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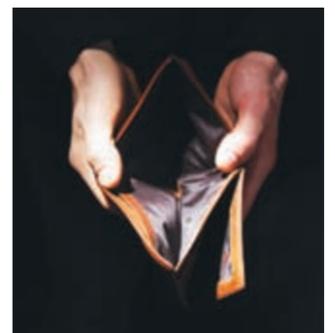
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There's nothing like a tsunami smack in the middle of an industrialized nation, coupled with a meltdown (the nuclear type, not the economic type), to point out a singular truth: We are not yet all one, but we're a damn sight closer than we used to be.

The violent natural disaster overtook Japan on March 11. It led to the almost immediate collapse of a nuclear power plant and a crippled island-nation econ-

omy. But the torturous effects can be felt internationally, including here on the southwest coast of Florida, some 7,500 air miles from Tokyo.

The full consequences remain unclear and are difficult to predict, but the ripple effect is real, merchants here acknowledge — for some. Not for all.

"We didn't feel the effect immediately because we had a lot of cars in the pipeline that had been built and shipped," says David Camposano, general manager of Germain Lexus of Naples (the luxury Lexus is made in Japan). "But our alloca-

tions have been cut and the plants have been shut down for some time, maybe at least three more weeks, so we'll start to feel the effects in May, June and July. There could be a 50 percent difference in sales."

Spare parts will also be in short supply, Mr. Camposano says.

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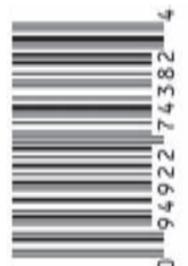
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## COMMENTARY

## The Sunshine State: Cathedral of Craziness

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It was a grand idea, and to be quite honest, I was feeling rather smug. For weeks now, thoughts about writing a column whose hypothesis would be that Florida has supplanted California as the weirdest state in our grand Union have been kicking around in my head.

I envisioned interviewing people about Florida's strange doings and finding them awed by my keen insights and perspicuity. Invariably, in these majestic daydreams, my interviewees would exclaim, "I've never thought about that! You are really on to something!"

Thus, you can imagine the extreme let-down I suffered when I actually undertook to write the aforementioned column and learned that everyone and his brother already knew that Florida had long ago devolved into something that closely resembles a Bermuda Triangle of Insanity.

"Florida is undeniably a quirky place," Ben Muessig, the droll soul in charge of AOL Weird News, wrote recently. "But among many journalists and news junkies, the Sunshine State has developed a reputation for being the state that generates the most weird news and the *weirdest* weird news."

Mr. Muessig then asked the question that I've been asking:

"How did a state once famous for its oranges and seniors turn into a hub for all things strange?"

Mr. Muessig, in his column, sought out one of the legends of the weird news business, a gentleman by the name of Chuck Shepherd.

Mr. Shepherd, who coincidentally lives Florida, puts out a wildly entertaining and enormously successful syndicated column called *News of the Weird*, which happens to run in *Florida Weekly*.

According to Mr. Shepherd, his "aha!" moment involving Florida weirdness took place in the late 1990s, when an alternative newspaper in San Francisco ran a story on men who surgically remove their sexual organs. Of the three men featured, two were Floridians.

"When a San Fran writer on sexual aberrations has to buy a ticket to (Florida) to fill out his story, we have a winner," Mr. Shepherd told AOL.

Even serious academics have taken note of the state's descent into major league nuttiness.

Gary Mormino, a highly regarded historian at the University of South Florida-St. Petersburg, calls Florida "the new capital of weirdness."

"The rationale used to be that America tilted toward the west and all the nuts rolled to California," the professor explained to AOL. "Now, perhaps, there's been a tectonic shift and America tilts toward the southeast."

Almost everyone who studies such things traces Florida's rapid rise up the loony ladder to the presidential election fiasco of 2000. Hanging chads and irate partisans storming election offices gave the state a banana republic-like image that it has been unable to shake. The recent elec-

tion of Rick Scott — the nation's strangest governor, hands-down — and the rollicking misdeeds and misadventures of the Florida Legislature only serve to reinforce this depiction.

But politics is only part of the equation.

Consider that Rush Limbaugh parks his ample buttocks into a chair and speaks into a gold-plated microphone from a lair in Palm Beach. Not far from Mr. Limbaugh are the editorial offices of *The National Enquirer* and *The Globe*, which remain as standard bearers of trash journalism. And speaking of trash, Donald Trump also calls Palm Beach home.

Heading north, in Orlando, the Caylee Anthony murder case drags on into its third year. The saga of the murdered child and her ditzy (and dare I say foxy) mother has filled countless hours of cable television time.

And while up north, let's not forget Terry Jones, the "pastor" with a walrus moustache, who has built a psychotic brand by trashing Islam and burning the Koran.

We could go on, but why bother? You get the picture.

To put all of this into some sort of perspective, I telephoned Drew Curtis, who founded FARK.com, a web site that is a clearinghouse for bizarre news stories and has tens of thousands of devoted followers.

"Florida just doesn't make any sense," Mr. Curtis said from his headquarters in Lexington, Ky. "We've always expected places like California and Texas to be crazy, but we didn't think about Florida in the same way."

Mr. Curtis said he doesn't exactly know why Florida has become so weird, but he

suspects that part of the equation involves "old, confused people with money."

Mr. Curtis wholeheartedly agreed that Florida is now the king of weird doings, and he says FARK receives five to six stories a day that originate here.

A recent analysis by another web site of 2,000 "strange stories" put out by the Associated Press showed that Florida was "the runaway winner of ... (the) strangest state award."

This analysis determined that Naples was the 54th strangest city in the U.S., while West Palm Beach was number 56.

"It seems like if something strange is going to happen, it's going to happen in Florida," Mr. Curtis observed.

This is all wildly fascinating, and I would ponder this phenomenon further, but I am too far behind in my reading to do so. I've yet to absorb fully the account of the 51-year-old woman in Tampa who was arrested last month for trying to procure a prostitute (for \$20!) for her beloved 80-year-old father.

Moreover, I have barely scanned that report of the "Frisbee-like UFO the size of a football field" that hovered for nearly half a minute over Charlotte County just last week, according to the Mutual UFO Network, which has raised the current UFO Alert in Florida to Level 3 — which doesn't sound the least bit reassuring to me.

And this is just in to the newsroom. A man in Sanford has been arrested for urinating on more than 100 packages of cough drops (valued at \$301) inside a Walgreens! Police even released a surveillance video of the crime.

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**OPINION****This savage kind of departure****richLOWRY**

Special to Florida Weekly



In March 1996, an Islamic terrorist group kidnapped seven French Trappist monks from their remote monastery in Tibhirine, Algeria. They were held for two months, then beheaded.

At the heart of this atrocity is a tale of heroic faith, steadfastness and love, captured in the sublime film "Of Gods and Men." It is perhaps the best movie on Christian commitment ever made.

The life of a Trappist monk, devoted to prayer, study and labor, is not natural cinematic material. Seven times a day he performs the Liturgy of the Hours, singing psalms. At Tibhirine, the monks tended a garden, sold their honey ("Trappist gold") and served with their Muslim neighbors.

The abbot, Christian de Chergé, felt especially called to the latter. John Kiser recounts in his book "The Monks of Tibhirine" that the brilliant, strong-willed Christian could have become a bishop in France. Instead,

he went to the monastery tucked away in the Atlas Mountains, "a beggar of love."

The little band stood as a living Christian witness in an increasingly inhospitable land. "In all Algeria, only in the ultra-traditional Medea," Kiser writes of the monastery's vicinity, "did church bells still ring without offending people."

As Algeria descended into a brutish war between the government and Islamist guerrillas in the 1990s, Tibhirine found itself a fragile oasis in a sea of menace. A terrorist group declared war on foreigners. Just 2 miles from the monastery, extremists slit the throats of foreign workers.

As Kiser writes, Psalm 44 had "acquired an awful reality": "It is for You that we are being massacred all day long, that we are counted as sheep for the slaughter. Awake! Why do you sleep, O Lord?"

Common sense said, "Go," but their devotion to their faith, to their Muslim neighbors and to one another said, "Stay." They stayed. They revisited their decision together every six months. It never changed, but not without agony: "How far does one

go to save his skin without running the risk of losing his soul?" one monk asked in a letter.

Christian wrote a last testament well in advance: "If the day comes, and it could be today, that I am a victim of the terrorism that seems to be engulfing all foreigners living in Algeria, I would like my community, my Church, and my family to remember that I have dedicated my life to God and Algeria.

"That they accept that the Lord of all life was not a stranger to this savage kind of departure; that they pray for me, wondering how I found myself worthy of such a sacrifice; that they link in their memory this death of mine with all the other deaths equally violent but forgotten in their anonymity."

There's no higher praise of "Of Gods and Men" than that it does justice to the faith of these men. In a scene near the end, the monks listen to Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake," laughing and crying together. A terrible fate awaits them. And it feels like victory. ■

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

**Mumia Abu-Jamal's death sentence declared unconstitutional****amyGOODMAN**

Special to Florida Weekly



The death-penalty case of Mumia Abu-Jamal took a surprising turn this week, as a federal appeals court declared, for the second time, that Abu-Jamal's death sentence was unconstitutional. The 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, in Philadelphia, found that the sentencing instructions the jury received, and the verdict form they had to use in the sentencing, were unclear. While the disputes surrounding Abu-Jamal's guilt or innocence were not addressed, the case highlights inherent problems with the death penalty and the criminal-justice system, especially the role played by race.

Early on Dec. 9, 1981, Philadelphia Police Officer Daniel Faulkner pulled over a car driven by William Cook, Abu-Jamal's brother. What happened next is in dispute. Shots were fired, and both Officer Faulkner and Abu-Jamal were shot. Officer Faulkner died, and Abu-Jamal was found guilty of his murder in a court case presided over by Judge Albert Sabo, who was widely considered to be a racist. In just one of too many painful examples, a court stenographer said in an affidavit that she heard Sabo say, in the courtroom antechamber, "I'm going to help them fry the ni--r."

This latest decision by the Court of Appeals relates directly to Sabo's conduct of the sentencing phase of Abu-Jamal's court case. The Pennsylvania Supreme Court is considering separate arguments surrounding whether or not Abu-Jamal received a fair trial at all. What the Court of Appeals unanimously found this week is that

he did not receive a fair sentencing. Philadelphia District Attorney Seth Williams has decided to appeal the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court, saying, "The right thing for us to do is to ask the U.S. Supreme Court to hear this and to make a ruling on it."

As a result of this ruling, Abu-Jamal could get a new, full sentencing hearing, in court, before a jury. In such a hearing, the jury would be given clear instructions on how to decide between applying a sentence of life in prison versus the death penalty, something the court found he did not receive back in 1982. At best, Abu-Jamal would be removed from the cruel confines of solitary confinement on Pennsylvania's death row at SCI Greene.

John Payton, director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, which is representing Abu-Jamal in court, said: "This decision marks an important step forward in the struggle to correct the mistakes of an unfortunate chapter in Pennsylvania history ... and helps to relegate the kind of unfairness on which this death sentence rested to the distant past."

His other attorney, Judith Ritter, a law professor at Widener University School of Law, told me: "This is extremely significant. It's a life or death decision." I asked her if she had spoken to Abu-Jamal yet, and she told me that the prison failed to approve her request for an emergency legal phone call. I was not surprised, given my many years of covering his case.

He has faced multiple obstacles as he has tried to have his voice heard. On Aug. 12, 1999, as I was hosting "Democracy Now!," Abu-Jamal called into our news hour mid-broadcast to be interviewed. As he began to speak, a prison guard yanked the phone out of the wall. Abu-Jamal called back a month later and recounted that "another guard appeared at the cell hollering

at the top of his lungs, 'This call is terminated!' I immediately called to the sergeant standing by and looking on and said, 'Sergeant, where did this order come from?' He shrugged his shoulders and said: 'I don't know. We just got a call to cut you off.'" Abu-Jamal sued over the violation of his rights, and won.

Despite his solitary confinement, Abu-Jamal has continued his work as a journalist. His weekly radio commentaries are broadcast from coast to coast. He is the author of six books. He was recently invited to present to a conference on racial imprisonment at Princeton University. He said (through a cell phone held up to a microphone): "Vast numbers of men, women and juveniles ... populate the prison industrial complex here in America. As many of you know, the U.S., with barely 5 percent of the world's population, imprisons 25 percent of the world's prisoners ... the numbers of imprisoned blacks here rivals and exceeds South Africa's hated apartheid system during its height."

The United States clings to the death penalty, alone in the industrialized world. Instead, it stands with China, Iran, North Korea, Saudi Arabia and Yemen as the world's most frequent executioners. This week's decision in Mumia Abu-Jamal's case stands as one more clear reason why the death penalty should be abolished. ■

— Denis Moynihan contributed research to this column.

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



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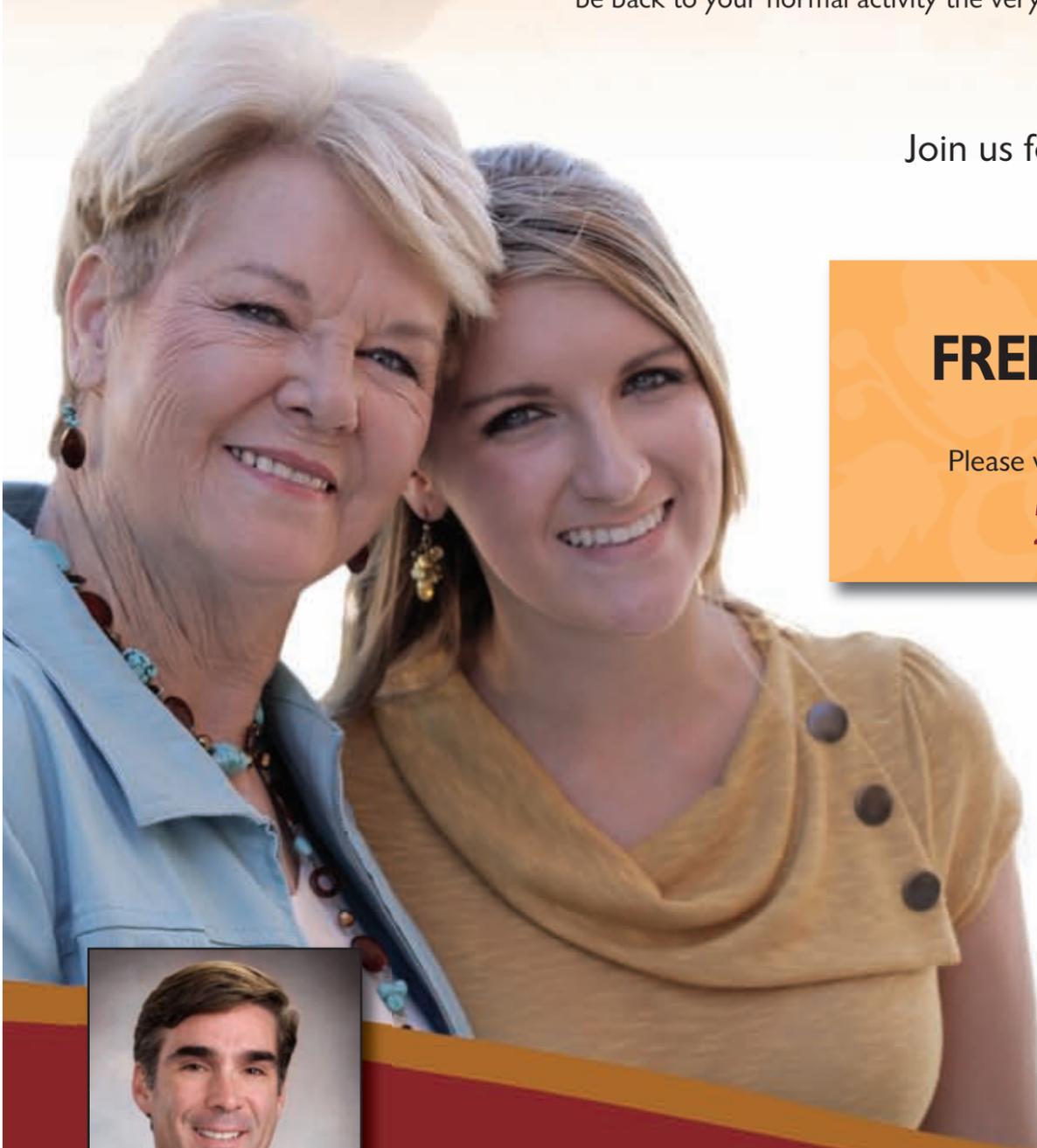
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# A pizza garden grows in Immokalee

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Youngsters at Guadalupe Center in Immokalee are helping to care for a pizza garden as a slice of the 900-square-foot, raised-bed garden that was recently created in their schoolyard. Building the garden and installing a picket fence to surround it was a labor of love, with volunteers preparing the ground, installing wood-framed planting beds, filling them with top soil and working side-by-side with the school's children to do the planting.

"An edible schoolyard garden allows us to introduce our young students to the core principles of life science in a very tangible way," said Barbara Oppenheim, Guadalupe Center executive director.

Life science instruction has been lacking in Immokalee, with 71.3 percent of elementary children there who have been tested in science falling below state standards, according to the Florida Department of Education website. Ms. Oppenheim believes the garden can help change that for Guadalupe Center children.

"We have a lot of space dedicated to the arts and technology, but we were lacking a science element. With the garden, we will be teaching about worms, photosynthesis, how flowers produce seeds, the environment, ecology and more," she says.

To create the pizza garden, volunteers and students planted oregano, tomatoes and basil in a designated area. They also put in some flowers and planted beds with summer-hardy plants that will bear okra, tropical pumpkins, eggplants and sweet potatoes. And given Immokalee's rich heritage as an agricultural town, they planted crops that many of the children's parents will be harvesting in the town's

fields: avocados, bell peppers, jalapenos and citrus trees.

"We're using these crops as 'teachable moments,'" says Bryan Lee, development manager for the center. "We're helping students understand at an early age how plants provide income and food for people."

Math also fits into the garden equation. "One part of the garden is built into geometric shapes," Mr. Lee says. "We also reinforce math lessons by having the children plant five seeds in a line and so forth. We like to call it 'stealth' learning."

The garden project began as a collaboration between Guadalupe Center and the Naples Children & Education Foundation, which founded the Naples Winter Wine Festival. NCEF put the school together with employees from Goldman Sachs' Community TeamWorks in Miami; Guadalupe Center secured a donor to match Goldman's financial contribution.

A team of volunteers, armed them with garden plans, raw materials and plenty of water, removed existing grass, erected a



Estrella helps with the planting.



Anthony assists with digging duties.



Alejandro and Ruben set the stage for gardening activity.

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fence, hammered wooden beds into desired shapes and carted bags of top soil to fill the beds in preparation for planting with the children.

John Puig, head gardener at the nonprofit Eden Florida, provided hours and hours of gardening expertise in preparation for the big day of planting.

Ms. Oppenheim says 250 children from 6 months old to kindergarten age are enrolled in Guadalupe Center's Early Learning Program, and all but the youngest dozen toddlers will benefit from having the edible classroom. "We hope to continue planting seasonally so that when crops are harvested in Immokalee, the children will be doing the same in our little garden," she says.

The center seeks to address several community issues with a variety of programs that touch the lives of the most impoverished children in Immokalee. Its mission is to break the cycle of poverty by providing educational, social and other support programs and resources to those in need. For more information, call 657-7711 or visit [www.guadalupe-center.org](http://www.guadalupe-center.org). ■



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business in pre-owned car sales, he says.

Expect one other effect, too, Mr. Camposano warns: "We're going to see increased prices on Japanese products. That's already started."

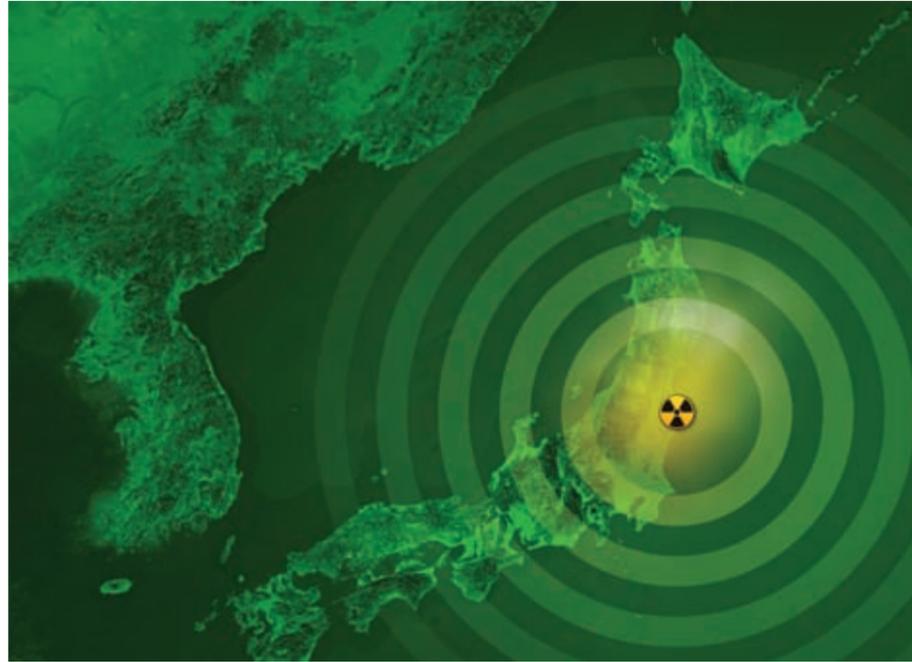
Since Japan is said to produce as much as 20 percent of the electronics in the world, including 15 percent of television sets, 30 percent of video games and 40 percent of video cameras, as well as many components of smartphones and tablet computers, the market here is widely affected (those figures were cited in an online news source and attributed to a Paris-based high-tech consulting company called Decision).

"We get a lot of our stuff through Sony and Panasonic, and I was looking to purchase cameras, but we held off because of what happened," explains Mike Fitzgerald, president of AVSS, an acronym for Audio Visual System Support.

The Fort Myers-based company produces elaborate medical symposiums for doctors and nurses worldwide.

Relying heavily on high-tech equipment, a symposium is based in a given city, such as Boston, with remote sites all over the world in such places as Miami Children's Hospital, and hospitals in Germany, Saudi Arabia and Brazil. There, medical personnel gather in hotels to watch live operations taking place in Boston, for example, for hours at a time.

That requires a great deal of equipment, some of it made in Japan where Panasonic has laid off 17,000 employees, Mr. Fitzgerald says.



"Everybody knew the pipeline would be tightening up, but I haven't seen equipment actually cancelled yet," he adds.

Trade is the reason for the ripple effect, of course, a global habit that began right after World War II when the United States decided to resurrect its former enemies, Germany and Japan, then trade with them.

The strategy worked beautifully, creating both wealth and peace, and stretching the tendrils of trade with many nations deeply into the international body.

But there is another factor, too, says Loren Scheffer, owner and operator of Volvo of Fort Myers (Volvo transmissions are made in Japan): warehousing strategy.

"Any car business in this economy is fragile," explains Mr. Scheffer. "When

an event like this happens, no amount of your hard work can change it. Part of the problem is that companies don't want to carry inventories because it's expensive. They rely on suppliers, so parts are being produced and shipped just as the main inventory is about to run out. This is a tremendous cost-reducing style of doing business. It saves a lot of money, which ends up making you money — until there's an event you can't predict. Like a hurricane, an earthquake, some natural act, or a political act that changes the landscape. Then, you better have more than one supplier for that part."

So far, however, none of that has effected his business selling Volvos, which, almost perversely, he says, has gotten much better recently, with sales nearly doubling.

"This is not IBM, it's a little boutique

business on Colonial Boulevard," he admits. "And the (tsunami and melt-down) has affected us not at all, so far. I called several sources at Volvo and said, 'What do you think?' And they said, 'We don't know yet.' It's not like Lexus or Toyota — they're in deep trouble, and they might not get out of it for a year."

Others have been similarly fortunate, at least in business terms.

Alex and Haley Joseph, owners of Nuviva Medical Weightloss, had scheduled their annual very exotic journey (Egypt, Greece, Italy, China in recent years) to Japan, but cancelled at the last minute.

"With the amount of money it was going to cost us, we didn't want to be prohibited from seeing everything, by devastation. People are going there to save lives, not do luxury trips, right now," Mr. Joseph explains.

And at the well-stocked Paradise Bicycle Shop in Fort Myers, where owner Lynne Sharp sells high-end racing and mountain bikes from various makers, including TREK (some frames or parts are made in Japan, she says), there's been no sign of a slowdown yet.

"We can get (bikes or parts) in about four days, from the TREK warehouse in New Jersey," she explains.

Meanwhile back at Lexus, where the internal combustion engine is king and the hardship is evident, there is a little good news, at least, says Mr. Camposano.

"The tsunami damaged an area 310 miles long and 170 miles inland, and it did not crush our plants. As far as radiation goes, we were over 250 miles from the nuclear power plant, so we were not affected."

But suppliers to those plants probably were affected.

Still, maybe the recovery will happen sooner, rather than later, he suggests. ■



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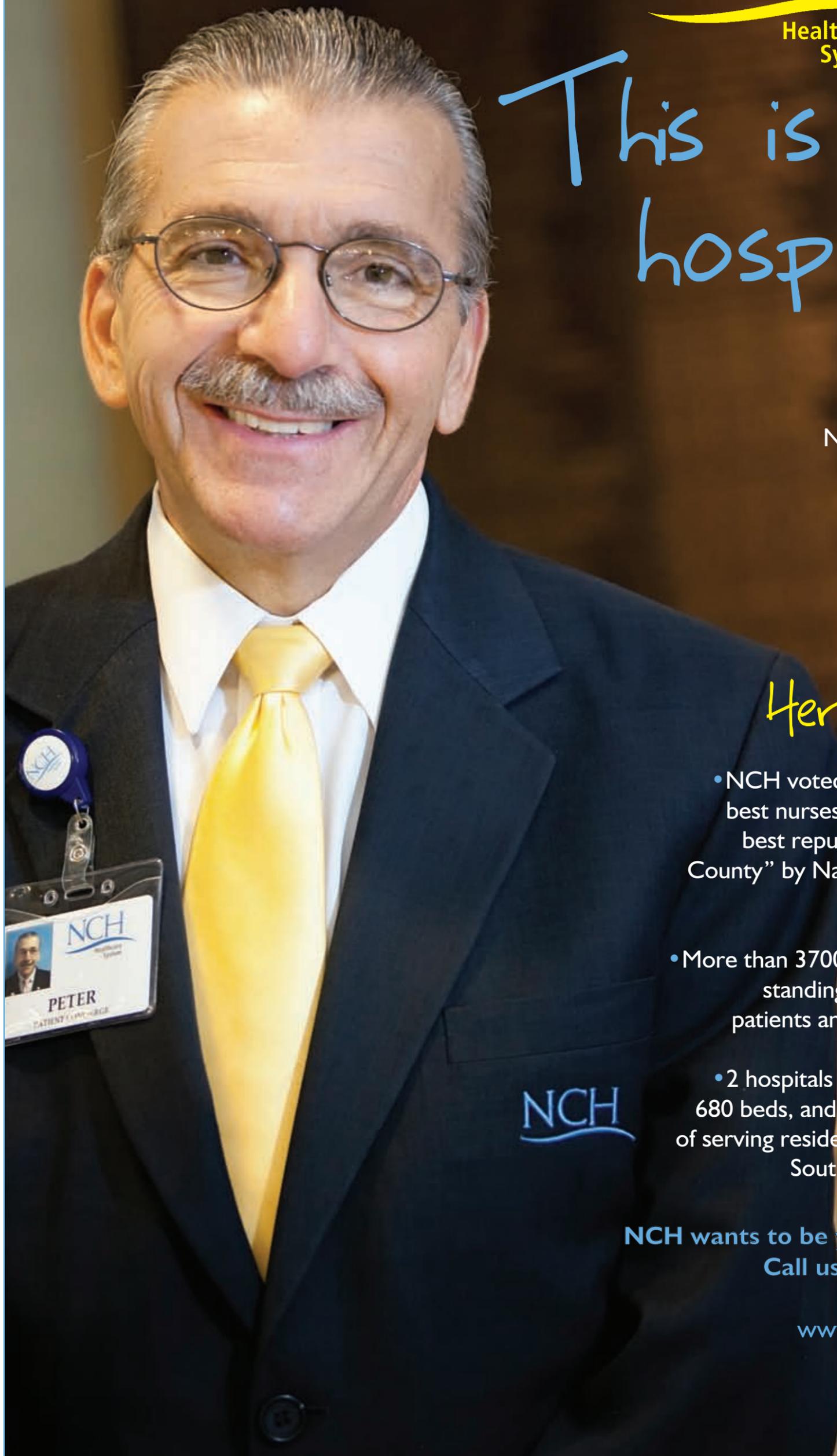
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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD  
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### Justice is blind, but it's also hungry

Equal justice under the law might just depend simply on whether a judge's stomach is growling when he pronounces sentence, according to a study of 1,000 parole decisions during 50 courtroom days observed by students from Columbia University and Israel's Ben Gurion University for an April journal article. The students found that, day

after day, judges were increasingly stingy with parole on a morning or afternoon session wore on, but that dramatic spikes in generosity took effect immediately following lunch or a snack break. The lead researcher, Columbia professor Jonathan Levav, expressed satisfaction with the scholarship but disappointment "as a citizen" with the findings. ■

### Variations on a theme

► "Man's best friend" sometimes isn't, as when a playful dog hops onto a gun on the ground, causing it to fire a round. John Daniels, 28, took a bullet in the knee from his dog, for example, in Raleigh, N.C., in January. Dogs betray in other ways, too. Motorist Joel Dobrin, 32, was pulled over in a traffic stop in February in Moro, Ore., and rushed to hide his alleged drug stash, which was in a sock. However, his dog intercepted the sock for an impromptu game of dog-tug-of-war in the car. Dobrin won but lost his grip, and the sock flew out the driver's window, right in front of the officer. Dobrin was cited, and later indicted, for drug possession.

► At least three jihadist groups in recent years have published full-color Arabic magazines lauding the Islamist struggle, with articles and essays to recruit fighters and offer personal advice for women on the importance of raising proper families and catering to mujahedeens' needs. The latest, Al-Shamikhah ("The Majestic Woman"), which surfaced in March, featured interviews with martyrs' wives and advised women to stay indoors, both for modesty and a "clear complexion" (advice that earned the magazine its nickname "Jihad Cosmo").

► Prevailing medical authority 20 years ago warned that few humans could survive blood-alcohol readings above .40 percent, but in recent years, drivers have rather easily survived higher numbers (curiously, many from Wisconsin, such as the man in February in Madison, Wis., with a .559). (In 2007, an Oregon driver was found unconscious, but survived, with a .72 reading.) The plethora of high numbers might indicate mistaken medical teaching, or nonstandard machine measurements — or an evolutionary hardness in American drinkers.

► Snowmobilers fall through thin ice every season because the ice's thickness is difficult to estimate, especially at night. Less understandable is that every season, when other snowmobilers come to rescue the downed snowmobiler, they drive their vehicles as close as they can to the spot of the fall — which, of course, is right at the lip of thin-ice-break, thus virtually assuring that their vehicle, too, will fall in, such as the four people who fell through the ice in a pond near Holyrood, Newfoundland, in February.

► Young girls "grow up" prematurely, often aided by hungry retailers such as the U.S.'s Abercrombie & Fitch and the

British clothiers Primark and Matalan, each of which this spring began offering lines of padded bras for girls as young as 7 (8 at Abercrombie & Fitch for the "Ashley Push-Up Triangle"), with Matalan offering one in size "28aa." Child advocates were predictably disgusted, with one Los Angeles psychologist opining that permissive mothers were trying to compensate through their daughters for their own lack of sexual appeal.

► In 2002, News of the Weird mentioned a theme park near Mexico City in which potential emigrants to the U.S. could test their survival skills in an obstacle course mimicking the rigors one would endure sneaking across the border. Recently, Owlchemy Labs, a Massachusetts technology company, announced plans to release an iPhone/iPad app, "Smuggle Truck," a video game in which players compete to drive a pickup truck full of illegals over rocky terrain from Mexico into the U.S. without too many passengers bouncing out (and with in-game "additions" consisting of pregnant women giving birth enroute). Special "green cards" are awarded to winners. (Update: At press time, Apple rejected the app, and Owlchemy said it would alter the game to one of animals escaping from a forest.)

