) with Gulf views. Membership included + up to a 100 ft. boat slip (lease included). \$5,950,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766



CAXAMBAS COURT ▲
Slocum-Christian waterfront with 243 ft. of direct access water frontage. Great docking facility. Quality built. \$5,950,000
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CAXAMBAS DRIVE ▲
Secluded residence on Barfield Bay. Custom-built in 2010. 5BR, 5 full & 2 half BA. Rooftop terrace, pool/spa. \$5,350,000
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EUBANKS COURT ▲
Unparalleled luxury of over 1/2 acre. Tip-lot location with 287' of direct access water frontage. bay views & 5BR. \$4,600,000
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NEW LISTING
INLET DRIVE ▲
Nestled 25' above Barfield Bay! Old Florida charm meets modern-day elegance. 5BR/4.5BA+den. Heated pool/spa. Views! \$3,985,000
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SOLANA COURT ▲
Majestic custom 5BR + study home with spectacular panoramic views of Smokehouse Bay. Heated pool, spa and dock. \$2,425,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983



CAPE MARCO - BELIZE #2105 ▲
Beautiful "Designer Ready" 21st floor, 3BR+den. Marble floors, 11 ft. ceilings, crown moldings, over 3,600 A/C SF. \$1,975,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766



HULL COURT ▲
Paradise Found! Breathtaking Bay views. Spacious plan for relaxed island living. Quick, direct access to the Gulf. \$1,750,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983



TIEGERTAIL COURT ▲
Beautiful, custom-built home with quick, direct access through Collier Bay. This 4BR/3.5BA has nearly 3,300 SF. \$1,575,000
Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133



NEW LISTING
HIDEAWAY BEACH ▲
Absolutely gorgeous, 2005 custom built, 3-level 4BR/3.5BA home. S. exposure lanai, golf view, beach, tennis/dining. \$1,350,000
Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133



SANDCASTLE II #1303 ▲
Southwest exposure, Gulf views, nicely renovated beachfront condominium. High ceilings, granite. Pool, spa, tennis. \$1,099,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685



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HIDEAWAY BEACH - ROYAL MARCO POINT I ▲ #415 - Stunning, mint condition 3BR beachfront residence. Custom remodel by Slocum & Christian. Panoramic views! \$825,000
Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133



BAYPORT AVENUE ▲
Built in 2006 and remodeled in 2009. FURNISHED 4BR/3BA. 3,000+ A/C SF. AMAZING upgrades! Three-car garage. \$825,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222



SHEFFIELD AVENUE ▲
Builder's home in a private setting with walk-out lower level & views of Barfield Bay. Three-story, 5BR, pool/spa. \$747,000
Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

Single Family Homes

550 Alameda Court - Old World artistry + modern technology! Exquisite Bayfront chateau, 9,874 SF A/C, 14,495 total, dock w/Gulf access. \$5,500,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

198 South Beach Drive - Tropical beachfront retreat with endless Gulf/Island views! 'Cottage' feel, 7BRs, open floor plan, heated pool/spa. \$4,500,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

HIDEAWAY BEACH 880 Sea Dune Lane - Custom-built modern architectural masterpiece with 152' on pristine beach. Luxury appointments abound. FURNISHED. \$4,100,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

1030 Pettit Court - Unique, contemporary compound, SW tip location, nearly 250' of direct access water frontage. Three docks, 5 lifts. \$3,190,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

601 Inlet Drive - Estate Area 3BR/4.5BA home on Barfield Bay. Pool, chickee-hut boathouse with lift. Adjacent homestead included. \$2,650,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

1458 Butterfield Court - Breathtaking views of Marco River from eye-catching spacious home. Alarmed, 4-car garage. Dock with lift. \$2,499,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

1051 Barfield Drive South - Magnificent Caxambas Pass views! Four BR with approx. 80' of dock, 16,000 lb. lift & direct deep water Gulf access. \$2,395,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

HIDEAWAY BEACH 616 Waterside Drive - Views of Gulf, skyline & beach. Custom 3-story Eastwood-built home with 3,000+ SF, elevator & rooftop sundeck. \$1,999,999 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

882 Magnolia Court - Breathtaking panoramic views! Tip-lot with 165' of direct access, deep-water frontage, 3BR/3BA with 3-car garage. \$1,600,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

1816 Woodbine Court - Gorgeous, direct access, River-area 3BR/3.5BA pool home completely remodeled in 2008. Expansive waterway views. \$1,299,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

1832 North Bahama Avenue - Serene views of Tarpon Bay from this 3BR/3BA Divco home. Many new features. Heated pool/spa, dock with Gulf access. \$1,275,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

160 Peach Court - Magnificent bay views, tip cul-de-sac lot with 171' of waterfront. Expansive lanai/pool. Deep, quick river access. \$1,149,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

HIDEAWAY BEACH 831 Hideaway Circle East - Exceptional home, meticulously maintained built in 2005. Spacious 3BR+den. Heated pool, spa and preserve views. \$1,000,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

1820 Travida Terrace - Gorgeous Estate Area 5BR/4.5BA home, 5,400 SF under air. On a hill for great views, no need for flood insurance. \$995,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

1109 Bond Court - Two-story custom-built 5BR+den/4BA home. Coffered/tray ceilings and loft bonus room. Southern exposure; pool/spa. \$979,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

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

1261 Laurel Court - Direct access & beautiful views! New home by Marco River w/ great room plan, 3 BRs, den, 3 BAs & Viking appliances. \$875,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

920 Olive Court - Exquisite attention to every detail. Meticulous 3BR/2BA+den waterfront home with pool & spa just blocks to beach. \$765,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176

1568 Jamaica Court - Five-star views of the lake & golf course! Custom built in 1999. 3BR home, heated pool/spa and wheelchair access. \$725,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

HIDEAWAY BEACH 871 Sea Dune Lane - Bright, exquisite home boasts a built-in pool & spa. Pickled red cedar ceilings, fireplace, 2nd floor loft. \$719,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

761 Nautilus Court - Exceptional SE wide water views! Inviting 3BR/2.5BA home, 100' of waterfront with quick boating access to the Gulf. \$711,500 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

499 Adirondack Court - Incredible Bay views from this tip lot home with 169' of waterfront and quick Gulf access. Good rental history. \$700,000 | Nikki Prange-Carroll | 877-1689

911 Moon Court - Super value for this custom 4BR/3BA waterfront home with nearly 3,000 sq. ft. A/C. Boat house with indirect access. \$699,900 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

Single Family Homes

720 South Barfield Drive - Beautiful inland home in the desirable Estate Area with bay views! Lush landscaping, open lanai with pool & spa. \$698,500 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

1770 Ludlow Road - Private former model 3BR/2BA, park-like setting. Adjoining buildable lot included in sale (over half acre total). \$695,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

1084 Whiteheart Court - Wide water views! Showcase interior, 3BR home, pool, spa, summer kitchen. New docking facility, quick Gulf access. \$679,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

HIDEAWAY BEACH 374 Red Bay Lane - Panoramic views of golf course, 3BRs + den (or 4th BR), 1,400+ sq. ft. bonus room, large pool, walk to beach/club. \$675,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

770 Inlet Drive - Four bedroom estate area home overlooking Barfield Bay. Updated kitchen & baths. No flood insurance is required. \$650,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

159 Shorecrest Court - Delightful 3BR custom built waterfront home. Split floor plan & large covered/screened lanai with sparkling pool. \$575,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

755 Nautilus Court - Great Value! Direct access 3BR/3BA home w/waterway views. SE exposure, floating dock, room for a pool. Near beach. \$550,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

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

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

620 Diplomat Court - Delightful southern bay views, 3BR tropical retreat. On a quiet street, close to beach, shops & dining. Pool/lanai. \$438,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

Condominiums/Villas

MADEIRA 350 S. Collier Blvd. #PH-202 - Beachfront penthouse with 6,500+ SF of living area. Great Gulf, beach & island vistas! Seller financing available. \$7,495,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

MADEIRA 350 South Collier Blvd. #803 - Multiple balconies offer breathtaking views year-round! An elegantly appointed 3BR/3.5BA condominium. Beachfront. \$2,499,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

CAPE MARCO - VERACRUZ 940 S. Collier Blvd. #801 - Exquisite beachfront 8th floor 4BR/4.5BA estate condominium with 4,709 SF A/C. Fabulous views, five-star amenities. \$2,300,000 | Richard Marquardt | 289-4158

MADEIRA 350 South Collier Blvd. #303 - On Crescent Beach Wood and marble flooring. 3BR suites & 3,539 A/C SF. Front and rear terraces. Gulf sunset views! \$2,100,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

MADEIRA 350 South Collier Blvd. #302 - Views of the Gulf & Crescent Beach. Beautifully designed 3BR w/3,900+ A/C SF. Beach front & island side balconies. \$1,850,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

MADEIRA 350 S. Collier Blvd. #401 - Luxurious beachfront living! Corner 3BR/3.5BA, beach/city views. Professionally decorated & exquisitely finished. \$1,750,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

MADEIRA 350 South Collier Blvd. #806 - Beautifully finished, luxury 3BR/2.5BA beachfront residence. Great Gulf & Island views. Superb building amenities. \$1,345,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

BAYFRONT PLACE 794 West Elkcam Circle #4004 - A wonderful 3BR/2BA Penthouse end residence overlooking Smokehouse Bay! Deeded 35' dock with lift/direct access. \$1,199,000 | Dave Flowers | 404-0493

MARCO COURTYARD TOWERS 1131 Swallow Avenue #PH-2 - Beautifully decorated, turnkey furnished 3BR/3.5BA top floor penthouse. Incredible Gulf, Bay/City views. \$1,199,000 | Chris/Laura Adams | 404-5130

CAPE MARCO - COZUMEL 980 Cape Marco Drive #1906 - Impeccably decorated 3BR/3BA beachfront residence with incredible Gulf views! Gated entry, full-amenity building. \$1,175,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

ROYAL MARCO POINT I 2000 Royal Marco Way #PHC - Completely renovated Penthouse! Panoramic beach views. Granite, onyx, bamboo, faux painting. Roman shades & more! \$1,150,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

Condominiums/Villas

CAPE MARCO - MONTERREY 980 Cape Marco Drive #805 - Views of the Gulf from this furnished 3 bedroom, 3 bath with wood floors, 9' ceilings, and double door entry. \$849,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685

SOMERSET 780 South Collier Blvd. #510 - Wonderfully decorated beachfront 2BR/2BA with magnificent views! Great rental history, gated community has 2 pools. \$795,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685

GULFVIEW 58 North Collier Blvd. #1808 - Magnificent beach & Gulf views from this lovely 2BR/2BA beachfront condominium. Professionally furnished, turnkey. \$749,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685

MARBELLE CLUB 840 South Collier Blvd. #1006 - This spacious 3BR/3BA with over 2,300 A/C sq. ft. offers multiple terraces, updated building, wonderful amenities. \$735,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

MIRAGE ON THE GULF 1070 South Collier Blvd. #302 - An attractive 4BR designer decorated residence on the Gulf of Mexico. Over 2,100 A/C sq. ft. Garage, tennis, pool. \$705,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

HIDEAWAY BEACH - ROYAL MARCO POINT 6000 Royal Marco Way #256 - Spacious 2BR+den with many upgrades. Great Gulf/River views! Steps to the beach. Clubhouse, pool, tennis, golf. \$695,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

SANDCASTLE II 720 S. Collier Blvd. #106 - Tasteful beachfront condominium with Gulf views! Redesigned kitchen, new flooring, new tile, & wraparound balcony. \$599,900 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

SANDCASTLE II 720 South Collier Blvd. #107 - South side 2BR/2BA overlooking pool/spa, Gulf & beautiful grounds. New kitchen, bathrooms, carpet. Tennis, pets OK. \$599,000 | Dave Flowers | 404-0493

ROYAL MARCO POINT III 6000 Royal Marco Way #246 - Stunning views of Gulf & Marco River, 600 SF glassed-in lanai, upgraded 2BR/2BA+den. Beach, golf, tennis & more! \$597,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

ROYAL MARCO POINT III 6000 Royal Marco Way #454 - Panoramic Gulf & River views! Beachfront 3BR/2BA residence. Golf, tennis, fitness center, clubhouse, nature trails. \$595,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

HIDEAWAY BEACH - HABITAT 828 Hideaway Circle East #444 - Perfect penthouse overlooking golf/Gulf! Spacious 3BR/3BA, 2,800SF A/C. Glassed-in lanai, carefree beach lifestyle! \$595,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

HIDEAWAY BEACH - ROYAL MARCO POINT I 3000 Royal Marco Way #311 - Attractive 3BR/3BA end residence, multiple balconies for optimum views. Golf tennis, fine dining, steps to beach. \$595,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

