



## COMMENTARY

# The poor shall inherit the deficit

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"One hundred and thirty-five dollars an hour," he said.

At the time, the average annual income for Haitians was less than \$200.

Once on the ground, I discovered that everything in Haiti was geared to the upper crust. The biggest headache facing corporate honchos was learning which bureaucrat or politician to bribe. But these bribes were a pittance compared to lawfully levied taxes that were required in other parts of the world. In Haiti, the wealthy contributed nothing (unless you count crass exploitation of a suffering people as something) and took all in return.

I write of my experience in Haiti not as a plea to help those forlorn people, although I would not discourage anyone from doing so. Rather, I set it down because of what I see now in the United States.

Somehow, the notion has taken root that America's greatness is inextricably tied to what benefits the wealthy elite and the large corporations. This has been a long-standing tradition in third world countries like Haiti, but I never dreamed it would flourish here.

The proposition that the most affluent should pay their fair share is mocked as anti-American. This notion that taxation is socialism's kissing cousin is sheer nonsense.

Was George Washington seeking to build a socialist state when he sent 13,000 troops to quash a tax revolt (known as the Whisky Rebellion) in 1794?

Even Thomas Jefferson, who was not pleased by Washington's reaction to the rebellion and thought the first president — in cahoots with Jefferson's nemesis,

Alexander Hamilton — had overstepped his authority, argued long and loud that the basis of a truly egalitarian society was built upon disproportionate sacrifice from the fortunate few.

The recent testimony on Capitol Hill of the oil barons in defense of their exorbitant profits and lavish tax breaks brought to mind a memorable Jefferson quote, which I could not recall in its entirety but was able to track down a couple of days later.

"I hope we shall crush in its birth the aristocracy of our moneyed corporations which dare already to challenge our government," Jefferson said.

Jefferson knew that you couldn't sustain a democracy by hammering the poor and defenseless.

In a letter to James Madison, Jefferson outlined his theory of property taxation. He believed the best way to address inequality in taxation was "to exempt all from taxation below a certain point, and to tax the higher portions of property in geometrical progression as they rise."

Whoa, baby, and you thought Barack Obama and Nancy Pelosi were hot to redistribute the wealth!

Truth is, the wealth already has been redistributed, and while the mega-rich are making out like bandits, the rest of us struggle to survive. We are told by the likes of House Speaker John Boehner that the real culprits in the current economic mess are the poor and afflicted, who, he insists, have somehow snookered the system into bankruptcy.

Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security need to be adjusted. No denying that. But why must all sacrifice begin at the bottom?

Texas is a good example of where we as a nation are headed. Corporate tax rates are low and there is no state income tax. To offset this absence of revenue, virtually every program designed to help the helpless has been slashed to the bone. Oh, by the way, Texas also has a budget deficit of more than \$25 billion.

Draconian cuts in Medicaid by Texas's reactionary political leaders will hit nursing homes and children's hospitals the hardest. There is a real possibility that thousands of desperately ill and poverty-stricken Texans will be forced from those facilities.

What is that going to look like?

It could look a lot like Haiti.

Riding in a cab in Port-au-Prince, I noticed a child sprawled face down on the sidewalk. People stepped over and around the prostrate boy. I told the cab driver to stop.

"What would you have us do?" he asked in Creole-accented English.

"Take him to a doctor or a hospital."

"The hospitals are crowded and no doctor will treat a child of the streets. Besides, it appears as if the boy is dead."

"So, we just leave him there?"

"Yes. But do not be troubled. (The authorities) are very prompt in picking up bodies when the heat is as high as it is today."

Across town, Bud Hitchcock and his lawyer sat in air-conditioned comfort, toasting one another with single malt scotch and putting the finishing touches on their deal.

Bud was right; Haiti then — like Texas of today — was a great place to do business.

I have a hunch, though, that Washington, Jefferson and the other founding fathers aspired to something far grander than that. ■



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**OPINION****Slip-sliding away**

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The good news is that wages still make up a majority of the nation's income. Barely.

USA Today reports that in 2010, "Wages accounted for the lowest share of income — 51.0 percent — since the government began keeping track in 1929." In February of this year, "Wages slipped to another historic low of 50.5 percent of personal income."