► Local councils that govern life in the United Kingdom seem overly frightened of liability lawsuits — even from criminals who might get hurt while committing crimes. London's *Daily Telegraph* and the *Surrey Mirror* reported in February that police in the counties of Kent and Surrey had been advising homeowners and merchants to avoid using wire mesh on windows because burglars could seriously gouge themselves while climbing through. Also, electrical engineer David Bishop said police seemed especially concerned that burglars could be electrocuted if they broke into his workshop and thus advised him to post a warning sign outside that could be seen in the dark.

► Carelessness sometimes begets tragedy, as when motorists survive terrible accidents but then, while awaiting help, they are hit and killed by emergency vehicles. In December, near Ocala, a 39-year-old driver survived a rollover but was accidentally run over and killed by a responding Marion County sheriff's deputy, and in April in Baldwin Park, Calif., an arriving ambulance fatally struck a 22-year-old accident victim who was, until that moment, not seriously hurt. ■

### Updates

In January 2010, shortly after a News of the Weird's report, the U.K. government admitted that the British-made "magic wand" bomb-detector its own Department of Trade and Industry was promoting for export to police in Mexico and the Philippines was useless (no better than a Ouija board). Earlier, several British firms had sold thousands to Iraqi police at dollar equivalents of \$16,000 to \$60,000 (from a manufacturing cost of

about \$20 each). Furthermore, according to City of London police, "hundreds" of Iraqis had died in Baghdad after suicide bombers were mistakenly allowed into secure areas after being "cleared" by the wands. In January 2011, BBC News reported that a new British company, Univac, featuring a respected retired Army colonel as spokesman, had resumed selling the wands, to Bulgarian police. ■

# HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE CASH IN ON MODERN DAY GOLD RUSH!

By Jason Delong  
STAFF WRITER

Gold and silver pour into yesterday's Roadshow due to highest prices in 40 years.

Yesterday at the **Hawthorne Suites**, hundreds lined up to cash in antiques, collectibles, gold and jewelry at the Treasure Hunters Roadshow. The free event is in **Naples** all week, buying gold, silver, antiques and collectibles. One visitor I spoke with yesterday said, "It's unbelievable, I brought in some old coins that had been in a little cigar box for years and some old herringbone necklaces—in less than fifteen minutes I left with a check for \$700. That stuff has been in my jewelry box and dresser for at least 20 years." Another gentleman brought in an old Fender guitar his father

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had bought years ago. The man said, "Dad had less than fifty bucks in that guitar." The Roadshow specialist that assisted him made a few phone calls and a veterinarian in Seattle, Washington bought the guitar for \$5,700.00. The seller continued, "I got another \$150.00 for a broken necklace and an old class ring. It's not every day that someone comes to town bringing six thousand dollars with your name on it."

Jeff Parsons, President of the Treasure Hunters Roadshow, commented, "Lots of people have items that they know are valuable but just don't know where to sell them. Old toys, trains, swords, guitars, pocket watches or jewelry is valuable to collectors. These collectors are willing to pay big money for those items that they are looking for."

This week's Roadshow is the best place to get connected with those collectors. The process is free and anyone can bring items down to the event. If the Roadshow specialists find items that their collectors are interested in, offers will be made to purchase them. About 80% of the guests that attend the show end up selling one or more items at the event.

Antiques and collectibles are not the only



items the Roadshow is buying. "Gold and silver markets are soaring," says Archie Davis, a Roadshow representative. "Broken jewelry and gold and silver coins add up very quickly. I just finished working with a gentleman that had an old class ring, two bracelets and a handful of silver dollars. His check was for over \$650.00. I would say that there were well over 100 people in here yesterday that sold their scrap gold."

One gentleman holding his check for over \$1,250.00 in the lobby of the event yesterday had this comment, "I am so happy I decided to come to the Roadshow. I saw the newspaper ad for the event and brought in an old German

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sword I had brought back from World War II and some old coins, and here is my check. What a great thing for our community. I am heading home now to see what else I have that they might be interested in."

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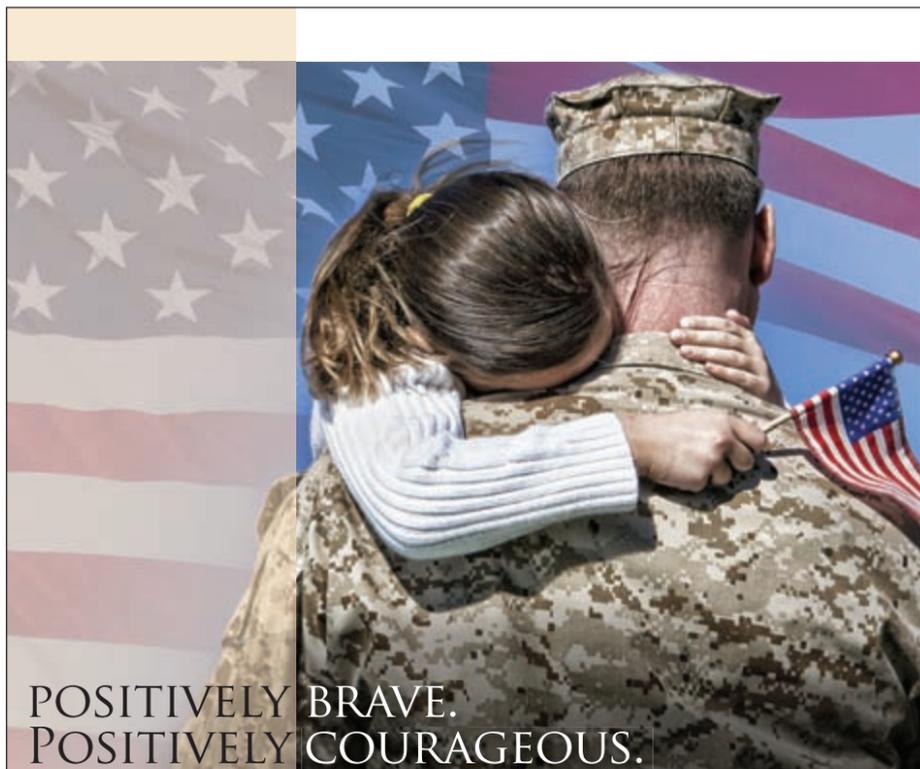
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Volunteers are being recruited for help in two ways:

- Drivers to follow letter carriers along their routes and help with pickups. Collier residents who can help should call Jesse Costin at 537-0020; in Lee, call Debi Mitchell at 573-9638.

- Sorters to help organize donations at "Stamp Out Hunger" headquarters. In Collier, call Collier Harvest at 455-3663; in Lee, call Bedzaida Bryen at Harry Chapin Food Bank, 334-7007.

Most food collected in Collier County will go to Collier Harvest, while Lee County donations will go to the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Letter carriers will leave two reminders in mailboxes the week preceding the food drive. On Saturday, May 7, Campbell's Soup Company is providing reminder cards for all mailboxes; and on Wednesday, May 11, letter carriers will leave a Publix-donated grocery bag for contributions to be left near the mailbox that Saturday.

Individuals who are not able to leave food by the mailbox on May 14 can take donations to any U.S. Post Office, where

items will be saved and added to the May 14 total.

Donations must be in unopened, unbreakable containers. Especially needed to replenish food pantries: peanut butter, tuna, rice and beans, as well as any kind of canned meats, fruits, vegetables and soups.

Collier Harvest is a chapter of USA Harvest, a nationwide organization whose network of volunteers recover excess or sale-dated food from supermarkets, fruit stands and restaurants and deliver it to local agencies that use it to feed the hungry. The effort enables local charities to expand their services by allowing them to allocate a larger portion of their budgets to non-food services.

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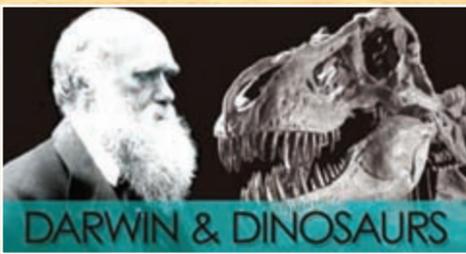
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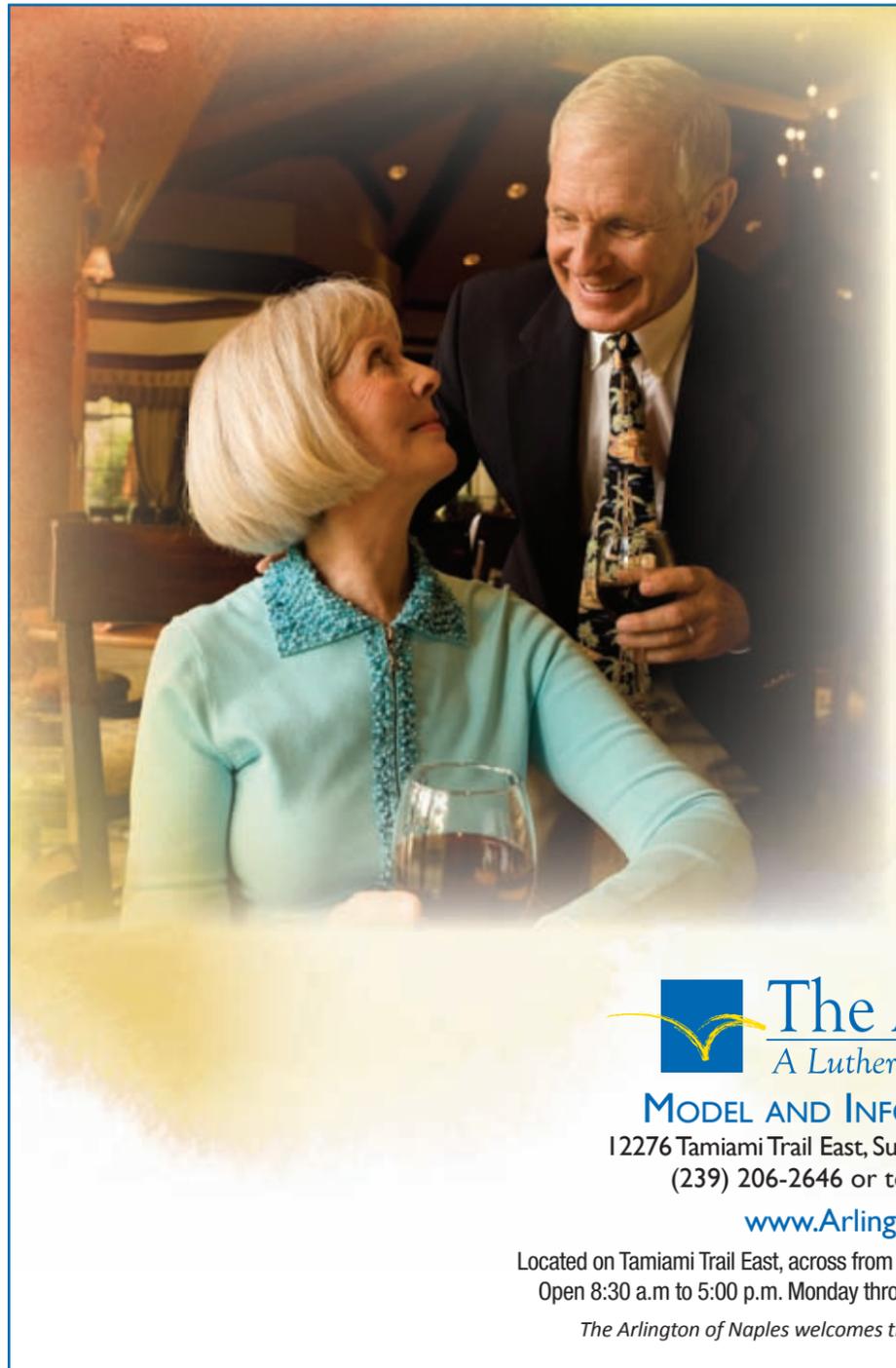
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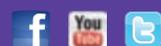
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# Look out! It's the 'Summer of Sharks' at Rookery Bay

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As the centerpiece of its "Summer of Sharks," Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve hosts the traveling exhibit "Sharkabet" from May 11-Sept. 2. This is the first time the works by Alaska-based artist Ray Troll have been shown in Southwest Florida.

The "Summer of Sharks" opens with a splash from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center.

From his studio high on a hill above the Tongass Narrows in rain-swept Ketchikan, Alaska, Mr. Troll draws and paints fishy images that migrate into museums, books and magazines and onto T-shirts sold around the planet. Basing his quirky, aquatic images on the latest scientific discoveries, he brings a street-smart sensibility to the worlds of ichthyology and paleontology.

He created the panels that make up "Sharkabet" from his book of the same name, in which he presents 26 living and extinct shark species along with information about these creatures that have been inexistence for more than 400 million years. The book is for sale in the nature store at the learning center.

Children's programs including art classes as well as an adult lecture series drawing inspiration from the "Sharkabet" exhibit will be on display throughout the "Summer of Sharks."

**'To Feed or Not to Feed'**

In addition to the opening reception for "Sharkabet," the May 11 kickoff will feature Wayne Hasson with a discussion titled "Sharks: To Feed or Not To Feed."

Mr. Hasson, who will emcee the entire lecture series, is president and co-founder of the Aggressor Fleet scuba travel program and president of Oceans for Youth Foundation.

A dive instructor since 1973, Mr. Hasson has made more than 20,000 dives and still puts in several hundred underwater hours per year. His main focus is teaching scuba diving to youth and shooting underwater still and video footage for various media companies. He has been a contributing photographer for feature stories for BBC Wildlife, Newsweek, The New York Times, Skin Diver, Sport Diver and National Geographic, among others. He also worked on feature films and television shows, including "The Abyss," "Bay-watch," "Jaws II" and Guy Harvey's "Portraits from the DEEP."

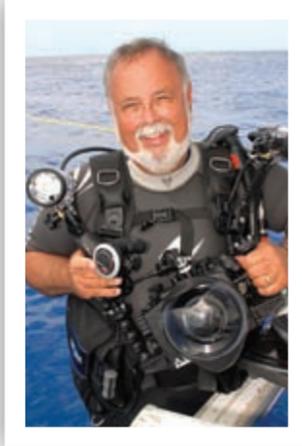
An all oceans ship master and captain, Mr. Hasson is the only person in the world who on purpose sunk a Russian Destroyer in the Cayman Islands, traveling to Cuba to take charge of this ship. The battleship was sunk completely intact and is now home to thousands of marine creatures that are visited daily by scuba divers.

The "Summer of Sharks" Wednesday-night adult lecture series continues with experts on sharks and marine life from



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Ray Troll's "Megalodon" is part of the "Sharkabet" exhibit at Rookery Bay.



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Wayne Hasson

around the state who will share engaging images and stories about their adventures on and in the water. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the programs begin at 5:30 p.m.

■ **June 8: "Smalltooth Sawfish: America's First Endangered Marine Fish,"** presented by George Burgess, director of the Florida Program for Shark Research at the Florida Museum

of Natural History, University of Florida; curator of the International Shark Attack File and the National Sawfish Encounter Database; founding member and a past president of the American Elasmobranch Society; and founding member and vice chairman of the World Conservation Union's Shark Specialist Group.

■ **July 20: "The Perfect Predator,"** presented by José Castro, visiting senior scientist since 1999 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at the Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota.

■ **July 27: "In The World Of Sharks,"** presented by Stan Waterman, who will show an eight-minute excerpt from "Blue Water, White Death," the 1971 documentary featuring him that he calls a "seminal experience" with big oceanic sharks in open water 100 miles to sea off South Africa.

■ **Aug. 17: "Shark Nurseries in the Ten Thousand Islands Estuaries,"** presented by Pat O'Donnell, Rookery Bay fisheries biologist. ■

**in the know**

- >> "Summer of Sharks" lecture and "Sharkabet" exhibit opening reception
- >> **When:** 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 11
- >> **Where:** Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center, 300 Tower Road
- >> **Cost:** \$5 for Friends of Rookery Bay members, \$5 for others
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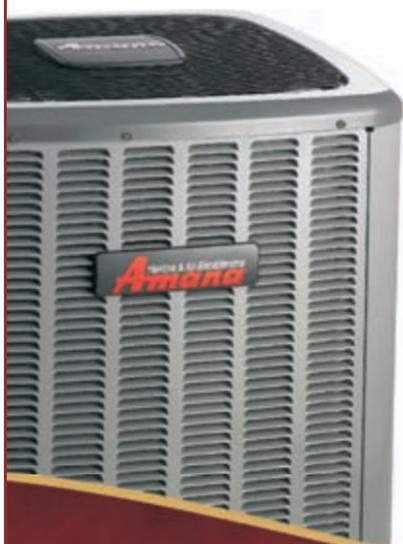
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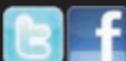
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## Get ready, get set for the Great Dock Canoe Race

The 35th running of the Great Dock Canoe Race is set for Saturday, May 14. Founded in 1976 as an end-of-season celebration of the Dock Restaurant's first year, the race draws thousands of spectators on land and bay to watch competitors including corporate icons, ambitious amateurs and practically professionals. A parade of theme-decorated canoes is also a crowd favorite.

This year's theme is "Rednecks and Royalty."

With longtime co-emcee (and volunteer token Redneck) Joe Klimas serving as grand marshal, decorated boats will parade around Crayton Cove starting at 11 a.m. The race is run in three heats. First up at 11:45 a.m. is the "Tippycanoe VIP Sprint" for canoes paddled by principals of local organizations in a madcap dash through a 700-yard course.

Two traditional races follow on the full three-mile course. The first, which starts at 12:45, features "Ambitious Amateurs," who are racing largely for the fun of it. "Next Generation" teams, which pair a 12-17-year-old with his or her parent or guardian, are encouraged to compete in this heat. The other race starts at 1:45 and showcases the paddling prowess of "Prac-

tically Professionals," some of whom train year-round for the competition.

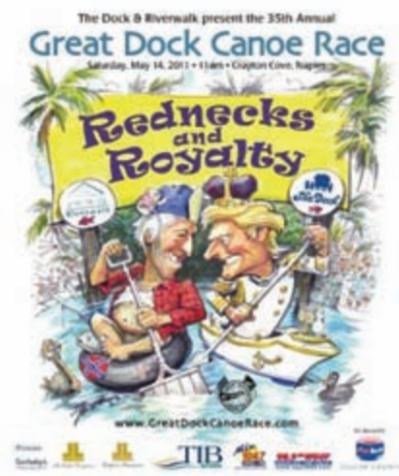
Trophies or ribbons are awarded to winners of both heats and to three "Next Generation" teams. A final award, the "Broken Paddle" Award for sportsmanship. Winners' names are hand-painted by artist Jerry Vallez onto a broken paddle, which is added to the permanent collection at The Dock restaurant.

Every year, the race funds a \$5,000 grant made to a children's charity each year. This year's beneficiary is First Book-Collier County.

Race entry forms are available on line at [www.greatdockcanoerace.com](http://www.greatdockcanoerace.com) as well as at the Dock Restaurant, the Riverwalk at Tin City, Cambier and Fleischmann parks, and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center. A limited number of rental canoes are available by calling 261-4191.

Trolley service from off-site parking areas along Eighth Street South at Sixth Avenue South and Eighth Avenue South will run from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Spectator boats on Naples Bay must stay within the designated area.

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### Hit the links for some good causes

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■ **Literacy Volunteers of Collier County** holds its annual four-person scramble for men's, women's and mixed teams beginning with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 7, at The Club at Mediterra. Registration is \$150 and includes breakfast, boxed lunch and refreshments during the scoreboard party. For more information, call 262-4448 or e-mail [info@collierliteracy.org](mailto:info@collierliteracy.org).

■ **The University of Miami Hurricane Club** holds its annual Naples Golf Classic on Saturday, May 14, at Heritage Bay Golf and Country Club. The best ball scramble has a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m., and an awards luncheon follows the competition. Head Football Coach Al Golden and other Hurricane coaches will participate. Registration is \$85 per player. All proceeds benefit the UM Student Athlete Scholarship Fund. Call 353-2561 or visit [www.hurricanesports.com](http://www.hurricanesports.com).

■ **The Harry Chapin Food Bank Classic**

tees off at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, at Grandezza Country Club. Registration is \$125 per person. To donate silent auction items, contact event chair JoAnna Bradshaw at 405-7266 or [bradshawjoa@comcast.net](mailto:bradshawjoa@comcast.net). To register for the tournament, contact Chris Robinson at 334-7007, ext. 137, or [chris-robinson@harrychapinfoodbank.com](mailto:chris-robinson@harrychapinfoodbank.com).

■ **The Collier Building Industry Association and Hill, Barth & King** host a tournament Friday, May 20, at The Quarry. A putting contest, long drive contest and 50/50 raffle are part of the event. Admission includes cart and green fees, three mulligans, 10 raffle tickets, three drinks on the course and lunch following the tournament. For registration or more information, call 436-6100 or visit [www.cbia.net](http://www.cbia.net).

■ **The Collier County Economic Development Council** hosts its fourth annual "Tee Up for Diversification" tournament Friday, June 3, at The Club at Tiburon. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 9 a.m. Registration is \$150 per golfer. Call 263-8989 or e-mail [Kristi@naplesflorida.com](mailto:Kristi@naplesflorida.com). ■

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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 in race 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.

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The public is welcome. Mental health professionals can earn one CEU provided by MHASWFL.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 261-5405, e-mailing [bfollweiler@mhaswfl.org](mailto:bfollweiler@mhaswfl.org) or visiting [www.mhaswfl.org](http://www.mhaswfl.org). ■

## Center for blind and visually impaired has open house

Lighthouse of Collier, a center of support for the blind and visually impaired, celebrates its second birthday with an open house from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at its donated center at 424 Bayfront Place. The public is welcome to stop by and "see" how the center's programs help the blind and visually impaired in Collier County and their caregivers.

The party is sponsored by Arthrex and The Arlington-A Lutheran Life Community. Birthday party treats have been donated by Chrissy's at Bayfront and Sweetbay Supermarket.

For more information, call 430-3934 or visit [www.lighthouseofcollier.org](http://www.lighthouseofcollier.org). ■

## Hear and see the awful effects of chewing tobacco

The Tobacco-Free Collier Partnership presents Rick Bender and "Giving People Something to Chew On" at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at Physicians Regional-Collier Boulevard. Mr. Bender started using spit tobacco at the age of 12, and by the time he was 26 he had been diagnosed with cancer. He has undergone four major surgeries, lost part of his tongue and jaw and has only 25 percent use of his right arm.

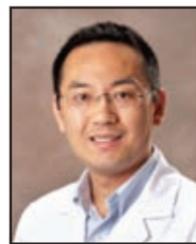
The presentation is appropriate for youth and adults of all ages. Admission is free. For more information, call Rachel Kleist at 252-6852.

## Why so tired?

## Top five reasons for a poor night of sleep

BY KARA JACOBS  
Special to Florida Weekly

**D**idn't get much shut-eye last night? It can be hard to tell whether you just had a rough night or whether you have a chronic condition that's affecting the quality of your sleep.



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"If sleepless nights prolong for more than a month or the sleeplessness is significantly affecting daily activity or performance, then it's time to see a physician," says Dr. Michael Wang of Millennium Physician Group in Naples.

He adds that being tired is one of the most common symptoms his patients present with, and figuring out what's causing it is among the first steps in treatment.

Dr. Wang and his colleague Dr. Maria del Rio-Giles outline the top five reasons for suffering from restless nights.

## 1. Stress, stress... and more stress

Stress is often referred to as the "silent killer" because of what it can do to a person's body without them realizing it. "Stress causes a person to release a lot of the hormone cortisol, which also increases your body's alert-



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ness and triggers the fight or flight response," says Dr. del Rio-Giles.

To combat this, she adds, people need to make sure to take time out of their daily routine to relax and slough off the stress. Creating an evening routine that promotes a peaceful sleep environment can also help, she says. "Listening to quiet music, reading a good book and not bringing work into the bedroom are great rules to live by."

Exercising is also a great way to handle stress, says Dr. Wang. "Even taking 10 to 20 minutes to walk around your neighborhood in the evening helps decrease your stress levels."

## 2. Depression and anxiety

Feelings of depression or anxiety — whether over a work situation or an argument with a family member — can also affect your sleeping habits.

"Depression can cause people to sleep more during the day and leave them not wanting to get out of bed," says Dr. del Rio-Giles. "This disturbance in sleep habits can keep a patient awake during the middle of the night."

If you are struggling with insomnia or restless evenings due to depression or anxiety, then it might be time to

schedule an appointment with your primary care physician. "It's an opportunity to sit down with your physician and discuss what's happening in your life," says Dr. Wang. "We might be able to prescribe medication or discuss other options for treatment."

## 3. Lack of a sleep schedule

"You should go to bed the same time every night, especially on the weekends," Dr. Wang says.

"Keep the room dark, and avoid watching TV or taking your laptop to bed with you," Dr. del Rio-Giles says.

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## STRAIGHT TALK

## Teaming up for the next generation health care service model

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"Working together."

Those were the watchwords at our most recent NCH medical staff meeting, which was attended by 160 physicians. Those two words, in fact, will drive the health care environment of the future.

Underscoring our desire at NCH to collaborate, Dr. Paul Dernbach, president of the medical staff, quoted the following resolution from the NCH Healthcare board of directors:

"The NCH Healthcare System is committed to working together with all members of our Medical Staff to provide an environment fostering and promoting the harmonious and collaborative interaction among independent, employed and contracted physicians as they pursue the

provision of high quality care to patients in the hospital.

"The Board believes the strength of the NCH Healthcare System lies in the effective interaction with all physicians in a fair and professional manner."

NCH has become increasingly committed to working together — independent physicians; contracted physicians in such areas as anesthesia, emergency room, pathology and radiology; and the growing number of partnered physicians — as together we face the challenge of keeping quality patient care first, even with fewer resources.

One compelling reason we must all work closer together was cited by Joe Perkovich, board chairman, who summarized the significant challenge that almost 70 percent of health care payments received in Southwest Florida comes from the federal government in the form of Medicare or from the state of Florida in the form of Medicaid. A growing segment

of our population has no health insurance or is underinsured. In the face of this expansion, both state and federal budgets are severely underfunded and may be unsustainable. This harsh economic environment makes it mandatory that we collaborate to become more efficient and effective.

In its compilation of regional differences in Medicare spending per person per year, the respected Dartmouth Atlas ([www.dartmouthatlas.org](http://www.dartmouthatlas.org)) reports that the Naples area spends \$8,428 to Florida's overall \$9,854 and the nation's \$8,682. Miami-Dade, by contrast, spends a staggering per-person Medicare rate of \$17,274 each year.

We are determined to continue to set the pace in this area. One example: Our physician-hospital organization, Community Health Partners, is at the center of efforts to become an Accountable Care Organization, an integration of patients, physicians, payers and hospitals that is the govern-

ment's chosen mechanism to add "value" defined as quality divided by cost.

CHP was founded in the early 1990s by NCH medical staff physicians and NCH in order to provide an organized, efficient, compassionate model to care for working folks not on Medicare or Medicaid. Over the decades, CHP has added the essential component of helping patients live better and smarter, even with chronic illnesses such as diabetes, congestive heart failure, low back pain and lung disease. Kathy Jardone, CHP chief operating officer, and the CHP board of nine physicians, together with NCH leaders Vicki Orr, Kevin Cooper and Phil Dutcher, are taking the lead in moving to a new organization to meet the challenges of the new reality in health care.

In the past, NCH has been innovative in framing solutions that work. But the past is the past. Now we need to create the next generation health care service model for our patients. And that will require renewed teamwork. ■

# TIRED

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She also adds these tips: Don't have a heavy meal right before bedtime, keep your caffeine intake to the early part of your day; and get your daily exercise at least two hours before bedtime.

Over-the-counter melatonin can also help regulate sleep for some people, the doctors say.

## 4. Sleep apnea

Sleep apnea is the lack of oxidization to the brain while sleeping, Dr. del Rio-Giles explains. "This is often associated with respiratory problems, can increase stroke and heart attack risks, and also lead to high blood pressure. Patients are also at risk for falling asleep while driving."

If you suspect sleep apnea is contributing to your overall, constant tiredness, then it's time to consult with a sleep specialist, says Dr. Wang.

If you are referred to a sleep specialist, then you will undergo a sleep study in which you will spend the night at a sleep study facility. "Patients are hooked to a device that checks for oxygen levels and muscular activity. This device will evaluate how often they stop breathing during the night and provide the physician with an accurate portrait of what's happening with the patient," says Dr. del Rio-Giles.

Your primary care physician can easily schedule an appointment with a local specialist who can get to the bottom of your sleep apnea issues.

## 5. Chronic problems and medication side effects

Chronic medical problems, such as dementia, can lead to sleep disturbances, as can medications.

Sometimes relief can be found just by changing the time of day you take your prescription, Dr. del Rio-Giles says "I tell patients to take diuretics later in the day, for example. And I warn them that beta blockers can sometimes cause nightmares and vivid dreams that affect sleep."

## No more sleepless nights

Avoid another night of tossing and turning by scheduling an appointment with your primary care physician today. Tell your physician if you are worried, depressed, taking new medications or just feeling tired throughout the day. He or she should be able to take the steps necessary to get you back to sleeping peacefully. ■

# TO YOUR HEALTH

## Florida Eye Health doctor will give free presentations

Dr. Jonathan Frantz of Florida Eye Health will discuss the latest advances in cataract treatment" at noon Wednesday, May 11, at the Naples location of Florida Eye Health, 2100 Tamiami Trail N.

Dr. Frantz will discuss laser vision correction at the same location at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18.

Although the presentations are free, RSVPs are appreciated. Call 430-3939 or sign up online at [www.bettervision.net](http://www.bettervision.net). ■

## Health expo for the 50-plus crowd

The second annual Lifestyles After 50 Expo takes place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 13, at North Collier Regional Park. More than 50 exhibitors will have booths and information, and Senior Friendship Centers will serve free lunch as a way to enhance social interactions of senior citizens in the community.

Radiology Regional Center's "Mobile Mammo" bus will be on site; call 303-2700 to schedule an appointment.

For more information, call Kristina Rodriguez at 275-1881 or visit [www.friendshipcenters.org](http://www.friendshipcenters.org). ■

## Dance class and support group for Parkinson's patients

The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida provides several regular programs and services for those who have Parkinson's

disease and their caregivers.

■ **Free dance classes:** 1 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at Fleischman Park.

■ **Support group meetings:** 1 p.m. every Tuesday at Bentley Village; 10:30 a.m. every Thursday at PASFI headquarters, 2950 Tamiami Trail N. Free and open to the public.

For more information, call 417-3465. ■

## Riverchase offers free skin cancer screenings

The American Academy of Dermatology estimates that one in five Americans will develop skin cancer. As part of Melanoma Awareness Month in May, Riverchase Dermatology will perform free skin cancer screenings to new patients at its locations across Southwest Florida. Appointments are required. Naples area dates, locations and phone numbers are:

■ **May 6:** 261 Ninth St. S., downtown Naples; 216-4337

■ **May 13:** 950 North Collier Blvd. Suite 303, Marco Island; 443-1500

For more information, contact Kimberly Royal at 313-2915 or [kroyal@cfcdcs.com](mailto:kroyal@cfcdcs.com). ■

## Orthopedic surgeon discusses hips, knees

Physicians Regional Healthcare System presents Dr. Robert Zehr in a free program titled "What's New/What Works for Painful Hips and Knees" at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 12, at Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge, 6101 Pine Ridge Road. Seating is limited, and reservations are requested. Call 596-0100. ■



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## FREE CATARACT SURGERY BENEFITS HUNDREDS!

Eye Doctor, Dr. Thomas Quigley, is a renowned and accomplished cataract surgeon who practices in Southwest Florida. But he is more; he created a community service program to provide free cataract surgery to people who could not afford the needed eye care.

Dr. Quigley's mission is to give the gift of sight to men or women who are out of work, have low income, have no insurance or are otherwise lost in the social system such that they do not have access to needed care. "No one should lose their sight for lack of money" states Dr. Quigley. "Our free cataract surgery program has restored the sight of more than one hundred individuals. I never anticipated such a great need in our area until Eye Health committed to this community service program. We have been called from all over the country. Our program stems from an unfortunate experience that my sister, Kathy, had which left her blind."

Share the experience of Dr. Thomas Quigley's patient who had free cataract surgery at St. John's Surgery Center in Ft. Myers:

*"I was treated like one of the regular patients who could pay. Dr. Quigley has a great staff—everyone there makes you feel comfortable. In the beginning I doubted that the free cataract surgery program was for real. But what did I have to lose, no one else had offered to help me and I had no way of paying. Let me tell you that Dr. Quigley really cares and the program is legitimate. Dr. Quigley not only gave me clear sight, he gave me back my life."*

-Ralph Anderson

Dr. Quigley and his staff are committed to serving the eye care needs of the older adults in Southwest Florida.