ROYAL MARCO POINT 3000 Royal Marco Way #413 - Beachfront 3BR/3BA in a gated community. Sweeping Gulf views! Beach, golf, tennis, dining and health/fitness clubs. \$550,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

PLANTATION 1000 S. Collier Blvd. #1004 - Top floor 2BR+den with breathtaking Gulf views. SW exposure, sensational amenities, walking distance to the beach. \$549,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

SHIPPS LANDING III 1100 South Collier Blvd. #1121 - Like new! First floor 3BR/3BA coach home, 2-car garage, captivating lake view, close to village pool, gated entry. \$499,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685

SEA WINDS 890 South Collier Blvd. #1606 - Beachfront 2BR/2BA end residence with unsurpassed beach & Gulf views! Pool, spa, & tennis. Weekly rentals allowed. \$495,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685

SANDCASTLE II 720 South Collier Blvd. #103 - Spectacular Gulf of Mexico view! This south side 2BR/2BA has been recently updated. Offered turnkey furnished. \$475,000 | Dave Flowers | 404-0493

SUSSEX 270 N. Collier Blvd. #501 - Inviting, immaculately maintained 3BR/2BA corner residence with views of Gulf and Bay. Newer waterfront complex. \$459,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

HABITAT 812 Hideaway Circle East #124 - Fabulous 2BR/2.5BA + den end residence, nicely updated, 2,480 SF under air, glassed-in lanai. Beach, golf, dining. \$425,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

SOUTH SEAS TOWER IV 440 Seaview Court #601 - Gulf sunsets & panoramic views of Tigertail Beach. Turnkey furnished 2 bedroom, 2 bath w/new A/C & updated kitchen. \$405,750 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

CROWS NEST 881 Panama Court #101 - Attractively furnished & updated free-standing waterfront villa. Boat dock w/lift. Direct Gulf access, near beach. \$285,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176

Lots & Acreage

HIDEAWAY BEACH 870 Sea Dune Lane - One of the largest & true Gulf front homesites available in a gated beachfront community. Tennis, fitness, dining. \$3,000,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

621 Inlet Drive - Located in the Estate Area, this homestead, on a natural shoreline, offers views of Barfield Bay and direct access. \$950,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

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Port Royal, 336 Galleon Dr - Charming home overlooks scenic Lantern Lake. Walk or bike to beach, fitness center and club. Qualifies for immediate Port Royal Club membership. 3+Den/3.5 (H5249) Sally Pratt, 280-2219 **\$2,995,000**



Pelican Bay, 806 Slash Pine Ct - Tucked away in serene cul de sac, 5870 T.Sq Ft Pool Home. Lovingly renovated in 08 & 09, upgrades include new tile roof, new Hurricane windows, resurfaced pool. 3/2.5 (H4744) The Hutchison-Carmony Team, 272-7000 **\$1,369,000**



Collier's Reserve, 862 Barcarnil Way - London Bay (former model) custom home w/over 6000 T.sq ft of living space. Superb finished incl hdwd flooring, wet bar, frplc, marble, granite, private elevator. 3+Den/3.5 (H4839) The Hutchison-Carmony Team, 272-7000 **\$1,279,000**



Pine Ridge, 198 Caribbean Rd - Rarely available country estate on over 2 acres in Pine Ridge. Large pool home with guest house. Close to shopping, dining, beaches and Naples Philharmonic. 4+Den/4.5 (H5769) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$1,200,000**



Pelican Bay, 815 Arrowhead Ln - Special home on huge cul-de-sac lot w/crown molding, vol/tray ceilings, pool, spa, chipping & putting green. Attached garden apt is ideal for guests & family. 4+Den/3 (H5561) Jim Scartz, 877-9726 **\$899,900**



Stonebridge, 1975 Essex Cir - Seldom available Fairfield with den on cul-de-sac. Former decorator model with heated pool in sunny private setting in the desirable Hawthorne of Stonebridge. 4+Den/3 (H5682) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$829,000**



Cove Towers, 445 Cove Tower Dr, #1403 - Best Waterfront Value in Naples! This very private, extremely popular, spacious floor plan has expansive water views of the legendary Naples sunset and Gulf. 3/3 (C5766) Cheryl Turner, 250-3311 **\$800,000**



Pelican Bay, 807 Knollwood Ct - Land Value! Price Reduced! Rare Pelican Bay Opportunity! Single family home on quiet cul-de-sac, .35 acre lot with a home ready to renovate or lot to rebuild on. 3/3 (H5465) Mary Halpin, PA, 269-3005 **\$749,000**



Pelican Bay, 7515 Pelican Bay Blvd, #4-B - Sunset views of the Gulf. Live in the Claridge for a great price with all the amenities of Pelican Bay. 2+Den/2 (C4374) Cheryl Turner, 250-3311 **\$745,000**



Pelican Bay, 6001 Pelican Bay Blvd, #1503 - Spectacular! Watch sunsets from your 15th floor lanai w/unrestricted views of Gulf. SW exp. Spacious unit-newer A/C, tile, updated baths. Turnkey/move-in ready. 2+Den/2.5 (C6967) Jim Scartz, 877-9726 **\$724,900**



Pelican Bay, 6001 Pelican Bay Blvd, #1404 - Breathtaking Gulf Views from 14th floor! Many upgrades include newer A/C, granite, tray ceilings. Huge master bedroom. Turnkey and move-in ready. 2/2.5 (C6970) Jim Scartz, 877-9726 **\$712,500**



Vanderbilt Beach, 25 Bluebill Ave, #PH 4 - Affordable Penthouse Living! SW Exp w/views of Gulf. Spacious 11th fl unit. Updates incl 18" tile/diag throughout, crown molding & plantation shutters. Turnkey. 2/2 (C6981) Jim Scartz, 877-9726 **\$674,900**



Coronado At Pelican Bay, 7225 Pelican Bay Blvd, #202 - Call for Appt. Beautifully maintained flow thru condo in a premier bldg. 2 balconies, split BRs, 24 hour security, fitness center & much more. Turnkey furnished. 2+Den/2 (C5782) Sara Williams, 784-5610 **\$658,000**



Kensington, 4360 Kensington High St - Custom 2-story Villa, over 4000 T. Sq Ft., New pool & spa, Office-family room plus bedroom with ensuite bath. Golf course view. 3+Den/3 (V1366) The Hutchison-Carmony Team, 272-7000 **\$640,000**



Tiburon, 2805 Tiburon Blvd E #102 - 2-car garage, private elevator 2400 sq ft of living area. Amenities include: fitness ctr, clubhouse, community pool/spa, concierge service, pvt beach shuttle. 3/2 (C6573) Cheryl Turner, 250-3311 **\$625,000**



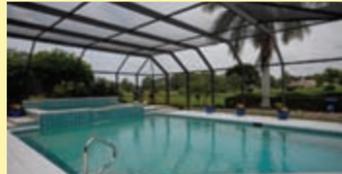
Mediterra, 15509 Monterosso Ln, #102 - Loaded with extras and professionally furnished. Spectacular long range lake views & is within walking distance to the Mediterra clubhouse. 3/2.5 (C5214) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$600,000**



Park Shore, 3951 Gulf Shore Blvd N #1000 - JUST REDUCED! Located directly on the beach in Park Shore, don't miss this beautifully renovated 1770 square foot residence. Granite counters, stainless app. 2/2 (C7410) Randall J. Wall, 776-6344 **\$599,000**



Saturnia Lakes, 2293 Guadalupe Dr - A Stunning Masterpiece! Custom features only found in this spectacular estate home. Triple molding, fireplace, wood molding throughout, extensive lighting. 5+Den/3 (H5630) Diana McCoy, 404-0793 **\$597,900**



Imperial Golf Estates, 2104 Imperial Golf Course Blvd - Light & Airy 3+den home with beautiful golf views. Many of today's features in this turnkey beauty. 3+Den/3.5 (H5185) Debbie Frost, 250-8701 **\$592,000**



Imperial Golf Estates, 1994 Imperial Golf Course Blvd - Wonderful custom built 3,600 sq ft home with gorgeous southern views of golf course. Many upgrades make this home unique. Large lanai and great outdoor living. 4+Den/3.5 (H5070) Debbie Frost, 250-8701 **\$579,000**



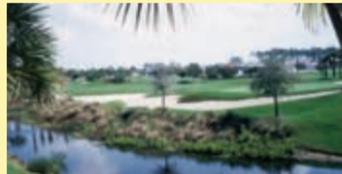
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*'American Idol' finalist
comes home for*

BY NANCY STETSON
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PAIGE MILES IS RETURNING to the very stage where she first belted out Aretha Franklin's "Natural Woman" eight years ago.

The top-12 "American Idol" finalist from last season was a junior in high school at the Community School of Naples at the time.

"I knew who she was," says Mark Danni, the school's director of performing arts, "but she was not involved in my performing arts program."

During a spring assembly for retiring drama teacher Anna Segretta, Mr. Danni recalls, "Paige got up and sang, without a mic, 'Natural Woman.' She blew the roof off the place."

Afterward, when Ms. Miles told Mr. Danni she liked what he was doing at the school, he told her he'd like to have her involved in the program. In her senior year, she was.

And now, from May 5-15, Ms. Miles returns to Naples to perform in "Beehive: The '60s Musical!" on the same stage. The show is a production of

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Paige Miles rehearses for "Beehive."

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'Great Dames' of screen and stage come to life at The Norris Center

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"Forbidden Broadway" diva and Drama Desk nominee Christine Pedi brings her cabaret-style "Great Dames" to The Norris Center for two performances, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, April 27-28.

With comic flair and warm appreciation, Ms. Pedi conjures up Ethel Merman, Liza Minnelli, Barbra Streisand, Julie Andrews and more as well as classic tunes first popularized by many a great dame (real or imagined).

The actress won Ovation awards from the LA Stage Alliance for her roles in "Forbidden Broadway" and "Forbidden Hollywood." On Broadway, she has appeared in Eric Bogosian's "Talk Radio" with Liev Schriber and in "Little Me" with Martin Short and Faith Prince. She has also appeared on stage in "Xingu," "Little Shop of Horrors," "Dalliance in Vienna" and "A Broadway Diva Christmas." She has performed on cabaret stages at The Metropolitan Room, The Beechman and The Algonquin Oakroom in New York.

Ms. Pedi has performed "Great Dames" in Capetown, South Africa, and in London as well as across the United States. The show has won a New York NightLife Award and a Backstage Bistro Award.

Cabaret Scenes magazine describes her as "a musical theater lead with the heart and soul of a comedienne," a combination that "creates more effervescence than a glass of good champagne."

According to her bio at www.christinepedi.com, fans of HBO's "The Sopranos"

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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Deciphering woman-speak



On ABC's hilarious "Modern Family," we get a look into the contrasting male and female psyches when Phil takes a trip to the spa. We see him in all his nouveau-masculine glory, in a green facemask and white bathrobe, sitting at a pedicure footbath, feet soaking while the manicurist massages kiwi lotion into his hands.

"OK, I'm confused," Phil says. "You're saying that if she tells me she has a problem, I'm not supposed to help her?"

The woman lounging in the chair next to him leans over. "Not unless she asks for your help."

"But if she lets me help her, I can make her problem go away," Phil says.

The women all laugh. "That is such a male thing to say," one remarks. "She doesn't want you to solve her problems. She just wants you to give her support so she can solve her problems herself."

"And sometimes" — the first woman takes up the cause — "sometimes she just wants a sympathetic ear."

"Whoa," says Phil. "Maybe it's all the creams, but that just made sense, girlfriends."

Deborah Tannen, author and professor of linguistics at Georgetown University, wrote about this language divide

between men and women in an issue of "Scientific American Mind" published last year.

"Say a woman tells another about a personal problem and hears in response, 'I know how you feel' or 'The same thing happens to me.' The resulting 'troubles talk' reinforces the connection

between them," Dr. Tannen writes in the article.

"Because this is not a conversational ritual he is used to, a man may well misread her conversational gambit as a request for help solving the problem."

The result, says Dr. Tannen, is frustration all around.

"She blames him for telling her what to do," she writes. "Whereas he thinks he did exactly what she requested and cannot fathom why she would keep talking about a problem if she does not want to do anything about it."

A friend's brother, Jake, who is cute and athletic and funny

but entirely anti-commitment, likes to dabble in easy romance. He meets women at salsa class or picks up waitresses in coffee houses. He is notoriously untethered. Or he was. Until he met Chloe, a bright-eyed 23-year-old with all the fiery spunk and fierce independence it takes to intrigue a man like Jake.

While he never used to worry about the thousand small efforts it takes to keep a relationship going, now he turns to his sister for advice, asking every day what he can do to keep Chloe happy.