As the proportion of our income derived from wages has declined, the proportion derived from government has increased. "A record 18.3 percent of the nation's total personal income was a payment from the government," USA Today writes. The recession obviously has much to do with this, but "the trend shows few signs of easing, even though the economic recovery is nearly 2 years old."

Someone has to pay for this, and if it's not our creditors, it's people making money and paying taxes. The private economy is caught in a vise between old-age entitlements and welfare pro-

grams for the poor. Everyone knows about entitlements. Social Security and Medicare already cost about \$1.2 trillion, even before baby boomers begin to retire in earnest. Medicare has grown by 80 percent since 2000, and is set to career ever upward.

For every dollar of Social Security and Medicare, we spend roughly another 50 cents on anti-poverty programs, broadly defined. These programs have expanded at a rate 89 percent faster than inflation since 2000, according to The Heritage Foundation. Fifty million people are enrolled in Medicaid, and more than 40 million are on food stamps. Anti-poverty spending is now above 4 percent of GDP, and President Barack Obama's vision is for their perpetual growth.

To save the productive economy from getting swallowed by these twin behemoths, we must both reform entitlements and constrain anti-poverty spending. It is telling, then, that there are two main criticisms of Paul Ryan's budget plan: 1) It will reform entitlements; 2) It will constrain anti-poverty spending. In other words, Ryan's offense is daring to do anything at all about the primary sources of welfare state overreach.

According to Robert Rector of The Heritage Foundation, at least half of the

spending goes to able-bodied people. If we were to take anti-poverty spending back to pre-recession levels and limit its rate of growth to inflation — as Republican Rep. Jim Jordan proposes, once unemployment declines to 6.5 percent — it would save \$2 trillion over the ensuing 10 years.

The fundamental source of contention in our politics is whether we accept our current path of enlarged reliance on government, or endeavor to reverse it. We can argue about what the tipping point is when our society will have lost its distinctiveness and dynamism. When we get 20 percent of our income from government, 25 percent? When only 45 percent of income is from wages? If you'd rather not find out, you're an "extremist."

At the moment, the American economy seems to be hitting a perverse sweet spot of low growth — just 1.8 percent in the first quarter — and rising prices. The Obama economic program is in shambles, unless the unspoken goal was always increasing reliance on government. By that metric, it's been a smashing success. The trend line suggests yet more success to follow. ■

— Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

**Tony Kushner and the angels of dissent**

amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly



Tony Kushner will be receiving an honorary degree from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. This shouldn't be big news. Kushner is a renowned playwright who won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, along with an Emmy Award and two Tonys. The degree became big news when it was abruptly shelved by the City University of New York Board of Trustees during its May 2 meeting, after a trustee accused Kushner of being anti-Israel.

A campaign grew almost immediately, first calling on previous recipients of honorary degrees from CUNY colleges (of which John Jay College is one) to return them. Within days, what would have been a quickly forgotten bestowal of an honorary degree erupted into an international scandal. The chair of the board, Benno Schmidt, former president of Yale University, convened an emergency executive session of the board, which voted unanimously to restore the honor to Kushner.

The controversy exposed the extreme polarity that increasingly defines the Israel/Palestine conflict, and the willingness by some to suppress free speech and vigorous dialogue to further rigid, political dogma. The trustee who attacked Kushner, Jeffrey Wiesenfeld, began his tirade at the original board meeting with an attack on Mary Robinson, who was formerly both the president of Ireland and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. He then went on: "There is a lot of disingenuous and nonintellectual activity directed against the state of Israel

on campuses throughout the country, the West generally, and oftentimes the United States, as well." He presented several quotes that he attributed to Kushner to make his case, ending with, "I don't want to bore you all with the details."

Kushner told me, "[W]hat he's doing is sparing them not boring details, but the full extent of the things that I've said about the state of Israel that would in fact make it clear to the board that I am in no way an enemy of the state of Israel, that I am in fact a vocal and ardent supporter of the state of Israel, but I don't believe that criticism of state policy means that one seeks the destruction of a state. I've been very critical of the policies of my own government."