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## Animal assisted therapy is topic of symposium

“The Impact of Animal Companionship on Human & Animal Health,” a symposium for veterinarians, vet technicians, health professionals and the general public, will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 14, at The Moorings. Participants will discuss the benefits of human and animal interaction; learn about research related to health benefits of companion animals; and hear details about the emerging field of animal-assisted therapy.

Keynote speaker Dr. Alan Beck of the Center for the Human-Animal

Bond, the Purdue University School of Veterinary Medicine, will discuss the beneficial health implications of human relationships with companion animals, and the emerging field of animal assisted therapy.

Sean Kelly, director of the Honors Program at Florida Gulf Coast University, will discuss philosophical understandings of loneliness, and how pet ownership can help combat various health crises.

Karen Lasker, executive director of The Brody Project for Animal Assisted Therapy, will discuss the differences

between “activities” and “therapy” as the foundations for AAT.

And Celeste Lynch, director of wellness at Moorings Park, will discuss AAT in the context of physical and occupational therapy, social services and nursing.

General admission is \$25. FGCU Renaissance Academy members pay \$20. Veterinarians, vet technicians and health professionals pay \$30 and earn three contact hours. Continental breakfast is included.

For more information, call the FGCU Renaissance Academy at 425-3272. ■



Among the felines ready to find permanent homes and leave the shelter at Humane Society Naples are, left to right: Jingles, a 2-month-old male who prefers to lounge around all day; Maude, a mature 8-year-old who likes to wink; and Virginia, a sweet 5-year-old who is always ready to fiesta.



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Although Felicia's babies aren't quite ready to be adopted, they soon will join the legion of kittens born every spring that need homes.

## Naples Town Hall heads to Estero for June program

Naples Town Hall Distinguished Speaker Series presents *New York Times* best-selling author Eric Metaxas at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 6, at the Summit Church Auditorium in Estero.

Mr. Metaxas' newest book, “Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy” is the first major biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer in more than 40 years. Through love letters and coded messages sent to and from Cell 92, the narrative takes readers through Mr.

Bonhoeffer's life journey as he left the safety of America for Hitler's Germany in 1939. He was executed in a concentration camp in 1945, only hours before the Allied victory, for his involvement in the attempted plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler.

Mr. Metaxas is the founder and host of *Socrates in the City*, a Manhattan speaker series with a focus on “life, God, and other small top-

ics.” Guests have included Dinesh D'Souza, Os Guinness, Sir John Polkinghorne, Baroness Caroline Cox and Dr. Francis Collins.

He is also the author of more than 30 children's books, and his work for Rabbit Ears radio has won three Grammy nominations for Best Children's Recording.

He edited the Yale humor magazine, and his humorous essays and cultural commentary have appeared in *The New York Times* and *The Washington Post*, among other places.

Naples Town Hall Distinguished Speaker Series is completing its 28th year of bringing the world's most influential leaders and speakers to Naples. Condoleezza Rice is the first announced speaker for next year, speaking on March 20, 2012.

Tickets to the evening with Mr. Metaxas are \$25.

Summit Church is at 19601 Ben Hill Griffin Parkway in Estero, about 1.5 miles north of Corkscrew Road and east of I-75. For reservations or more information, call 659-6524 or visit [www.naplestownhall.org](http://www.naplestownhall.org). ■

## Project HELP issues a plea to help meet budget shortfall

Over the past 25 years in Collier County, Project HELP has helped thousands of victims of sexual assault as well as those who are grieving after a homicide or suicide. Staff and volunteers are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Project HELP recently celebrated “Denim Day,” which was established more than 10 years ago in Italy after the Italian supreme court overturned a rape conviction. The court argued that the 18-year-old female victim's jeans were too tight; therefore, she must have consented to having sexual relations with the accused.

Eileen Wesley, a victim advocate with Project HELP, says blaming the victim is a disturbing pattern in sexual assault cases. “It's appalling that people would look at the way a woman dresses and point the finger at her,” Ms. Wesley says. “There is never a justification to blame the victim.”

Project HELP also recently held its annual “Take Back the Night” event, where victims of crime as well as their supporters and numerous local leaders spoke out against violence.

Project HELP services are always free of charge. The agency, which relies on charitable donations, faces a \$100,000 budget deficit this year. For information about how you can help, call the Project HELP office at 649-1404 or visit [www.projecthelpnaples.org](http://www.projecthelpnaples.org).

If you are in crisis, call the Project HELP hotline at 262-7227. ■

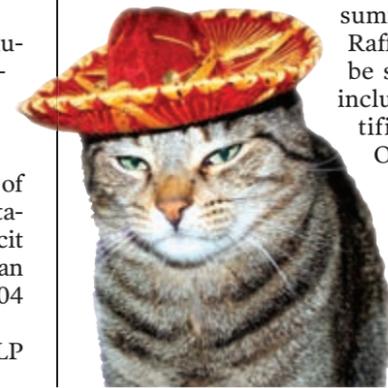
## ‘Cinco de Meow’

Humane Society Naples invites friends of felines everywhere to celebrate “Cinco de Meow” at happy hour from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at the Old Naples Pub, 255 13th Ave. S.

Quench your thirst with a cold Corona for \$3 and visit with several of the kittens and cats available for adoption from the shelter.

Admission is free, but HSN will welcome donations to support the shelter's work through the summer months.

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# PET TALES

## Old dog, new cat

A pair of books from respected experts

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON  
Special to Florida Weekly

Remember when you got that bundle of puppy love? Remember when you took him to training class, to the beach, on that road trip? Remember when he spent a whole week just snuggling with you in bed when you had the flu and he brought all his toys to help you feel better?

If you've ever loved an old dog or have one who is approaching his golden years, you have lots of "remember whens." And you can have lots more with the help of "Good Old Dog: Expert Advice for Keeping Your Aging Dog Happy, Healthy and Comfortable" (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$26), a compendium of science, stories, myth-busting and more information than you might have known existed about the care and companionship of aging dogs. Compiled by veterinary experts at Tufts University's Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine and edited by Tufts veterinary behaviorist Dr. Nicholas Dodman, the comprehensive tome covers everything from behavioral changes to expect and recognizing signs of potential problems to making health care and end-of-life decisions.

How long can dogs live? A lot longer than you might think, Dodman says.

"Here at the veterinary school, we see about 8,000 old dogs per year out of our caseload of about 24,000. The oldest one we

had on record was 21, but I know dogs can make it to 22 or 23."

With dogs living longer, pet owners are more likely to confront such canine health problems as arthritis, cancer, congestive heart failure, kidney disease and even a form of Alzheimer's disease. Dodman, whose contribution was a chapter on doggie dementia, says classic signs of the condition are disorientation, a reduction in social interaction, sleep disturbances and loss of house-training, identified by the acronym DISH. If your dog seems to get lost in the house or stare into space, no longer greets you when you come home from work, sleeps fitfully or becomes agitated during the night, or starts to have house-training accidents, chances are that senility is setting in. The good news is that medication, activity and diet can all help. That's true for almost every effect of aging.

Aging is not a disease, Dodman says — there's even a chapter with that title — and when it does cause problems, there is a lot that can be done to help pets. With regular veterinary examinations, careful observations and the advice in this book, we can help our dogs glide comfortably through their golden years.

Cat owners are equally fortunate in their choice of reading material. Cat expert Darlene Arden has written "The Complete Cat's Meow: Everything You Need to Know About Caring for Your Cat" (Howell Book House,



Dr. Nicholas Dodman, a professor at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts, has written a definitive guide to caring for an older dog.

\$20). The clowder of cat-centric advice includes tips on raising kittens, training cats (yes, it can be done!), fixing behavior problems and helping shelter cats through clicker training. Along the way, she addresses nutrition and wellness, details exactly how to hold a cat, trim sharp claws and successfully administer medication, and debunks the myths that give cats a bad rap, from black cats crossing paths to cats sucking the breath from babies.

For instance, Arden begs to differ with the notion that cats are loners. Why else do cats choose to sit in our laps, sleep with us, walk across our keyboards and spread out across the newspaper we're reading?

"They're solitary hunters, but they're not solitary creatures," Arden says. "They're looking for attention."

Keeping cats intellectually and physically challenged is a big part of living happily with them, says Arden, who believes most cats spend the day doing the mental equivalent of twiddling their thumbs. They need playtime with their people — "Even three five-minute play sessions a day is great" — and interactive toys so they can play on their own when they want.

"You can have so much fun with a cat. I really hope everyone will look at them in a different light and will have more interaction with them." ■

### Pets of the Week



>> **Kitty Cat** is about 5 months old and has some Maine coon in him. He's as adorable as he looks, and he gets along well with other cats.



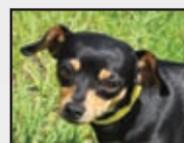
>> **Lulu** is a charming Chihuahua mix who's about 5 months old and 13 pounds. She likes cats and is good on a leash.



>> **Parker** is a cute little (for now, anyway) shepherd/hound mix who's 2 months old. Handsome and full of energy, he's also very sweet.



>> **Shelly** is a domestic shorthair tabby who's about 18 months old. She loves to cuddle, and her bright yellow-gold eyes will melt your heart.



>> **Suzie** is a 1-year-old Chihuahua mix who's alert and friendly, yet at the same time calm and a little shy.



>> **Zeke** is a handsome guy who's about 4 months old. He gets along well with his roommates and people.

### To adopt a pet

Collier County Domestic Animal Services is at 7610 Davis Blvd. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Adoptions begin at 11 a.m. and are processed through closing time. Adoption fees are \$60 for cats and \$85 for dogs and include spay/neuter surgery, a bag of pet food, pet's license and a micro-chip ID. Call 252-PETS (7387) or visit [www.collierpets.com](http://www.collierpets.com) to search for a lost pet or to find a new pet.

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# MUSINGS

## Gelding the lily



*"To gild refined gold, to paint the lily,  
To throw perfume on the violet,  
To smooth the ice or add another hue  
Unto the rainbow...  
Is wasteful and ridiculous effort."  
— Shakespeare, King John,  
Act IV, Scene 2*

*"...entre las azcenas olvidado....among  
the lilies forgotten."  
— Juan de la Cruz,  
"On A Dark Night"*

*"You can't use a bulldozer to study  
orchids....  
His last words: So we don't know any-  
thing; you don't know anything; I don't  
know anything about love. But we are  
nothing, you are nothing, I am nothing  
without love."  
— The Magnetic Fields,  
"The Death of Ferdinand de Saussure"*

Kate Middleton's favorite flower is the lily. It is not clear which lily of the 110 species in the genus *Lilium* is her favorite. This Linnaean signifier is a Latin word that comes from a Greek word, which is said to come from an ancient Egyptian word meaning "flower." It seems that both the Greek and the

Egyptian roots come from a now extinct language of the Eastern Mediterranean. The Greek word root usually refers to the white, or true lilies. The Greeks had another word for the non-white or false lilies. Perhaps we are for the most part like Kate Middleton, blissfully indiscriminate. We seem to do well with merely the one signifier, lily.

Yet a recent poll done in London by YouGov, commissioned by Sky Living to celebrate the start of the brand new television show "How to Nab a Prince," it is clear that Kate is not seen as ordinary. There is virtual agreement that Kate is the perfect queen: beautiful, intelligent, stylish. But notwithstanding this, 86 percent of the 1,040 polled women, all over 18 years of age, said that they would not like to trade places with Kate because this would prevent them from having the joy of a normal life. Only 6 percent of those polled would like to marry a prince, although 50 percent expressed the desire to marry a doctor. Forty-nine percent polled felt that Kate and William would be together forever.

Well, really: A lily is a lily is a lily. They all have naked underground bulbs, organs that overwinter. Most of the bulbs are buried deep. And all lilies can be propagated in various ways: by bulb division; by bulbil, adventitious formations on stems; by scales detached from bulbs; by seeds; and, by commercial micro-propagation in vitro.

Going on about all this hardly seems normal. I don't know.

Why unnecessarily adorn? Why make unnecessary additions to what is already complete?

Ferdinand de Saussure wrote: "The connection between the signifier and the signified is arbitrary." His work regarding semiotics, the philosophical theory of signs and symbols, is largely ignored by contemporary linguistics. Yet he continues to have influence on the social sciences and humanities.

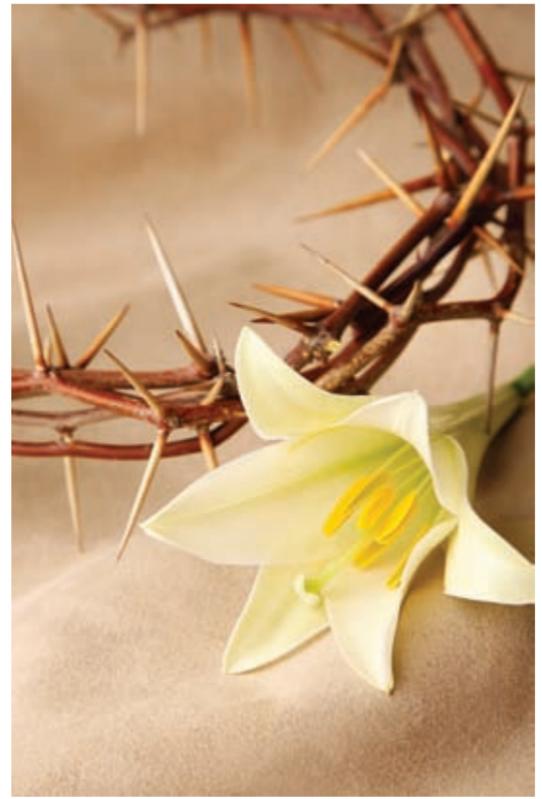
De Saussure writes about signifiers and that which is signified as two sides of the same coin. For him, the signifier (like "lily") can be seen as the shape of the idea to which it points. But who's to say what idea rises in you when given the lily prompt? Do you see a true lily? A false lily? Any lily at all?

And let's be clear: None of this refers to the referent, that is, the actual object in space. No real lilies have yet been propagated. (Say what?)

From Babel to Esperanto we search with Umberto Eco for the perfect language. Eco writes that every cultural phenomenon is communication. Even Kate. Especially Kate.

But did you know that lilies are toxic to cats? Even in small amounts they can cause fatal renal failure.

I rest my case, forgotten among the lilies. ■



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THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF ECONOMIC Analysis has released figures for 2009 showing that Southwest Florida has been slammed — and slammed hard — by the most serious economic downturn since the Great Depression.

The BEA report provides a statistical sampling that reduces to cold, hard data the enormous toll the recession has wrought throughout this area.

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### Community Foundations invites professional advisors to program

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.

Presenters 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 of Collier County's Professional Advisors Council. To register, call Susan Barton at 649-5000 or e-mail [sbarton@cfcollier.org](mailto:sbarton@cfcollier.org). ■

### PRACC workshop will tell secrets of board management

Public Relations and Marketing Professionals of Collier County, will present "The Secrets of Board Management" from 12:30-5:30 p.m. Monday, May 16, at the Inn on Fifth.

The keynote address will be by Karl Salathe, director of institutional advancement at Seacrest Country Day School. Roundtable discussions will delve into fundraising and grant writing, mobile communications, digital design and targeting/cultivating donors.

Cost is \$60 for PRACC members and \$70 for others. For registration and more information, visit [www.pracc.org](http://www.pracc.org). ■

### Three finalists announced for business ethics award

The Uncommon Friends Foundation has announced the three finalists for its 2011 Business Ethics Award. They are:

- Conditioned Air Corp. of Naples – The company provides heating, ventilating and air-conditioning sales and services. Keith Walker is the COO.

- Executive Buillion LLC of Fort Myers – Austin Barker is the principal and managing partner of this estate jewelry buyer and precious metal dealer.

- J.L. Wallace Inc. of Fort Myers – Jerald Wallace is

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# MONEY & INVESTING

## Managing risk



fall in value as their price behavior is not related; yet, over time, both are expected to appreciate.

True diversification is not realized in a traditional portfolio by adding more and more equities and bonds; true diversification is created by adding asset classes that have no or very low correlations to equities and bonds. Yes, alternative assets include: private equity, timberland, farmland, hedge funds, commodities, managed futures, etc.; they can be uncorrelated with each other and with bonds and equities.

If you do not think this is what some of the smart money does, please Google the super endowment funds and research their portfolio allocations. Look at Harvard, Yale, Princeton, etc. and you will get a better picture of how they have assets allocated into alternatives and how they have compounded at exceptional rates.

Now, is equity and bond diversification within a portfolio a bad thing? No, not at all. It is still very much a goal. However, most people think diversifying their equities and bond holdings translates into owning hundreds of stocks and bonds (i.e. if diversifying is good, then having a gazillion stock or bond holdings is even better...right?). Quite possibly... wrong.

The problem is that the gazillion stocks can become unwieldy as the sheer number can prevent other very important management tools from being used. Further, at some point, the performance on such portfolio approaches the market's performance and any outperformance goals are dashed.

Sometimes the most important part of investment management is managing unrealized profits and protecting your portfolio from unexpected losses that could wipe out gains.

Investors should consider using a variety of risk management techniques when managing their portfolio or assigning such management to a professional.

A simplified definition of risk management includes strategies/tools/practices: for diversification, for right sizing the relationship between risk and reward and for limiting losses and taking profits, sometimes called cash management.

The idea is to get rid of risk that can be eliminated, to well understand the compensation you expect for the risk that you are taking, and create parameters/disciplines for taking losses and protecting gains.

The most common and best-known technique to manage risk is portfolio diversification. In my perception, it is misunderstood by many and often faultily applied.

Conceptually, the goal is to add assets to your portfolio that are not correlated with each other, which move independently of each other yet are expected to appreciate. The idea is simple: if one asset falls in value, the other assets might not also

Truth is that a great deal of equity diversification can be garnered from just 10 positions, diversified across industry sectors. Truth is that many a successful investor has shunned diversification beyond a handful of stocks; these investors do their homework and they place their bets, albeit very calculated bets.

In his early years, Warren Buffett felt that he did best by really knowing, intimately knowing, just 10 companies. Over time, Berkshire Hathaway's investment portfolio has much expanded. Still, compared to the number of holdings in a mutual fund, Berkshire is relatively concentrated. And, still, large investment bets are taken. For example, Mr. Buffett took sizeable positions in Goldman Sachs and GE during the financial collapse as he felt the risk/reward was compelling.

So, in Mr. Buffett's world, getting the right reward for his risk is an extremely important element in risk management. He doesn't want to take risks without getting meaningful returns. He does not buy "the market." He buys specific companies and he often uses convertible preferred stock/bonds to get certainty of income and while retaining equity upside.

Money management is a critical tool for risk management. If you are a buy and hold investor, you are probably not using money management techniques. An alternative to "til death do us part" is cash management that limits losses and let profits run.

One of the most common approaches in this regard is to place a stop loss on each position; it is often a percentage of the

size of the portfolio that you are willing to lose in a particular position. For instance, for a \$1 million portfolio, the maximum you might be willing to lose on any single investment could be \$5,000, or \$10,000 or \$20,000...but there is some dollar amount by which you have predetermined that you will exit. For an appreciated investment, you might want to raise the "stop" price to a level proportionate to the appreciation.

The topic of risk management extends far beyond the tools mentioned above. It can include diversifying into different strategies such as covered call writing; it can mean trading your positions across various time frameworks (day trading versus medium term investing). It can mean exposure to multiple currencies. As many types of risks exist, there are strategies for eliminating/reducing such risks.

You should consider the merit of using a variety of risk management practices for your portfolio. If you have not considered risk management previously, this column might serve as an impetus for beginning such a dialogue with your several investment managers.

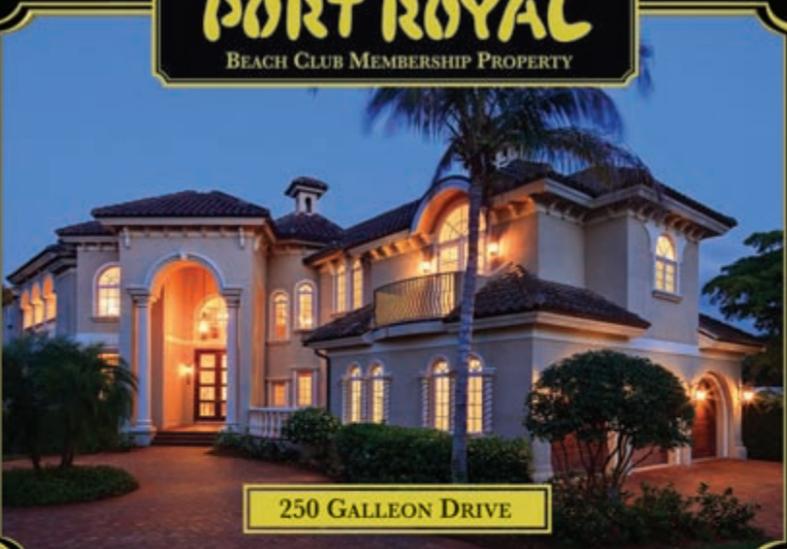
*There is a substantial risk of loss in trading commodity futures, options and off-exchange foreign currency products. Past performance is not indicative of future results.* ■

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# NUMBERS

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The analysis provided by the BEA reveals that while Collier County topped Lee and Charlotte counties in terms of per capita personal income, Collier also registered the greatest decline in that regard.

Per capita income in Collier in 2009 was \$60,049, which represented a 5.7 percent decline from the previous year. The figure for Lee County was \$40,750 — a decrease of 4 percent from 2008. Charlotte County had the lowest per capita income of the three (\$35,858), but, in a more positive light, posted the smallest decline at 1.6 percent.

Florida, as a whole, saw per capita personal income drop by 2.3 percent, and the reduction nationally was 1.7 percent — figures that by comparison underscore the magnitude of the economic collapse in Charlotte, Collier and Lee.

The BEA calculates per capita income by using a formula based on “the personal income of the residents of a given area divided by the resident population of the area.” Midyear population estimates issued by the Census Bureau are used by the BEA to derive population totals.

Total personal income in the three counties was diminished in the period from 2008 to 2009. Collier again had the unfortunate distinction of the leading in that category (down 4.8 percent), while Lee dropped by 4.3 percent and Charlotte’s decline was 2.1 percent. Statewide, the fall in total personal income was 2.3 percent and for the entire United States the figure was 1.7 percent.

According to BEA, total personal income includes “income received by all persons from all sources,” which includes “the sum of net earnings by place of residence, rental income of persons, personal dividend income, personal interest income and personal current transfer receipts.”

The report revealed that Collier County relinquished its top spot in terms of per capita personal income to Monroe County, which includes the Keys. The county now ranks second in this category. Still, despite the slippage, Collier’s per capita income was 154 percent of

the state average and 152 percent of the national average.

Lee County ranked 13th among the state’s 67 counties in per capita income. Lee’s income was 105 percent of the statewide average and 103 percent of the national average.

Charlotte County placed 22nd in the state in per capita income, which was 8 percent lower than the state average and 10 percent below the national figure.

Earnings for dividends, interest and rent in 2009 tumbled by 7.2 percent in Lee; 8.1 percent in Collier; and 6.9 percent in Charlotte.

Net earnings for 2009 dropped by 8.8 percent in Lee; by 5.8 percent in Charlotte; and by 4.9 percent in Collier. Statewide, net earnings for the same period were down 4.5 percent and nationally the decline was at 4 percent.

The report also revealed some interesting anomalies. For example, while all three counties posted total personal income declines for the period of 2008 to 2009, these counties also had significant gains for the 10-year period beginning in 1999.

Collier enjoyed an average annual growth rate of 7.4 percent for that period; Lee notched 7.2 percent growth;

and Charlotte’s figure was an even 5 percent. Statewide, for the same period, average annual growth rate was 5.3 percent and for the United States as a whole it was 4.4 percent.

These decade-long figures show just how strong the economic boom — especially the building boom — was in Southwest Florida. They, of course, also document how severe the downturn has been. On the plus side, even the data show that the current economic meltdown could not entirely erase the gains the counties made during more prosperous times.

In 2009, Lee County, with the largest population, led the area in total personal income with a figure just below \$24 billion (ranked eighth in the state). Collier County’s figure was slightly more than \$19 billion (11th in the state), and Charlotte recorded a total of about \$5.6 billion, which was 30th in the state.

The BEA report studied more than 3,000 counties nationwide. Among large counties (those with populations exceeding 250,000), Oakland County (Michigan) showed the largest decline in personal income at 8.1 percent. Loudoun County (Virginia) had the greatest increase in income at 4.2 percent.

In small counties (populations of 50,000 or less), declines in personal income were primarily related to variations in farm income.

“Growth slowed in all but one of the nation’s 255 largest counties,” BEA concluded. Nationally, personal income, which had grown at 4 percent in 2008, declined 1.7 percent in 2009.

Hidalgo County (Texas) posted the lowest per capita personal income in 2009 at \$20,509. New York County (Manhattan) was the wealthiest at \$105,554.

## Oil spill economics

In a separate report, BEA took a look at the economic impact of the BP oil spill, which occurred in the Gulf of Mexico in April 2010. BP established an escrow account of \$20 billion to speed up the payment process, although there continue to be complaints that the money is being doled out at snail’s pace.

The report shows that payments escalated sharply as 2010 drew to a close. Fourth quarter payments were roughly five times the amount that had been paid in the second and third quarters.

Florida collected 37 percent of the BP oil spill payments made in the fourth quarter last year, which was slightly more than Louisiana received (34 percent). The BEA tracked payments made to individuals and not to governments.

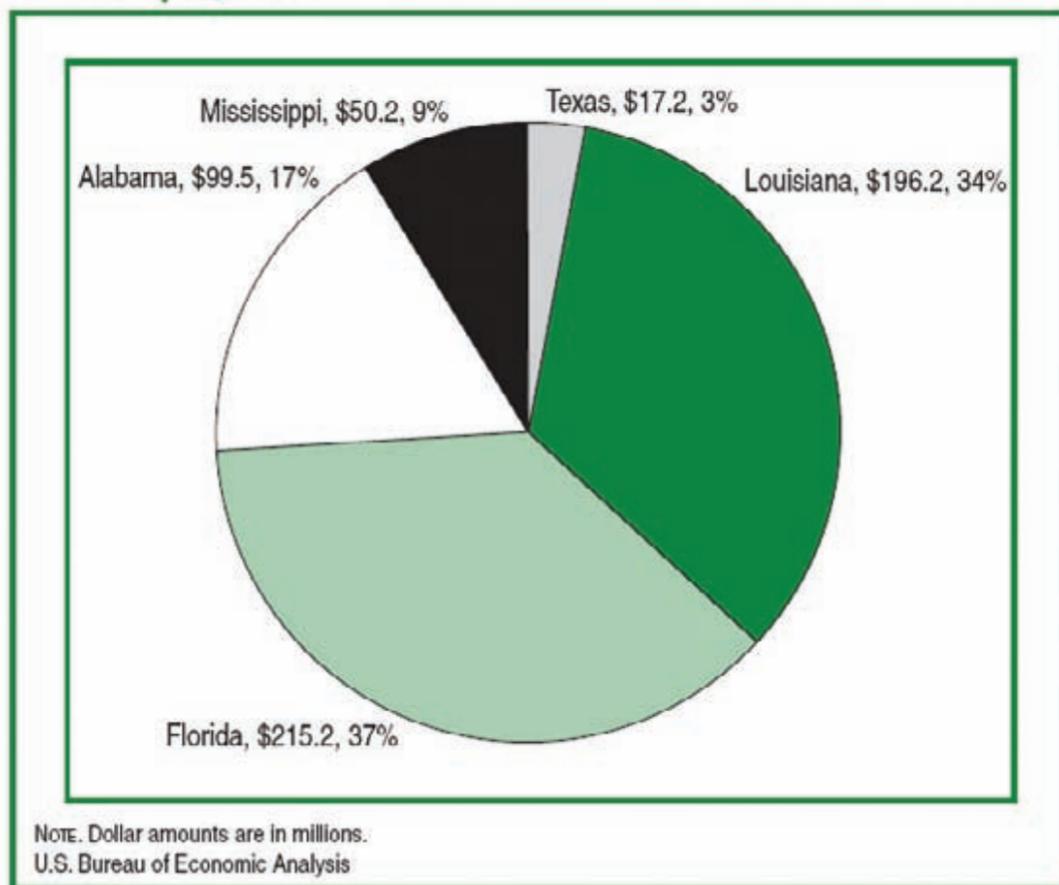
Payments made in the fourth quarter to Louisiana residents increased the personal growth rate in that state by 0.3 percentage point, the BEA report stated.

“The payments did not add more than 0.1 percentage point to growth in any other state,” the report added.

Fourth quarter payments in Florida, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and other areas totaled nearly \$1.76 billion dollars. Payouts in the previous two quarters amounted to about \$560 million. Florida has collected approximately \$800 million in payments, with \$678 million being paid out in the fourth quarter alone.

The BEA is part of the United States Department of Commerce. It was founded in 1972, and its primary responsibility is to produce statistical reports that enable governments and businesses to track economic performance. ■

**Chart 4. Current Transfer Receipts of Individuals From the BP Oil Spill, 2010**



# ETHICS

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president and CEO of this commercial general contractor.

The three finalists in the sixth annual awards competition will be honored at a business ethics roundtable luncheon at Florida Gulf Coast University, co-hosted

by the Uncommon Friends Foundation and the FGCU College of Business, on Thursday, June 2. The winner will be announced at that night at the “Uncommon Evening” celebration at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers. Also part of the evening is the presentation of Character Education Teacher Awards, 25 scholarships and the honorary life membership to Gary Trippe, managing director of BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company.

The public is invited to the “Uncommon Evening” beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 2. Individual tickets are \$60; tables of eight and sponsorships are available.

Past recipients of the Business Ethics Award from the Uncommon Friends Foundation are HomeBanc Mortgage Corp., WilsonMiller Inc., Bonita Bay Group, Shell Point Retirement Community and Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Co.

The foundation was established in 1993 with the mission to to instill ethics, moral values and a sense of purpose in tomorrow’s leaders. The foundation is dedicated to enriching society by promoting the positive values that the late James Newton, an author and resident of Fort Myers Beach, discovered in five intellectual giants who helped shape the 20th century: Thomas Edison, Henry Ford, Harvey Firestone, Dr. Alexis Carrel and Charles Lindbergh.

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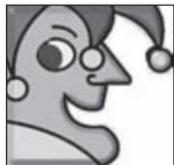


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Along with buying too much or too little of it, here are some other common mistakes people make:

■ People often buy unnecessary insurance. Insurance is meant to protect against financial losses.

Without health insurance, some illnesses could wipe you out. Similarly, life insurance protects against loss of income due to someone dying. So it doesn't necessarily make sense to insure the lives of your children, or even yourself, if you're single and no one is depending on your income.

■ Another mistake is looking at life insurance as a way for your survivors to get wildly rich. Don't view insurance as a lottery ticket. One rule of thumb is to be insured for five to 10 times your salary. For maximum peace of mind, and perhaps to cover future college expenses, you might cover 17 times your salary, or

more. Don't put off getting life insurance if you need it — most people who die young never expected to.

■ Think twice about flight insurance. Airplanes are just about the safest means of transportation — especially compared to cars — yet folks who don't carry sufficient auto insurance routinely buy flight insurance.

■ Many people, after paying into a policy for years, will stop due to some short-term budget crisis. This is rarely smart, as they're leaving themselves unprotected.

■ Finally, a big mistake many people make is insuring against some important risks but neglecting others. Learn about and consider buying car insurance, homeowner's insurance, renter's insurance, business insurance, disability insurance, long-term-care insurance, life insurance, health insurance, and even pet health insurance.

Depending on where you live, you might want to add flood insurance and earthquake coverage, as well. While some such policies are inexpensive, others may be pricey — but that's usually because you stand a good chance of filing a claim one day. ■

## My Dumbest Investment

### Friends losing money

My dumbest investment was buying into a Canadian penny stock. It seemed cheap, so I kept buying more shares. I ended up with about 25,000 shares, bought at an average price of \$1 apiece.

Some friends wanted in on the stock, too, so they would buy shares every time I did. In the end, one friend had 10,000 shares and another had 7,000. One day the stock hit \$7 per share, and we were feeling pretty good. A week later, it was at just \$0.01. We lost all our money.

My 25,000 shares had briefly been worth \$175,000, but were now just about worthless. One friend had lost \$10,000 and the other \$7,000. I've learned to follow my stocks daily and to never tell good friends about any stocks.