"Just listen to her," his sister, Susie, tells him. She's told

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him this before, in the midst of other relationships, but he didn't hear. Or he heard, but he didn't care. Now, though, he takes notes. And he reports back with his successes.

"You wouldn't believe it," he told Susie recently. "Chloe was telling me about a problem she's having at work. I just listened to her.

I didn't try to fix it. When she got done, I gave her a hug."

"How'd she take it?" Susie asked.

"It was incredible," Jake said. "Like it was exactly what she needed." ■



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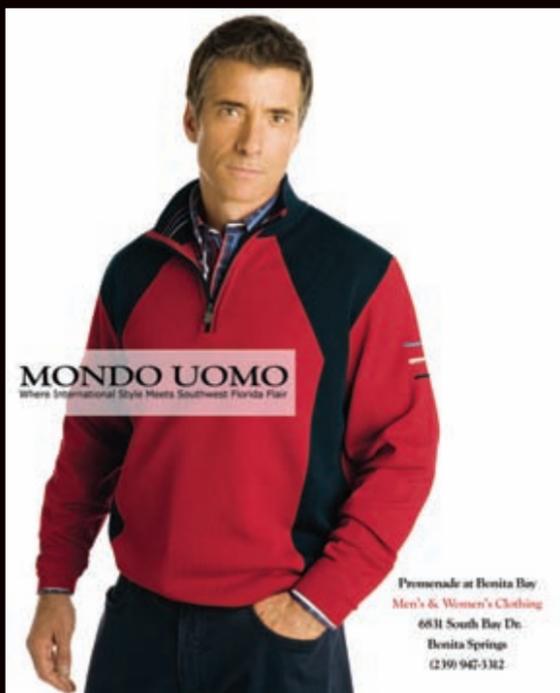
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TheatreZone founder and artistic director Mark Danni with former student Paige Miles

BEEHIVE

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TheatreZone, the equity group that Mr. Danni founded and heads as artistic director, in addition to his Community School responsibilities.

"Beehive: The '60s Musical!" is the final production of TheatreZone's sixth season. Mr. Danni says it's a great show for Ms. Miles' return to her hometown stage. Though the '60s were well over by the time Ms. Miles was born in 1985, she has an affinity for the music.

"She's really an old soul, and those '60s R&B songs (are right up her alley)," he says.

The musical revue focuses on songs made popular by women such as Aretha Franklin, Dusty Springfield, Leslie Gore and Tina Turner, and girl groups such as The Shirelles, The Crystals, The Supremes and The Chiffons.

Ms. Miles, as the show's singing narrator, will perform "Sweet Talkin' Guy," "You Don't Have to Say You Love Me," "The Beat Goes On," the Tina Turner numbers and some of the Aretha Franklin songs.

"She narrates through the transitions of early '60s to late '60s," says Mr. Danni. "She kicks off the evening, introducing everyone.

"It's a fun trip through the decade."

No holding back

After graduating from Community School, Ms. Miles attended college in Central Florida before moving to Houston. She auditioned for "American Idol" in Dallas. Out of 10,000 hopefuls, she was picked to be a finalist in Hollywood.

She called her former teacher with the good news, but a strict gag order was in place and no one else could find out until the show went on the air and all of the "Idol" finalists for that season were revealed. "We sat on that information for a long time," Mr. Danni recalls.

"I thought it was fantastic," he says. "I thought: Good for her for going out for it. When you're one of 10,000 and they pick you, that's something.

"She has a quality to her I could see them liking, and she's definitely got power. When she sang for me I told her, 'Don't hold back, just let it go.' I was the only one to tell her to belt it out. Everyone would try to refine her and (get her to) keep it prettier. And I was always saying, 'Why are you holding back? Let it go!'"

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From transistor radio to the stage

>> "Beehive: The '60s Musical!" features songs made popular by female solo artists and girl groups during the '60s. Here's a list of some of the songs performed in the show, along with the women who sang them:

- "My Boyfriend's Back," The Angels
- "Sweet Talkin' Guy," The Chiffons
- "One Fine Day," The Crystals
- "Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow," The Shirelles
- "Remember (Walking in the Sand)," The Shangri-Las
- "Where Did Our Love Go," The Supremes
- "I Hear a Symphony," The Supremes
- "It's My Party," Leslie Gore
- "I'm Sorry," Brenda Lee
- "You Don't Own Me," Leslie Gore
- "Where the Boys Are," Connie Francis
- "The Beat Goes On," Sonny & Cher
- "Downtown," Petula Clark
- "You Don't Have to Say You Love Me," Dusty Springfield
- "River Deep Mountain High," Tina Turner
- "Proud Mary," Tina Turner
- "Respect," Aretha Franklin
- "Natural Woman," Aretha Franklin

He'd find songs that would let her do that.

He even cast her in "The 1940s Radio Hour" at the Sugden Community Theatre, in which she had "a huge belt out (number.)"

In "American Idol," Ms. Miles kept advancing, singing in a group performance of Lady Gaga's "Bad Romance" and a solo of Stevie Wonder's "Living for the City, which put her in the top 24 contestants from across the country.

As the first contestant to perform in the semi-finals when the show went live, she belted out "All Right Now" by Free. Simon Cowell, who was one of that season's four judges, told her, "Of all the girls, I think you've got the best voice." High praise indeed, coming from the typically sour commentator.

She was a favorite, even though she wasn't featured a lot in the shows taped during the Hollywood auditions.

"They wanted her to be the come-from-behind-girl," Mr. Danni theorizes. "They didn't have the fans rooting for her, because they were focusing on other people.

"So many of them play up their personal tragedies, but Paige didn't want to do that. Her father was paralyzed from the neck down and he died when she

was a child. Her mother raised her.

"But she said she didn't want to win it (by playing the) sympathy card."

Other "Idol" contestants in other seasons have admitted themselves to the hospital when they've taken ill.

"Paige was like, 'When I was sick, I could've put myself into the hospital.' But she didn't," Mr. Danni says. "That's nice, but she learned the business quickly," he adds. "You learn that you have to look out for yourself; it's a cut-throat business."

Ms. Miles' laryngitis is what did her in.

The doctor ordered her not to sing "all out," as it could permanently damage her voice.

Mr. Danni says she would call him almost every week to talk over song selection. Her speaking voice was so bad from the laryngitis, he could barely understand her.

"She kept getting nailed on her song choices," he says.

She had to keep picking tamer songs to not strain her voice and wasn't able to show her strength as a singer. Instead of singing a powerhouse song, she'd go with a quiet ballad, such as the Charlie Chapman-penned "Smile."

The week she sang the Rolling Stones' "Honkey Tonk Women," she finished in the bottom three. And the following week, after performing Phil Collins' "Against All Odds (Take a Look at Me Now)," she was eliminated from the competition.

Because she didn't finish in the Top 10, Ms. Miles didn't get to go on the road with the "American Idol" tour.

Although it was a disappointment at first, Mr. Danni says, she realized afterward that it was a blessing in disguise. If she'd gone on tour with them, he explains, her voice never would have had the chance to heal.

It was a great opportunity and challenge for her to be thrust onto the national stage like she was, he says.

"She had some of her greatest performances after she was voted off," Mr. Danni says, noting that she sang on David Letterman's show and his musical director/bandleader Paul Shaffer loved her.

She went on "The Ellen Show" and Ellen Degeneres loved her, he adds. "She was on a lot of morning shows. She'd sing 'Living in the City.' She could still sound great."

Still in California

Ms. Miles, 25, is living in California now, rooming with fellow "American Idol" contestant Lacey Brown and per-

forming around the Los Angeles area.

Mr. Danni thinks she was smart to make that move. While a lot of "Idol" contestants just go back home after the show, he says, Ms. Miles is trying to continue the momentum she gained from the national exposure.

"She's with one of the top agencies; they say they find her very marketable," he says.

She's recording a six-song EP called "StarDust" and has released snippets from four of the songs online (www.soundcloud.com/paigemiles) for fan feedback. She co-wrote some of the songs, Mr. Danni says, and there's a possibility that she'll get an audition for "Glee."

She's the entire package, he says: "She's got a great look, a fabulous personality, she sings well and she has an acting background, too."

Her appearance in TheatreZone's "Beehive: The '60s Musical!" will not be Ms. Miles' first return to Naples since "American Idol." When Mr. Danni put together a Paige Miles Day at her alma mater, she was there to sing three numbers. The students swamped the stage at the end, and she spent 2½ hours afterward signing autographs, he says.

She also performed at the school's annual black-tie Angel Ball, a scholarship fundraiser for which organizers usually book big-name entertainment. "I had a band with backup singers, and worked closely with her," Mr. Danni says. "The audience went nuts over her."

And one time, when he was rehearsing "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" with his students, she popped in to say hi.

Everyone just froze, he says. They were so stunned to see her. "It was amazing to see how influential 'Idol' people are to the kids," he says.

Mr. Danni anticipates that Neapolitans of all ages will love seeing Ms. Miles in his upcoming musical. "Even little kids 10, 11, 12, can't wait to see her," he says. "This is a special thing (for local theatergoers) and for Paige." ■

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>> "Beehive: The '60s Musical!"

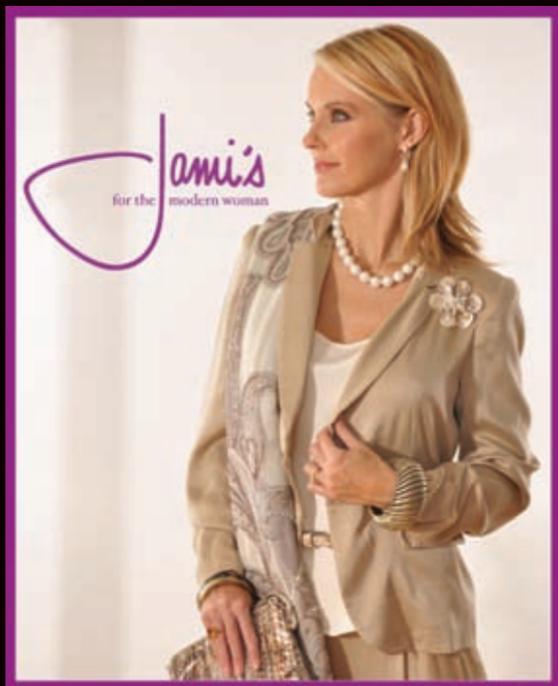
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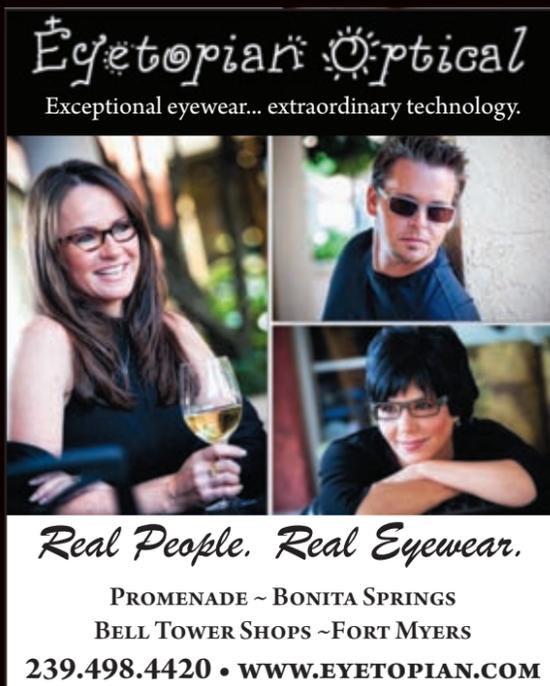
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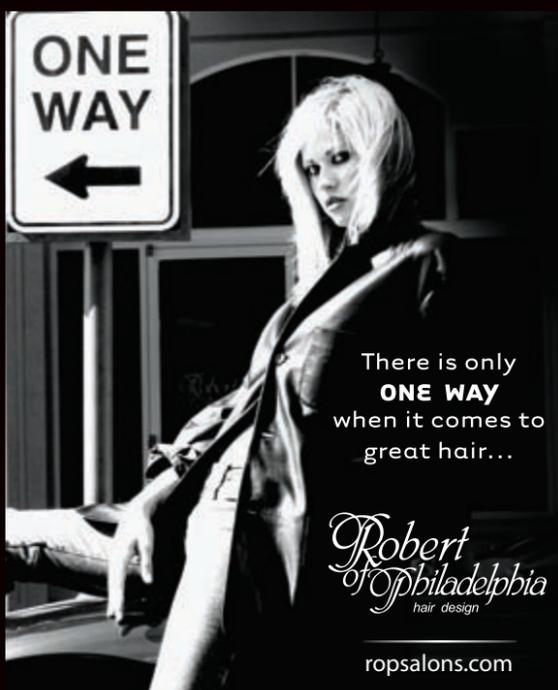
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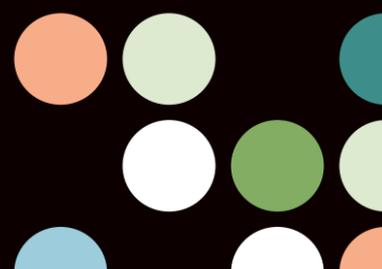
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- **Rent** - At Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers, through May 14. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.
- **Charlotte's Web** - By the Broadway Palm Children's Theatre, Fort Myers, through May 13. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.
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Thursday, April 21

- **Music Magic** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents "Live at the Promenade! The Musical Mindreader" from 7-9 p.m. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. Keith Raygor fuses the elements of music and laughter with sleight-of-hand artistry and thought-reading. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.
- **Hear The Wind** - The FGCU Bower School of Music presents a free wind orchestra concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. 590-7188 or rchesnut@fgcu.edu.
- **Songs & Laughs** - The Axis Of Awesome performs tonight through Sunday at the Off The Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island. 389-6900 or www.captbriens.com.