First, a little history on Kushner's work. He won the Pulitzer for his play "Angels in America." The play is subtitled "A Gay Fantasia on National Themes," and addresses the HIV/AIDS epidemic and the struggle that many gay men and lesbians endure in the United States. A key character in the play is a fictionalized version of Roy Cohn, a prominent attorney who, early in his career, was a key adviser to Sen. Joseph McCarthy. Cohn helped McCarthy with his fanatical pursuit of suspected communists in the U.S. government and beyond. He was considered a lifelong closeted gay man, despite the fact that he helped target people for political persecution for being gay. Cohn died in 1986 of complications due to AIDS, although he publicly described his illness as liver cancer. Thus, in a dramatic, real-life turn of events, Kushner, who has written extensively on the witch hunts of the McCarthy era, has now become the object of such a witch hunt himself.

The CUNY Board of Trustees' ver-

sion of Roy Cohn here is Wiesenfeld, appointed by former Republican governor of New York George Pataki.

I interviewed Tony Kushner soon after he got word that his honorary degree had been restored. He said U.S. policy toward the Middle East "based on right-wing fantasies and theocratic fantasies and scripture-based fantasies of what history and on-the-ground reality is telling us, is catastrophic and is going to lead to the destruction of the state of Israel. These people are not defending it. They're not supporting it. They're in fact causing a distortion of U.S. policy regarding Israel and a distortion of the internal politics of Israel itself, because they exert a tremendous influence in Israel and support right-wing politicians who I think have led the country into a very dark and dangerous place."

During the McCarthy era, the U.S. was a dark and dangerous place as well. Now, amid the uprisings in the Arab and Muslim world, the recent rapprochement between Fatah and Hamas, and the likely recognition of Palestinian statehood by the United Nations General Assembly, there is no more urgent time for vigorous and informed debate.

The future of peace in the Middle East depends on dissent. Those, like Tony Kushner, with the courage to speak out are the true angels in America. ■

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"This past year was a tough one for Florida travel and tourism with the negative impacts from the economy and misperceptions about the gulf oil spill," Mr. Wert said. He reviewed the CVB's marketing efforts following the oil spill as well as the 2011 winter campaign and the spring/summer marketing efforts now under way.

Numbers for 2010 show that 1,383,500 visitors stayed in paid accommodations and created a total economic impact of \$1.16 billion. Those visitors paid \$74.6 million in sales and gasoline taxes. Analysis by Research Data Services shows that Collier County residents saved \$631 in taxes they otherwise would have paid if amenities such as beach renourishment and the Collier County Museums were not paid for with the tourist development tax.

Data for the first quarter of 2011 shows visitors from the Northeast and Midwest feeder markets up by 9.1 percent and 5.9 percent, respectively, over the first quarter of 2010.

The tourism industry employs 29,000 people in Collier County.

Mr. Wert's report was followed by the annual Paradise Coast Tourism Star Awards, honoring the top tourism employees in Collier County.

The following awards were presented:

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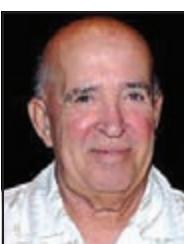
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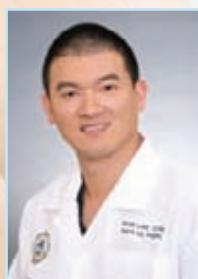
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two phases of what law enforcement officials called Operation Everglades (which played out in the early 1980s) and Operation Peacemaker (which occurred later in the decade).

The operations ranged up and down the coast, but Everglades City was Ground Zero. In 1983, 12 people from the tiny fishing hamlet were arrested in a single burst of activity. Eventually, more than 150 (many of whom were from Everglades City and Southwest Florida) were brought down by a task force that included the FBI, the DEA, the IRS and other federal and state agencies. Boats, automobiles and homes were seized, and it was estimated that 75 percent of Everglades City's stone crab fleet was impounded.

Mr. McBride himself was one of the biggest fish to be caught in this law enforcement net.

Known as the "Saltwater Cowboy," Mr. McBride, just before his arrest in the late 1980s, negotiated high-end deals between Cuban and Colombian drug lords. He eventually served a four-year stretch in federal prison and paid fines totaling \$4 million.

A reunion of ex-cons who were snared in some of the most massive drug take-downs in American history might not exactly sit well with those members of the public who understandably frown on such activities. The Saltwater Cowboy insists he is sensitive to this fact.

"We're not trying to glorify or justify what we did," says the 53-year-old Mr. McBride, who is currently in negotiations with producers who hope to film a pilot for a possible television series based on



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The January 2010 cover of *Florida Weekly* featured Tim McBride.

his experiences. "But we can't run from the past, either. What we did was wrong, but we can't change that now. We can take responsibility for what we did and show that you can learn from your mistakes."