— M.J., online

**The Fool Responds:** It's important to keep up with your stock holdings, but don't let yourself obsess over their daily moves. If you invest in established, stable companies, checking in on them quarterly, when they release their earnings reports, can be enough. Steer clear of penny stocks, too — they tend to be ultra-risky money-losers. ■



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

Founded in 1948, my name comes from the sound of a slingshot-propelled missile hitting its target. Today I make fun stuff such as Frisbee® discs, Slip 'N Slide® water slides, Hula Hoop® hoops, Boogie® body boards, Snow Boogie® sleds and BZ® Pro Boards. I promoted my Hula Hoops heavily in 1958, and 25 million were sold over four months. In the 1960s, I sold 20 million SuperBalls, known for bouncing surprisingly high. Hacky Sacks were also a big hit. After long being independent, I was owned by Kransco and then Mattel for a while, and now Cornerstone owns me. Who am I? ■

(Answer: Answer: Wham-O)



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## Ask the Fool

### Earnings estimates

**Q** When I see "anticipated earnings" for a company's upcoming quarter, who is doing the anticipating?

— S.V., Springfield, Ill

**A** Earnings estimates usually reflect the consensus of Wall Street analysts who traditionally receive guidance from the companies themselves. Company bigwigs will frequently offer their earnings and revenue expectations for the coming quarters or years. In the past, they would often disclose such information privately to selected parties, but that's a no-no now, thank goodness.

Information on earnings expectations can help investors estimate a company's fair value. But given that they're ultimately just short-term guesses, they get too much attention. Also, since company stock can get punished for disappointing earnings, managements may undershoot their guidance.

For long-term investors, how a company will perform over the coming years or decades is most important, not what analysts expect will happen in the next three to 12 months. If you're aiming to hold on to a great company for a decade or more, the two numbers that will determine your ultimate gain are the price you bought at and the price you sold at, not the stock's price every three months.

**Q** What are investment "notes," and how risky are they?

— J.C., Newark, N.J.

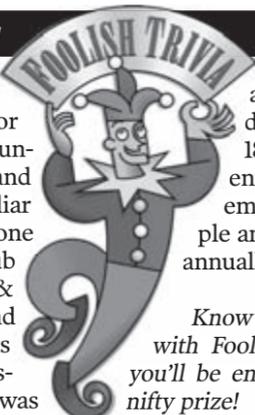
**A** The term "note" usually refers to an intermediate-term bond, with a life of between one and 10 years. Treasury notes, sold by the government, are the least risky. Corporate bonds are more risky. Higher-quality companies offer lower rates, while enterprises with lower credit ratings must offer higher interest rates in order to find buyers. The shakiest companies issue "junk bonds," with the high rates.

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## Name That Company

Founded in 1876 and based in Dusseldorf, Germany, I'm a major player in three business sectors: laundry and home care, cosmetics and toiletries, and adhesives. My familiar brands include Dial, Coast and Tone soaps; Purex detergents; Soft Scrub cleaners; Right Guard and Soft & Dri antiperspirants; and Loctite and Pritt adhesives. I also offer products for professional salons and industrial purposes. My first product was



a packaged washing powder, and for a period in the 1800s, 10 percent of my revenue came from tea. Today I employ roughly 48,000 people and take in about \$20 billion annually. 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

### A best buy?

Best Buy (NYSE: BBY) recently announced its 2010 fourth-quarter and full-year earnings, and most news coverage focused mainly on the negatives: weak TV sales; same-store sales down 4.6 percent; operating costs up; profits down 11 percent; market share a full percentage point lower.

Such negativity has sent shares downward, making them more attractive to prospective buyers.

There was some good news in the earnings reports, though. Gross profit margins were up slightly, partly due to a focus on higher-margin items such as smartphones. And looking beyond the earnings report, the company's outlook isn't so grim.

Some see Amazon.com killing Best Buy, but Amazon's edge on pricing looks shaky in light of state initiatives to require it to collect sales taxes. As this playing field gets leveled, the momentum may shift in Best Buy's favor as it capitalizes on its strengths: "boots-on-the-ground" expert advice on high-price purchases, and a local Geek Squad -business that can tame tech glitches.

Best Buy shares have recently been trading at a price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio of around 9, and they offer a dividend yield of roughly 2 percent, as well. Given the company's projected 11 percent five-year annualized earnings growth, the stock looks bargain-priced.

(Best Buy is a "Motley Fool Inside Value" choice, and the Fool owns shares of it. Amazon.com and Best Buy are "Motley Fool Stock Advisor" recommendations.) ■

# 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](mailto:kluk77@comcast.net) or visit [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org).

► **The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its annual dinner and community awards ceremony from 6-11 p.m. Friday, May 6, at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Tickets are \$160 per person. Register at [www.napleschamber.org/events](http://www.napleschamber.org/events).

► **The Southwest Florida Employer's Association** meets at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, at North Naples United Methodist Church. Guest speaker Jessica Macera will present "Trials, Truth, and Triumph: The Essentials of Building Trust in the Work-

place." Free for SWFEA members, \$25 for HR Collier and Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce members, and \$30 for others. Call 285-4777 or visit [www.humanresources-now.com](http://www.humanresources-now.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 is a senior portfolio manager at iShares. Cost is \$30 for CFA Society members, \$40 for non-members and \$15 for students. Register at [www.cfanaples.org](http://www.cfanaples.org). For more information, call Ken Thomas at 213-6160 or e-mail [kt63@ntrs.com](mailto:kt63@ntrs.com).

► **The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** presents "Understanding

Business in China," a workshop presented by attorney John Tang and CPA Mike Briners, from 8:30-10 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, at the chamber. Cost is \$10. Coffee, fruit and pastries will be served. Register by calling 992-2943 or visiting [www.BonitaSpringsChamber.com](http://www.BonitaSpringsChamber.com).

► **The East Naples Merchants Association** meets for Business After Business at 5:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month. The May 12 networking takes place at Alvino's Pizzeria, 8793 Tamiami Trail E. in St. Andrews Square. For more information, call 435-9410 or 643-3600.

► **The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Wake Up Naples at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 18, at the Hilton Naples. Cost is \$20 for

members, \$25 for others. Sign up at [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org).

► **ASID-Florida South Chapter** meets for lunch and a program about "Demystifying Resins" from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at Richlin Interiors, 4651 Mercantile Ave. Cost is \$15 for ASID members (\$10 if paid by May 18), \$25 for non-members. RSVP to Jackie Drake at [jroslyndrake@yahoo.com](mailto:jroslyndrake@yahoo.com).

► **The Public Relations Society of America-Gulf Coast Chapter** holds its next Lunch 'n' Learn from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, at the Hilton Naples. The panel discussion will be "How to Prepare an Effective Communication Plan for Disaster Preparedness." Register by Friday, May 20, at [www.gulfcoastprsa.org/events](http://www.gulfcoastprsa.org/events). ■

# NETWORKING

## The Barrister's Ball for the Legal Aid Society of Collier County



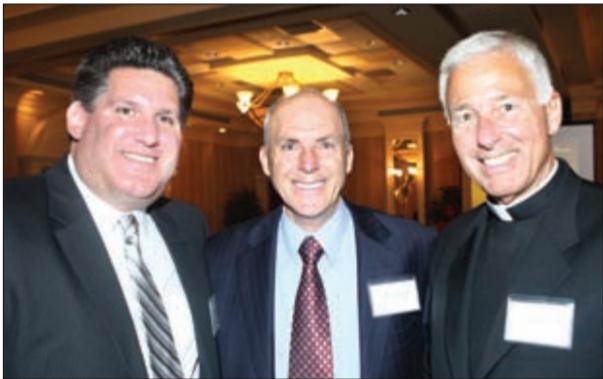
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# REAL ESTATE



Above: The Montessa. Below: The living room of the Ravenna.

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## New models open in Black Bear Ridge

**SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY**

Stock Development has opened three new model homes in Black Bear Ridge, a gated community on 50 acres off Vanderbilt Beach Road east of I-75 and west of Collier Boulevard/CR 951.

The Ravenna is a two-bedroom/study/two-bath home with 2,225 square feet under air and a total of 2,984 square feet.

The Montessa is a great-room design with three bedrooms and two baths under 2,293 square feet of living space. The home encompasses a total of 3,166 square feet.

Another great-room design, the Tivoli III has three bedrooms and two baths under 2,062 air-conditioned square feet and with a total of 3,057 square feet.

All three homes have a covered entry, an attached, two-car garage, a screened and covered lanai and a pool deck and spa.

Altogether, Black Bear Ridge



offers 13 single- and two-story floor plans, including courtyard plans, with two to five bedrooms and ups to 3½ baths. Prices begin at \$329,990.

Stock Development is marketing 61 of the community's 100 homesites,

most of which have lake and/or preserve views. A community clubhouse has a large, freeform pool. For more information, stop by the sales center at 7316 Acorn Way, or visit [www.stockdevelopment.com](http://www.stockdevelopment.com). ■

## Melissa Allen named Designer of Distinction

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Melissa Allen, the principal of MGA Interior Design, has been named Miromar Design Center's Designer of Distinction for the month of May. The award is based on nominations from representatives of the center's 45 furniture and interior design showrooms and retail stores. Designers are selected for their professionalism, creativity and commitment to the showroom partners.



ALLEN

She holds a bachelor's degree in interior design from Ohio State University and

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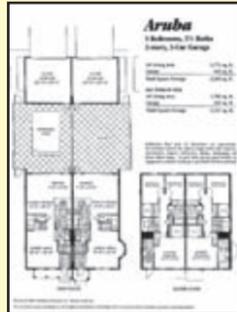
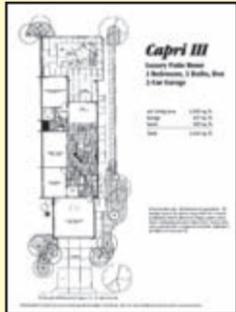


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**Causal Elegance** 4BR,3.5BA, features both formal living and dining, fireplace, custom moldings, and pool w/lake views! Pristine Condition. **Furnishings Included!**  
**Shows Like New \$499,000**

**NEW LISTING**



**Pristine 2/2** Capri nicely upgraded home with tile throughout, plantation shutters, private solar heated pool and more! Turnkey Furniture Package Available separately! **\$239,900**



**Town home** offers 3BA,3BA and 2 car-garage! Great light and bright end unit offers freshly painted interior, new carpet ,and large screen lanai, FRESH and ready to move right in!! **\$231,900**

### VILLAGE WALK VANDERBILT BEACH LOCATION



**The Manor**, only 18 of these beauties were built in Village Walk. 4 plus den, 3 1/2 baths, 3 car, with pool. **\$589,000**



**3BR, 2.5** Plus Den Very upgraded pool home on wide easement lot on quiet street. Not for the bargain hunter, but rather for the quality seeker. **\$449,900**



**UPGRADED**

**The unique** over-sized lot is only one of the fabulous features this 3BR,2.5 BA plus den has to offer. Upgraded throughout with tile in living areas, new stainless appliances, granite, private pool with lake view and more!  
**\$379,000**



**Oakmont** 3BR,2.5BA,plus den spacious single family home features open floor plan with upgrades including private heated salt pool with lake views! Accordion Hurricane protection for entire home and much more!  
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**LIKE NEW**

**LIKE NEW** single family 3BR, 2.5BA plus den offers 2181 under air! Home is decorator ready offers 20"porcelain tile in living areas, granite,complete hurricane protection, new A/C and more! **\$349,900** Owner Agent



**Extra clean** Oakmont with real wood floors, full hurricane protection—"turn key" package available. **\$339,000**



**Breath taking views** of 3 bridges from inside and out. Extended Capri 2BR,2BA with pool and roll down shutters, granite,side patio and more. **MUST SEE! \$285,000**



**SHORT SALE**

**2BR, 2BA** Capri located large corner lot with abundance of privacy! Great investment opportunity! **PRICE TO SELL!**  
**\$205,000 SHORT SALE**

### OTHER FINE LOCATIONS



**NEW PRICE**

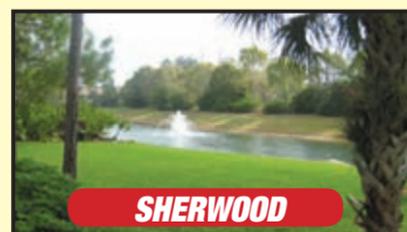
**VILLAGE WALK BONITA**

**Great Cul-de-sac location!** Oakmont Single family 3BR,2.5 BA in Village Walk of Bonita, extra clean, not a distress sale. **\$289,900**



**CYPRESS TRACE**

**ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS!** Lovely 2nd floor condo offers 2 BR,+ Den and a 1 car garage. Home is offered turnkey furnished and is just perfect for the full time resident or occasional vacation home! Your Golf and Club membership is included with your purchase! **\$179,900**



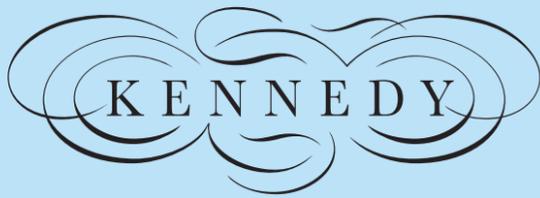
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**Pine Ridge | 60 North Street**

Estate home/guest house, 1.4 acres, 9640SF, exceptional detail! \$3,950,000



**Mediterra | 15204 Medici Way**

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**Livingston Woods | 6520 Daniels Rd.**

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**Audubon | 345 Chancery Way**

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**Estancia | 4801 Bonita Bay Blvd. #603**

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**West Bay Club | 22129 Natures Cove Ct.**

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**Spring Lakes | 11600 Red Hibiscus Dr.**

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**Bay Forest | 15465 Cedarwood Ln. #303**

Bermuda Bay II: Refurbished, 2/2, Hi-Ceilings, top flr, single car garage. \$238,000



**Laurel Oaks | 5769 Elizabeth Ann Way**

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**Old Naples Seaport | 1001 10th Ave.**

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Pacific as well as for Russ Lyon Sotheby's International Realty. She is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors.

■ **ML Meade** of Premier Sotheby's International Realty was named a Top Producer for 2010 by the Women's Council of Realtors-Naples on the Gulf and was awarded the Robbie Clark Award by the Marco Island Association of Realtors. Ms. Meade works from the Premier Sotheby's office in the Esplanade Shoppes on Marco. ■



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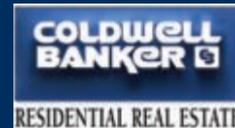
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**VILLAGE WALK OF BONITA SPRINGS** \$219,900

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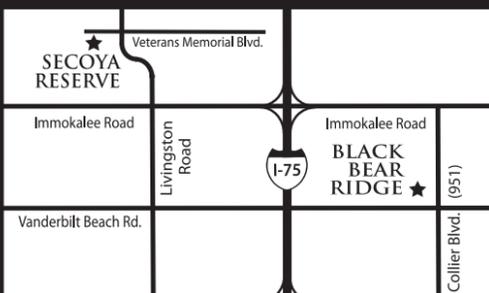
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**HAMMOCK BAY GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB - LESINA ▲** Home in the sky. 180-degree views of Marco & Ten Thousand Islands from 4BR, 3.5BA residence. Top-rate amenities.  
\$1,200,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685



**WYNDEMERE - LODGINGS ▲**  
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\$1,100,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



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**WYNDEMERE - GOLF COTTAGES ▲**  
Bright 2-story home. Clerestory windows, neutral tones, 1st floor master, 2 BRs/loft upstairs. Membership required.  
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**WYNDEMERE - GRASMERE ▲**  
A crisp, contemporary feeling in this 4BR/2.5BA stunning home. Lush landscaping. Social/golf membership required.  
\$675,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



**VINEYARDS - VALLEY OAK ▲**  
Breathtaking golf course views! Very private 4BR/3BA with den & loft, pool/spa. Low fees, PGA championship golf.  
\$659,000 | Mara Muller | 272-6170



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\$529,000 | Chris Wortman | 273-2007



**WYNDEMERE - PRESERVE ▲**  
Long lake and golf course views! Attached 3BR villa. Family room, upper loft & heated pool. Membership is required.  
\$475,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



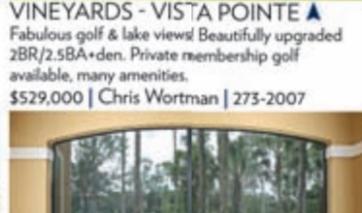
**WYNDEMERE - VILLA FLORESTA ▲**  
Beautifully updated kitchen, improved master/guest baths. Social or golf membership required (limited discounts).  
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**OLDE CYPRESS ▲**  
Exceptional three bedroom plus den villa home is tastefully furnished. Southern exposure, private pool and spa. \$449,900  
Sandra McCarthy-Meeks | 287-7921



**KENSINGTON - CANTERBURY GREENS ▲** Model perfect 3BR professionally decorated & turnkey furnished home. Heated pool/spa & a sports equity membership. \$449,500  
Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9090



**TIBURON - BOLERO ▲**  
Incredible golf views, charming 1st floor carriage home, decorated by Robb & Stucky. Social membership included. \$439,000  
Sharon Kaltenborn/Terri Moellers | 248-1964



**STONEBRIDGE - THORNBROOKE ▲**  
Gorgeous golf & preserve views. Tastefully updated, meticulously maintained 3BR pool home. Bundled golf community.  
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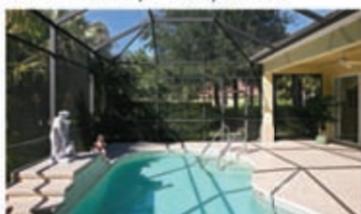
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**WYNDEMERE - COMMONS ▲**  
An absolutely stunning, 3BR/2BA remodeled end residence overlooks golf course. Social or golf membership required.  
\$425,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



**OLDE CYPRESS ▲**  
Elegant, open 2BR+den plan, heated pool and golf course views. Award-winning clubhouse, social membership included. \$399,000  
Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887



**VINEYARDS - REGENCY RESERVE ▲**  
Spectacular S. exposure golf/lake views. Spacious end 2BR/2BA + den/3BR. Resort amenities, 2 championship courses.  
\$368,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



**AUDUBON COUNTRY CLUB - ▲**  
Irregular size cul-de-sac lot with great views over golf course. Clubhouse, many social & recreational activities.  
\$299,900 | Teri Purvis | 860-6226



**WYNDEMERE - COMMONS ▲**  
Ultra spacious 4th floor 3BR/2BA corner condominium. Glassed-in lanai, lake and golf views. Membership required.  
\$299,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



**STONEBRIDGE - ASHTON OAKS ▲**  
Delightful 2BR/2BA+den coach home. Newly painted inside. Amenity-rich bundled golf community, new 18-hole course. \$299,000  
Carolyn McCarthy/Tom McCarthy | 243-6891



**WYNDEMERE - AMBLEWOOD ▲**  
Meticulously maintained and updated 3BR attached villa. 10' ceilings, 1,792 A/C SF and SE exposure. Furnished.  
\$229,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



**THE STRAND - WEDGEWOOD ▲**  
Country club lifestyle! Pristine 2BR/2BA den 1st floor villa, garage, S. exposure, golf course views! Guard-gated.  
\$199,500 | Lori Pheasant | 289-5720



**VINEYARDS - SILVER OAKS ▲**  
Well-priced 2BR/2BA condominium. SW exposure, golf views, rented thru 5/11. Clubhouse, pool, memberships available.  
\$194,900 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



**WYNDEMERE - COURTSIDE COMMONS ▲** Furnished, 2 masters, 2 glassed-in balconies, wood burning fireplace & volume ceilings. Club membership required.  
\$149,900 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



**PELICAN MARSH - BAY LAUREL ESTATES** ▲ Unsurpassed lake/fairway views. Soaring ceilings & Saturnia marble floors, granite, fireplace, wet bar, pool, spa. \$2,895,000 | Polly Himmel | 290-3910



**PELICAN BAY WOODS** ▲ Serene elegance, extraordinary 2-story 7 bedroom sanctuary. Secluded pool/patio area, cabana with full bath/sauna. \$2,395,000 | Cathy Owen | 269-3118



**PELICAN MARSH - BAY LAUREL ESTATES** ▲ Southern exposure, estate sized lot. Magnificent 2-story 4BR/4.5BA, family rm, den, 4,000 SF outdoor space w/pool. \$2,325,000 Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887



**PELICAN MARSH - MARSH LINKS** ▲ An exceptional 4BR/4.5BA+den, 4,100 SF home. Wide golf views. Membership to the world-class Golf Club is included. \$1,949,000 Ray Couret/Leah Ritchey | 293-5899



**PELICAN BAY - ST. RAPHAEL** ▲ 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. #1105 - Luxury 3BR/3.5BA + den tower residence has a spacious single-family home feeling plus spectacular high-rise views. \$1,945,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544



**PELICAN MARSH - TERRABELLA** ▲ Large, private lake-front property. Separate guest cabana, 4BR+den, open-air courtyard, pool, spa and 3-car garage. \$1,825,000 Rod/Trish Lowe Soars | 290-2448



**PELICAN BAY - MONTENERO** ▲ Panoramic views of Gulf & natural preserve. Generous 3,400 SF of living area. Well-appointed building, beach tram. \$1,795,000 Linda Perry/Judy Perry | 261-6161



**PELICAN BAY WOODS** ▲ One-of-a-kind! Every design element has been wonderfully executed in this model perfect, totally renovated home. \$1,695,000 | Adrienne Young | 261-6200



**PELICAN BAY - COCOBAY** ▲ Courtyard home has a separate guest cabana w/ full bath and main house with flexible plan. Heated pool, spa. \$1,399,999 | Cathy Owen | 269-3118



**PELICAN MARSH - PORTOFINO** ▲ Breathtaking panoramic lake views, oversized end of cul-de-sac lot. Charming 3BR/3BA+study, lanai with pool & spa. \$1,349,000 | Kelly Kent | 250-5480



**PELICAN MARSH - MUIRFIELD** ▲ Expansive and serene SW lake views! Impeccably maintained and updated 4BR/3BA+den home. Family room opens to pool. \$1,295,000 Sharon Kaltenborn/Terri Moellers | 248-1964



**PELICAN BAY - CHATEAUMERE ROYALE** ▲ Rarely available 2-story, 4BR penthouse thrills with 280 degree Gulf views plus east lake/golf views. Furnished. \$1,199,000 Mary Catherine/Larry White | 287-2818



**PELICAN MARSH - GABLES** ▲ Perfect 4BR home with long lake vistas. Recently updated, tastefully decorated, glass sliders to heated pool & spa. \$995,000 Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887



**PELICAN MARSH - GABLES** ▲ Wonderful 4BR/3BA with wide lake views in premier gated golf community. Den/office, heated pool/spa, 3-car garage. \$925,000 Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887



**PELICAN BAY - ST. LAURENT** ▲ Enjoy life on top of the world with panoramic Gulf views. Ten ft. ceilings, wall-to-wall glass, multiple terraces. \$899,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544

## PELICAN BAY

**CAP FERRAT** 6597 Nicholas Blvd. #PH-11 - Extraordinary Penthouse! World-Class Views! Elegant & quality interiors, expansive terraces encompassing 6,800 SF. \$5,490,000 | Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars | 216-1973

**COCOBAY** 7823 Cocobay Court - Unbelievably striking Tuscan-style villa! Every imaginable update from the new roof to the top-of-the-line kitchen. \$2,195,000 | Jeri Richey | 269-2203

**ST. MARISSA** 6573 Marissa Loop #PH1 - Unique, updated 5BR 2-story penthouse with panoramic Gulf and sanctuary views! Four lanais, tram to private beach. \$1,595,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894

**ST. RAPHAEL** 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. **OPEN SUN 1-4**  
#401 - Immaculate 3BR/3BA with a view of the Gulf! Marble flooring, 9' ceilings. Fitness center, pool, private beach club. \$1,399,000  
#409 - Real Gulf view from this 4th floor, 3BR+den with huge windows for maximum natural light from sunrise to sunset. \$1,295,000  
#1607 - Spectacular views over Gulf, Bay & golf! Exquisitely appointed 3BR/3BA. Health club, pool, tennis, 4 guest suites. \$1,250,000  
Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544

**HERON** 5555 Heron Point Drive #2002 - Spectacular unobstructed views of the Gulf Bay/preserve! An impeccable 2BR/3.5BA + den end residence! Beach tram. \$1,200,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980

**ST. KITTS** 6585 Nicholas Blvd. #2001 - Unbelievable Gulf views! Remodeled 3BR/2.5BA, open 36 ft. wide terrace, updated kitchen. Walk to private beach. \$1,200,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980

**TIERRA MAR** 584 Tierra Mar Lane - Exquisitely remodeled 2BR+den lakeside villa! S. exposure, single-level living. Expansive outdoor space, open pool. \$1,075,000 | Linda Piatt | 269-2322

**PINECREST** 803 Lake Vista Court - Appealing & well-maintained 3BR/3.5BA + den pool home on a cul-de-sac lot with views of the lake. Private beach. \$949,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678

**ST. RAPHAEL** 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. #602 - Lives Large! Professionally remodeled 2BR/2BA with stunning Gulf of Mexico views in a premier luxury high-rise. \$925,000 | Linda Piatt | 269-2322

**L'AMBIANCE** 2000 L'AMBIANCE CIRCLE #201 - Exceptional large, tropical aqua-scape view! Very spacious, gorgeous 3BR/3BA+den coach home. Incredible amenities. \$895,000 | Ellen Egglund | 571-7192

**CRESCENT** 8410 Abbingdon Circle #A16 - Wrapped with beautiful French doors, this is a very welcoming 3BR/3BA + family room. Upated kitchen, 2-car garage. \$875,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126

**ST. RAPHAEL** 7091 Pelican Bay Blvd. - Luxury beach-access villa with private pool! Three-story 2BR/3BA+den with garage. Gardens, world-class amenities! \$869,000 | Mara Muller | 272-6170

**MARBELLA** 7425 Pelican Bay Blvd. #1105 - Wonderful Gulf views from this 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath with approx. 2,000 total SF. Full service building. \$849,500 | Linda Perry/Judy Perry | 261-6161

**GROSVENOR** 6001 Pelican Bay Blvd. #302 - Rare direct 3BR/3BA front residence with western Gulf views. In perfect condition. Pool, fitness room, beach tram. \$799,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980

**GROSVENOR** 6001 Pelican Bay Blvd. #1005 - Financially stable high-rises. Beautifully-remodeled corner residence with breathtaking views. Tennis, beach tram. \$847,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126

**VILLAS OF PELICAN BAY** 561 Gulf Park Drive #4 - Upgraded 2-story attached villa. Main level master, 2nd floor master overlooks golf. Owner financing available. \$799,000 | Kathy Morris | 777-8654

**GROSVENOR** 6001 Pelican Bay Blvd. #1705 - Spectacular views, 17th floor sky-high living! Granite & marble in updated kitchen. Extra-large two bedroom. \$795,000 | Jeri Richey | 269-2203

**CRESCENT** 8456 Abbingdon Circle #1721 - Full SE exposure 3BR + den, 2nd floor townhouse, golf/ lake views. Furnished, 2,400 SF living area. Pet friendly. \$749,900 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741

**ST. PIERRE** 6825 Grenadier Blvd. #1802 - Incredible Gulf/sunset views! Premier high-rise, clean, updated, move in ready 2BR/2BA. Tennis, fitness & beach. \$699,000 | Kathy Morris | 777-8654

**CHATEAUMERE ROYALE** 6000 Pelican Bay Blvd. #901 - Panoramic Gulf, golf course, lake & city light views! End residence with southern exposure, walk to tennis & beach. \$599,000 | Mary Catherine/Larry White | 287-2818

**ST. TROPEZ** 5501 Heron Point Drive #504 - Panoramic Gulf/Clam Pass views! Spacious corner, 2BR+den with 1,420 A/C SF. Granite kitchen & steps to beach tram! \$622,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552

**CRESCENT** 8420 Abbingdon Circle #B25 - Pristine tastefully decorated 2BR/2.5BA+den condominium. Pool/spa. Private beach, tennis, golf/social memberships. \$590,000 | Sharon Kiptyk | 777-3899

**CALAIS** 7016 Pelican Bay Blvd. #102 - Not one element has been missed in this 1st floor condominium! Lives like a villa with fairway views, beach tram. \$585,000 | Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars | 216-1973

**GROSVENOR** 6001 Pelican Bay Blvd. #202 - This 2,500+ A/C SF residence occupies the West/Northwest corner. Two master suites + 3rd BR/den. Large balcony. \$575,000 | Linda Perry/Judy Perry | 261-6161

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## PELICAN BAY

**MARBELLA** 7425 Pelican Bay Blvd. #204 - Gorgeous 2BR+den with mangrove views. Near extensive health care opportunities, physician's office, 3 dining areas. \$560,000 | Jeannie McGearty | 248-4333

**ST. MARISSA** 6573 Marissa Loop #1002 - Endless Gulf of Mexico views from this 2BR plus den condominium. Beautifully updated building with great amenities. \$539,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731

**BREAKWATER** 800 Breakaway Lane #102 - Breathtaking view, reminiscent of a tropical luxury resort. Cheery 2BR+den, oversized 2-car garage & S. exposure. \$525,000 | Janet Rathbun | 860-0012

**DORCHESTER** 6075 Pelican Bay Blvd. #206 - Open and spacious 3BR/3BA with tranquil preserve and landscaped views from the 3 lanais. Walk to private beach. \$505,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980

**CHATEAUMERE** 6040 Pelican Bay Blvd. N. #401 - Beautiful 4th floor 3BR/3BA end residence. Lake, golf/Gulf views. Golf course (membership required), beach access. \$499,900 | Sue Black/Kristin Mikler | 250-5611

**ST. LUCIA** 6361 Pelican Bay Blvd. #105 - Lovely 3BR+den condominium lives like a single-family home. Walk to private beach. Heated pool/spa, fitness center. \$479,000 | Richard/Susie Culp | 290-2200

**ST. KITTS** 6585 Nicholas Blvd. #503 - Fabulous vacation home with Gulf views at a fabulous price! Turnkey furnished 2BR/2BA + den. Private Beach Club. \$475,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544

**L'AMBIANCE** 900 L'AMBIANCE CIRCLE #105 - A true 3BR/2BA 1st floor garden residence with western views over the wide lake & waterscape. Gatehouse, pool/spa. \$475,000 | Vickie Larscheid | 250-5041

**CHATEAUMERE** 6060 Pelican Bay Blvd. #203 - Gorgeous unobstructed lake/golf views! Spacious 2BR/2.5BA, only 20 residences. Pools, walk to tennis, beach tram. \$463,888 | Heidi Deen | 370-5388

**SANCTUARY** 5950 Pelican Bay Blvd. #125 - Great scenic views! 3BR/2BA with large spacious wraparound balconies. Spectacular amenities with beach tram & golf. \$430,000 | Polly Himmel | 290-3910

**INTERLACHEN** 6770 Pelican Bay Blvd. #215 - Turnkey furnished, 1st floor 2BR plus den with 1,572 SF. Tram to beach is accross street. Renovated amenities. \$429,900 | Mara Muller | 272-6170

**AVALON** 8410 Excalibur Circle #A5 - Light, bright and tidy 2BR, 2BA with one-car garage. Near community pool, walk to fitness center, tennis & more. \$350,000 | Richard/Susie Culp | 290-2200

**GLENCOVE** 5807 Glencove Drive #807 - This property holds the prime 2nd floor location. SW corner, soaring ceilings, split-floor plan, courtyard views. \$345,000 | Vickie Larscheid | 250-5041

**CRESCENT** 8472 Abbingdon Circle #2021 - Top floor 3BR plus family room, 2.5BA coach home, private elevator, 2-car garage. Private beach access, tennis. \$695,000 | Chris Wortman | 273-2007

**POINTE** 1665 Via Meznar #204 - Beautifully maintained 1st floor residence with delightful interior. Private patio. Quality furnishings included. \$695,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741

**SAN MARINO** 6860 San Marino Drive #402 - Steps from beach. Meticulously maintained 2BR/2BA great room plan with upgraded baths. Private golf course view. \$675,000 | Tess McCarthy/Tom McCarthy | 207-0118

**ST. TROPEZ** 5501 Heron Point Drive #602 - Spectacular Gulf view by day, sunsets and skyline at night! Beautifully remodeled 2BR+den condominium. Beach club. \$650,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544

**ST. TROPEZ** 5501 Heron Point Drive #1001 - Picturesque view of Clam Bay/ Gulf! Two balconies, brand new decor, updated baths. Offered furnished. Beach access. \$639,000 | Fred Alter | 269-4123

## PELICAN MARSH

**Single Family Homes**

**BAY LAUREL ESTATES** 8659 Blue Flag Way - Casually elegant 4BR/5.5BA+den courtyard home. W. pool exposure, guest cabana, over 5,000 sq. ft., lake/golf views. \$2,025,000 | Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887