- **Extreme Dance** - Diavolo, an innovative company of dancers, gymnasts and actors, performs at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.
- **Baubles & Bangles** - Marissa Collections hosts a Tamara Comolli jewelry trunk show today through Saturday. 687-1148 or www.marissacollections.com.

- **Thursdays on Third** - Enjoy live music while browsing and dining from 6-9 p.m. along Third Street South. 261-8936.
- **Evening on Fifth** - Fifth Avenue features music and more from 6:30-9:30 p.m. 435-3742.

Friday, April 22

- **Worth It** - The Worth Collection

summer trunk show runs from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. today through Thursday at 380 Tenth St. S. www.worthny.com. RSVP: 860-3100.

- **Good Friday Music** - The Naples Orchestra and Chorus performs "The Seven Last Words of Christ" at 2 p.m. at Moorings Presbyterian Church.

- **Art Night** - The Bonita Springs Historical Society hosts its final Evening in the Park of the season from 5-8 p.m. at Riverside Park on Old 41.

- **Senior Recital** - The FGCU Bower School of Music presents pianist Michael Caysido in his senior recital at 7:30 p.m. Free. 590-7851 or pharkins@fgcu.edu.

- **Pickin' & Grinnin'** - Frontline Bluegrass performs from 7-10 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits, 2700 Immokalee Road. \$5 cover. 431-7928.

Saturday, April 23

- **Family Event** - C'mon, the Golisano Children's Museum of Naples, presents "Museum Without Walls" for children and their families from 10 a.m. to noon at Marco Island's Center for the Arts. 514-0084 or www.cmon.org.

- **Acoustic Rock** - Dan Banks and Friends take the stage at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits from 7-10 p.m. 431-7928.

- **Singing Senior** - The FGCU Bower School of Music presents vocal major Kristen Mastroianni in her senior recital at 3 p.m. Free. 590-7851 or pharkins@fgcu.edu.

- **More Singing** - The FGCU Bower School of Music presents Christina Cortese-Hardy in a free vocal recital at 3:45 p.m. Free. 590-7548 or jdarnell@fgcu.edu.

- **Cello & Piano** - The FGCU Bower School of Music presents a faculty and guest artist recital with cellist Grace Bahng and pianist Michael Baron at 7:30 p.m. Free. 590-7851 or pharkins@fgcu.edu.

Sunday, April 24

- **Rock Opera** - The Trans-Siberian Orchestra performs at 7:30 p.m. at Germain Arena. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

Monday, April 25

- **Film Series** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents "Bread & Tulips" as part of its "Films for Film Lovers" series at 7 p.m. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. \$8. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

- **Free Concert** - The FGCU Bower School of Music presents a free Symphonic Band Concert at 7:30 p.m. in the FGCU Student Union Ballroom. 590-1244 or tvjones@fgcu.edu.

- **Welsh Superstar** - Tom Jones performs at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

Wednesday, April 27

- **Art On Marco** - Art Walk takes place at the Artist Colony at the Esplanade on Marco Island. 642-0528 or www.marcoislandartistcolony.com.

- **Great Dames** - A cabaret show by Christine Pedi at The Norris Center today and Thursday. Call Gulfshore Playhouse at (866) 811-4111. See story page C1.

- **Evening In The Garden** - Wednesday Night Out at the Naples Botanical Garden features partner yoga with Shanti Shanbon and a food tasting from 6-9 p.m. Bring a blanket or chair. www.naplesgarden.org or 643-7275.

Upcoming Events

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■ **Royal Wedding** – Watch Prince William and Kate Middleton take their vows and enjoy a wedding breakfast beginning at 5 a.m. April 29 at The English Pub on Linwood Avenue. 775-3727 or bwww.naplesenglishpub.com.

■ **High Tea** – The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, puts on high tea complete with scones and finger sandwiches in honor of the royal wedding at 2:30 p.m. April 29. Reservations: 598-6644.

■ **Diva Time** – Sweet Art Gallery hosts “Diva Night” from 6-9 p.m. April 29. 2054 Trade Center Way. 597-2110 or www.thesweetartgallery.com.

■ **Magic Carpet** – The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents members of its woodwind section in a “Magic Carpet” program for children and families on April 30. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Happy Birthday** – Help the Museum of the Everglades celebrate its birthday beginning at 10:30 a.m. April 30 in Everglades City. 695-0008 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **Music Scholars** – The Naples Music Club presents its scholarship winners in a recital at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at First United Methodist Church, 388 First Ave. S.

■ **Zoo Party** – The Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens hosts the AZA's Earth Day event, “Party for the Planet,” on April 30. 262-5409 or www.napleszoo.org.

■ **Feel The Beat** – STOMP takes the stage April 29 through May 1 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 481-4849 or www.bbmannpah.com.

■ **New Exhibit** – An exhibit of works by Anneke Tigchelaar runs May 1-31 at The Norris Center. 213-3058.

■ **Student Art** – The Collier County Student Art Show runs May 1-6 at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. 417-6310 or www.rookerybay.org.

■ **Nature Lesson** – “Surviving in Nature,” a program about the Everglades, starts at 2 p.m. May 3 at the Marco Island Branch Library. 394-3272.

■ **Motown Sounds** – Mark & Diane perform at 6:30 p.m. May 3 at the South Regional Library. 252-7542.

■ **Underground Art** – The North Naples Arts Alliance presents Underground Art Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. May 4 at studios and galleries in the Pine Ridge Industrial Park. 821-1061 or www.rosenraku.com.

■ **Local History** – The “Jim Jones” oral history film will be shown May 4-7 at Palm Cottage, home of the Naples Historical Society. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalociety.org.

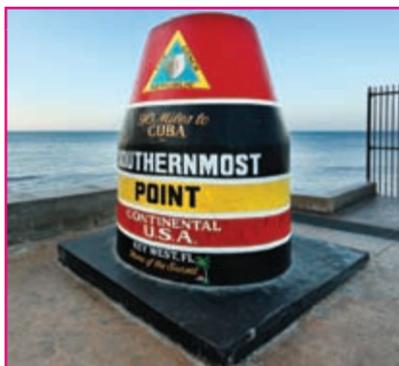
■ **Majors & Minors** – Musicians from the Philharmonic Youth Orchestra perform with professional musicians from the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra in the final Major/Minor Concert of the season at 7 p.m. May 8 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

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ARTS COMMENTARY

Gulfshore Playhouse revels in the 'Spirit' of Noel Coward

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When it comes to witty, sophisticated banter, no one can top Noel Coward.

He's penned gems such as: "It's discouraging to think how many people are shocked by honesty and how few by deceit."

And when a married couple is sparring, with great vehemence and civility, throwing the names of their spouse's former lovers into each other's faces, one says: "If you're trying to compile an inventory of my sex life, I feel it only fair to warn you that you've omitted several episodes. I shall consult my diary and give you a complete list after lunch."

Not all actors can deliver Mr. Coward's lines with the light touch they demand, however.

Thank God director Kristen Coury has cast well.

The seven actors in Gulfshore Playhouse's current production of "Blithe Spirit" speak Mr. Coward's classic lines as if born to the era and locale.

This is a comedy about death and marriage (some cynics might claim they're one and the same) and about the dangers of getting what you wish for.

Mr. Coward wrote it during World War II, a time when many were dying in combat and many of the living were consulting spiritualists. With "Blithe Spirit," the playwright helped record-breaking audiences laugh in the face of death.

Charles Condomine (Cody Nickell) is a dashing young man married to Ruth (an elegant Beth Hylton). It's a second marriage for both of them. They've invited another couple to their house for a séance to be led by Madame Arcati (Elizabeth Dimon), though none of them, save for the medium herself, take it seriously.

Charles is writing another book and wants to watch Madam Arcati up close, to learn some "tricks of the trade" for his novel. But the joke's on him when, as a result of the séance, his first wife, Elvira (Caroline Hewitt), materializes.

Charles goes through a series of reactions to his dead wife popping up when he's remarried to a flesh-and-blood live one.

His initial reaction is quite amusing, and the look of fear, disbelief and terror when he first sees her is humorous act-



Cody Nickell

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ing at its best.

Unfortunately, Charles is the only one who can see and hear Elvira. His living wife thinks he's talking to her, and becomes quite insulted. Everyone's convinced he's going crazy.

And then things start to really unravel.

Ms. Hylton, who played Nora in the Gulfshore Playhouse production of "A Doll's House," is totally believable as the put-upon wife miffed at her husband's strange behavior.

Charles, initially charming, reveals himself to be quite the cad — what man wouldn't want to have two adoring women at his beck and call, if he could get away with it? Charles' true nature starts to reveal itself as the play progresses.

Gillian Wiggins and Jeff Williams are perfect as the Condomines' married friends; she has the gift of putting her foot in her mouth and always saying the wrong thing, while he has a habit of being long-winded. The couple is another specimen of marriage Mr. Coward presents for our amusement and analysis.

Ms. Hewitt, as the ghostly wife, plays her character as someone you love to hate. She's self-centered, petulant and quite spoiled. The afterlife hasn't improved her one bit.

She's Alfred Hitchcock's icy blonde.

It would have been nice if Ms. Hewitt had played the role more seductively and made us like her somewhat, or feel conflicted about her. But she's so smug



Beth Hylton

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and smirky, I thoroughly hated her from the start.

Morgan Rosse has a small but vital role as Edith, the Condomines' maid. As she rushes about her duties, her employers constantly remind her to slow down.

Her physical humor provides a nice balance to the verbal wit that is so abundant in this play, and though she doesn't have much stage time, Ms. Rosse makes the most of the time she does have.

Ms. Dimon, as Madame Arcati, is eccentric but sincere. The actress, who stepped into the role at a late date, is simply superb. Her character's personality comes from within, and isn't just a matter of putting on a funny outfit. She's not just going for the easy laughs, and for that I am thankful. Ms. Dimon has received Carbonells (the South Florida version of the Tony Awards) for her acting on the state's east coast; I would love to see her in more shows.

The bantering and arch dialogue throughout "Blithe Spirit" is quite clever, and I often found myself laughing in delight at the word play.

Set designer Dennis Moyes makes the most of The Norris Center's small stage with his creation of an upper class British drawing room. Jennifer Murray's costumes are simultaneously lush and proper. The special effects work nicely, but I would have liked to see even more destructive results in the scene when the spirits get angry. Instead, it came across as anti-climatic.



Elizabeth Dimon

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The Norris Center, unfortunately, is not a great place to see a show. (We can only hope that Gulfshore Playhouse eventually gets its own home.) The sound gets muffled, and the sightlines are not great. Friends in the front row complained of having a crick in their necks from looking up all night; I was seated further back and couldn't see well. I moved at intermission, only to have what must have been the audience's tallest couple also move immediately after, to sit directly in front of me, complaining that they couldn't see from their original seats. (I wound up moving yet again!)

The staging was frustrating at times, as I could only see the back of an actor's head during one or two vital scenes. I don't know if this is due to Ms. Coury's direction or to the lack of space on the stage.

Despite these annoyances, it was a pleasure to see this excellent production of "Blithe Spirit." The actors deliver Mr. Coward's dry, droll repartee with great skill and make it look so easy. ■

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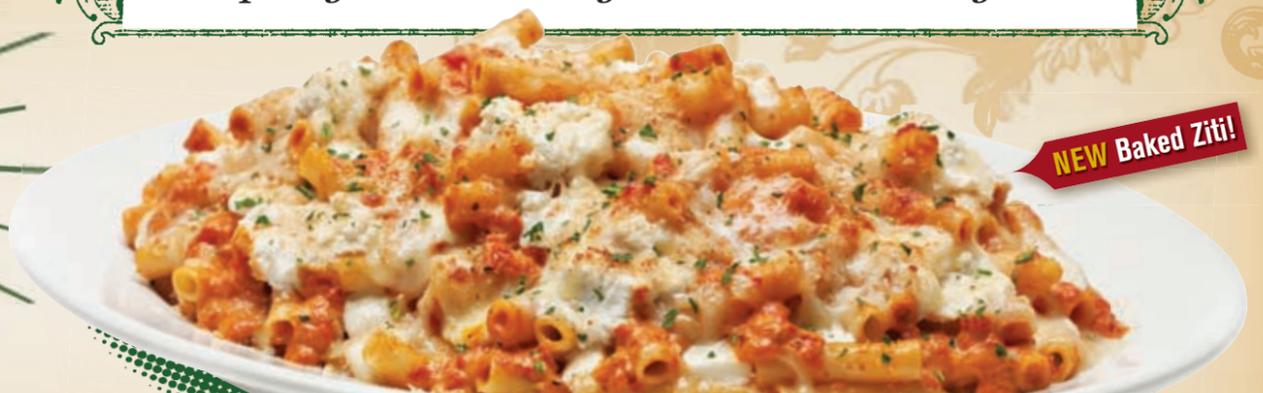
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Healthy Start Worker award goes to 11-year CHS employee

BY CONNIE DILLON
Special to Florida Weekly

In the 11 years that she has worked for CHS Healthcare, Rosa "Rosie" Ramirez has been an outstanding advocate for the women and children of Immokalee. Ms. Ramirez was recently honored for her work within Collier County's health care industry.

According to her peers who nominated her for the Healthy Start Worker award, "Rosie goes above and beyond to secure specialty referrals for indigent care. She spearheads collections of food, money and clothing for needy



en's Health patient we will call "Ann." Ann was diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer during her pregnancy. It was also thought that the baby would be born with a heart defect. Ann had few resources, no family to help, no car, no food and unstable living arrangements.

As our referral specialist, Ms. Ramirez worked with Maternal Fetal Medicine at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg to schedule Ann's delivery there because of the baby's perceived heart defect.

With the hospital prepared for the baby's possible needs, Ann still needed to have her cancer treated.

A partner physician specializing in gynecologic oncology was consulted, provided free services and helped coordinate Ann's delivery with the GYN oncologists at All Children's Hospital. A local physician provided free radiation treatments in his office five days a week for four weeks to treat Ann's cancer. Most of the transportation to the office had to be provided by CHS's outreach staff and Ms. Ramirez.

Ms. Ramirez helped coordinate with partner organizations to find Ann a safe, affordable place to live. Childcare was also an issue, since Ann was recovering from major surgery as well as the side effects of radiation treatments. Daycare for the baby was arranged near her home.

The baby is now enrolled in CHS Healthcare's Early Health Pride program. Although his heart was found to be normal after delivery, he needed several appointments to take care of other medical issues but today is doing quite well. The Early Health Pride program will continue to help make sure the baby receives the proper follow up care and to supply educational material to the family; along the way. Ms. Ramirez will be there to assist.

Ms. Ramirez received the 2010 Healthy Start Worker of the Year for her work with our patients here at CHS. This award was given to her in recognition of her outstanding service to the moms and babies of Southwest Florida for 2009-10.

CHS Healthcare and our patients are truly fortunate to have such a caring, dedicated advocate for the women and children of Immokalee. Thank you, Rosie! ■

— Connie Dillon is the executive director of the CHS Healthcare Foundation. The foundation was formed in 2008 to support the efforts of CHS Healthcare in providing primary medical and dental health care services to residents of Collier County regardless of their ability to pay. For more information, visit chshealthcare-foundation.org.



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Rosa "Rosie" Ramirez

families. And she has a special gift of getting scared, vulnerable, abused women to open up to her so that they can be helped to safety."

Denise Henning, CHS Healthcare's certified nurse midwife, depends on Ms. Ramirez. "I rely on her to schedule referrals to Maternal Fetal Medicine. She not only does this, but she also keeps track of the patients, how they are coping, if they are keeping their appointments, and lets us know if they have any other issues that prevent them from accessing optimum care," Ms. Henning says.

"Rosie will often volunteer to pick up patients with transportation issues; once she even transported a patient with cervical cancer to Lehigh for radiation treatments for several weeks. She has also arranged for housing for several of our patients," Ms. Henning adds. "Rosie is often found working late at the office because she is trying to help a client."

In short, Ms. Ramirez is a woman with a big heart who has dedicated her life to helping the underserved women of Immokalee. She does all of this while raising two sons and continuing her own education.

A recent example of the caring staff at CHS Healthcare, and of Ms. Ramirez's dedication in particular, involves a Wom-

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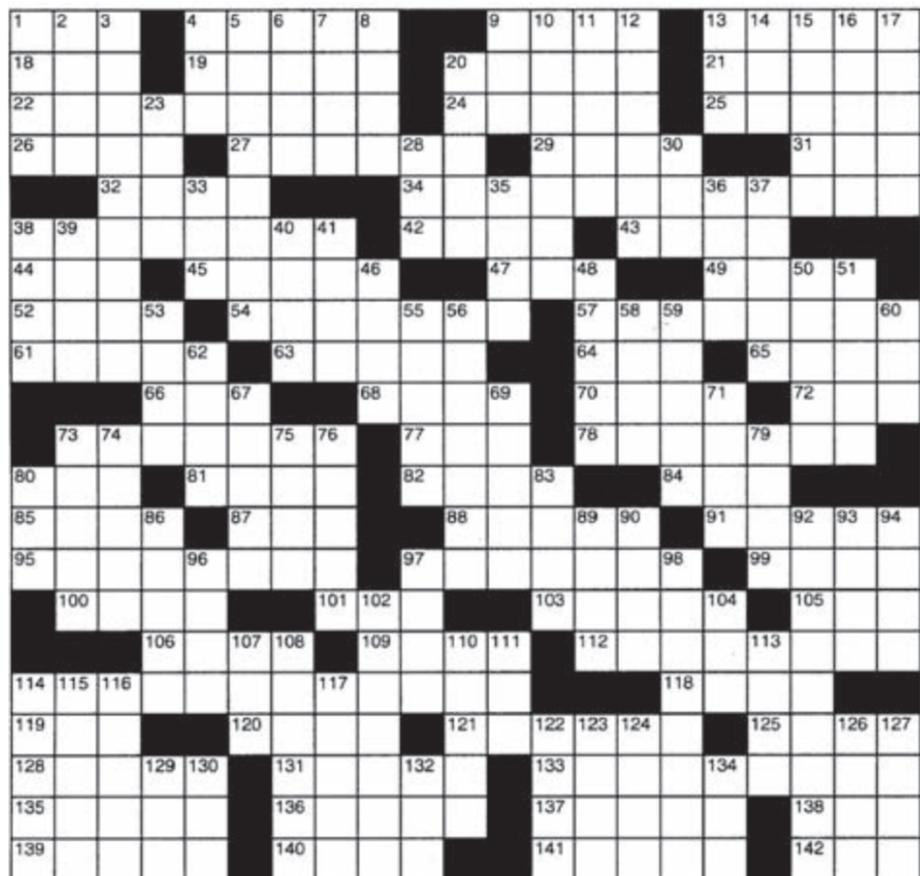
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 - 87 See 106
 - 88 "Love Train" group
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 - 97 Geological phenomenon
 - 99 The Chipmunks, e.g.
 - 100 Comic Carvey
 - 101 Galena, for one
 - 103 —ski party
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 - 106 With 87
 - 109 Merit
 - 112 — blanket
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 - 119 "So that's your game!"
 - 120 Nonflowering plant
 - 121 "The Addams Family" uncle
 - 125 Does Little work
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 - 133 End of remark
 - 135 Wear away
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 - 138 Child welfare org.
 - 139 Rock's Meisner
 - 140 Stocking stuffers?
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 - 2 "The Time Machine" people
 - 3 English port
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 - 6 Novelist Seton
 - 7 Pack Henie's birthplace
 - 8 Homeric characters
 - 9 Pres. Clinton, e.g.
 - 10 Performer
 - 11 Actor's actor?
 - 12 Irritate
 - 13 Rigoletto, to Gilda
 - 14 Actor Tognazzi
 - 15 — Gras
 - 16 Sharon of Israel
 - 17 Trap
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 - 23 Comics "Andy —"
 - 28 He gives a hoot
 - 30 — the fields we go . . .
 - 33 Slangy sib
 - 35 Ain't right?
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 - 37 Toast start
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SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

■ **TAURUS (April 30 to May 20)** You are aware of what's going on, so continue to stand by your earlier decision, no matter how persuasive the counter-arguments might be. Money pressures will soon ease.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** By all means, have fun and enjoy your newly expanded social life. But don't forget that some people are depending on you to keep promises that are very important to them.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** You need to wait patiently for an answer to a workplace problem and not push for a decision. Remember: Time is on your side. A financial matter needs closer attention.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** You now have information that can influence that decision you planned to make. But the clever Cat will consult a trusted friend or family member before making a major move.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Good news: You're finding that more doors are opening for you to show what you can do, and you don't even have to knock very hard to get the attention you're seeking.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Your gift for creating order out of chaos will help you deal with a sudden rush of responsibilities that would threaten someone less able to balance his or her priorities.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 2)** Congratulations. Your energy levels are coming right back

up to normal -- just in time to help you tackle some worthwhile challenges and make some important choices.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** The sage Sagittarian should demand a full explanation of inconsistencies that might be cropping up in what had seemed to be a straightforward deal.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** A conflict between obligations to family and to the job can create stressful problems. Best advice: Balance your dual priorities so that one doesn't outweigh the other.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Don't guess, speculate or gossip about that so-called "mystery" situation at the workplace. Bide your time. An explanation will be forthcoming very soon.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Boredom might be creeping in and causing you to lose interest in a repeat project. Deal with it by flipping over your usual routine and finding a new way to do an old task.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Temper your typical Aries urge to charge into a situation and demand answers. Instead, let the Lamb's gentler self emerge to deal with a problem that requires delicacy.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You can warm the coldest heart with your lyrical voice and bright smile. You find yourself at home, wherever you are.

By Linda Thistle

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Is it worth \$10? Yes



Unlike the JFK assassination, which seems it will forever be enshrouded by conspiracy theories, we know John Wilkes Booth killed Abraham Lincoln. What we don't know is who exactly helped him do it, which is where "The Conspirator" comes in.

Director Robert Redford's film tells the story of Mary Surratt (Robin Wright), who was the only woman charged in the conspiracy to kill Lincoln. The eight male conspirators, including Mary's son John (Johnny Simmons) and Mr. Booth (Toby Kebbell), met at her boardinghouse, and some of them roomed there. Had they discussed the assassination during those meetings? Did Mary know?

According to James D. Solomon's script, it didn't matter.

It's clear early on that U.S. government leaders wanted anyone remotely associated with the assassination to be prosecuted immediately.

"In times of war, the law falls silent," lead prosecutor Joseph Holt says to Mary's lawyer, Frederick Aiken (James McAvoy), a decorated Union officer who was forced to take the case by Sen. Reverdy Johnson (Tom Wilkinson) and now must fight for a fair trial.

What's fascinating about the story is that everyone is clearly doing what he believes is right, even if it's not ethically or morally correct. As Union loyalists, Mr. Aiken and Sen. Johnson despise Mary, but they also know they took an oath to uphold the law and will faithfully defend the Constitution by trying to grant Mary a proper defense.

On the flip side, Mr. Holt, Secretary of War Edwin Stanton (Kevin Kline) and Judge David Hunter (Colm Meaney) are only interested in convicting and hanging Mary as quickly as possible. Their fear, understandably, is that Confederates in the South will take this as a sign of weakness in the now-United States, and another Civil War could potentially break out. They don't care about justice and fairness for Mary; they just need to send

a message before things gets worse.

The issues here offer an odd but imperative dynamic that is the hallmark of democracy: No matter how egregious the crime, all Americans are entitled to a fair trial.

What's frustrating about the film, however, is the languid pace with which Mr. Redford tells the story. Yes, life was much slower in the 1860s, but as Mr. Aiken discovers more about Mary and her circumstances, the pace needs to quicken in order to build suspense toward the climax. For whatever reason, Mr. Redford, who certainly knows what he's doing both in front of and behind the camera, does not do this.

Truthfully, all the pieces were in place for "The Conspirator" to be great: Compelling drama, great production design, phenomenal cast, etc. That the filmmakers forgot how to build tension is inexplicable and unforgivable, but it doesn't undo what is an inherently fascinating story. ■

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in the know

>> "The Conspirator" is The American Film Company's first feature. Joe Ricketts, the founder of Ameritrade and whose family owns the Chicago Cubs, established the company in 2008 to produce historically accurate films about America's storied past.