**BAY LAUREL ESTATES** 8703 Purslane Drive - Pool, spa, and waterfall on quiet preserve. Lovely main home, 2-story 5 room cabana. Large outdoor living area. \$1,899,900 | Mary Catherine/Larry White | 287-2818

**ARBORS** 1307 Little Blue Heron Court - A spectacular home at the end of a cul-de-sac with a 180 degree view of the signature 5th hole. Custom features. \$1,600,000 | Mara Muller | 272-6170

**PORTOFINO** 1481 Via Portofino - Amazing lake/golf views! Private villa, side yard. SE exposure, 12' ceilings & lanai. Immaculate 5BR/4.5BA + den. \$1,450,000 | Ray Couret/Leah Ritchey | 293-5899

**GRAND ISLE** 1088 Grand Isle Drive - An enchanting 4BR/4.5 + den courtyard villa overlooks golf course. Warm casual elegance. Poolside guest cabana. \$1,325,000 | Pat Callis | 250-0562

## Single Family Homes

**IVY POINTE** 1838 Ivy Pointe Court - Impeccable expanded courtyard home with preferred S exposure. Beautiful lakefront setting. Pool and guest cabana. \$825,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678

**ISLAND COVE** 2276 Island Cove Circle - Gorgeous sunset views from expanded lakeside lanai. Furnished 3BR/3BA detached villa. Social/golf club memberships. \$575,000 | Sharon Kaltenborn/Terri Moellers | 248-1964

**ISLAND COVE** 2255 Island Cove Circle - Thoughtful design, pleasant living spaces, open 2BR+den overlooks lake. Equity & non-equity memberships available. \$530,000 | Linda Perry/Judy Perry | 261-6161

**VENTURA** 8816 Ventura Way - Expansive great room & kitchen. "Spinnaker" floor plan, 3 BR plus loft/den, lanai with pool. Attached 2-car garage. \$399,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980

## Condominiums/Villas

**PORTOFINO** 1414 Via Portofino - Exceptional villa lifestyle! Sensational lake and golf views. 2,833+ A/C SF, 2BR+den with 14 ft. ceilings. \$929,000 | Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars | 216-1973

**ISLAND COVE** 2324 Island Cove Circle - Stunning SE lake view! Beautifully maintained 2BR/2.5BA+den detached villa. Tile floors, newer A/C, 2-car garage. \$589,000 | Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887

**TIMARRON** 1860 Timarron Way - "Spinnaker" floor plan with 3BRs, 3BAs plus den. Heated pool/spa overlooking lake. Two-car garage. Turnkey. \$575,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231

**ISLAND COVE** 2271 Island Cove Circle - Elegant 2BR/2.5BA with lake views, privacy, optional den/3rd bedroom suite, fine finishings and extended lanai. \$575,000 | Linda Perry/Judy Perry | 261-6161

**TROGN LAKES** 9194 Trogn Lakes Drive - Pristine 3BR + den pool home with numerous upgrades and 2-car attached garage. Pet friendly. Aggressively priced! \$550,000 | Cathy Owen | 269-3118

**TIMARRON** 1944 Timarron Way - Popular 3BR/3BA+den plan. Light, SE lake front location. Many upgrades, outdoor space has heated pool/spa, kitchen. \$529,000 | Sharon Kaltenborn/Terri Moellers | 248-1964

**OSPREY POINTE** 9009 Whimbrel Watch Lane #101 - Absolutely stunning 3BR/2.5BA 1st floor coach home! Quiet golf course view, across from pool and 2 miles to beach. \$499,900 | Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887

**OSPREY POINTE** 9025 Whimbrel Watch Lane #101 - Stunning golf course vistas, 1st floor 3BR/2.5BA coach home, 2-car garage. Golf club, tennis & fitness facilities. \$489,000 | Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887

**SEVILLE** 1836 Seville Blvd. #1121 - Totally renovated & highly upgraded 3BR/3BA+den with 2,400 sq. ft. A/C. Steps from pool, fitness room & clubhouse. \$475,000 | Roya Nouhi | 290-9111

**SEVILLE** 1816 Seville Blvd. #922 - Exceptional 3BR+den coach home on cul-de-sac & lake. Fitness ctr, pool/spa, memberships for golf, tennis & dining. \$415,000 | Linda Perry/Judy Perry | 261-6161

**SEVILLE** 1836 Seville Blvd. #1111 - Wonderfully appointed 3BR/2BA 1st floor lake front coach home. Private membership golf, tennis, club. Furnished. \$415,000 | Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887

**CLERMONT** 1560 Clermont Drive #202 - Private corner garden & fountain view from lanai. \$30,000 in upgrades! Grand great room, 3BR/2BA. Offered "as-is". \$405,900 | Tess McCarthy/Tom McCarthy | 207-0118

**CLERMONT** 1610 Clermont Drive #105 - S. facing 1st floor end residence, 2-car garage. Fairway/lake views. New features, equity social/golf memberships. \$400,000 | Mara Muller | 272-6170

**RAVENNA** 2449 Ravenna Blvd. #102 - This darling, upgraded coach home has it all! Easy maintenance lifestyle. Private end residence. Golf/lake views. \$395,000 | Janet Rathbun | 860-0012

**CLERMONT** 1575 Clermont Drive #202 - Sophisticated elegance in an intimate gated enclave of coach homes, steps from community center. Attached garage. \$349,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552

**ARIELLE** 2205 Arielle Drive #1301 - Long lake views & sunsets from this 3BR plus den, 2,661 total SF upstairs corner residence with 2-car garage. \$310,000 | Sharon Kaltenborn/Terri Moellers | 248-1964

**ARIELLE** 2130 Arielle Drive #307 - Completely remodeled 1st floor 2BR/2BA + den coach home with wide golf course views. Upscale community near beach. \$300,000 | Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887

**ARIELLE** 2230 Arielle Drive #1904 - Wonderfully maintained 2nd floor, 3BR/2BA with beautiful southern lake views. Turnkey furnished. Attached garage. \$299,900 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231

# Florida Weekly's Open Houses

**Open Houses are Sunday 1-4, unless otherwise marked**

## >\$200,000

**1 • VILLAGE WALK •** 3250 Village Walk Circle Ste #101 • low \$200,000's to mid \$400,000's • Illustrated Properties Real Estate, Inc. - Call 239-596-2520 • Mon-Fri 11 to 4 and Sat-Sun 11 to 4

**2 • ROYAL HARBOR AREA - OYSTER BAY - FOUR WINDS •** 1125 Little Neck Court #G-63 • \$249,000 • Premier Sotheby's International Realty • Kathy Morris 777-8654

**3 • THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD - MORNINGSIDE •** 23031 Rosedale Drive #202 • \$299,000 • Premier SIR • Maryanne Kennedy 405-0266

## >\$300,000

**4 • BONITA BAY - BAY POINTE •** 26956 Montego Pointe Court #101 • \$309,000 • Premier SIR • Trudy Salyers 398-8901

**5 • GARDEN BEACH BUNGALOWS NORTH NAPLES •** 692 94th Avenue • \$359,000 • Kennedy Details - Barb Kennedy 239-594-9689 • Sunday 1 to 4 Broker Protected

## >\$400,000

**6 • THE STRADA AT MERCATO •** Located just North of Vanderbilt Beach Rd on US 41 • From \$400s • Premier SIR • Call 239-594-9400 • Mon. - Sat. 10-8 and Sun. 12-8

**7 • LEMURIA •** 7172 Lemuria Circle #1602 • Prices from the mid \$400s. • Premier SIR • Tom Gasbarro 404-4883 • Open Mon. - Fri. 10-4 and Sat. - Sun. 1-4

**8 • GARDEN BEACH BUNGALOWS NORTH NAPLES •** 613 109th Avenue • \$459,000 • Kennedy Details - Barb Kennedy 239-594-9689 • Sunday 1 to 4 Broker Protected

**9 • PARK SHORE - PARK SHORE LANDINGS •** 255 Park Shore Drive #331 • \$495,000 • Premier SIR • Larry Roorda 860-2534

**10 • OLD NAPLES - THE LANDING •** 306 - 2nd Street South • \$499,000 • Premier SIR • Cindy Thompson 860-6513

## >\$500,000

**11 • BONITA BAY - ESPERIA and TAVIRA •** 26951 Country Club Drive • New construction from the mid \$500s. • Premier SIR • Call 239-495-1105 • Mon. - Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 12-5

## >\$600,000

**12 • GARDEN BEACH BUNGALOWS NORTH NAPLES •** 628 106th Avenue • \$679,000 • Kennedy Details - Barb Kennedy 239-594-9689 • Sunday 1 to 4 Broker Protected

**13 • PELICAN BAY - POINTE I •** 665 Via Mezner #204 • \$695,000 • Premier SIR • Marilyn Moir 919-2400

## >\$700,000

**14 • THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE •** 280 Grande Way • Starting in the \$700s. • Premier SIR • Call 239-594-1700 • Mon. - Sat. 10-5 and Sun. 12-5

**15 • PELICAN ISLE YACHT CLUB CONDOS •** 435 Dockside Drive • \$749,000 to \$1,499,000 • Bridgette Foster 239-253-8001, Amerivest Realty

## >\$800,000

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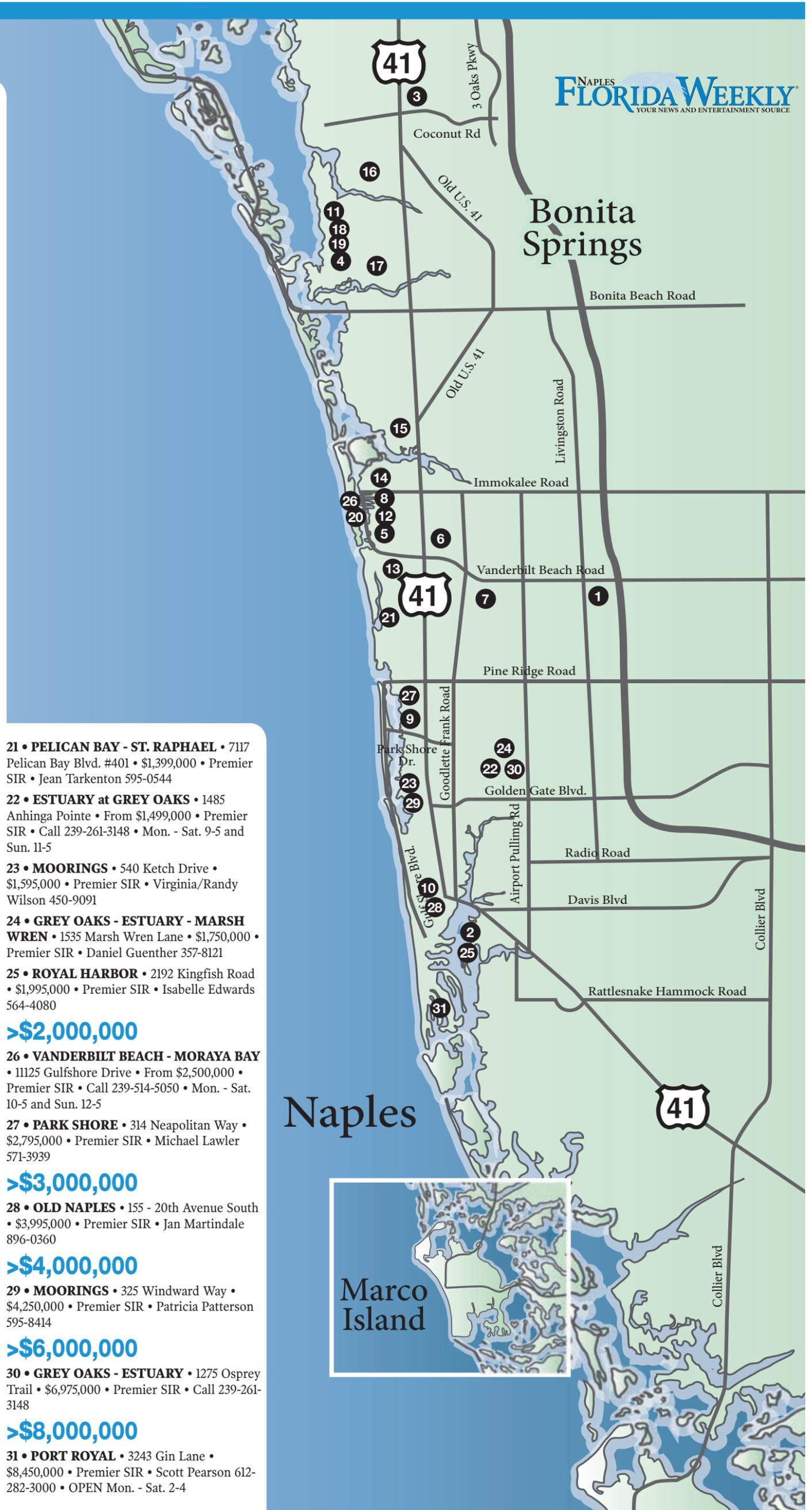
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# THE DEVIL'S MUSIC

MICHE BRADEN BRINGS BLUESWOMAN BESSIE SMITH TO LIFE

BY NANCY STETSON  
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"I JUST WANT TO OOZE SEX!" Miche Braden declares about her portrayal of blues singer Bessie Smith in "The Devil's Music: The Life and Blues of Bessie Smith."

The title character "was very sexy," the actress/singer adds. "She was bigger than life. When she walked into a room, she took it over... and her talent was just as big."

"Everything she sang oozed sex."

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Miche Braden as Bessie Smith

COURTESY PHOTOS

## Famed photojournalist focuses on von Liebig exhibit

BY SARA DEWBERRY

Special to Florida Weekly

Just "imagine" documenting the Beatles' first tour to the United States. Or being in the room when Bobby Kennedy was assassinated, beside Coretta Scott King at Martin Luther King Jr.'s funeral or on the streets following the destruction of the World Trade Center towers.

Over the last six decades, photographer Harry Benson has been there, done that, in addition to capturing formal images of icons including Oprah Winfrey, Winston Churchill, Michael Jackson and Queen Elizabeth II.

Among Mr. Benson's latest assignments was jurying "Camera USA" for the Naples Art Association. The NAA's

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Harry Benson

# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHT

## The dating twinkle

“...it’s hard to be impressed by a man who begins things with a twinkle...”

I wanted to be flattered, impressed that the stranger who looked so intense had signaled his interest. But the truth is his approach was gutless. Chatting someone up in person takes courage. That’s why women respond to the men who have the gumption to try. The young entrepreneur had it. The do-gooder, too. But the chain-smoking introvert across the way? Not so much.

In the end, I ignored his online overture. He hadn’t even dared to send a message. No risk, no reward, as they say. Anyway, it’s hard to be impressed by a man who begins things with a twinkle. ■



Once a month, I attend a networking social that is a sort of singles club masquerading as highbrow cultural exchange. The group draws together the kind of people who have lived abroad, who like to smoke cigarettes and complain about the current state of things while sipping overpriced drinks at the bar. I fit awkwardly into these soirees, but I follow my friends there. Plus, there’s always the chance of meeting someone interesting.

At the last event, I ordered my own expensive cocktail and chatted with friends in a cloud of self-righteous cigarette smoke. They talked politics and the environment, world affairs and international development. I tried to figure out how a mojito cost \$10.

We lingered by the bar and chatted with the new people who passed: a young entrepreneur, a 30-something reporter. The entrepreneur was visiting from Korea but had to duck out for another, apparently more appealing, affair. He asked for my cell phone number on his way out and blew kisses at each of my cheeks.

“We’ll do dinner,” he said.

“I love dinners,” I said.

He ta-taed his fingers at our group and left.

Across the bar, a man drew heavily on his cigarette and sent smoldering looks in our direction.

Another young man came into our circle. He was a friend of a friend of one of the women, and they struck up a deep conversation about charitable giving. He was tall and slim with long, delicate hands and hair like copper wire. I listened with half an ear, but mostly I spied on the dark stranger across the bar. He was older than my crowd with hair gone gray at the temples. An early gray, but enough to call salt and pepper. He didn’t speak to anyone at the gathering, just smoked cigarette after cigarette and gazed intently at the space above our heads.

At the end of the night, my friends all air-kissed each other’s cheeks and made our way out of the bar. I glanced over my shoulder, wondering if the enigmatic stranger might approach at the final moment, but he had already slipped away from the party.

He must have gone straight home and directly to his computer because in the morning I had a new message in my inbox: “Xavier has twinkled you.”

Twinkled?

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# Derby Fest on Fifth' promises dining, big hats and mint juleps

Big hats, mint juleps and Southern charm will take over Fifth Avenue South for "Derby Fest on Fifth" Saturday, May 7. Starting at 5:30 p.m., the avenue will be transformed into a series of dinner lounges along the center of the street, with 20 restaurants offering special prix fixe dinner menus from \$25-\$60 per person for reserved, on-street dining.



ment on the street, we expect a great turnout."

Reservations are required for on-street dining and should be made directly with participating restaurants. Seating is limited. "Derby Fest on Fifth" participating restaurants and their per-person dinner prices are:

- **Altin's Cafe & Grill** - \$35; 261-5853
- **Avenue Wine Café** - \$25; 403-9463
- **Bella Maria**; \$50 - 403-7222
- **Bellini on Fifth** - \$50; 261-1117
- **Bistro 821**; \$55 - 261-5821
- **Café Luna**; \$50 - 213-2212
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- **Fifth Avenue Coffee Company** - \$25; 261-5757
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Guests will be treated to complimentary horse-drawn carriage rides and will be welcomed with a mint julep cocktail and a rose. Live jazz along the length of the avenue will be by musicians including Bob Zottola, Stu Shelton and Dan Heck.

Naples Art Association members will create caricatures and sketches, and three-dimensional artists will demonstrate their craft. The Naples Players will perform spontaneous small performances within and around the dining lounges.

Proceeds from the evening will be split between the NAA and The Naples Players.

The idea for transforming all of Fifth Avenue into a "Run for the Roses" dining lounge started with the "Films and Flavors" event that was such a success last fall, Gligor Tuparov of Vergina restaurant explains.

"People loved the idea of dining in the center of the street, and the last event sold out quickly," Mr. Tuparov says. "This time we have even more restaurants participating. Combined with the most popular Naples jazz groups and other entertain-

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# MUSIC

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Ms. Braden stars as the legendary Ms. Smith, “the Empress of the Blues,” May 6-22 at Florida Repertory Theatre.

## A big influence

Bessie Smith was popular in the roaring 1920s and the '30s. Her first record, “Downhearted Blues,” was a big hit, eventually earning the Grammy Hall of Fame Award and a place in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame as one of 500 songs that shaped rock 'n' roll. She made a film appearance in 1929 in “St. Louis Blues,” and she recorded a number of songs with Louis Armstrong. Her singing influenced Billie Holiday and gospel singer Mahalia Jackson, among others.

“Billie wanted a voice like Bessie, but she didn't have it,” Ms. Braden says. “Mahalia made no bones about the fact that she used to listen to Bessie when she was growing up in Louisiana. Mahalia sang to the glory of the Lord, but you change the words, and you're back at the blues again.

“It's the chicken or the egg — you don't know which came first, blues or gospel.”

Ms. Smith also greatly influenced Janis Joplin. Ms. Braden notes that Ms. Joplin, upon discovering that her idol's grave had no tombstone, purchased one for her.

Her songs were raunchy, full of double entendres.

“You know what that innuendo is, then you know she's talking about certain things,” Ms. Braden says, citing “Empty Bed Blues” and its references to “deep sea diving and coffee grinding.”

Ms. Braden has portrayed other blues singers, including Ms. Holiday, Ma Rainey and Valaida Snow, and has been performing “The Devil's Music” for the past 10 years. The *New York Daily News* named it third of the top 10 Off-Broadway shows in 2001, and her portrayal earned her a Carbonell nomination (South Florida's version of the Tonys) and a nomination for the Connecticut Critics Award.

She and director Joe Brancato met 20 years ago.

“We've been tight ever since,” she says. “I call him my brother.”

When Mr. Brancato asked her 13 years ago who she'd most like to play, she recalls, her instant reply was: “Bessie Smith.” The two of them hoped to write the play themselves, but when they couldn't find the time to do so, Mr. Brancato commissioned Angelo Parra to write it. Over a two-year span, the three met numerous times to go over various versions of the play, Ms. Braden says.

At one point, she adds, the show had multiple characters.

The final version has Ms. Smith giving an informal concert at a buffet flat. She had been booked to perform at a white theater earlier that evening, but when they wouldn't allow her to walk through



COURTESY PHOTO

Miche Braden stars in Florida Repertory Theatre's “The Devil's Music: The Life and Blues of Bessie Smith,” opening May 6.

the front door because she was black, Ms. Smith walked out.

A buffet flat, Ms. Braden explains, “is a good-time flat, but it was basically a house that was opened up, that would house you. It would have beds, because there were places you couldn't stay unless you were white. It had entertainment, gambling, food and sexual favors. You might pay a price at the door.”

One number she sings, “Soft Pedal Blues,” is about “putting the soft pedal on,” she says. “You can't make a lot of noise because it's after hours.”

## Theater, with music

The show consists of more than a dozen songs, with Ms. Braden accompanied on stage by pianist Aaron Graves, saxophonist Anthony Nelson and stand-up bassist James Hinkins (who is her uncle).

The audience becomes the patrons of the buffet flat.

“There's no fourth wall,” Ms. Braden says, adding Ms. Smith is “speaking her mind, because she's with her own folks. She's cussing, everything. She's not holding anything back.”

She's also drinking freely throughout the night.

“Bessie loved hooch,” she says.

The show is not a concert. Nor is it cabaret or a jukebox musical. “It is definitely theater, with a lot of music.

“It's an evening of entertainment. You see all the craziness she goes through... She didn't hold back anything. She lived her life to the fullest, as she could see.”

Florida Rep's advertising warns that the show contains adult language.

“Some people don't bring their kids, because of the cussing,” Ms. Braden says. “But they hear a lot of it in school. It's

not anything they haven't heard. That was her nature. That was how she was.”

## Back to her roots

Ms. Braden herself has made her living as a jazz singer and club entertainer, so she's accustomed to telling stories in between songs.

“There was music all around me all the time, growing up,” she says. She was raised in Detroit, by parents who were both musicians. Her father sang and directed the choir, and her mother played pipe organ.

“When Paul Robeson came to town, he didn't bring his accompanist; my mother played for him,” she says. “My uncle played with all these different jazz people, people I worked with when I got older. I was always exposed to it.

“I think my growing up in Detroit is the reason I am who I am now. I was around some of the greatest musicians in the world. The Motown musicians were my daddies: Earl Van Dyke, Thomas ‘Beans’ Bowles, Uriel Jones, who played drums.”

Mr. Van Dyke was head of the Funk Brothers, who were the session musicians who played for Motown Records.

“I was their band singer when they did gigs,” Ms. Braden says. And Thomas “Beans” Bowles' son was her second husband.

In addition to performing in plays and teaching music (including classes in Belgium and Japan), Ms. Braden has a creative arts ministry at her church, Unity Fellowship Church of New Brunswick, N.J. “We're very small, but we draw a lot of artists,” including singers, musicians, writers, clothing designers, she says. “I like to study the history of musicians,

## in the know

>> “The Devil's Music: The Life and Blues of Bessie Smith”

>> **When:** May 6-22

>> **Where:** Florida Repertory Theatre, 2267 First St., Fort Myers

>> **Tickets:** \$39, \$44 and \$20 (May 5 preview, \$20 and \$25)

>> **Info:** 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org

their life, what inspired their music.”

Ms. Smith, she says, “didn't just sing a couple of songs. She has a whole production. The kids today couldn't hold a candle to Bessie. She had dancers, comedians, vaudeville acts, a whole production. She was the top of the line in her day.

“She had a voice! They didn't have a lot of amplification in those days, and she didn't need it. She was a powerhouse. Like Aretha (Franklin) now, or Jennifer Hudson. A belter! And she belted soprano. Everything she sang was a belt.”

According to Ms. Braden, Ms. Smith was one of the wealthiest black entertainers of her day, earning about \$2,000 a week in her heyday. “We're talking about right after the Depression, and she's making that kind of money.”

She even had her own railroad car at one point — a creative way of having a place to stay when most hotels were “whites only.”

“She was an innovator,” she adds. “If it was new, she was doing it. She was top dog in that era... Like Tina Turner, bringing in thousands and thousands of people to a concert.

“She took the blues and made it the art form that is with us today.” ■

# BENSON

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first all-photograph show, the exhibit opens at The von Liebig Art Center on Friday, May 13. Mr. Benson will deliver a lecture about his career at 4 p.m., and the opening reception will be from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Originally from Scotland, Mr. Benson arrived in America with the Beatles in 1964 to document their first and third

U.S. tours. He has photographed every U.S. president from Dwight Eisenhower to Barack Obama, and his work is a part of the permanent collections of the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery in Washington, D.C., and the Scottish National Portrait Gallery in Edinburgh. He photographed for LIFE magazine from 1970-2000 and is presently under contract with Vanity Fair.

Mr. Benson's lecture is sponsored by the Naples Garden Club.

Professional and amateur photographers from 24 states submitted images for juried review to be considered for

the “Camera USA” exhibit. Subject matter varied from scenic shots of the California coast to botanical close-ups, self-portraits and pets. Submissions included collages, digitally enhanced photographs, traditional 35mm work and unaltered snapshots.

One overall winner will receive a \$5,000 grand prize and a trip to Naples.

The “Camera USA” exhibition and grand prize award are sponsored by Physicians Regional Healthcare System, City Mattress, Publix Super Markets Charities, the *Naples Daily News*, Susan H. Earl and an anonymous donor. ■

## in the know

>> “Harry Benson: 60 Years in Photography”

>> **When:** 4 p.m. Friday, May 13

>> **Cost:** \$10 for Naples Art Association member, \$15 for others

>> **Also:** Opening reception for “Camera USA”

>> **When:** 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, May 13

>> **Cost:** Free for NAA members, \$10 for others

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## Weekend Best Bets



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■ **May 6:** Collier County Student Art Show. Rookery Bay. 417-6310 or [www.rookerybay.org](http://www.rookerybay.org).

■ **May 6-8:** Passages of Time: History Through Our Eyes. Guess-Fisher Gallery. 659-2787 or [www.natalieguess.com](http://www.natalieguess.com).

■ **May 6-8:** Historic Palm Cottage Tours. Naples Historical Society. 261-8164 or [www.napleshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.napleshistoricalsociety.org).

■ **May 6-8:** Uncommon Everglades. Museum of the Everglades. 695-0008 or [www.evergladesmuseum.org](http://www.evergladesmuseum.org).

■ **May 6-8:** Exhibit: Paint, Pastel, Pencil, Pen. Rosen Gallery & Studios. 821-1061 or [www.rosenraku.com](http://www.rosenraku.com).

■ **May 7-8:** Storytime in the Children's Garden. Naples Botanical Garden. 643-7275 or [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org).

## Theater

■ **Beehive: The '60s Musical!** - By TheatreZone in the G&L Theater, through May 15. (888) 066-3352 or [www.theatrezone-florida.com](http://www.theatrezone-florida.com).

■ **Rumors** - By The Naples Players at the Sugden Community Theatre through May 15. 263-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

■ **The Devil's Music** - The Life & Blues of Bessie Smith through May 22 at Florida Repertory Theatre, Fort Myers. 332-4488 or [www.floridarep.org](http://www.floridarep.org). See story page C1.

■ **Rent** - At Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers, through May 14. 278-4422 or [www.broadwaypalm.com](http://www.broadwaypalm.com).

■ **A Second Helping: The Church Basement Ladies Sequel** - At the Off Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers, through May 29. 278-4422 or [www.broadwaypalm.com](http://www.broadwaypalm.com).

■ **Charlotte's Web** - By the Broadway Palm Children's Theatre, Fort Myers, through May 13. 278-4422 or [www.broadwaypalm.com](http://www.broadwaypalm.com).

## Thursday, May 5

■ **Unreal & Unlikely** - Magician Joshua Jay performs at 6 and 8 p.m. tonight through Saturday at The Norris Center. \$40. [www.joshuajaysunreal.com](http://www.joshuajaysunreal.com).

■ **Look Who's 40** - Earth, Wind & Fire brings its 40th anniversary show to the Barbara B. Man Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 481-4849 or [www.bbmannpah.com](http://www.bbmannpah.com).

■ **Time For Art** - The Center for the

The Fab Four brings John, Paul, Ringo and George to life with songs from "I Wanna Hold Your Hand" to "Hey Jude." Coming May 19 to the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, the show includes three costume changes reflecting the different eras of the Beatles' career. 597-1900 or [www.ThePhil.org](http://www.ThePhil.org).

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■ **Cinco de Mayo** - Blue Agave celebrates Cinco de Mayo all day today and Friday with giveaways and contests. On Friday, Smokin' Joe appears at 5:30 p.m. and DJ Express takes the stage at 9 p.m. 3785 Tamiami Trail E. 262-2582.

■ **Night Out** - Village Nights runs from 6-9 p.m. at the Village on Venetian Bay.

## Friday, May 6

■ **Hot Wheels** - The Cool Cruisers Car Show runs from noon-5 p.m. down 10th Street to Fifth Avenue South and then along Third Street to Crayton Cove. 263-9448.

■ **Pet Party** - It's Yappy Hour from 2-7 p.m. at Camp Bow-Wow, 3382 Mercantile Ave. Let your fur down with Top Dog Kitchen tastings for leashed pets plus libations and appetizers for their owners. Proceeds benefit the Camp Bow-Wow Buddies Foundation. 352-2275 or [naples@campbowwow.com](mailto:naples@campbowwow.com).

■ **Where For Art Thou?** - The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents "Romeo, Juliet & More!" tonight and Saturday at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or [www.ThePhil.org](http://www.ThePhil.org).

■ **Fort Myers Art Night** - Art Walk runs from 6-10 p.m. in downtown Fort Myers. [www.fortmyersartwalk.com](http://www.fortmyersartwalk.com).

■ **Student Art** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs hosts an opening reception for the Student Showcase Exhibition from 6-8 p.m. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

■ **TGI Friday** - Mercato hosts First Friday with entertainment and more fun from 6-9 p.m. 403-2218.

## Saturday, May 7

■ **Family Fun** - The Golisano Chil-

dren's Museum of Naples presents a "Vet Clinic" from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Mercato. Kids can learn about being a responsible pet parent and make a pet puppet. 514-0084.

■ **Comic Book Day** - It's Comic Book Day from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Comics, Cards And Stuff, 3563 Fowler St., Fort Myers. 939-0878 or [www.facebook.com/fortmyerscomics](http://www.facebook.com/fortmyerscomics).

■ **Out Of The Closet** - Learn how to "Simplify Your Life and Dress Like a French Woman" during a free program by professional organizer Marla Ottenstein at 11 a.m. at the Miromar Design Center. [www.miromardesigncenter.com](http://www.miromardesigncenter.com).

■ **Blues & Food** - "Blues, Brews and BBQ" takes place today and Sunday at Tin City, complete with live music, beer, barbecue, blue crabs and Crazy Crab Races. 262-4200.

■ **Derby Day** - "Derby Fest on Fifth" including dining on the street along Fifth Avenue South. See story on page C3.

■ **Blues Tunes** - Little Eddie & The Fat Fingers perform from 7-10 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. Reservations suggested. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

## Sunday, May 8

■ **Take Mom To The Flowers** - Moms get in free when accompanied by kids or grandkids at the Naples Botanical Garden. 643-7275 or [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org).

■ **Jazz It Up** - The Naples Daily News Jazz Band performs from 2-4 p.m. in the band shell at Cambier Park. 435-3493.

■ **Evensong Service** - Trinity-by-the-Cove presents a choral Evensong service at 4 p.m. 533 Galleon Dr. 262-6581, ext. 207.

■ **Majors & Minors** - Musicians from the Philharmonic Youth Orchestra join professionals from the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra in the final Major/Minor Concert of the season at 7 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or [www.ThePhil.org](http://www.ThePhil.org).

## Monday, May 9

■ **More Jazz** - The Golden Gate High School Jazz Band performs from 6-7:30 p.m. in the band shell at the Cambier Park.

■ **Movie Time** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents "The Last Station" at 7 p.m. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay, 26811 S. Bay Dr. \$8. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

## Tuesday, May 10

■ **More Movies** - Watch "Departures" at 6:30 p.m. at the South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy. 252-7542.

## Wednesday, May 11

■ **Catch This Departure** - See "Departures" at 2 p.m. at Headquarters Regional Library, 2385 Orange Blossom Dr. 593-0177.

■ **A Little Bit Country** - Kris Kristofferson and John Prine take the stage at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 481-4849 or [www.bbmannpah.com](http://www.bbmannpah.com).

■ **Local History** - Naples Cultural Landscape/Naples Backyard History shows history films from 7-9:30 p.m. on Third Street South from Broad Avenue South to 12th Avenue South. 777-2281.

■ **Open Mic** - Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits hosts open mic/singer/songwriter night from 7-10 p.m. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

## Coming up

■ **Book Chat** - A Readers Roundtable Book Discussion starts at 2 p.m. May 12 at the Golden Gate Branch Library, 2432 Lucerne Road. Share a favorite book with other readers and enjoy refreshments. 252-4542.

■ **Hot Stuff** - Vi at Bentley Village and Juniper Village hold a chili cook-off to benefit the North Naples and Bonita Springs fire departments from noon to 2 p.m. May 12 at Bentley Village. \$5 for all the chili samples you can try. 597-1121.

■ **Fairy Tales** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs' Youth Theater Department performs "Not-So-Grimm-Tales" during "Live at the Promenade!" at 3 and 7 p.m. May 13. 26811 S. Bay Dr. \$3 children, \$5 adults. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

■ **Now You See It...** - Illusionist Jason Bishop performs at the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts on May 13. 597-1900 or [www.ThePhil.org](http://www.ThePhil.org).

■ **Island Tunes** - Members of Jimmy Buffett's Coral Reefer Band and the Danny Morgan Band headline "Rockin' In the Tropics" from 1-5 p.m. May 14 at South Seas Island Resort on Captiva. It's a benefit for HOPE Clubhouse. \$50. 267-1777 or 472-7211.



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# WHAT TO DO

■ **Make A Splash** – The 35th annual Great Dock Canoe Race takes place May 14 at Riverwalk. 263-2734. See story page A18.

■ **Art Night** – “Art After Dark” runs from 6-9 p.m. May 14 on Eighth Street and 12th Avenue South. Stroll the galleries of Crayton Cove and meet the artists. 659-2787.

■ **Jazz Tunes** – The Naples Jazzmasters perform “A Celebration of Dixieland Jazz” from 1-3 p.m. May 14 at The Norris Center. \$10. 213-3049.

■ **Long Live The King** – Elvis impersonators Mike Albert and Scot Bruce present “Love Me Tender” show at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Magic Carpet** – Members of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra brass section host the Magic Carpet program for families at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. May 14 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Bike Night** – Downtown Fort Myers is the scene of Bike Night from 6-10 p.m. May 14. 1-855-732-3836.

■ **Museum Day** – The Naples Museum of Art hosts a free-admission Family Day from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. May 14. Enjoy a scavenger hunt, face painting, portrait sketches, folk tales and more. 597-1900.

■ **Author Signing** – Unity Church presents “Be Your Vibrant Potential,” a workshop and book signing with Laurie Martin, from noon-1:30 p.m. May 15 at 2000 Unity Way. \$25. 775-3009, ext. 111 or www.smileacrossyourheart.com.

■ **Country Time** – The Lakeside Country Bash starts at 4:30 p.m. May 15 at Lakes Park, Fort Myers. Hear Darius Rucker, Uncle Kracker, “American Idol” runner-up Crystal Bowersox and the Dirt Drifters. \$40 in advance; \$45 at the gate. Proceeds benefit the Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation. www.ticketmaster.com or www.lakesidecountrybash.com.

■ **Classic Reading** – By ETC... Readers Theatre of The Naples Players at 7:30 p.m. May 15 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Just A Taste** – “Taste of the Beach” runs from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. May 15 at Bay Oaks Recreation Center on Fort Myers Beach. 454-7500.

■ **Classic Sounds** – ArtsNaples presents “An Evening with Tchaikovsky” at 8 p.m. May 16 at Moorings Presbyterian Church. 444-1400.

■ **Choir Sings** – The Bethany Lutheran College Choirs perform at 7 p.m. May 16 at Our Savior Lutheran Church. 597-4091.

■ **French Masterpieces** – The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra Chamber Ensemble presents “French Masterpieces” at 8 p.m. May 17 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Glades Program** – “Eye of the Beholder: The Everglades” starts at 2 p.m. May 17 at Headquarters Regional Library, 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. 593-0177.

■ **Foreign Film** – Catch a screening of “Departures” at 2 p.m. May 18 at the Marco Island Branch Library, 210 S. Heathwood Drive. 394-3272.

■ **Country & Blues** – Bonnie Raitt takes the stage at 8 p.m. May 18 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900.

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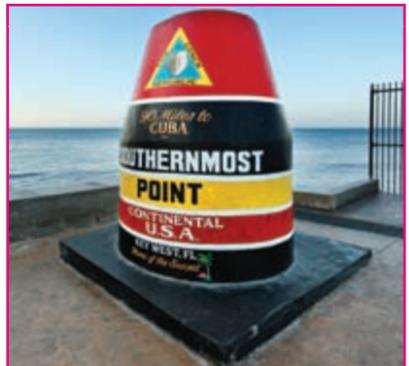
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## ARTS COMMENTARY

# Spread the word: 'Rumors' isn't the Neil Simon you expect

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"Rumors" begins mid-frenzy.

Chris and Ken have shown up for their friends' 25th wedding anniversary. They're obscenely on time, so they're the only guests to arrive so far.

But as they drove up, they heard a gun shot. Running into the house, they discovered their friend Charlie had just shot himself through the earlobe, in a possible suicide attempt.

Neither his wife nor the help are anywhere to be found.

Both lawyers, Chris and Ken agree it's important to keep the incident under wraps. They won't say anything to the other guests when they arrive, though they have to concoct some kind of story to explain the missing hosts.

It's a strange opening for a farce, though truthfully, the premise for most any farce melts like wet sugar when examined too closely.

"Rumors" is no exception.

It's Neil Simon's first and only farce, and according to director Pat Ashton's program notes, Mr. Simon has said it was the hardest play he ever wrote.

It shows, because it doesn't work as well as his autobiographical plays such as "Lost in Yonkers," "Broadway Bound" and "Brighton Beach Memoirs." His hand isn't as sure in this one, the jokes not as consistent.

Scenic designer Todd Potter has given us a two-tiered set with multiple doors that aren't used to great effect; they're not manically slammed as much as those in other farces. It's a sedate almost-to-the-point-of-boring, upper-class living room in quiet beiges and neutral colors.

Chris, deftly played by Bonnie Knapp, is panicked by what has happened — even though she's not quite sure what *exactly* has taken place — and craves a cigarette, though she quit smoking 18 months ago. It's a running joke throughout the play, and Ms. Knapp makes it work.

Ms. Knapp is a skilled actor who can make you laugh at lines even when they're not that funny. You like her character instantly.

Stan Zawatsky, who plays Ken, is not as fortunate. The playwright gives him temporary hearing loss for part of the play, and Mr. Zawatsky is stuck with "mishearing" sentences and words and repeating things others have just said. (As he can't



Top: Diane Davis, Shelly Gothard, Bonnie Knapp, Stan Zawatsky and Joe Loiacono

Above: Diane Davis and Michael Hennessey

hear well, he doesn't know they've just said what he's saying.)

It's not very funny.

The action livens up when another couple, Claire (Diane Davis) and Lenny (Michael Hennessey) arrives. They're the funniest couple in the entire cast, and they play their roles to the hilt.

Mr. Hennessey's character is hunched over from a recent car accident and speaks with a thick New York accent. It's almost as if he's channeling Nixon, if Nixon had come from the Bronx. Sometimes his character is a little too overbearing; it might've been more effective if he'd used a slightly lighter touch.

Ms. Davis, on the other hand, is delightfully droll and delivers her lines so they hit your laugh button every single time. She's so wonderful that you want to wrap her up and take her home with you. Her comedic timing and delivery are impeccable.

She stands up to her blustering hus-

band and can cut him down with just a look or a sentence.

It's also highly entertaining to see Ms. Davis and Ms. Knapp work off of each other onstage.

Naples Players veterans Ann Hoover and Jim Corsica make up a third couple. Ms. Hoover is cast in one of those kooky roles in which she so excels; this time, she's Cookie, a TV chef who seems to be based on Paula Deen. Costume designer Dot Auchmoody has given her a white wig and an outrageous costume that's meant to be a 60-year-old Russian dress, complete with scarlet petticoat. Ms. Hoover doesn't have as many lines as some of the others, but she makes the most of the ones she has, delivering them with skewed wide-eyed naïveté.

Mr. Corsica's character is a little more difficult to get a grasp on. He's a therapist, but not very aware or intuitive; perhaps that's Mr. Simon's running joke about the character. Mr. Corsica does manage to get

off some humorous lines, including one of the evening's funniest: a variation on a much-used curse word that definitely can't be printed in this paper.

In fact, there's more cursing in "Rumors" than I've heard in any other Neil Simon play, but the mostly older audience didn't seem to flinch one bit. They also loved the bathroom jokes and comments referring to bodily functions.

The last couple of the evening, Glenn (Matt Flynn) and Cassie (Bianca Embley), show up much later in the farce. Unfortunately, their arrival causes a lull in the action and in the humor as, having the stage to themselves, the two squabble and present Mr. Simon's pages of dialogue of back-story.

This is Mr. Flynn's first time on the Blackburn Hall stage — he's The Naples Players' technical director — and he acquits himself well.

British actor Ms. Embley makes her Naples Players debut with this show. While there's fire there, there's not quite enough volume or projection when she speaks. I hope she plays her character bigger as the production continues.

Mr. Simon has also loaded her character down with some nonsense about crystals and losing one down the toilet.

The four couples misrepresent facts and outright lie to each other and, as is the way in farces, misunderstand each other. And although the men look dashing in their tuxes, it's the women who do the heavy comedic lifting in this play.

Because the show was written in 1988, director Pat Ashton has updated some of the lines, even including an allusion to the movie "Inception" (an allusion that garnered no laughs the night I saw the play).

"Rumors" is a kind of hybrid: part drawing-room comedy, part farce, part slapstick.

There are some great laughs, times when it's mildly amusing and others where Mr. Simon's jokes sink like anchors in the water. There's also a wonderful scene in which all the characters start dancing (I wish it had gone on longer).

But The Naples Players know their audience, and this is exactly the type of thing they enjoy: mindless fluff with some great lines and some really good laughs. ■

in the know

- >> "Rumors"
- >> When: Through May 15
- >> Where: Sugden Community Theatre, 701 Fifth Ave. S., Naples
- >> Cost: \$30; \$10 for students
- >> Info: 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org

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# ARTISTS AMONG US

## Tom Brown, painter

**>>Are you a full-time artist?**  
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**>>Describe your art form and style.**

Pastels — pure pigments that achieve an unbelievable luminosity. My style is representational.

**>>What inspires you?**

I'm a landscape painter by choice. My goal is to bring God's creation into the hearts of art lovers. Art has given me a venue to express my love of our natural world. My emotional reaction is always enhanced when oceans, lakes and rivers are compositional elements. Much of my youth was spent in northern Michigan, which gave me a great appreciation of our breathtaking landscapes.

**>>How has living in Naples inspired you?**

My studio is in my home. Frequently, you will also find me painting outdoors.

**>>Where can we see your work?**

In my home studio and various art league and Southwest Florida Pastel Society exhibits.

**>>What arts organizations are you involved with?**

I'm an active member of the Southwest Florida Pastel Society, the New Mexico Pastel Society, the Naples Art Association, the United Arts Council, the Art League of Bonita Springs and the New Mexico Pastel Society.

**>>Tell us about some of your awards and recognition.**

My work has been juried into many exhibits and received numerous awards. I was recently juried into membership in the Pastel Society of America. The internationally distributed magazine Pastel



Tom Brown



"Gone For a Walk," by Tom Brown

COURTESY PHOTOS

Journal did a feature article on my work in June 2004.

**>>What are you passionate about?**

My passion is art, and everything connected to it. ■

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**Hometown:** Chicago  
**Education:** Attended DeVry University  
**Favorite painter:** George Inness  
**Website:** [www.tombrownart.com](http://www.tombrownart.com)

# PUZZLE ANSWERS



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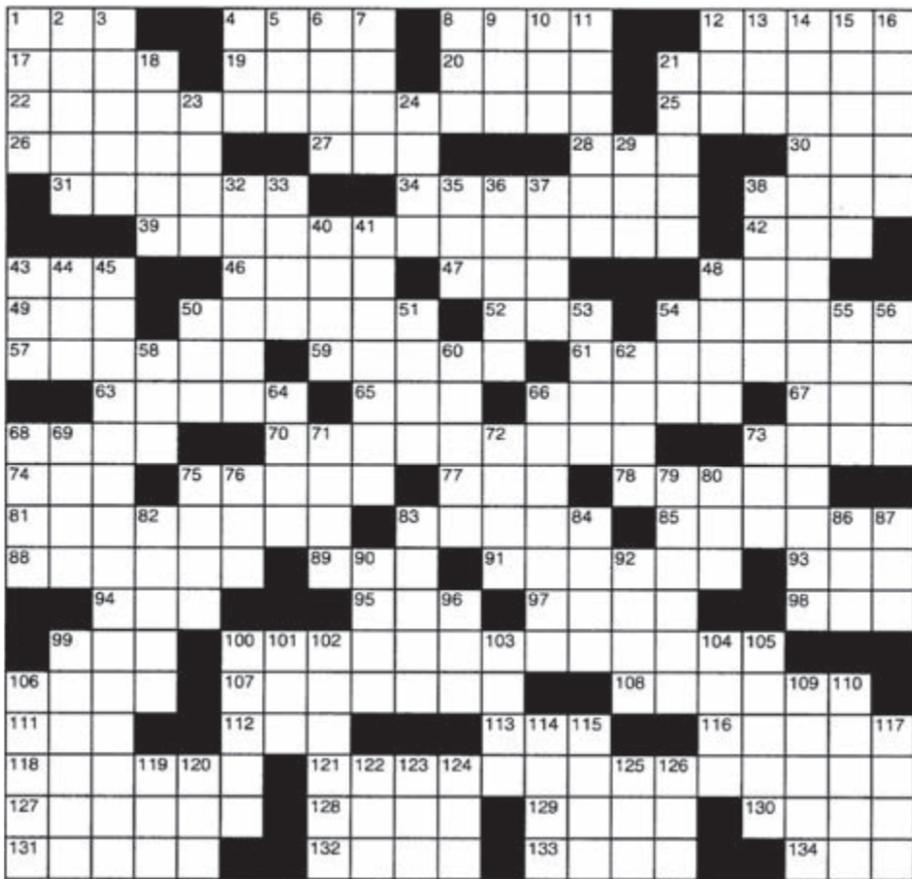
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Weaken
  - 4 O'Connor's "The — Hurrah"
  - 8 Composer Bartok
  - 12 "Ad — per aspera" (Kansas' motto)
  - 17 Meadow mamas
  - 19 Pro foe
  - 20 Sleep like —
  - 21 Wide belts
  - 22 Comic-book hero
  - 25 "Oh, How I — Get Up . . ."
  - 26 Error's partner
  - 27 Procure
  - 28 — Paulo, Brazil
  - 30 Tons of time
  - 31 Box up
  - 34 Masters Tournament site
  - 38 Urban problem
  - 39 Animated TV series
  - 42 Hwy.
  - 43 Bud
  - 46 Taj town
  - 47 Tallahassee sch.
  - 48 Rita — Brown
  - 49 Tankard
  - 50 Step parts
  - 52 Even if, informally
  - 54 Durango district
  - 57 Maestro Lorin
  - 59 Rent
  - 61 "The Hustler" setting
  - 63 Crowded
  - 65 "Just — thought!"
  - 66 Petite pest
  - 67 Genetic info
  - 68 Actress Anna
  - 70 Tammany Hall name
  - 73 Left open
  - 74 Item in a lock
  - 75 Premiere
  - 77 Baby butter
  - 78 Fracas
  - 81 Advance
  - 83 "This — Moment" ('60 hit)
  - 85 Hut
  - 88 Van of "Shane"
  - 89 Cycle starter
  - 91 Barely there
  - 93 Baseball stat
  - 94 Pinnacle
  - 95 — roll
  - 97 Balliwick
  - 98 TV's "My Sister —"
  - 99 "Gotcha!"
  - 100 '80 Stevie
  - 106 Worry
  - 107 Result
  - 108 Singer
  - 111 Knock
  - 112 Russian river
  - 113 Superlative suffix
  - 116 Sans emotion
  - 118 Lets up
  - 121 "F Troop" role
  - 127 Kidman of "To Die For"
  - 128 Columnist
  - 129 Bombeck
  - 129 Notion
  - 130 Silvers or Specter
  - 131 Hardened
  - 132 "— of the Cat" ('77 hit)
  - 133 Side
  - 134 — Aviv
- DOWN**
- 1 Splinter group
  - 2 Cognizant
  - 3 Charlemagne's dad
  - 4 Composer Francis
  - 5 Sothern or Sheridan
  - 6 Forest father
  - 7 Use a stop-watch
  - 8 Musical
  - 9 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
  - 10 Rapper Tone —
  - 11 '92 Wimbledon winner
  - 12 Battery letters
  - 13 Fast way to the UK
  - 14 O'Neill drama
  - 15 Shot another photo
  - 16 For — (cheaply)
  - 18 "Unsolved Mysteries" host
  - 21 Shallow area
  - 23 Jai —
  - 24 Coup d'—
  - 29 Part of NATO
  - 32 Sluggish sorts
  - 33 — Benedict
  - 35 Like some TV channels
  - 36 "Beau —" ('39 film)
  - 37 "No dice!"
  - 38 Bandit Belle
  - 40 City on 112 Across
  - 41 Polo's place
  - 43 Shriver of tennis
  - 44 Dothan's st.
  - 45 '64 Shangri-
  - 48 Boy or boar
  - 50 Cartoon canine
  - 51 Lip lash?
  - 53 Mayberry moppet
  - 54 Marsh
  - 55 New Rochelle college
  - 56 General Bradley
  - 58 — Buddhism
  - 60 Alaskan city
  - 62 "Against All —" ('84 film)
  - 64 Recedes
  - 66 Curative
  - 68 Frosh's superior
  - 69 Grocer's measure
  - 71 Eject
  - 72 Assumed manes?
  - 73 — standstill
  - 75 Wet blanket
  - 76 Velvet finish
  - 79 Graceland, for one
  - 80 Yesterday's your
  - 82 Rub it in
  - 83 Sal of "Exodus"
  - 84 Irene of "Fame"
  - 86 La-la lead-in
  - 87 Tasty tuber
  - 90 Coll.
  - 92 Tree house?
  - 96 Jacket part
  - 99 Lawrence's locale
  - 100 "Archie" character
  - 101 Great bird?
  - 102 Dash of "Clueless"
  - 103 Fast-food favorite
  - 104 Cleveland's lake
  - 105 Summarize
  - 106 French bread?
  - 109 Vision
  - 110 TV's "Kate & —"
  - 114 "M\*A\*S\*H" Emmy winner
  - 115 "The — Is High" ('80 hit)
  - 117 Say "Hey!"
  - 119 Low digit
  - 120 Knight time
  - 122 Hapsburg dom.
  - 123 "— Believer" ('66 hit)
  - 124 Corn portion
  - 125 Grazing ground
  - 126 Rin Tin Tin's mother

SEE ANSWERS, C9

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## HOROSCOPES

■ **TAURUS (April 30 to May 20)** You feel a need to make some changes. Good — you can do it on a small scale (some new clothes, for example), or go big and redecorate your home and/or office.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Control your tendency toward early boredom. A situation in your life might be taking a long time to develop, but patience pays off. Stay with it.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** You might feel that you're on an emotional roller coaster this week. Don't fret; just ride it out and let things settle down. A Pisces shows understanding.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Do something different for once — compromise. A stubborn stand on an important issue proves counterproductive. You need to be open to new ideas.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** A friend offers advice that you perceive as an act of betrayal. But before you turn against the messenger, pay attention to the message.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A year of riding an emotional pogo stick finally settles down. Use this calmer period to restore frayed relationships and to pursue new opportunities.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 2)** Your words can sting, so be careful how you

respond to a friend's actions. A calm approach could produce some surprising facts.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Be careful about whose secrets you're being asked to keep. They could impose an unfair burden on a straight arrow like you.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** While you prefer taking the tried-and-true course in life, be adventurous this week and accept a challenge that can open new vistas.

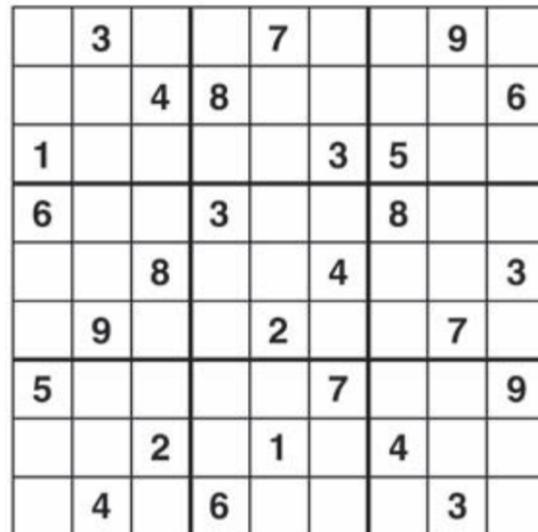
■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Your strong sense of justice helps you deal with a job- or school-related situation. Stay with your principles. A Sagittarius emerges as a supporter.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** You need to build a stronger on-the-job support system to convince doubting colleagues that your innovative proposals are workable.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** A once-harmonious relationship appears to be hitting some sour notes. Spend some time together to see why things have gone off-key. What you learn might surprise you.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You might not say much, but you're capable of extraordinary achievements. You are a loyal friend and a devoted family person.

By Linda Thistle



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# LATEST FILMS

## Fast Five

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Is it worth \$10? Yes

“Fast Five” begins with a jaw dropping, stunningly ridiculous and entertaining action scene that’s just as impressive as anything the franchise has done. If you like the high-octane action and absurdity of the sequence, you’ll like the movie. If not, you’re in the wrong theater. And what were you expecting?

Here’s the thing: “Fast Five” is not well acted, written or directed. The story is clumsily plotted, things occur via happenstance for the convenience of the plot, and at 130 minutes it’s too long. But the action, girls and inordinate amount of machismo oozing from the screen at every second were enough to win me over.

Brian (Paul Walker), Dom (Vin Diesel) and Mia (Jordana Brewster) are on the run after breaking Dom out of prison, and are hiding in Rio looking for the cliché “one last job” to set them free. On their trail are Rio underworld kingpin Reyes (Joaquim de Almeida), from whom the guys have stolen a prized possession, and Hobbs (Dwayne Johnson), who’s “the guy the FBI calls when they can’t find someone,” according to Brian.

It turns out the “one last job” is stealing Reyes’ money, which allows director Justin Lin and writer Chris Morgan to bring back some old characters to team up with Brian and Dom to pull off the heist. Even if you barely remember the characters from the four prior films, it’s fun to see Vince (Matt Schulze), Roman (Tyrese Gibson), Han (Sun Kang), Tej (Chris “Ludacris” Bridges) and Gisele (Gal Gadot) back in the fold in what becomes an “Ocean’s 11”-style caper with elaborate car chases and fights.

Speaking of fights, there’s a doozy between Mr. Diesel and Mr. Johnson, and darn if it isn’t a thrill to see the only two muscle-bound action stars in the world duke it out. To his credit, Mr. Johnson plays his role with great intensity, and is a great foil to Brian and Dom. The other actors might just be looking pretty or act-



ing tough, but with Mr. Johnson you can almost feel his determined energy, and the movie is better because of it.

And then there’s the story, in which very little happens organically and a whole lot happens via contrivance in order to keep everyone on the same page. Ordinarily the filmmakers should be berated for attempting to do this much, but it’s done in such a harmlessly entertaining, popcorn-munching way that all you can do is sit back and smile.

“Fast Five” is what it is: a big, loud action piece full of adrenaline and testosterone. And that’s all it aspires to be. If you see it with anyone who bashes it for poor character development and thin storytelling, just decide he’s an “idiot” and vow never to discuss an action movie with him again. ■

— Dan Hudak is the chairman of the Florida Film Critics Circle and a nationally syndicated film critic. You can e-mail him at dan@hudakonhollywood.com and read more of his work at www.hudakonhollywood.com.

**in the know**

>> Nearly 200 cars were destroyed during the production of “Fast Five” — but don’t worry, car lovers: Duplicates stood in for the high-end cars (the Ford GT40 is valued at \$2 million) during race sequences.

## CAPSULES

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### POM Wonderful Presents The Greatest Movie Ever Sold ★★ ★

(Morgan Spurlock, J.J. Abrams, Quentin Tarantino) Filmmaker Morgan Spurlock (“Super Size Me”) examines product placement in the entertainment industry as he makes a movie funded entirely by the companies sponsoring the film. Mr. Spurlock gets torn between exposing the evils of product placement and becoming the manifestation of what product placement can do. It’s a fascinating duplicity, for sure. Rated PG-13.



### Water For Elephants

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(Robert Pattinson, Reese Witherspoon, Christoph Waltz) A veterinary school dropout (Mr. Pattinson) joins a traveling circus and falls in love with the star attraction/boss’ (Mr. Waltz) wife, Marlena (Ms. Witherspoon). It’s a bit long, but it’s also a strong drama that’s nicely acted, which we expect from Oscar winners Ms. Witherspoon and Mr. Waltz but are pleasantly surprised to get from Mr. Pattinson (“Twilight”). Rated PG-13. ■

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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.

An exhibition of ARTScool 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](http://www.naplesart.org). ■

## Eighth annual contest seeks original scripts

The Naples Players ETC... Reader's Theatre is soliciting one-act scripts (no musicals) for its eighth annual New Plays Contest.

Playwrights should submit original scripts, no more than 30 minutes in length and with no more than seven characters, to the attention of Joan Laughlin, An Evening of New Plays 2011, c/o The Naples Players, 701 Fifth Ave. S., Naples FL 34102. Include a cover page separate from the script with the author's name,

address, phone and other contact information. Attach a title page, without the author's name, to the script. Send an SASE if you want the script to be returned.

ETC... will present the winning plays in public readings in the Toby Studio at Sugden Community Theatre in early December. Finalists will receive \$100 honorariums and trophies.

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The movable feast for lovers of cuisine and art begins with a champagne reception at Art Gallery Old Naples2, hosted by artist Lynne Wilcox, co-owner of the gallery with artist Karen Stone.

Dinner starts with a choice of three appetizers and accompanying wine at Bamboo Café, followed by a visit with Nora Butler at her gallery and shop.

With senses piqued, guests walk a few steps to Bleu Provence for a choice of four entrées with paired wine. Then it's on to Phil Fisher Gallery and Guess Fisher Gallery to meet artists Phil Fisher and Natalie Guess.

A choice of four desserts and coffee will be served at the waterside Dock at Crayton Cove.

From start to finish, allowing for 30 minutes at each gallery, the evening should last about 2½ hours. Cost is \$50 per person, not including tax and gratuity.

Reservations can be made for seating between 5 and 6:30 p.m. by calling 261-4191. ■

## Clean out your closet to benefit PACE

Naples jewelry designer Amanda Jaron hosts "Love That Dress" to benefit PACE Center for Girls-Collier from 5-8 p.m. Friday, May 6, at A Jaron Studio in the Hibiscus Center, 2950 Tamiami Trail N.

Guests are asked to bring a gently worn but still stylish dress to donate.

Each dress donated will earn one entry in a drawing for a \$250 gift certificate to A Jaron Studio. The store will also offer a 10 percent discount on all purchases during the evening. Wine and cheese will be served, and a DJ will spin dance tunes.

For more information, call 293-2932. ■

## Supper club fun for Guadalupe Center

"239MEN," a '60s supper club-style evening to benefit the Guadalupe Center, takes place at M Waterfront Grille on Thursday evening, May 5. Enjoy 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](http://www.guadalupecenter.org/239MEN). For information about sponsorship opportunities, e-mail Craig Bamberg at [239men@gmail.com](mailto:239men@gmail.com). ■

## Saddle up for derby party

Naples Equestrian Challenge holds a Kentucky Derby party from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at Noodles Italian Café & Sushi Bar. The evening includes a mint julep and a buffet dinner for \$25 per person in advance, \$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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# Student art in the spotlight

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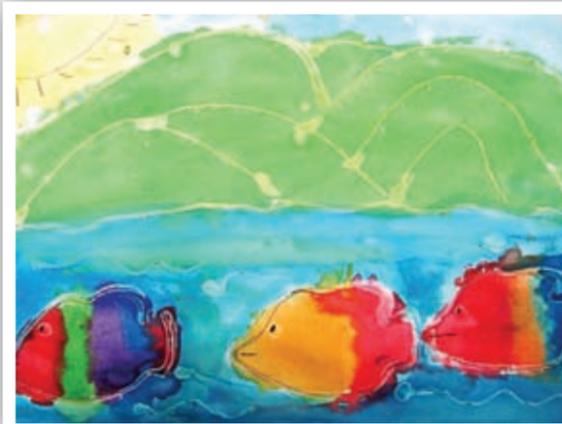
Works by 40 students from kindergarten through 12th grade, from private and public schools in Collier County, were selected by art teachers to be part of this showcase of young, local talent. A wide variety of media is represented, from painting and drawing to textiles and photography.

High school seniors Logan Peters of Lely, Oscar Santiago of Golden Gate and Danielle Solis Barron Collier were selected to receive \$1,000 scholarships to help them continue their arts education.

### Free Family Day

The Naples Museum of Art is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Families are especially welcome for Free Family Day on Saturday, May 14, when admission is free (normal



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"Rainbow Fish," by Hannah Hendry, second grade, Naples Christian Academy



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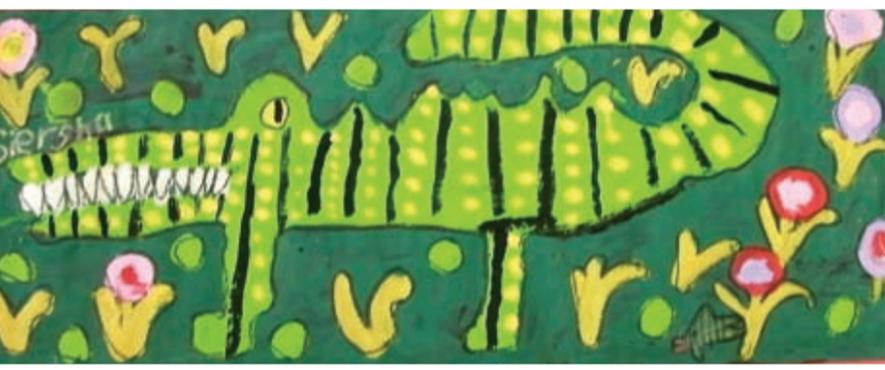
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admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children). Docent-guided tours will take place at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., and special activities will include a scavenger hunt, face painting with Cori Scheft, portrait sketches by Jason Weber, folktales with Carrie Sue Ayvar, cookie decorating and a hands-on art activity related to Louise Nevelson's "Dawn's Forest" permanent installation at the museum. Other exhibits currently on display are "Tuscany: Wandering the Back Roads"; "Bold Statements in Light: Stephen Knapp, Light-paintings"; "Modern Mexican Masters"; "Leaders in American Modernism"; and "Florida Contemporary 2011."



"Chelle," by Maura Kent, 11th grade, Community School of Naples

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### Porcelain was once valued like gold



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Gold is selling for very high prices today, but porcelain was more precious than gold in 17th-century Europe. Thin white porcelain was first made in China in the 10th century, but it wasn't seen in Europe until 1260, when Marco Polo returned with some pieces. It was treasured as a rarity and valued like gold, but Europeans couldn't figure out how it was made. In 1700, Augustus the Strong, the Elector of Saxony (Germany), heard that Johann Bottger, an 18-year-old German, was trying to make gold from base metals. Augustus kept Bottger a prisoner in Dresden to make gold. At the same time, another scientist with the long name Ehrenfried Walther von Tschirnhaus was working to discover the secret of the other treasure, porcelain. Tschirnhaus and Bottger were told to work together, and porcelain was finally created in 1713. Augustus was pleased and built a royal porcelain factory in the city of Meissen. But the secret of porcelain was out, and it soon was made in many countries.

For centuries, Bottger was credited with the discovery of porcelain, but now research suggests it was really Tschirnhaus. Many types of ceramics — majolica, stoneware, bone china, ironstone and pottery — were soon being used in households for tasks like cooking and storing. Decorations included ceramic figurines and tiles. It is

not surprising that artists sometimes pay homage to ceramics in the designs they create on ceramics. Well-known designs include a famous Chinese pattern picturing urns and vases, a Japanese Satsuma lidded jar picturing Asian ceramics from many different centuries, and English and American dinnerware sets decorated with examples of 1950s dishes.