CAPSULES

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Win Win ★★★

(Paul Giamatti, Amy Ryan, Alex Shaffer) A down-on-his-luck attorney (Mr. Giamatti) with a family to support becomes the legal guardian of an elderly person (Burt Young) with dementia, but is thrown for a loop when the man's grandson (Shaffer) arrives in town. The performances are strong and it's a sweet story about unselfishness and doing the right thing. This is a solid, well-made drama. Rated R.

Your Highness ★★

(James Franco, Danny McBride, Natalie Portman) Gallant Prince Fabious (Mr.

Franco) and his brother Thadeous (Mr. McBride) embark on a quest to rescue Fabious' fiancé (Zooey Deschanel) from an evil warlock (Justin Theroux). It's not consistently funny, and it takes way too long for Natalie Portman (who plays a road warrior) to appear. Rated R.

Arthur ★½

(Russell Brand, Helen Mirren, Jennifer Garner) Spoiled millionaire playboy Arthur (Mr. Brand) must choose between his love for tour guide Naomi (Greta Gerwig) or his need for money, which would be ensured if he marries coldhearted businesswoman Susan (Ms. Garner). There's nothing to like about Arthur, both the character and the movie: They're unfunny, petulant and not worth our time. Rated PG-13. ■



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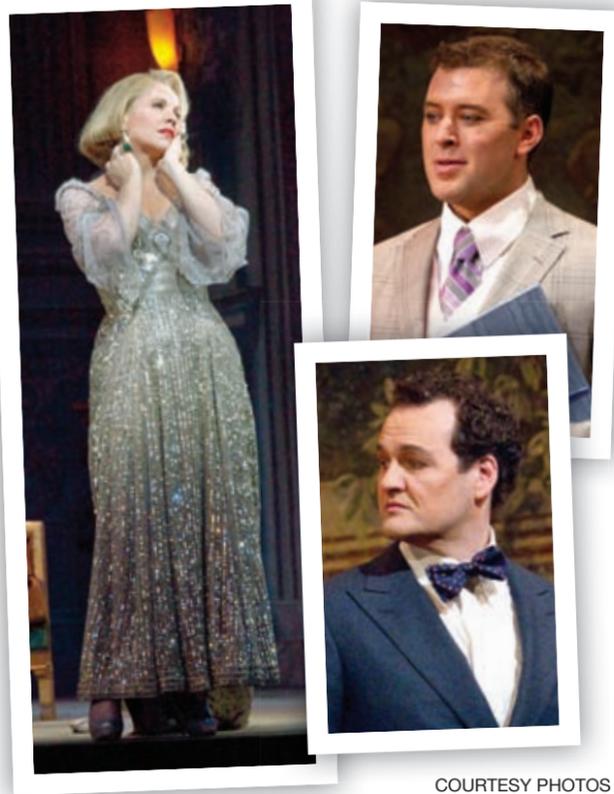
The Metropolitan Opera comes to area theaters

The Metropolitan Opera presents Richard Strauss' "Capriccio," live in high-definition in select movie theaters around the world, at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 23. The composer's final opera, particularly famous for its virtuosic final scene, is considered an extended showcase for the lead soprano.

Southwest Florida opera aficionados can see the broadcast, part of the company's Peabody and Emmy award-winning series "The Met: Live in HD," at Hollywood Stadium-20 in Naples, Hollywood Coconut Point-16 in Estero and the Bell Tower-20 in Fort Myers.

Words or music? Countess Madeleine (Renée Fleming) must choose between them when she finds herself pursued by two potential lovers, the poet Olivier (Russell Braun) and the composer Flamand (Joseph Kaiser). The opera's colorful cast of characters also includes a flamboyant stage director (Peter Rose), a theatrical diva (Sarah Connolly), and the Countess's playboy brother (Morten Frank Larsen). Mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato hosts.

An encore performance will be broad-



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**Left: Renée Fleming as Countess Madeleine
Top right: Joseph Kaiser as Flamand
Bottom right: Russell Braun as Olivier**

cast at all three area theaters beginning at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11.

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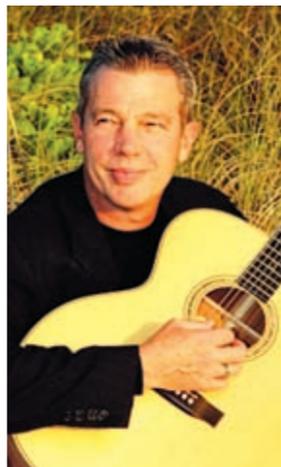
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>>When did you discover your creative talents?

I began playing music at an early age. I played guitar and trumpet at school and formed my first band when I was in seventh grade.

>>Where can we hear you perform?

You can hear my music on the cable TV music channel, Soundscapes; on the satellite Spa channel; and on many radio stations. Locally, I perform at gallery openings, private parties and restaurants. You can also hear my music on my website, www.justlovemusic.com.

>>Are you working on any special projects?

I just released my fourth CD, "Earth Spring" that was a private label release for the Warm Mineral Springs Resort. I have another CD, my fifth, coming out later this year.

>>How do you use technology in your work?

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my most important form of marketing. My sales are 90 percent digital and come from iTunes and other download sites.

>>Are you a full-time musician?

I have been playing music full time since 2003. I also own Collier CPR and Safety Training.

>>Who is your favorite musician?

Will Ackerman.

>>Outside of your music, what are you passionate about?

Teaching people how to save lives. Music and teaching are my two passions.

>>What book are you reading?

"A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose" by Eckhart Tolle, for the third time. It's my favorite book. ■

— *Artists Among Us* is provided by the United Arts Council of Collier County. The council promotes all the arts in Collier County and provides education in the arts for at-risk students. For more information and a calendar of arts and cultural events, call 263-8242 or visit www.CollierArts.com.

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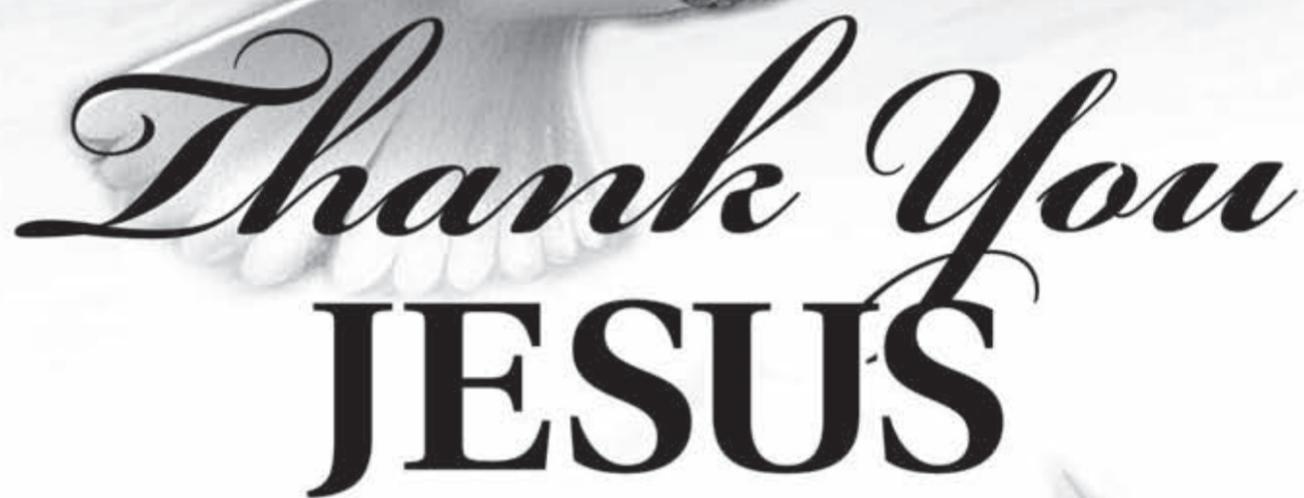
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United Arts Council awards grants

The United Arts Council has awarded its 2011 Community Arts Fund grants. Funding for this year's grants was provided by the Community Foundation of Collier County in support of worthy projects at the area's smaller nonprofit arts organizations.

Grant awards were presented in a ceremony at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. This year's recipients and how they plan to use the funds are:

- **Naples Concert Band** - printing costs for the annual brochure
- **Music Makers Show Band** - new sheet music
- **Naples Music Club** - expansion of master classes for low-income middle school students
- **Voices of Naples** - expansion of student mentor program
- **Friends of Rookery Bay** - supplies and equipment for use at art gallery

exhibit openings

- **Music for Minors** - new instruments and refurbishing of donated instruments for low-income middle school music students
 - **Everglades Society for Historic Preservation** - mats and frames for donated paintings
 - **Friends of the Everglades** - covers for Rob Storter traveling exhibition
 - **Naples Historical Society** - supplies for use in student history programs
 - **Bayshore CAPA** - part-time employee to handle details related to expanded performance schedule
 - **Naples Opera Society** - website changes and communication upgrades
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The Jade N. Riedel Scholarship program is named after an NAA member and artist who served as the chair of the scholarship exhibition program and was its chief fundraiser for many years. Following Ms. Riedel's death in 1997, the association renamed the scholarship in her honor. Individual donations provide most of the funding.

This year, 33 submissions came from students in the following Collier county high schools: Barron Collier, Community School of Naples, Golden Gate, Gulf Coast, the International Learning Academy, Lely, Naples and Pemetto Ridge.

Ringling College of Art and Design juried the work and chose one student to receive a \$5,000 scholarship. Naples resident John Hushon juried the entries to award six students with a \$500 scholarship. Decisions were based on originality, technique, composition, presentation and application of design principals.

John Treanor of Gulf Coast High School won the Ringling scholarship based on his colored pencil drawing titled "The 'Fly' Fisherman."

Winners of the \$500 awards are:

■ **Victoria Core**, Community School of Naples, for her photograph titled "Reflections of Me."

■ **Lacey McKee**, Community School of Naples, for her photograph titled "Table for Two: The Sunset and Me."

■ **Jeremy Nemeth**, the International Learning Academy, for his mixed media



COURTESY PHOTO

John Treanor of Gulf Coast High School poses with his father, Gregory; his mother, Elizabeth; and his grandmother, Betsy, after winning a \$5,000 scholarship to Ringling College of Art and Design in the 40th annual Jade N. Riedel Competition held by the Naples Art Association.

piece titled "Into the Cosmic Grid."

■ **Katherine Navarro**, Palmetto Ridge High School, for her untitled charcoal drawing.

■ **Erin Rectanus**, Community School of Naples, for her acrylic painting titled "Shore of Flowers."

■ **Oscar Santiago**, Golden Gate High School, for his graphic design piece titled "Life is Better with Art In It."

"From computer-generated graphics to original painted works, the competition and exhibition showcase the broad range of talent in our local schools," says Callie Spilane, NAA director of education. "To think that these students will go on to work in the fields of marketing, teaching, graphic design or even become professional artists gives me great pride in knowing that we are helping to develop our next generation of artists."

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COMING UP AT THE PHIL

Here's some of what's ahead on the program at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. For more information about or tickets to any of these performances, call 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

■ **"Monty Python's Spamalot,"** the Tony Award-winning Best Musical of 2005, returns at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 22-23, and also at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 23.



Lovingly "ripped-off" from the comedy team's most popular motion picture, "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," "Spamalot" features a chorus line of dancing divas and knights, flatulent Frenchmen, killer rabbits and one legless knight.

Tickets start at \$79.

■ **Sir Tom Jones** returns to the Phil for one performance at 8 p.m. Monday, April 25.

Tickets start at \$79.

■ Take a stroll down lover's lane when the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents **"Mancini and Moonlight"** at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 26.

Broadway stars Nat Chandler and Teri Dale Hansen and conductor Jerry Steichen, a veteran of Broadway and New

York City Opera productions, will help bring this romantic evening to life with lush arrangements of "Moon River," "The Days of Wine and Roses," "Dear Heart," "Charade" and other orchestral favorites.

Tickets start at \$59 for adults and \$27 for students.

■ The fun-filled **Magic Carpet** series featuring small ensembles from the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra performing for children ages 3-9 and their families returns Saturday, April 30, and continues through May 28. Programs take place at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. as follows:

• **April 30:** "Around the World with a Backpack," featuring woodwinds.

• **May 14:** "What's All the Buzz About," featuring instruments from the brass family.

• **May 21:** "Around the World with Percussion."

• **May 28:** "Carnival of Animals!" with string instruments making animal sounds.

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■ **Illusionist Jason Bishop** performs at 8 p.m. Friday, May 13. Combining modern costumes and music with audience participation, humor and state-of-the-art illusions, Mr. Bishop dazzles and delights.



Tickets start at \$42.