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**Q:** I would like information about a liquor decanter I was given about 20 years ago. It's in the shape of a sailboat. The bottom of the decanter is marked "Famous Firsts, Edition No. 5, 1851 Yacht America, 1970, R.E.M. Originals." Is it valuable?

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**A:** Famous Firsts Ltd. of Port Chester, N.Y., made limited edition figural liquor decanters from 1968 until 1985. The initials on the bottom of your bottle are those of Richard E. Magid, the owner of Famous Firsts. The designs were based on "famous firsts," like the first yacht race. In 1851, the yacht "America" won the first race between the United States and England in what became known as the "America's Cup." The name honors the winner of the first race. Other Famous Firsts decanters include famous cars, planes, ships, phonographs, sewing machines and telephones. Your decanter sold for \$50 when it was new. The value of figural ceramic liquor bottles has plummeted, though, and it's worth about \$25 or less today.

**Q:** We have a porcelain plate, approximately 17 inches in diameter that has a hand-painted scene of trees and of ducks swimming in a pond. The bottom is marked "LM & Cie Montereau." The plate has been in our family for about 70 years. Can you tell us who made it?

**A:** The "LM & Cie" mark was used by Leboeuf, Milliet & Co. of Creil and Montereau, France. The company was founded in 1841 by Louis Martin Leboeuf (1792-1854) and Jean Baptiste Gratien Milliet (1797-1875) and was in business until 1895.

**Q:** I have a Konwal lighter with "Operations Directorate" on the cap and a "Joint Chiefs of Staff" emblem on the body. It is



A retrospective of Japanese ceramic shapes is pictured on this Satsuma lidded jar made about 1920. The 10-inch jar with a lid sold for \$7,000 at a Leland Little auction in Hillsborough, N.C.

4 inches high. I would appreciate any information you can tell me about it.

**A:** Konwal is a company in Japan that made lighters with military insignia in the 1950s and '60s. The insignias were glued on. Prices for Konwal lighters today range from \$10 to \$80. Lighters with etched military symbols were made by Zippo Manufacturing Co. Zippo made lighters exclusively for the military during World War II, and millions of lighters were issued to military personnel. Prices for Zippo military lighters start at \$15 and go up from there.

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# FLORIDA WRITERS

## Character is destiny for 'Honor' series' Commander Wake



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Wake, as ever in the company of his trusty aide Sean Rork, rounds up a team of eccentric characters to assist Cynda. The most notable of this group is ethnologist Cornelius (Corny) Rathburn; however, the Bahamian Seminole and the Polish-Haitian soldier (who joins the group later) are not far behind. The team must seek out the Condor, the schooner on which Luke has found employment (or perhaps enslavement). The schooner's master, Capt. Kingston, might be up to no good.

As the story develops, readers enter a murky world in which revolutionary forces are challenging established European governments in Russia and elsewhere. More than one person they encounter is, like Wake when on assignment, a covert intelligence agent probing for information and advantage.

It might seem odd that the setting for this activity involves such places as Key West, Nassau, Andros Island, Great Inagua Island Haiti, and other Caribbean locations. However, the author's extrapolations from historical sources are remarkably convincing.

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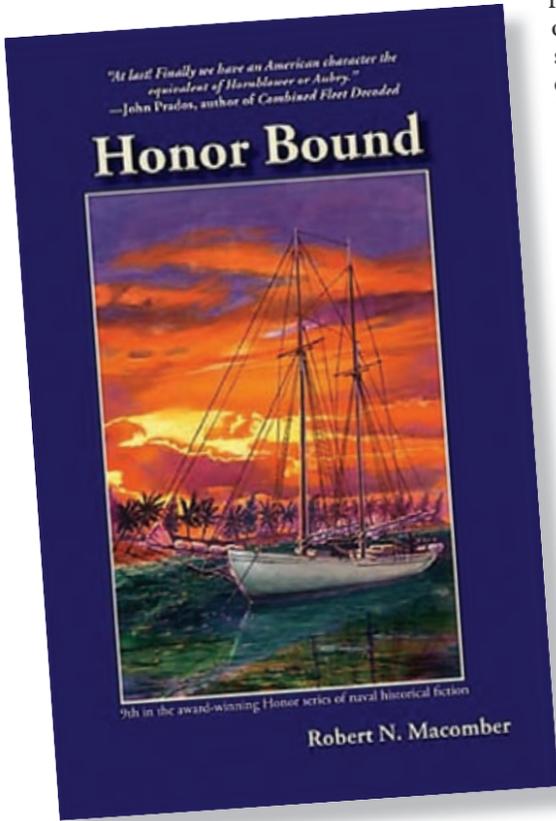
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hand adjusts the sails and rights the course.

Skillful as well are Mr. Macomber's handling of characterization and of the several important relationships in the novel. The nature of the long-tested comradeship between Wake and Rork, the ebbs and flows in the romance between Wake and the lovely Cynda, and even the respectful rivalry between Wake and a Russian spy posing as a Frenchman all serve to draw readers into a vanished world that this award-winning writer brings back to life.

Fortunately, the discoveries Wake makes about the political conflicts playing out in remote corners of the Caribbean will serve him well when he needs to escape from the likely consequences of his nonstop dereliction of duty. He has fresh information for the Office of Naval Intelligence, including news about a stunning invention in the hands of a mad anarchist. Properly apologetic to his superiors, he is given enough rope for his exploits to amuse and educate readers for years to come. ■

More than merely convincing are Mr. Macomber's descriptions of devastating storms, devastated ships, exotic vistas, voodoo belief and near death by poisoning. His mastery of the era's seamanship, navigation and technology underpins harrowing narrations of human stamina and willpower pushed to the limits. At times, the amount of minute detail threatens to stall the narrative's pace, but the author's steady

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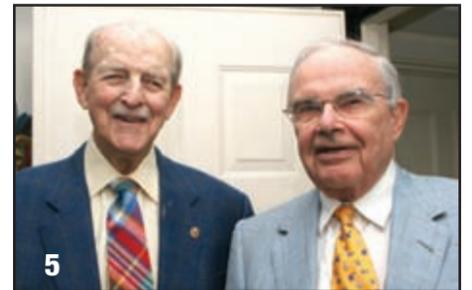
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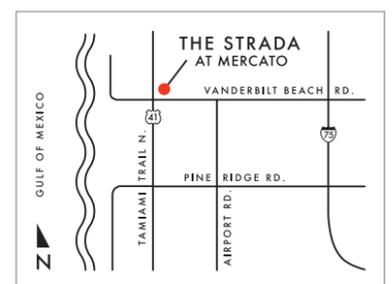
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# VINO

## Be on the lookout for new wine experiences



Wine lovers are always searching for new and interesting choices. Wines come and go in the marketplace; flavors change with the vintage as well. So, as we do periodically, it's time to see what local devotees are drinking these days.

■ **William Klauber** of Naples says he took a bottle of his own 1997 Stag's Leap Petite Syrah to a local French restaurant and found it "an excellent complement to their well-prepared roast duck." Alas, he adds, when he tried to buy another (the Stag's Leap, not the duck), he learned it was no longer available.

■ **Kat Smith** of Naples like to open a refreshing, light-bodied white to enjoy on the lanai this time of year. She says the Château d'Esclans Whispering Angel Rosé (2009) from Provence "is one of the prettiest wines ever, with the delicate pink hue of the wine, elegant clear bottle, and artsy label. It has hints of strawberry and a little spice."

As a fan of white Burgundy, Ms. Smith adds, she's been buying a lot of Domaine Patrick Javillier Bourgogne Blanc Cuvée des Forgets (2007). "It's especially tasty with shellfish, but is great with other foods or on its own," she says. "And at about \$25 a bottle, it is a good alternative to expensive Montrachets."

■ **Jerry Greenfield** of Fort Myers

shares three interesting selections.

"We're drinking Georges DuBeouf Moulin-A-Vent," says Mr. Greenfield. "It's a fuller-bodied style of Beaujolais, and we enjoy drinking it on its own. It proves that not all Beaujolais is light and fluffy; this one has some stuffing to it."

He's also enjoying a Dariouish Caravan Cabernet Sauvignon. "It's less expensive than the top-of-the-line Dariouish Signature Cabernet Sauvignon and a great bargain at \$35," he says. "It has a lot of elegance and body of the higher priced label at a third the price."

The third new wine on Mr. Greenfield's list is the Pali Pinot Noir from California, which he describes as "a little lighter bodied, with typical pinot noir fruit flavors and some Burgundian earthiness. It's fine for every day drinking."

■ **Arlene Knox** of Fort Myers is a wine aficionado for whom only red will do.

"A nice cabernet sauvignon or merlot will always suit me fine," Ms. Knox says. The best bottle of wine she's had in the past year, she adds, was a Brunello di Montalcino, il Marroneta 2001, shared with a friend at Angelina's Ristorante in Bonita Springs. "Sometimes it is not necessarily the wine but the company you keep when drinking it," she notes.

■ **Marshall Hanno**, also of Fort Myers, is enjoying a Tablas Creek Cote de Tablis, "the perfect wine with grilled lamb, pork and whole red snapper," he says. "It tastes of dark red fruit and is spicy with a Syrah-like funkiness and earthiness." It's available on the Tablas Creek website for a little more than \$20, he says, adding the



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**Judi Uttley of Fort Myers**

Cote de Tablas white is great with grilled fish.

"We've also been drinking a Sancerre from Jean-Max Roger," Mr. Hanno says. "It tastes of lemon and grapefruit and has a dry minerality that goes great with oysters, clams and mussels cooked in the Sancerre or lightly grilled." He adds these wines also drink well by themselves.

■ **Chef Josh Mitchell** of Fort Myers describes the Jaffurs Syrah 2009 from California as "a good mouthful all the way around," balanced with good fruit and

acid, and flavors of cherry and currants. A bottle is about \$25.

On a recent trip to Italy, Mr. Mitchell adds, he enjoyed a local Sangiovese from the Lazio district. "We would fill a 5-liter container from the cask, pumped out with what looks like a gas hose, and was only €6.50 (\$10)."

■ **Pam Pollack** of Fort Myers is another one for whom reds seem to work best. "I like reds," says Ms. Pollack, "especially big, bold cabs. I found this nice Clos du Bois Briarcrest Cabernet Sauvignon 2007 at the Publix at Fiddlesticks. It's bold and a little peppery. Thinking about it makes me want to buy a bottle right now!"

■ **Judi Uttley** of Fort Myers prefers whites as the weather heats up and tells us she's enjoying a Skeleton Gruner Veltliner from Austria. "It's light bodied but tastes very good, and is nicely balanced as well," she says. "It's more like a chardonnay than a sauvignon blanc, with fresh fruit flavors and a little zip at the end." She also enjoys the Swanson Viognier, describing it as "really yummy, with peach and apricot flavors."

■ **Frank Pulice** of Fort Myers says he enjoys an everyday wine "like Côtes du Rhône rouge or blanc" with dinner these days.

"Typically, they're blends that express the earth, sun and the surrounding fields," he says. "They have flavors of wild vegetation, spices and flowers." They also deliver from a value perspective, usually available for under \$16 a bottle, he adds. "Domaine Perridon and Pere Anselme are two of my favorites." ■

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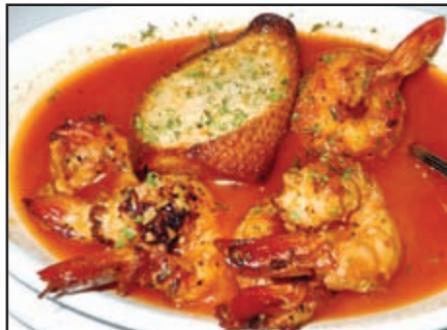


In general, I prefer an intimate mom-and-pop restaurant to large, boisterous chains. But there's an exception to every rule.

When our daughter came to visit recently, we wanted to take her to a place in which she could indulge her expanding enthusiasm for wine. Fleming's, while largely known as a steakhouse, pays just as much attention to its wine as its meat.

There are more than 100 wines available by the glass and even more offered by the bottle. The bonus: You can order flights of any of the wines on the by-the-glass menu, enabling customers to sample two ounces of each one.

The aforementioned daughter has recently taken a liking to pinot noir and so was delighted to find 10 of them from which to create her flight. Our able server



**Wicked Cajun barbecue shrimp are aptly named, with lively spices that leave the taste buds tingling.**



**Served with a chilled fork, the fresh mozzarella and tomato salad gets a flavor boost from fresh basil and balsamic vinegar.**



**A New York strip steak is aged, then perfectly seasoned and seared.**

was well versed on the offerings and deftly described the characteristics of several of them. That's unusual enough with the standard 15-to-20 glass selection. With the number Fleming's has, it was impressive indeed. With his help, she picked three that she liked and that showcased the differences in this varietal. (Meanwhile, my spouse and I enjoyed a bottle of Orin Swift's The Prisoner, a lovely red blend that's mostly zinfandel with a soupçon of six other grapes.)

Even the décor shows the restaurant's dedication to wine, with large framed pictures of distinguished vintages as well as oversized bottles perched on the back of booths and along the dividers that help form cozy sections in the dining room.

Fleming's has a clubby feel, with lots of paneling, wooden shutters on the windows and large, plush booths. The open kitchen along the back wall lends a showy element to the ambience. At the front of the room, separated from the dining area by a partial wall of glass, the bar was doing a brisk business as well.

There are plenty of beef dishes from which to choose, but there are also appealing salads, small plates and seafood options.

We skipped the meat on the first course, opting for wicked Cajun barbecue shrimp (\$13.95), roasted mushroom ravioli (\$10.50) and fresh mozzarella and tomato salad (\$8.95).

Tender and cooked just right, the five shrimp were, indeed, wickedly seasoned with lip-tingling spices. The three large pillows of pasta were filled with Portobello and shiitake mushrooms, then bathed in porcini butter sauce. And the salad, which came with a chilled fork, contained lots of halved grape tomatoes, mild mozzarella and vibrant fresh basil along with just a splash of balsamic vinegar and olive oil.

As is customary at most steakhouses, the majority of Fleming's entrees come sans vegetable, a practice I always find objectionable — a couple of stalks of broccoli don't cost much — but a la carte side

dishes are obviously too lucrative to disappear anytime soon.

Fleming's at least makes them interesting: topping mashed potatoes with blue cheese, parmesan peppercorn or roasted garlic, baby carrots with golden raisins and almonds and adding chipotle cheddar and leeks to its mac and cheese.

I indulged my carnivorous side with a prime, aged New York strip (\$40.95), while my companions choose a petite (6-ounce) filet mignon (\$31.95) and the barbecue Scottish salmon fillet (\$30.95). We ordered the mac and cheese (\$8.50) to share.

According to the menu, steaks are aged for up to four weeks, broiled at 1,600 degrees and seasoned with kosher salt, black pepper, butter and parsley. In the case of both of the steaks, that's a prime treatment. The meat had a crisp exterior but a tender, juicy interior and great flavor that needed no enhancement.

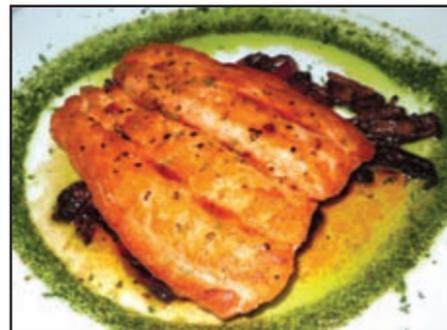
The salmon was as well prepared as the steaks. It, too, had been seared to create a crisp coating over a flaky interior. The barbecue sauce had been sparingly applied, lending a sweet and savory note to the fish and an outstanding roasted mushroom salad studded with caramelized onions on which it sat.

The generous portion of mac and cheese was just right for three to share. It had a smoky, spicy flavor and the pasta was perfectly cooked.

We finished with a chocolate lava cake (\$10.50). An oversized version of the classic dessert, the cake oozed molten chocolate when cut.

It came with two mounds of vanilla ice cream and a sprinkling of pistachios. Done right, this is a voluptuous indulgence,

**The chocolate lava cake takes a few minutes to bake but it's worth planning ahead, and is ample enough for two or three to share.**



**Flavorful Scottish salmon tastes even better with a light barbecue glaze and a bed of roasted mushrooms.**

with the rich, warm chocolate, cool vanilla and crunchy nuts. As with everything else we tried, dessert was done right.

It's not just the kitchen that was firing on all cylinders. The service was top notch, from our wine-savvy server to the expeditors and servers' attendants, everyone clearly understood their roles and fulfilled them. There were no missing utensils, no auctioned dishes ("Who gets the filet?"), no ill-timed courses. Considering how large and how busy the restaurant was on the night before Easter, it was an even more impressive performance.

When it comes to steak, there's a whole herd to choose from in Naples. But it would be hard to top the combination of well-executed food, top-notch service and wines you'll find at Fleming's. ■



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### food & wine CALENDAR

> **Thursday, May 5, 5:30-8 p.m., Decanted Wines:** Taste 20 new spring and summer wine releases at this casual event; \$10 (\$5 credit toward purchase), 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814.

> **Friday, May 6, 6-8 p.m., Whole Foods:** Take part in the First Friday wine tasting on the patio by the Lifestyle Center, featuring 25 wines from around the world and cheese pairings; \$10, 9101 Strada Place, Mercato; 552-5100. Advance registration suggested.

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Typical "Best of" sections in local newspapers require merchants to buy ads to have their names placed on the ballot. No ad, no chance to win.

That's not our style here at *Florida Weekly*.

We wanted to create a Best of Collier County that was fun, entertaining and untainted by commerce. We didn't care if merchants advertised with us or not. If they were worthy, they made the list. If someone did advertise, however, we thanked them by including them as a best.

At least we're honest.

And, instead of having readers vote, which is a process rife with skullduggery, we sent our award-winning writers and editors out to scour Collier County for the Best. We created a list that is far from all-inclusive. There are just too many great things about Southwest Florida. So, if we missed a few, we apologize. We'll try to do better next year.

In the meantime, enjoy our 2011 efforts. Cheers.

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**BEST NEW FACES IN TOWN**

>> 3945 Bayshore Drive

Nearly 800 faces make up “A Face In The Crowd,” Naples photographer Michelle Tricca’s eye-opening installation on what once was an eyesore at 3945 Bayshore Drive. Over the course of a weekend in March, Ms. Tricca set up her tripod and set out to capture the diversity among us. She printed the portraits on the spot and affixed them to the wall while her subjects watched.

“I wanted to showcase face next to face next to face, without the viewer knowing any person’s story, which neighborhood they live in, what they believe in...” she says. Her goal: To inspire people “to look up close rather than gloss over an anonymous person.” Mission accomplished — so effectively, in fact, that the building’s owner has invited Ms. Tricca to adorn the opposite wall with portraits of passersby as well.

Be sure to check it out, but be warned before you do: This face wall is as easy to get caught up in as Facebook. Two hours later, you’re still standing there, studying the subjects, marveling at their differences, wondering about their stories. At least you’re out in the fresh air.

Details: [www.MichelleTricca.com](http://www.MichelleTricca.com) or Michelle Tricca Photography on Facebook



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Where else could you meet CNN’s Anderson Cooper, politicians Sarah Palin and Rudy Giuliani and con man Frank Abagnale? Where else would the guests be as interested as the speakers were interesting? Where else could a ballroom be transformed — in mere minutes — from a theater-style town hall setting into a fine dining room with table appointments and a dinner to match? Where else would you learn that Mr. Cooper was unsure of his relation to the Naples Vanderbilts (his mother is Gloria) or that Mrs. Palin’s daughter Piper was named for the airplane her husband flies?

Or, as a national blogger wondered: Where else but Naples, Florida, is a town hall meeting held at a Ritz-Carlton? Where else but Naples, indeed.

Details: [www.naplesdistinguished-speakers.org](http://www.naplesdistinguished-speakers.org)

**BEST SLAP IN THE FACE**

>> The Jackson Laboratory

After months of ardent courtship,

Jackson Laboratory, the Maine-based genetic research institute, dropped plans to build a facility in Collier County and announced it was locating in Sarasota. The proposal had drawn fierce opposition from Collier residents who were concerned about the \$130 million in tax dollars that would have been required to bring the lab here. The fiasco left local officials who supported the idea with a considerable amount of egg on their faces.

**BEST POLITICIAN**

>> County Commissioner Tom Henning



Commissioner Tom Henning was the only sitting Collier commissioner who understood that the citizens revolt over Jackson Labs was about taxation. There is, sometimes, brilliance in simplicity.

**BEST LAID PLANS GONE AWRY**

>> Dennis Thompson for school superintendent

The back door installation of Dennis Thompson as Collier County school superintendent ultimately led to his ignominious dismissal this year, the school board embarrassed, the school district conflicted, teachers and principals compromised... and the kids? Yeah, well, what’s education got to do with it?

**BEST PLACE TO PREPARE FOR A PH.D. – OR A BEE GEE**

>> Collier County Schools

Sure, newly selected Collier County School Superintendent Kamela Patton is a respected educator with stellar school credentials. But she also used to be an assistant to the family of Barry Gibb, who used to be one third of the pop music Bee Gees. Just think of what that experience might bring to our public schools: a dress code that could include “Saturday Night Fever” platform shoes and open-to-the-navel satin shirts; fight songs and the alma mater sung falsetto with a syncopated four-on-the-floor beat; and new classes like the pre-med “How Can You Mend a Broken Heart?,” second language “Jive Talkin’” and Department of Homeland Security preparatory “New York Mining Disaster 1941.” With opportunities like these, Ms. Patton was obviously selected for being “More Than A Woman.”

**BEST BAD REASON TO LIVE IN FLORIDA**

>> You’re a drug addict

Florida’s physicians prescribe addictive pharmaceuticals at an astounding rate. In the first half of 2010, the state’s doctors prescribed almost 90 percent of all the oxycodone dispensed in the entire United States. The state’s pill mills are so infamous that dealers and addicts drive from as far away as Maine to build their stashes. At least one industry is thriving.

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>> Gov. Rick Scott

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**BEST REASON TO STAY FIT (OR STAY IN BED)**

>> Rebecca Hansen and the Death Race



With the earwig of the aforementioned Bee Gee's song still wriggling away, we introduce you to local endurance athlete Rebecca Hansen, who's preparing for this summer's Death Race, the details

of which sound like an old-fashioned "Spouse wanted" ad: "...must be able to run with a 20-pound stump or chop wood for two hours, cut a bushel of onions, build a fire, crawl in the mud under barbed wire, memorize the names of the first 10 presidents, then race to the top of a mountain and recite them."

Ms. Hansen, 49, will be challenged by tasks like these (intrepid Death Race entrants don't know exactly what they'll be asked to do) over 24-plus hours along a 10-mile course through a Vermont forest in late June. While we could SO do that presidents thing (albeit without the mountain), if or when the End Times come, we want Ms. Hansen on OUR team.

**BEST REASON TO SKIP THE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING**

>> Commissioner Georgia Hiller



County Commissioner Georgia Hiller says she no longer will meet with county staff in private. From now on, she'll read pertinent materials and then discuss whatever needs to be discussed at public meetings. This presumably will leave more time for staff to do other things, but Lord knows how long public meetings will drag on.

**BEST PICTURE(S)**

>> Greg Kahn

Last year, we recognized Mr. Kahn of the *Naples Daily News* for his selection as a National Press Photographers Association Photojournalist of the Year. This year, we note his position as a finalist for the 2011 Pulitzer Prize in feature photography for his work in a series on the economic recession. While the Pulitzer name (Lilly) has been in Naples for years, this is, to our recollection, the first time a Neapolitan has been in the running for the eponymous publisher's award (the fashion designer's name comes from a marriage to a grandson of the publisher). We look forward to hearing — and seeing — more of Mr. Kahn in the coming year.

**BEST LONGSHOT CAMPAIGN**

Jeff Greene for U.S. Senate

Technically, Jeff Greene's campaign for the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate was an unmitigated disaster. But this bumbling billionaire from Palm Beach provided so many laughs along the way that he deserves recognition. Mr. Greene's quixotic bid came to a screeching halt when news surfaced about wild, drug-fueled sex parties aboard his yacht that involved the likes of Mike Tyson and Lindsay Lohan. Alas, Jeff, we hardly knew 'ye.



**BEST POLITICAL CONTEST**

>> Rick Scott vs. Rick Scott

Mr. Scott won the gubernatorial race, but first he had to convince voters that he wasn't a crook. Tough task, since Mr. Scott had been fired as CEO at Columbia/HCA because of massive Medicare fraud that resulted in a record \$1.7 bil-

lion fine. It took hours of television time and millions of dollars, but, eventually Mr. Scott, the hotshot executive, triumphed over Mr. Scott, the fly-by-night quick-buck artist.

**BEST REASON TO SKIP THE 19TH HOLE**

>> White lightning in the kitchen

A chef at a country club in North Naples was arrested and charged with making moonshine in the club's kitchen. A Mason jar of "greenish-clear" liquid that proved to be illegal hooch was found in the kitchen, along with the makings of a still, according to agents of the Florida Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco. The agents said an anonymous tipster told them the chef was selling his white lightning to club members and staff.

**BEST REASON TO MUTE THE TV**

>> Billy Fuccillo

Mr. Fuccillo, the Kia king from Cape Coral, floods the Southwest Florida airwaves with his high-decibel commercials. He sells a ton of automobiles, but he also drives thousands of television viewers to tear at their hair. This negative perception does not bother Mr. Fuccillo in the least. As he notes, "The zeroes still keep adding up in my checkbook."





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**A:** My philosophy with fillers is this-get the longest lasting filler with the best overall results-meaning I don't just fill in a line, I make your entire face look younger. For example, areas of the face respond better to different fillers- Radiesse is much better for marionette lines than Juvederm and in addition it lasts longer. You may need a little bit in the cheeks, you may need the corners of your mouth, or even some in the chin, mere millimeters can make a difference, making you appear more youthful and refreshed.



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**BEST WAY TO STUMP YOUR FRIENDS**

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Who is Florida's lieutenant governor? (You don't know, either, do you? Go look it up.)

**BEST SHE'S-EARNED-IT RETIREMENT**

>> Myra Janco Daniels



We're not sure if Myra Janco Daniels truly grasps the meaning of the word "retirement." After all, when she retired to Southwest Florida

from the advertising industry where she'd been a pioneer, she started the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, becoming its founder and CEO. She put Naples on the map culturally, with a first-rate facility that has an orchestra, performing arts center and art museum.

After 30 years, she announced her retirement from the Phil and plans to step down at the end of this year.

We have to say, this is one well-deserved retirement. And we're not the only ones who think so. Collier County

and the city of Naples have proclaimed Jan. 14-15, 2012 to be "Thank You Myra Days," and a full-blown celebration is in the works.

Of course, everyone knows that classic plays often have three acts. So we wouldn't be at all surprised if Ms. Daniels has yet another act up her sleeve.

**BEST BUZZ KILL**

>> No funds for fun

In these difficult times, with so little to lift spirits and at no cost for the citizen other than the taxes paid, the city of Naples axed funding for Bunnymania, Breakfast with Santa and the Swamp Buggy Parade. Even the most jaded of the budget cutters knows you do not Kill Santa, Ban the Bunny or Stomp on the Swamp. Next thing you know they'll be shipping pythons from the Everglades to Ireland to discredit St. Patrick and stop that parade business.

**BEST MOUSTACHE**

>> Dwight Brock



His moustache — snow white and unfashionably large — is a creature of many moods and temperaments, all of them interested in the

public right to know. It can be grandfatherly, menacing or folksy. It's sometimes sardonic, frequently sarcastic and often sincere.

In short (but not too short), his moustache is like a good dog: It belongs with no one but the man himself, Collier County Clerk of Courts Dwight Brock.

With his homey, down-South style, his last-train-to-Georgia accent and his storyteller's demeanor, Mr. Brock might be easy to underestimate — until he starts talking. Right off the bat, his moustache is up and running, barking at injustices, invasions of public records laws, officials with too much power, or a county commission that hasn't figured out how to spend money, or save it.

Mr. Brock might be Wilford Brimley, the moustachioed country-boy actor who appeared as the sharp old lawyer, honest as the day is long, with just such a moustache in the 1981 film, "Absence of Malice," starring Paul Newman. But he's also the real thing, an old-time lawyer with a new-time mind, a loyal moustache and a fearless disregard for challenging the folks in power, in the interest of those who aren't.

That's what a good moustache and a good man should be all about.

**BEST OVERACHIEVER WHO MAKES THE REST OF US LOOK LIKE SLACKERS**

>> Linda Oberhaus

After years working with victims of domestic violence at The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, where she is executive director, Linda Oberhaus



decided to see what often leads people to her door by going through the Collier County Sheriff's Office Auxiliary Law Enforcement Academy.

"Deputies spend approximately 30 percent of their on-duty time responding to domestic calls," Ms. Oberhaus notes. Having completed 10 months of classroom and field training, she'll now go out on calls 20 hours a month for another year. "This partnership underscores the importance of working together to end domestic violence in our community," she says. We call it going way above and beyond in the line of duty.

**BEST SOCIAL BUTTERFLY**

>> Suzy Dorr



She's invited to all the best parties, hobnobs with the social set and gets wined and dined... all while getting

paid for it. Not a bad gig. Suzy Dorr has been the society columnist for the *Naples Daily News* since 2006, dishing out the scoop on the best galas, luncheons and fundraisers. Thank goodness she's more discreet than Hedda Hopper and Cindy Adams!



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**BEST COMEBACK**  
 >> Haley Webb

Haley Webb left the NBC-2 airwaves in a big way, literally. Viewers enjoyed watching her prognosticate the weather while seeing her baby-bump evolve into a full-blown baby-belly. She went on maternity leave just a day before Jackson Webb Rivera (8 pounds, 21 inches) was born. After several months of mommy duties, Ms. Webb returned to the air last month to find that her weather duties had expanded. She's now the chief meteorologist for Waterman Broadcasting, anchoring the 5, 5:30, 6 and 11 p.m. newscasts. Even though she's no longer pregnant, she still manages to glow for the camera.

**BEST RADIO VOICE**  
 >> Amy Tardif, WGCU

What is it about that voice? Amy Tardif sounds clear and confident, bold but not presumptuous, understated, possessing the geek-chic timbre of public radio, though, dare we say, oddly attractive. WGCU's station manager and news director spent 14 years as Southwest Florida's host of NPR's "Morning Edition." She still hosts the weekly "Gulf Coast Live Arts Edition" and leads a team of reporters. And she recently won a Peabody Award for "Lucia's Letter," a radio documentary about modern-day slavery that she wrote and produced.

**BEST NEW VOICE OF COLLIER COUNTY**  
 >> Casey Weston



Gulf Coast High School grad and singer-songwriter Casey Weston made it through the regional auditions in Miami and appears on NBC's new talent show "The Voice."

Finally, a fresh local hero we can all rally behind and support.

**BEST VOICE BACK IN TOWN**  
 >> Paige Miles



We teared up a little when Neapolitan Paige Miles was voted off "American Idol" and had to sing her goodbye song. But we find solace in the recognition that two of

that season's judges were later voted off the show as well, and in the news that Ms. Miles and her vocal talents have returned to Naples this month for TheatreZone's production of "Beehive: The 60s Musical!" She's the show's narrator and gets to channel her inner-Tina and Aretha (Turner and Franklin). Leaving "Idol" might've turned out to be a good thing for Ms. Miles; with her return, it definitely turned out well for Naples.

Details: [www.theatrezone-florida.com](http://www.theatrezone-florida.com)

**BEST SPECTACLES**  
 >> (tie) Patty Baker and Chris Rideoutte

You could say that Patty Baker and Chris Rideoutte see "eye to eye" when it comes to glasses that help them see



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and be seen. Mrs. Rideoutte owns five oversize frames, while Mrs. Baker has 13 in an array of colors. Mrs. Rideoutte has been wearing hers for 40 years and considers them her signature. Mrs. Baker enjoys the color and whimsy yet sophistication and style that help her pair a pair with her wardrobe. Mrs. Rideoutte tells us her big whites came from Italy, while Mrs. Baker says she shops Walgreens and Best of Everything.

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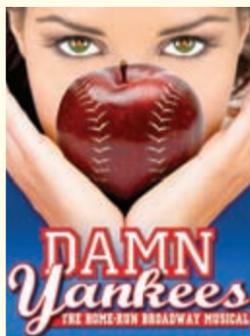
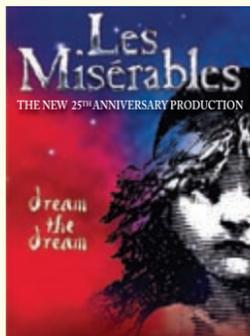
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>> The Bucket List Bash

From all-night relays to fashion shows, it's always a pleasure to support an event for the American Cancer Society. We especially enjoy it, however, when the auction committee seems to read our minds and assemble an array of packages chock full of things we've always wanted to do. That's exactly what 275 guests had to bid on at the first-ever "Bucket List Bash" in March at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Hats off to gala chair Donna Solimene and her committee for a first-time event that raised \$330,000 for the cause.