■ **"Love Me Tender: The Ultimate Elvis Bash"** brings two acclaimed Elvis impressionists to the stage at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 14.



Mike Albert and the Big "E" Band are second to none in bringing to life the Elvis of the 1970s, while Scot Bruce looks and sounds like Elvis in his younger days.

Both entertainers have portrayed The King in venues around the country. Tickets start at \$39.

■ Nine-time Grammy Award-winner **Bonnie Raitt** performs with her band at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 18. The red-haired singer/songwriter is known for her soulful voice, stellar blues guitar playing and driving rhythms in numbers such as "Something to Talk About" and "Thing Called Love." Acclaimed New Orleans funk/R&B pianist/singer Jon Cleary will be the evening's opening act. Tickets start at \$79.

■ **The Fab Four** returns to the Phil with note-for-note renditions of Beatles songs in one performance at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 19.

Hosted by "Ed Sullivan," this loving tribute to John, Paul, Ringo and George includes three costume changes representing each era of the Beatles' career. Numbers include "I Want to Hold Your Hand," "Yesterday," "A Day in the Life," "Penny Lane," "Here Comes the Sun," "Hey Jude" and many more. Tickets start at \$39. ■



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Kindermusik classes set for the Phil

Kindermusik programs for children from newborns up to age 7 are on the program this summer at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Instructor Susan Rodriguez will lead weeklong sessions in June and July. Depending on the age group, daily classes range from 45 minutes to two hours long.

Kindermusik classes help children develop social and learning skills and give families activities they can do together long after class is over. For more information, call Ms. Rodriguez at 269-2570 or e-mail kmwithsusie@aol.com. ■

projects will hang at The von Liebig Art Center Aug. 14-26, after which a portion of the show will move to Naples City Hall for display through January 2012.

Applications for the summer 2011 program are being accepted now. Classes include: Pop to HIPHOP; Romping in Roman Times; Cut It, Paste It, Paint It; Dragons, Wizards & Whimsy; Tie Dye for Beginners; Peace Love & Art; Potential Picassos and more.

Each week of half-day classes is \$125 for Naples Art Association members and \$150 for non-members. Scholarships are available. For registration or more information, call 262-6517 or visit www.naplesart.org. ■

Cool kids go to summer ARTScool

The Naples Art Association presents the 13th summer of ARTScool for ages 5-14.

ARTScool kids learn about art history, art styles and techniques while they create artwork in a variety of 2D and 3D mediums, from painting and drawing to sculpture and mixed media. Classes are taught by professional artists and certified art instructors, with area high school students serving as class aides.

Weeklong sessions run June 13-Aug. 12 at The von Liebig Art Center. Classes meet from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-4 p.m. daily. Children can register for full or half days and for one or several weeks of the summer.

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AIA chapter has designs on architecture lectures

Nationally renowned architects will present their thoughts and their work in three programs for the 2011 Lecture Series in Architecture presented by the Florida Southwest Chapter of the American Institute of Architects on Thursday evenings, April 21 and 28 and May 5. The events begin with a reception at 6 p.m. with wine and hors d'oeuvres. Lectures begin at 7 p.m. The public is welcome.

Guest speakers will present a wide range of projects, from art installations to adaptive re-use of historic buildings to cutting-edge design.

■ **April 21: Wendy Evans Joseph, principal, Cooper Joseph Studio, New York, N.Y.**, will lecture at the Steinway Piano Gallery, 28751 Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs.

Ms. Joseph's portfolio of work includes residential and interior design, public buildings and adaptive re-use of Frank Lloyd Wright's historic Price Tower into a boutique hotel. A graduate of Harvard University and the University of Pennsylvania, she has won numerous international awards and is currently designing an art museum at Southern Utah University as well as a school for autistic children in Boynton Beach, Fla.

Prior to founding her firm, Ms. Joseph was a senior associate of Pei Cobb Freed & Partners, where she played a significant role in the design of The United States Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C., and the new Federal Courthouse in

Boston. Find out more about Ms. Joseph and her work at www.wejarchitecture.com.

■ **April 28: Roberto Behar and Rosario Marquardt, principals, R&R Studios, Miami**, will present a program at Miro-mar Design Center in Estero.

Originally from Argentina, Mr. Behar and Ms. Marquardt weave visual arts, exhibitions and architecture with urban design in their practice. Their work has been published in more than 200 publications and presented in museums and galleries in America and abroad.

Mr. Behar finished his postgraduate work at the Institute for Architecture and Urban Studies in New York, and has been a visiting professor at Harvard University. He and Ms. Marquardt, both of whom teach at the University of Miami School of Architecture, promise to deliver their audience a lively and fascinating dialogue on topics ranging "from the quotidian to the fantastic."

Find out more about R&R Studios at www.rr-studios.com.

■ **May 5: Todd Niemiec, principal, Schroeder, Murchie, Niemiec, Gadza-Auskaninis Architects, Chicago**, will be the series' final guest with his presentation at Miro-mar Design Center.

The architecture, interior design and planning firm of which Mr. Niemiec is an integral part is in its 35th year in Chi-



Left: "Small House" in Sonoma, Cooper Joseph Studio



Below: "The Living Room," R&R Studios, Miami

Across Chicago program. Anyone interested in the future of school design and planning will especially enjoy Mr. Niemiec's lecture. Find out more about the firm at www.smng-arch.com.

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Cost to attend all three lectures is \$65 for general admission and \$50 for AIA members. Individual lectures are \$25 general admission and \$20 for AIA members. Students pay \$15 per lecture or \$25 for the series. AIA members who purchase tickets can bring one guest free of charge. Architects earn one LU per lecture.

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Fruitful, festive bunnies predate Easter holiday



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lar is Christmas, then Halloween, then the Fourth of July or Easter. If you prefer Easter, don't ignore postcards, greeting cards, table and wall decorations and, of course, all sorts of special eggs that are still often inexpensive.

Easter bunnies are older than you think. They were part of pre-Christian fertility stories, and since rabbits are known to have many, many babies, they are symbols of new life in the spring. They first became the symbol of Easter in Germany in the 1500s. But it took until the 1800s before edible Easter bunnies in the form of sugared pastries became part of the celebration.

The bunny came to America with some settlers from Germany who immigrated to Pennsylvania in the 1700s. The "Oschter Haws" (Easter Bunny) was popular with children who were told that if they were good, they would find a nest of colored eggs left by the bunny.

The children made a nest in the house or yard using a hat and hoped for some eggs. The nest later became an Easter basket. Easter celebrations in the 19th century, especially in Germany, included all sorts of rabbits and bunnies. Stuffed toys were popular, along with carved wooden toys, candy containers, iron doorstops, mechanical walking rabbits and even automatons in the form of fur-covered bunnies holding Easter baskets.

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Q: I was one of many women who worked as welders at the Kaiser Shipyards in Oregon during World War II. When my husband returned to the States and called me to meet him in California, I quit my job. I never cashed the last payroll check I received from Kaiser in 1945. After deductions, including one for a war bond, my check totaled 3 cents. It's a keepsake, but I'm wondering if it has any monetary value.

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KOVELS

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women's contributions to the war effort. It's called "Rosie the Riveter World War II/ Home Front National Historical Park" and is located in Richmond. The first Kaiser Shipyard was established in San Francisco Bay in December 1940 by Henry Kaiser. At that point, Kaiser was building ships for England. Your check in the amount of 3 cents might be of interest to the park or another historical society dedicated to World War II. Its value to a collector would be minimal.

Q: Many fortunate baby boomers are inheriting their relatives' tea sets, but there seems to be no practical use for them. My question is, are they worth more than their weight in silver? I cannot find a set like mine. It was purchased 65 years ago in Mexico and is marked "PG Sterling Mexico." The handles on the lids are 3-D figures of dogs. The teapots, creamer and sugar are modern-looking flattened globes. Some of the handles and hinged parts look as if they were riveted in place.

A: Your silver was made at Platerk Guadalajara in Guadalajara, Mexico. A modern-looking set with unusual trim like yours should sell for more than the meltdown value. But selling any silver-



COURTESY PHOTO

This 6-inch-tall rabbit can "walk" across the floor. The fur-covered clockwork toy has glass eyes, wears a felt dress and carries a wicker basket. It was made in Germany probably about 1900 and sold for \$633 at a Bertoia auction in Vineland, N.J.

ware or silver jewelry is very tricky today. Dealers go to auctions and sales with a small scale to check meltdown value. Coin silver items, especially thin spoons, are not popular, so many are melted. Sets of silver knives, forks and spoons must be complete to sell. That means eight or 12 of each item. Only Georg Jensen and Tiffany partial sets seem to sell. But Mexican silver, handmade American silver of the past 75 years, Danish silver and some types of English silver sell as art — good design and popular makers attract higher prices. Because the cost of the metal has gone up so much in the past year, the value of your tea set has gone up. Even if you sell it for scrap, you will make a profit.

Tip: Times change and products change, so shortcut tips for cleaning have changed too. Don't use tartar-control or whitening toothpaste to clean silver. Don't use grainy bread to clean wallpaper; just use plain commercial white bread. Don't use a feather duster; it just spreads dirt. Buy a new "picks-up-the-dust" cloth. ■

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REVIEWED BY CHRIS RICHCREEK
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from his mental imprisonment. Some of the supporting characters introduced in the first two books of "The Last Chronicles" depart in this one. Exhilarating moments of triumph

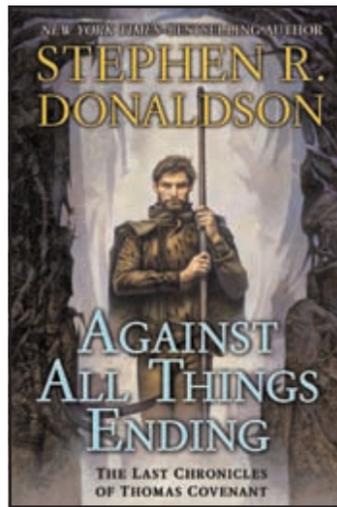
"Against All Things Ending," the ninth book overall in the Thomas Covenant fantasy series and the third in the final set of four, is dominated by the themes of despair and hope, with hope lagging behind.

In an effort to save the Land and perhaps restore her son Jeremiah to normalcy, heroine Linden Avery has brought the deceased Thomas Covenant back to life. But in doing so, she has aroused the Worm of the World's End, which signals the eventual destruction of the Land. Also, Covenant has returned not entirely whole, which presents its own problems.

With that as the beginning of "Against All Things Ending," Avery, Covenant and their comrades set out to right the wrongs in the Land and free Jeremiah

are offset by numerous points of failure and periods of excruciating self-examination, all done in Stephen R. Donaldson's thorough writing style, which means keeping a dictionary handy to define an ample supply of rarely used words. Still, a Covenant fan will find it hard to put the book down.

The final pages feature another move toward saving the Land coupled with an event pointing to its end, all wrapped up with a proverbial "stay tuned for the final book." It is reminiscent of the 1980 movie "The Empire Strikes Back," in which the heroes ended up with the short end of the stick as the picture ended. And much like Star Wars fans back then, readers of the Covenant series will have to wait a couple of years for the final resolution, "The Last Dark." ■



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The 28th annual Taste of Collier takes place from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at Bayfront. Admission is \$5 per person, children 5 and younger are admitted free. Tasting portions from dozens of area restaurants will be offered for \$3 to \$5 each.

Nonprofit organizations that have benefited from Taste over the years are include the American Red Cross in Collier county, READ of Southwest Florida, the Naples Alliance for Children, the local chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, PACE Center for Girls-Immokalee and Catholic Charities. Proceeds from Taste also benefit culinary programs and scholarships and help sponsor individuals at state and national industry competitions.

For more information about the 28th annual Taste of Collier, call 272-1907. ■

Supper club fun for Guadalupe Center

"239MEN," a new fundraiser for the Guadalupe Center, makes its debut at M Waterfront Grille on Thursday evening, May 5. The restaurant in the Village on Venetian Bay will revert to the supper-clubs of the '60s, complete with gin martinis and Rob Roys, Steak Diane, Seafood Newburg and tableside Bananas Foster.

Tickets are \$125 per person. For tickets, visit www.guadalupecenter.org/239MEN. For information about sponsorship opportunities, e-mail Craig Bamberg at 239men@gmail.com. ■

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The derby party includes a mint julep and a buffet dinner for \$25 per person in advance and \$35 at the door. A cash bar will be available. Prizes will be awarded for Best Hat (ladies) and Craziest Pants (men).

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Store shelves now hold an array of worthy contenders from Chile, Argentina and New Zealand that rival their European and American counterparts.

Taken Chile's signature wine, carmenere, for example.

"The Montgras Antu Cabernet Sauvignon/Carmenere 2008 (\$24) has a rich purple color," says Al Fialkovich, owner of Decanted Wine and Beer in Naples. "With an elegant bouquet and flavors of plum, tobacco and spice, it's full bodied, with a balanced, lingering finish."

The country is becoming known as a producer of fine pinot noir as well.

Two pinot noirs from South America released in the past 12 months "knocked my socks off," says Sukie Honeycutt, owner of Tony's Off Third in Naples. "Veramonte Ritual Pinot Noir 2008 (\$19) is from the Casablanca valley in Chile. This site is perfect for pinot noir because it's close to the Pacific with coastal breezes and morning fog. The flavor pro-

file is all about red fruit, resulting in an elegant wine that is soft and supple."

The other pinot noir that impressed Ms. Honeycutt comes from Argentina.

"Let's start with the word 'Wow!'" she says about Cono Sur Ocio Pinot Noir 2008 (\$56). "Never in my wildest dreams would I have envisioned a pinot of this stature coming from Argentina." This wine features black fruit, good structure and a tannin backbone that is not normally found in a pinot noir, she adds.

Argentina is well-known for malbec, a grape variety used in Bordeaux for blending with cabernet sauvignon and merlot.

Chris Gross, owner of Gulf Point Liquors in Fort Myers, says his customers were impressed with the Gougenheim Malbec Reserva 2008 (\$12) he served at a recent tasting.

"It has deep purple color with rich plum and black fruits, and a touch of cocoa. Well-balanced with good acidity, this one is just crying for you to throw a steak or big ribeye on the grill to go with it," he says.

Malbec is earning a reputation as an excellent wine that's rich, full-bodied and loaded with flavor.

"Bramare Vina Cobos Malbec 2007 (\$48) comes from the foothills of the Andes Mountains," says Mr. Fialkovich. "It's a big wine with inky dark color and aromas and flavors of blackberry, spice, cocoa and black cherry leading to the long smooth finish."

Another emerging district for noteworthy pinot noir is New Zealand.



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Kumeau River Chardonnay and Dog Point Pinot Noir

"I am really excited about New Zealand and the wines coming out of there," says Ben Sandstrom, manager of Haskell's The Wine People in Naples.

"Dog Point Pinot Noir 2007 (\$33) is fuller bodied than other pinot noirs from New Zealand," he says. "The aroma is like having your face over a pot of reducing blackberries and raspberries. It's rich with red fruit flavors and a nice

lingering finish."

He also recommends Roaring Meg Pinot Noir 2007 (\$23), also from New Zealand. "The bouquet and flavor is elegant with blackberry and red fruits and a touch of oak, finishing with balanced acid and tannins and a long finish," he says.

For lovers of white wine there are some new options, too.

"The Dog Point Sauvignon Blanc Section 94 2007 (\$30) is fuller bodied with complex flavors from aging in oak," says Mr. Sandstrom. "You'll get some light citrus flavors and flowers on the nose followed with citrus, black truffle and basil flavors, and a well-balanced mineral finish."

Torrontes is a white wine that is only made in Argentina.

"Susana Balbo 'Crios' Torrontes 2010 (\$20) is really wonderful," says Ms. Honeycutt. "It has the acidity of a sauvignon blanc but a different flavor profile — peaches, orange peel and pear, versus grapefruit or lemon-lime accents."

New Zealand is best known for sauvignon blanc, but there are some very good chardonnays available as well.

"The Kumeu River Village Chardonnay 2007 (\$23) has some oak finish with an attractive fruity nose," says Mr. Sandstrom, "and an interesting complex flavor of pear, pineapple and melon."

My pick of the week is the Dog Point pinot noir. With a great color, a rich berry bouquet and a smooth finish, it stands up well to many higher-priced pinots. ■

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Expect no garish faux Mexican décor or blaring mariachi music at Blue Agave Tequila Bar and Grill. The four-month-old restaurant isn't like most south-of-the-border joints.

The serving staff is polished and polite, the atmosphere reminiscent of an upscale Oaxacan restaurant, with muted lighting, glazed pottery, orchids, white tablecloths and turquoise linen napkins.

Blue Agave also bears no resemblance to the host of businesses that came before it in this space.

Although I've long believed that businesses that move into certain spaces are destined to fail because they sit upon sacred burial ground, I'm betting this isn't one of them. In an outparcel at Naples Towne Center, Blue Agave has set up shop in a building that previously held a Ponderosa Steakhouse, a kosher-style deli, an Italian bistro and a nightclub.

As is the case with dating, sometimes you have to kiss a lot of frogs before you come upon a prince. I'm betting that Blue Agave is the prince meant for this spot.

Situated on the east Trail, where dining is generally casual and less expensive than the downtown region, Blue Agave provides a wide-ranging menu and an even broader selection of beverages, including 50-plus tequilas and some tequila-based signature drinks.

After seeing it at a nearby table, we passed on the Judy Blue, a mega-sized blue beverage containing Milagro Silver tequila, Blue Curacao, Agavero orange liqueur and lime juice. It's named after co-owner Judy Barney, who could be seen moving from table to table throughout our meal. We opted for the El Dorado margarita (\$12), which blended Jose Cuervo 1810 tequila with the more conventional margarita ingredients, although the glass was every bit as big and intimidating as that of the Judy Blue.

The menu takes into consideration a variety of tastes, including Tex-Mex, Mexican and those who like neither but are along for the ride.

We started with an order of ceviche (\$9.95) and the Mexican shrimp cocktail (\$8.95). The ceviche of the day was shrimp and salmon. It turned out to be primarily shrimp with a few bits of salmon, which were tasty but scarce. The marinade contained a lively mix of jalapeno, cilantro and lemon, which was fortunate because



The evening's ceviche consisted of shrimp with a bit of salmon and a lively marinade.

the shrimp didn't have much flavor of their own.

The same was true of the Mexican shrimp cocktail, which consisted of a tomato sauce with lots of cilantro, red peppers and jalapenos. The shrimp were large and firm, but all of the flavor came from the zesty sauce.

Next up: a house special (more on that later) and the huachinango a la Veracruzana (\$17.95), which the menu described as local snapper sautéed in olive oil, onions, tomatoes, green and black olives, jalapeno and cilantro. The sauce was full of fresh flavors that enlivened the very mild fish.

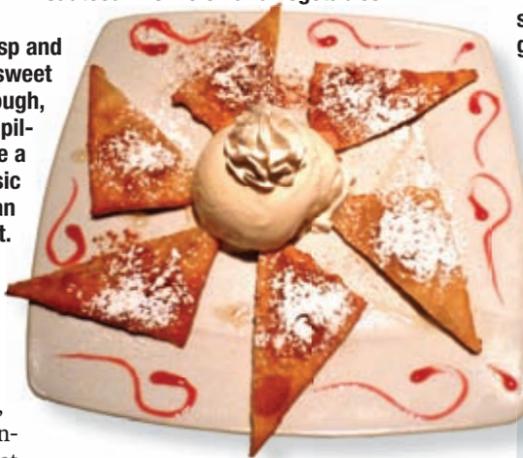
The standout dish of the meal was a house special called molcajete (\$22.95), a dramatic mix of grilled steak, chicken and chorizo with green onions and cactus served in a big bowl made of volcanic stone. The dish is served blazing hot — in fact, the sauce continued to bubble for a good 20 minutes after it arrived at the table.

The meats were all nicely grilled, the cactus was tender-crisp with a flavor similar to green pepper and the sauce had a pleasantly tart tang that worked well with the grilled meats. It came with flour tortillas (corn tortillas also are available), a well-seasoned rice and creamy refried beans. I'd recommend that two people share this dish, as I had enough leftovers for another generous meal.

Dinner concluded with a dish of sopapillas (\$5.25) and some Patron XO Cafe liqueur, my first experience with tequila-based liqueur. It tasted much like kahlua but with a more noticeable kick. It was a good match for the sopapillas — thin, fried pastries topped with cinnamon, powdered sugar and a drizzle of honey, served warm with vanilla ice cream.

Ms. Barney stopped by twice to see how we liked everything. I watched her through

Crisp and just sweet enough, sopapillas are a classic Mexican dessert.



The huachinango Veracruzana features fish sautéed in olive oil and vegetables.

most of our meal, and she managed to get to every table in the house, chatting with guests, inviting them to join the restaurant's soon-to-be-launched VIP program and to return for the planned two-day Cinco de Mayo festivities. Considering that she has run Arturo's on Marco Island with partner Arturo Perez for many years, I'm not surprised that she

A Mexican shrimp cocktail features a festive tomato sauce studded with jalapenos.



There's no question why the molcajete is the house special. Served in a dramatic volcanic stone bowl, the grilled meats, cactus and green onion in tomatillo sauce make for a showy entrée.

understands how important hospitality is to the success of a restaurant. (According to the website, Mr. Perez' son, Arturo Jr., is heading up the Blue Agave kitchen.)

I can't say why the previous dining establishments that occupied this space didn't make it, but the current management and concept are winners that will likely thrive for some time to come. ■

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Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★

>> Hours: 11:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday

>> Reservations: Large parties only
>> Credit cards: Major cards accepted
>> Price range: Appetizers, \$3.95-\$10.95; entrees, \$10.95-\$17.95
>> Beverages: Full bar, including more than 55 varieties of tequila

>> Seating: At the bar, at high-top tables or conventional ones, including a handful on the front patio

>> Specialties of the house: Guacamole, ceviche, queso fundido con chorizo, fiesta shrimp, veggie burrito, quesadillas, tacos, enchiladas de mole, carne asado, pollo Oaxaca, camarones a la Diabla, molcajete Agave

>> Volume: Moderate to high
>> Parking: Free lot
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★★★★★ Superb
★★★★ Noteworthy
★★★ Good
★★ Fair
★ Poor

food & wine CALENDAR

> **Thursday, April 21, 2-3 p.m., Whole Foods:** Chef Illansy Ruiz holds a class featuring gluten-free flours and baking ingredients and demonstrates how to make a hearty gluten-free breakfast; \$5, Mercato; 552-5100. Reservations required. Register online at www.acteva.com/go/LifestyleCenter.

> **Saturday, April 23, Whole Foods:** Sample items throughout the store starting at 11 a.m.; then kids 5-12 can decorate eggs and learn how to create a Dutch baby (an egg-based breakfast concoction) at a cooking class from 2:30-3:30 p.m., class is \$5; Mercato; 552-5100.

> **Monday, April 24, 5-7 p.m., Pure Urban Oasis:** Sample the wines of Tus-

can producer Rocca Delle Macie; \$10 (can be applied to dinner that evening), Mercato; 514-7873. Reservations preferred.

> **Wednesday, April 27, 5:30-8 p.m., Decanted:** Discover wines that are made using sustainable practices; \$10 (\$5 toward purchase), 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations required.

> **Wednesday, April 27, 5:30-7:30, Shula's Steak House:** The monthly tasting features champagnes along with snacks, music and more; \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door for three champagnes or \$60 in advance and \$70 at the door for six champagnes, 5111 Tamiami Trail N.; 430-4999.

> **Thursday, May 5, 7:15-11:30 p.m., M Waterfront Grille:** 239Men, a benefit for the Guadalupe Center, will bring back the bygone era of the 1960s dinner club, complete with Rob Roys, gin martinis, beef Wellington, seafood Newburg and steak Diane; \$125, Venetian Village; 657-7711. Reservations required.

Farmers markets

■ **Saturday, 7 a.m.-noon,** Promenade at Bonita Bay, U.S. 41 and South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs.

■ **Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.,** North Naples United Methodist Church, 6000 Goodlette-Frank Road; 398-8623.

■ **Saturday, 7:30-11:30 a.m.,** Third

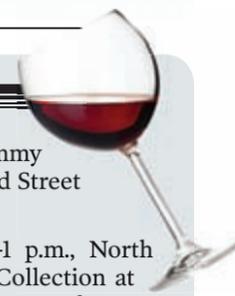
Street South, behind Tommy Bahama's between Third Street and Gordon Drive.

■ **Saturday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.,** North Naples Green Market, Collection at Vanderbilt, northwest corner of Vanderbilt Beach and Airport-Pulling roads; 594-9358.

■ **Sunday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.,** Bank of Naples, 4099 Tamiami Trail; 249-9888.

■ **Wednesday, 2:30-6:30 p.m.,** St. Monica's Episcopal Church, 7070 Immokalee Road; 591-4572. ■

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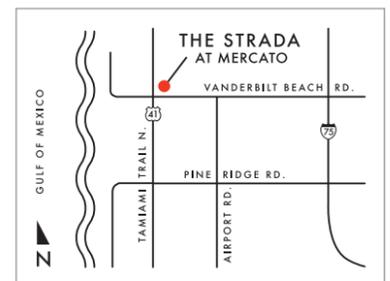
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