## BEST NEW WILD TIME

>> Grape & Apes

The Rotary Club of Naples outdid itself — and probably surprised itself — with the inaugural "Grapes & Apes," the a wine tasting that drew 800 people to The Naples Zoo on an evening in March to sup and sip in the company of lions and tigers and bears (and apes), oh my! Thanks to generous sponsors, more than 160 volunteer workers and the sold-out crowd, the event raised \$59,000 for the local and international Rotary projects and programs. It was so wildly successful that Rotarians and the Zoo have already agreed on dates for 2012 (Saturday, March 24) and 2013 (Saturday, March 23).

Tickets for the second annual "Grapes & Apes" are on sale now. Book yours before July 15 and pay just \$50; after that, the price goes up until it reaches \$100 per person or 1,500 tickets are sold, whichever comes first.

Details: [www.napleswine.org](http://www.napleswine.org) or [info@napleswine.org](mailto:info@napleswine.org)

## BEST SHOPPING SPREE

>> The Party of All Parties

When Friends of Rookery Bay gathered home party and gift vendors for one-stop holiday shopping in November, 320 guests shopped 'til they dropped. From Avon and Pampered Chef to Creative Memories and Pierre & Harry Pearls, the "Party of All Parties" had something for everyone. A bucket raffle of items donated by the vendors added to the excitement of the new fundraiser that benefits youth science education, research activities and community outreach at Rookery Bay.

Details: 417-6310 or [www.rookerybay.org](http://www.rookerybay.org)



## BEST GUEST LIST

>> The Pet Lovers Gala

It shouldn't surprise us that Humane Society Naples invited well-behaved canines to accompany their human counterparts to this year's "Pet Lovers Gala." The black-tie to-do at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort went all out for the four-legged guests, even going so far as to setting up a "Wiggle Room" where gala-weary Fido and friends could escape the glamour and get a doggy massage.



## BEST LEG UP ON THE AUCTION BLOCK

>> Hydrants for the  
Naples Dog Park

"Watering the lawn" is one of a dog's standing obligations, space for which is nicely provided by the Naples Dog Park (Central Avenue at Goodlette-Frank Road, open dawn to dusk). As a fire hydrant has long been the symbol for (and target of) this doggie duty, artists Phil Fisher, Popo Flanigan, Jacquee Krause and Michele Kortbawi Wilk embellished hydrants to be auctioned as a fundraiser to help keep the park fee-free. As any hydrant will tell you: It's better to be done on than done in.

Details: [www.naplesdogpark.com](http://www.naplesdogpark.com)

## BEST CONSTELLATION

>> Stars in the Arts

Neapolitans — and the United Arts Council in particular — don't need a telescope to find the bright spots on the local arts scene. The UAC bestows its annual Stars in the Arts awards to performers, educators, philanthropists, advocates and organizations that consistently shine. This year's stellar honorees: Kristen Coury, founder and artistic director of Gulfshore Playhouse; Mark Danni, drama teacher at Community School of Naples and founding artistic director of TheatreZone; Collier County Commissioner Donna Fiala; the Naples Music Club; and Opera Naples. Bravo!

Details: [www.uaccollier.com](http://www.uaccollier.com)

## BEST VANITY PLATE

>> "Chik Rod"

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**BEST RISING STAR**

>> Matthew Striegel



Matthew Striegel shined in the title role in KidzAct's recent production of "Hamlet" and also appeared as a waiter, a porter and in the ensemble

in The Naples Players' main stage production of "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" earlier this season. He sang and danced in the ensemble of the Players' "Fiddler on the Roof" last year and also appeared in KidzAct's "If You Give A Mouse A Cookie." After graduating from Barron Collier High School this month, Matt will start preparing for his next big role: as a theater student at Rollins College.

**BEST GATHERING OF BRIGHT MINDS**

>> Imagine Solutions

The Imagine Solutions Conference brings together leading experts and intellectuals from around the globe in an effort to find the solutions for our most vexing problems. Everything — from the environment to education to the economy — gets dissected and discussed. Best of all, no politicians are invited. In just two years, Imagine Solutions, the brainchild of Randy Antik, has grown into a world-class forum.

Details: [www.imaginesolutionsconference.com](http://www.imaginesolutionsconference.com)

**BEST FUTURE IMAGINE SOLUTIONS KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

>> James LeSage Jr.



Six-year-old James LeSage Jr. has become a member of the Southwest by South Florida Chapter of American Mensa. Of Mensa's 56,000

members nationwide, only 1,300 are under the age of 18. James is one of the organization's youngest members. To qualify for membership, you must score in the top 2 percent on the Mensa intelligence test. We assume the Imagine Solutions Conference folks are keeping in eye on James as he makes his way through First Baptist Academy of Naples and beyond.

**DUH! BEST REASON TO HAVE A LIVER SPECIALIST ON SPEED DIAL**

>> Calling Charlie Sheen your boss

Tom Gordon Naples is one of 100 finalists to become an intern to Charlie Sheen, the sometime actor, full-time lunatic. Mr. Gordon, a musician and disc jockey, emerged from a field of 85,000 applicants to make it to final 100. The "lucky" winner will be announced later this spring. Precisely what duties an intern will perform for

Mr. Sheen is unclear. But let's hope a working knowledge of CPR is required.

**BEST NEW MASCOT**

>> The Rookery Bay Batfish

The polka-dot batfish (*Ogcocephalus radiatus*), which lives in Rookery Bay waters, has become a signature image for the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. Now, a bright green and pink mascot with bright red lips will truly stand out during community events, parades and even in advertising campaigns. A contest to name the friendly fish generated more than 150 suggestions. The winner: the perfectly fitting Polka Dottie.



200 of the area's estimated 400 grads from the esteemed schools gathered at Longstreth Goldberg Art in January. We suspect the strength of family ties will ensure an even bigger turnout in 2012.

Details: Karen Kayser Benson (Mount Holyoke), [kkbcoach@comcast.net](mailto:kkbcoach@comcast.net) or Eve May (Wellesley), [evemay81@yahoo.com](mailto:evemay81@yahoo.com)

**BEST PLACE TO CALL HOME**

>> IslandWalk

IslandWalk on Vanderbilt Beach Road was named HOA Community of the Year 2011 by the Florida Communities of Excellence, a statewide program sponsored by the Florida Community Association Journal and the law firm of Becker & Poliakoff. IslandWalk also won the Trendsetter Award for use of computer technology and the award for family-friendly programs and initiatives.

**BEST THERE GOES THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

>> The Arlington

After living as neighbors in Naples and Marco Island during early retirement, entire streets of friends are now buying houses side-by-side in The Arlington, the upscale, faith-centered continuing-care retirement complex being built in the Lely Resort. That's what we call sticking together.

Details: [www.arlingtonnaples.org](http://www.arlingtonnaples.org)



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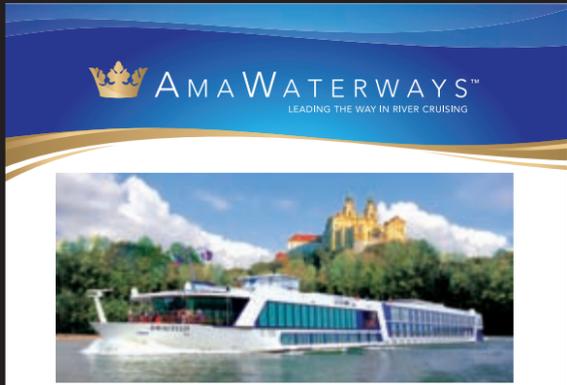


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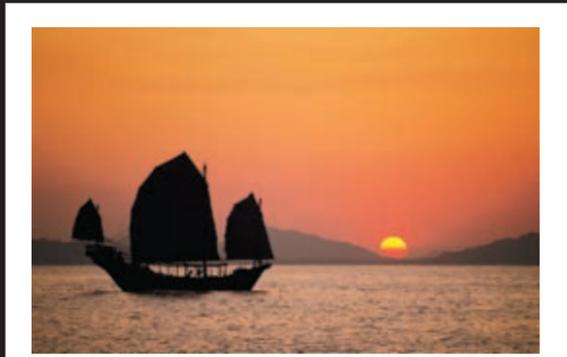
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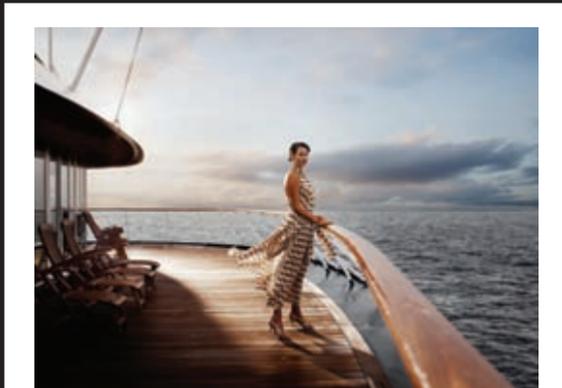
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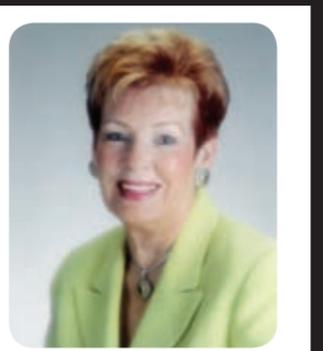


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**BEST YARD ART**

>> The Garden Gnomes

Some invasions in a garden are welcome, especially when they're colorful, 8-inch-high, pointy-hat wearing helpers known as gnomes. Naples Botanical Garden welcomed a friendly gang of the fanciful creatures to the Vicky C. and David Byron Smith Children's Garden in February. Volunteers hand-



Painted 30 of the whimsical little guys (and gals) for a family-friendly day in the Garden in February. A month later, visitors to the Naples Flower Show were able to bid on the

chance to give a gnome a home in their own gardens. The silent auction generated more than \$2,000 to benefit children's programming at the Garden. Look for the "Invasion of the Garden Gnomes: Part 2" next year.

**BEST YARD ART WITH ATTITUDE**

>> Rub-A-Dub-Dub

Lawn flamingoes in Old Naples are just so cliché. And garden sculpture in Port Royal is just so overdone.



Leave it to Naples Park for yard art that's downright refreshing. A fountain of three wooden buckets and a brush-wielding bathing refugee from a department-store window. Maybe this is where mannequins come for spa treatments. Or maybe it's an homage to Billie Jo, Bobbie Jo and Betty Jo bathing in the Petticoat Junction water tower. Regardless, we say to the owner of this Naples Park yard gallery: Thanks for keeping it clean.

**BEST OVER-THE HILL GANG NOT IN A RETIREMENT COMMUNITY**

>> The Marco Island Half-Marathoners

A record 350-plus runners made their way along the 13.1-mile course that includes what's become known as "Heart-

break Hill" (the Goodland Bridge) for the Marco Island Bridge Run in March. Some of the bunch took their eye off the finish line and slowed down to take in a spectacular sunrise from the bridge.

Details: [www.marcoislandhalfmarathon.com](http://www.marcoislandhalfmarathon.com)

**BEST ANTI-AGING TREATMENT**

>> "Assisted Living: The Musical"

With tongues firmly in cheeks, songwriter/singers Rick Compton and Betsy Bennett say their show is for "everyone who is growing older or thinking of doing so someday." The musical includes the toe-tapping "Help! I've Fallen for You and I Can't Get Up," the finger-snapping "I've got the 'Lost My Dentures on Steak Night' Blues" and the uplifting "Going to the Chapel (and I'm Going to Get Buried)." While getting old might beat the alternative, it also gives these twisted minds a target for musical hilarity.

Details: [www.assistedlivingthemusical.com](http://www.assistedlivingthemusical.com)



**DOWN TIME**

**BEST PLACE TO RUB IT IN**

>> The Salt Cave

Sure, consuming too much salt isn't good for you. But breathing it just might be beneficial. Halotherapy is considered an alternative treatment for asthma, allergies and other conditions. And Naples has its own salt cave where you can find out. The floor, ceiling and walls of the darkened room are covered with salt. While you listen to relaxing music and breathe in the Himalayan pink crystal salt aerosol emerging from the generator, it's supposed to actually reduce your blood pressure!

Details: [www.saltcave.us](http://www.saltcave.us)

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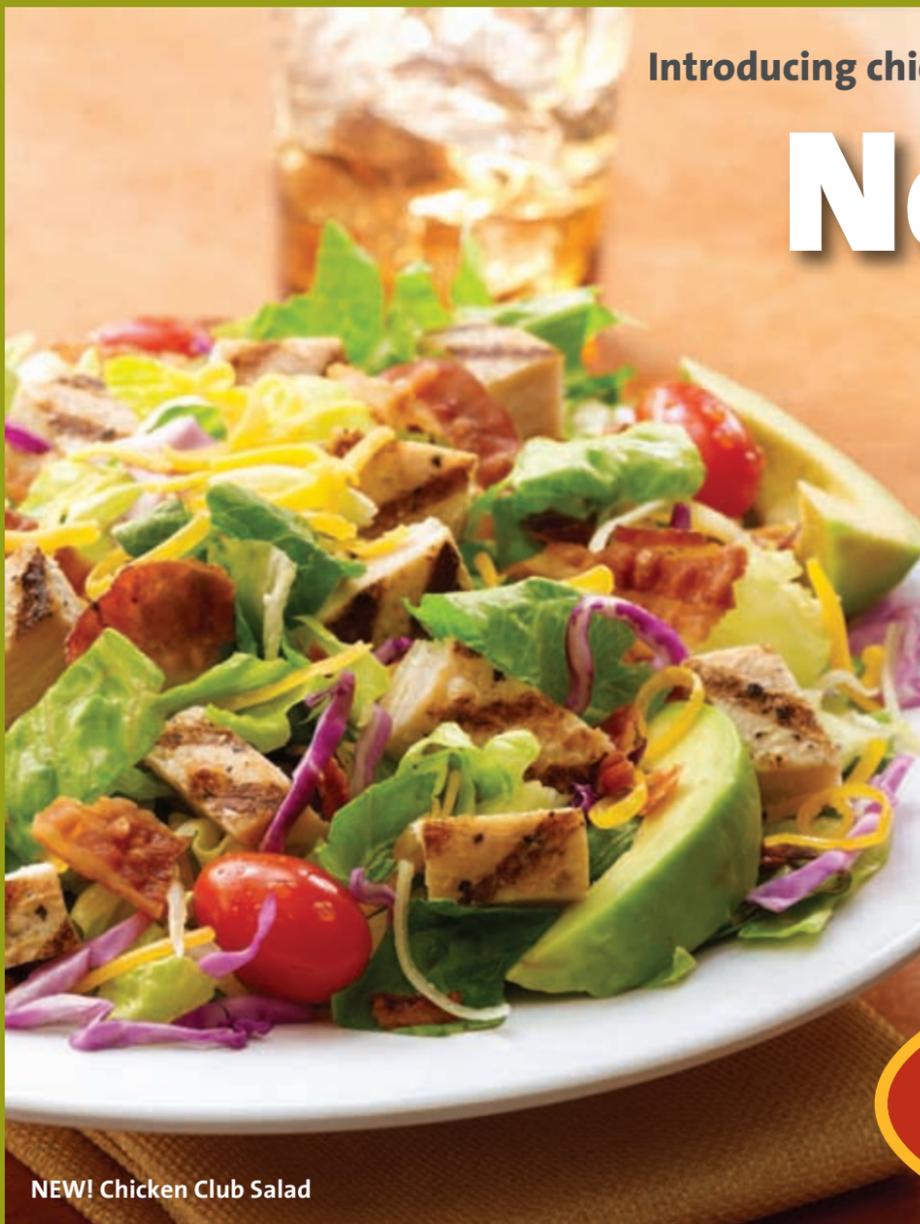
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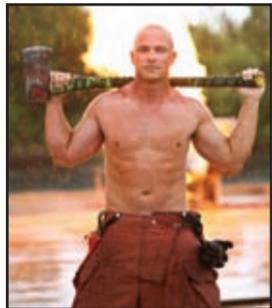
>> Corkscrew Swamp

Straddling Collier and Lee counties, this vast swamp offers an otherworld experience. If Mother Nature has a cathedral, it's here. Maybe that's why it's officially called Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary. A 2.25-mile boardwalk is worth doing twice to get a sense of the 11,000-acre place, which boasts the largest stand of virgin bald cypress in North America. Translation: There are 100 shades of green and so many shapes and sounds in these woods that you're transported into some kind of fairy tale. Watch for claw marks on some cypress along the boardwalk, and notice the intricate designs on flowers with heads no bigger than a dime. Take a picnic lunch or dine in the eco-friendly visitor center café. Shop in the gift store, too.

Details: [www.corkscrew.audubon.org](http://www.corkscrew.audubon.org)

**BEST PLACE TO SAVE THE DATE**

>> North Naples Fire Department Calendar



Forget words. The pictures of the North Naples Fire Department crew in this year's fundraising calendar are worth a thousand flames. In the

gig of a lifetime, Naples photographer Lauren Glase captured these heroic hotties in poses that are sure to stoke some fires. Order your copy of the 2012 edition now, before the chance of getting your hands on one once it's published goes up in smoke.

Details: [www.northnaplesfirefighters.org](http://www.northnaplesfirefighters.org)

**BEST PLACE TO HOLD HANDS**

>> Cabaret at the Phil

You might think it old-fashioned, but there's nothing quite like holding hands with the one you love. And the Phil's cabaret series is one of the best places to do so, while Broadway stars such as Sutton Foster or cabaret singers such as Jane Monheit sing songs from the Great American Songbook while accompanied by a small trio: "The Way You Look Tonight," "Let's Fall in Love," "Our Love is Here To Stay," "I Only Have Eyes For You." The lights in the Daniels Pavilion are dim, the music exquisite. OK, there's no dance floor. But you can still hold hands. What could be more romantic?

Details: [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org)

**BEST PINCH OF THE SALT OF THE EARTH**

>> Skilletts

If you want more salt — on your eggs and bacon, breakfast potatoes or lunch salad — head to Skilletts. With two locations in Naples and one in Bonita Springs (plus Charlotte, N.C., if you're up that way), the friendly spot is known for its skillet meals (those potatoes!) and homemade breads.

Details: [www.skillettsforbreakfast.com](http://www.skillettsforbreakfast.com)

**BEST BIG GULP NOT FROM 7-ELEVEN**

>> A Gold Brick at The Ritz

The Gold Brick margarita at the

beach bar at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, is something to behold — if you can see straight after you drink one. Made with Patron and Jose Cuervo, the Gold Brick tops out at 16 ounces and will set you back \$15.95. Bottoms up!

**BEST LIQUID RDA**

>> Martinis and Bloody Marys

The pineapple-infused Stoli vodka martini at Bricktop's is the perfect way to get your Vitamin C, and although there might not be as many good-for-you vitamins in it, Bricktop's watermelon martini is worth a shot to boost your spirits. If your diet is running short on veggies, a Bloody Mary from McCormick & Schmick's will up your folates and might even cure your hang-over, too.

**BEST PLACE TO CATCH A BUZZ ON SOME LOCAL BREWSKIS**

>> The Marco Island Brewery

The Marco Island Brewery proclaims to be the best-kept secret in town, and for beer lovers, it just might be. Fishermen are lured to the Funky Pelican Pilsner, while night owls seem to prefer the darker Starry Night Stout. Also worth bellying up to the bar for: the Loggerhead Red, an amber-colored ale with a reddish-brown hue that resembles the shell of the turtle for which it's named.

Details: [www.marcoislandbrewery.com](http://www.marcoislandbrewery.com)

**BEST NEW LONGNECKS**

>> Giraffe herd at The Naples Zoo



You'll probably never really look them in the eye, but the seven young reticulated giraffes who stuck their necks out at The Naples Zoo last summer became an instant hit. That was a tall order for the future centerpieces of the Zoo's planned Kiwa Ranch African habitats. These "skyscrapers of the savannah" helped the Zoo enjoy record attendance of 301,163 guests in 2010 and continue to draw crowds of admirers.

Details: 262-5409 or [www.napleszoo.org](http://www.napleszoo.org)

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Details: [www.snookinn.com](http://www.snookinn.com)

**BEST NEW THEATER COMPANY**

>> Shakespeare in Paradise

Serious thespians please pardon the paraphrasing, but "All the world's a stage, and the all the men and women of Shakespeare in Paradise just expanded the players." Naples' newest theater troupe presented "Macbeth, A Love Story" outdoors at the Naples Botanical Garden in January and visited three Collier high schools (with more to come) to perform and discuss Shakespeare and theater. Take a bow!

Details: *Shakespeare in Paradise on Facebook*

**BEST INDOOR FOREST**

>> The Louise Nevelson installation

With its scrawny trees, Southwest

Florida never really had much to boast about when it comes to forests — that is, until the Naples Museum of Art obtained Louise Nevelson's all-white, multi-part piece, "Dawn's Forest." The artist's largest and most complex work, the installation in the Figge Conservatory is a coup for the museum and a valuable addition to its modern art collection. Previously on display in the Georgia-Pacific Center lobby in Atlanta, it was donated to the museum by Georgia-Pacific and MetLife.

**BEST PLACE FOR A FIRST DATE**

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Details: 948-4488



**BEST PLACE FOR MODERN OPERA**

>> "The Met Live in HD"

Who would've ever guessed that the best place to see modern opera would be your local movie theater?

We can't recall any modern opera ever playing in the area, so when the Metropolitan Opera's "Nixon in China" played on the screens of three South-west Florida movie theaters, including the Hollywood Stadium-20 in Naples, we were beyond excited.

Direction by Peter Sellars and music

by John Adams! Opera singers portraying Tricky Dick and Pat, Kissinger and Chairman Mao! Lyrics in English!

We hope The Met produces more modern opera and makes it widely available by transmitting performances to cinemas around the country as part of its "The Met Live in HD" series. Because it seems that the classics are recycled all the time here.

Details: [www.metopera.org/hdlive](http://www.metopera.org/hdlive)

**BEST NEW SERIES**

>> "All That Jazz"

We've always thought the Daniels Pavilion was the perfect spot for jazz concerts. Finally, it appears we're not the only ones. This season the Phil introduced "All That Jazz" with the six-piece Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra: Glenn Basham on violin and harmonica, Lew Del Gato on tenor saxophone, Jerry Stawski on piano, Mike Harvey on drums, Kevin Mauldin on bass and Dan Miller on trumpet.

The set up: the six perform each concert, with a guest artist sitting in. Grammy Award-winning trumpeter and flugelhorn player Randy Becker, an original member of Blood Sweat & Tears, opened the series in January; tenor saxophonist Bob Keller brought the series to a close in April. Performances sold out.

With the overabundance of smooth jazz in the area, it was nice to hear some real, muscular, creative jazz. Along with the cabaret series, "All That Jazz" is one of the best musical ideas the Phil has had. We hope it grows.

Details: [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org)

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**BEST ACTOR**

>> Paul Graffy



Paul Graffy, a regular with The Naples Players, blew us away when he participated in "From the Page to the Stage" series at the Phil this winter. The new series is part lecture, part actors' reading. Mr. Graffy was especially inventive in "Six Degrees of Separation," in which he portrayed a South African, a New Yorker and a spoiled teenager. His accents were pitch-perfect, and even though it was "just" a reading, his multiple characters were totally distinct and fully rounded.

In The Naples Players' recent production of "Rabbit Hole," Mr. Graffy amazed audiences with his powerful portrayal of a father whose toddler son had died. Positive buzz led to many sold-out performances.

**BEST ACTRESS**

>> Debi Guthery



We admit, we've always loved seeing Debi Guthery on stage, most recently with The Naples Players and in years past with the Naples Dinner Theatre. She belts out a great song with her big, booming voice. And with her perfect comedic timing, she knows

how to get a laugh without being obvious about it. We've seen her portray everyone from a stripper with a gimmick in "Gypsy," to Mrs. Hannigan in "Annie," to Muriel from Omaha in this season's "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels." We'll never forget her singing a torch song in "Dames At Sea" while struggling to lift herself on top of the piano. After several abortive attempts — singing all the while — she finally made it, all limbs and awkwardness. The memory never fails to make us laugh. We're happy to report that Ms. Guthery returns this summer as Dorothy Brock in The Naples Players' production of "42nd Street."

**BEST KIDS ACTING UP**

>> KidzAct

If you think having emergency surgery without anesthetic sounds better than seeing a group of kids perform on stage — especially when they're not your own and you don't have to watch them — then you've never seen KidzAct. Members of The Naples Players' youth troupe stun audiences with their professionalism and skill. A couple of seasons ago, they did "Thoroughly Modern Millie" on the heels of the adult players' rendition of the same show. We saw both, and concluded that more than a few of the youngsters outperformed the adult actors. This summer, after the adults, the Kidz are doing "42nd Street." You can bet we won't miss that one.

Details: [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org)

**BEST SUMMER READING LIST**

>> The Critic's Choice

Sure, you can make up your own list or fill a tote bag with mindless beach reads, but nothing beats Elaine Newton's annual Critic's Choice Summer Reading List, announced every April at the final Critic's Choice book discussion at the Phil. From this year's list of 30 contemporary novels, a dozen titles are starred. Next season, Dr. Newton will lecture on some of those starred books. She has a keen eye for literature; one of the novels on this summer's list, "A Visit from the Goon Squad" by Jennifer Egan, just won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. Other starred titles on the list include: "The Weird Sisters" by Eleanor Brown, "By Nightfall" by Michael Cunningham, "The Paris Wife" by Paula McLain, "The Tiger's Wife" by Tea Obreht and Gary Shteyngart's "Super Sad True Love Story."

Details: Find the complete list at Barnes & Noble Booksellers or at [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org)

**BEST WRITING CONTEST**

>> Florida Weekly

Admittedly, this category is blatantly self-aggrandizing. Nevertheless, while Twitter and the blogosphere conspire to obliterate the English language as we know it, Florida Weekly's contests

are fighting the tide. The Freestyle Fiction & Poetry Contest, which rewarded two winners with tickets to the Sanibel Island Writers Conference, garnered about 100 submissions and revealed a multitude of talented wordsmiths hiding in our midst. Among the best submissions was poetry by Scott P. Somerfleck. His "Salt and Light" concluded this way:

*Be salt which never dies.  
It is reborn when the water dries.  
It will never lose its savor.  
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Too many characters for a Tweet, but just right for Florida Weekly.

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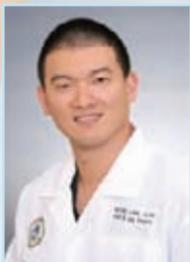
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Details: 643-7275 or [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org)

### BEST PLACE TO SEE FACE PLANTS IN THE SAND

>> Beach volleyball at the Naples Pier

If "America's Funniest Videos" is your favorite TV show, then you'll love the live action of beach volleyball at the Naples Pier. Players organize their own game or just show up in hopes of finding others hanging around for one to get going; especially on weekends, there's almost always enough to put together a team. That means spectators are guaranteed good entertainment just about anytime. Don't forget your beach chair and video camera. As Tom Bergeron says, "If you get it on tape, you could get it in cash" from "AFV."

### BEST PLACE TO SEE FACE PLANTS IN THE SURF

>> Vanderbilt Beach

When the stand-up paddleboarders are out there on the weekend, Vanderbilt Beach is one of the best shows in town. Those who have the hang of it make it look so easy and are practically hypnotic to watch as they glide along with rhythm and grace, barely making a ripple. The unselfconscious and admirably persistent souls who are still working on their form and technique, on the other hand, make waves well worth watching with one spectacular splash after another. For an especially great show, plan to be on the beach for the second annual SUP Luau Races coming up Saturday, May 21. That's when some of the best SUP athletes around will compete in a benefit for Special Olympics of Collier County.

### BEST PERCH FOR BIRDING

>> Conservancy of SWF's "Good Fortune"

As Naples becomes more urban (and, some might argue, urbane), it's easy to lose perspective on the wildlife and wild-



lands that are just around every corner. During season, passengers on the Conservancy of Southwest Florida's Good Fortune pontoon boat get just what the good ship's name promises: sightings of nesting bald eagles and osprey, great and snowy egrets, tricolored herons and brown pelicans. One extra-fortunate group this year even spotted a panther as the boat plied the waters off Keewaydin Island. Thankfully, the captain heeded the advice of poet Ogden Nash: "...If called by a panther, don't anther."

Details: January-April, departures for lunch and sunset; 403-4236 or [www.conservancy.org](http://www.conservancy.org)

### BEST BUMPY RIDE

>> Collier-Seminole State Park bike trail

It must be somewhat of a secret because it's never very busy, but the 5 1/2-mile, off-road bike trail in Collier-Seminole State Park is a great ride, as well as a great place to see wildlife and native flora — if you dare take your eyes off the ruts. It's also bumpy as all get out and nicknamed "Mosquito Mile" for a reason. This one's especially brutal after a hard rain, which is why smart mountain bikers save it for the dry season.

### BEST HOME TEAM

>> The Collier Carnage

This brand new minor league football franchise not only gives hardcore football junkies more of what they want — namely, football — it also offers a second chance for talented athletes to showcase their skills to colleges and professional teams. Many of the players hail from Collier County, which gives the team a nice hometown feel. See the Carnage in action when they go up against the Florida South Gators at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at Golden Gate High School.

Details: [www.colliercarnage.com](http://www.colliercarnage.com) and on Facebook

### BEST PLACE TO SPOT EXOTIC CARS

>> The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, Valet Stand

It's equal parts pleasure and pain. The pleasure begins as an event at beachfront hotel comes to a close and the legion of valets-turned-track stars commences sprinting for car retrieval. Maseratis, Lamborghinis, Bentleys and Aston Martins make otherwise desirable Lexuses (Lexii? Lexorum?) and Lincolns seem downright pedestrian. Some of these exotic beauties are deemed too precious to join their distant cousins in the parking paddock and are, instead, displayed around the portico for all to wish upon. The pain of this process comes as you're shaken from a stick-shift reverie with the realization that your 2005 Camry has been brought around and is waiting, door open and unclaimed. ■

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>> Charity for Change

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Details: [www.josephscustomclothiers.com](http://www.josephscustomclothiers.com)

### BEST READ APP

>> Overdrive Media Console

I was stuck in a doctor's waiting room surrounded by year-old magazines. No problem: I just pulled out my phone and checked out a book from the library. A minute later, I was hooked into one of Lee Child's Jack Reacher adventures. With a smartphone and a local library card, the Overdrive Media Console app lets me check out ebooks and audiobooks from the library and read them on my phone. Sure, the screen is tiny, but it beats the Super Bowl snacks issue of Better Homes and Gardens. As a result, even though it came an hour late, hearing the nurse call my name was actually an interruption.

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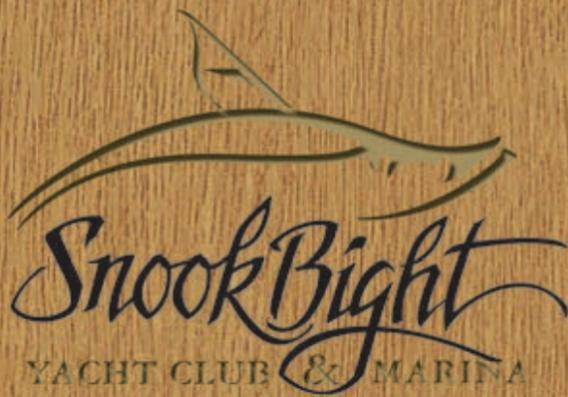
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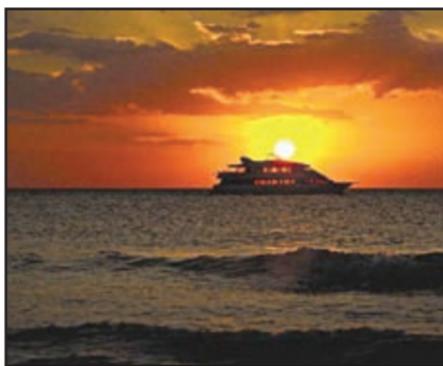
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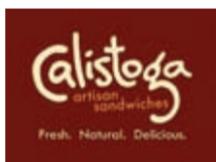
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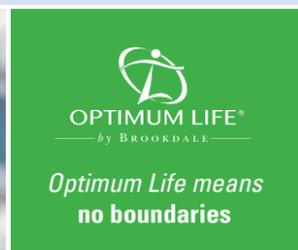
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