Mr. McBride also concedes that the reunion is not intended to be an Oprah-like procession of teary confessions and inspiring tales of redemption gained and religion found.

"Oh, there are going to be war stories, for sure," he promises. "There are going to be a lot of stories about the crazy (stuff) we did back in the day."

So far, he adds, he has commitments from about 20 of the old gang. "I think we're going to get 50 guys, at least," he says.

If you are an "alumni" (Mr. McBride's word) of these drug busts — and are not currently incarcerated, of course — more information can be had by e-mailing [tim@saltwatercowboys.org](mailto:tim@saltwatercowboys.org) or by calling 494-5155. ■

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## RedSnook tourney will benefit Conservancy's efforts to protect water quality, game fish populations

Registration is under way for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida's 2011 Red-Snook Catch and Release Charity Tournament, which helps fund Conservancy water quality projects and juvenile game fish research.

This year's tournament, the 18th annual event, takes place Oct. 21-23. With a theme of "Clean Water/More Fish," it is co-chaired by Wayne Meland and Lloyd Liggett.

"Our slogan speaks to the importance of the Conservancy's efforts to the angling community," Mr. Meland told a group of supporters who gathered recently to hear the "RedSnook Success Story" at the Conservancy's Penniman Family Filter Marsh Gazebo.

Kathy Worley, co-director of environmental science at the Conservancy, explained the functions of the new Wavering-Shotwell Filter Marsh. Once a drainage ditch filled with runoff from nearby roads and the parking lot at Coastland Center, the new wetland intercepts pollution before it reaches the Gordon River and Naples Bay. The filter marsh exemplifies the impact that a healthy water supply can have on the creat-

that the filter marsh can serve as a model and encourage others to create wetlands and adopt best practices for stormwater treatment," he added.

Proceeds from the RedSnook tournament also help support the Conservancy's work to protect water quality.

"We recognize that the quality of our water is directly linked to our economic viability, recreation and enjoyment of all the area has to offer," Jennifer Hecker, director of natural resource policy for the



Once a "dead" drainage ditch, the Wavering-Shotwell Filter Marsh is now purifying waters and acts as a haven for wildlife and snook populations.



The Wavering-Shotwell Filter Marsh was named for the multi-generational support provided by both families. Chip, Lynne, Henley and Nelly Shotwell were honored at the event. Lynne's father, Elmer Wavering, was one of the original founders of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

ing a new wildlife habitat and a haven for juvenile fish populations. In a live testament to the renewed health of the water in the filter marsh, Conservancy research manager Jeff Schmid showed guests a juvenile snook from the marsh.

"Upon completion of the filter marsh, it was a great surprise to see native plants, fish and wading birds begin to flourish," Andrew McElwaine, Conservancy president and CEO, said. "Our hope is

"Fishing with Roland Martin," will return to host the 2011 event, which begins with a kick-off party and auction on Friday, Oct. 21, at the Naples Yacht Club. Competition takes place from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 22-23. The tournament concludes with an awards ceremony Sunday, Oct. 23, at Northern Trust.

Teams can register for the tournament at [www.conservancy.org/redsnook](http://www.conservancy.org/redsnook).

Divisions include unguided general bait, guided general bait, unguided artificial, guided artificial, junior angler and fly fishing.

The tournament is presented by The Johnson Meland Group at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. Sponsors include Northern Trust and Naples Yacht Club. Allen Systems Group is the official "Stars and Stripes" sponsor. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information, visit the website above or call 403-4219. ■

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Jeff Schmid, Conservancy research manager, holds up a Mayan cichlid, an invasive species that's finding its way into the Wavering-Shotwell Filter Marsh. The fish are not released back into the waters; they are fed to animals recuperating at the Conservancy Wildlife Clinic.

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# Conservancy celebrates \$38.8 million to help save Southwest Florida

**A** gopher tortoise kicks up sand as he crawls into his burrow within the Christopher B. Smith Preserve, an area now protected from development. The natural upland and scrub habitat is between the Conservancy of Southwest Florida Nature Center and Goodlette-Frank Road.

A short distance away, beams are raised as construction continues on the nearly 5,000-square-foot von Arx Wildlife Clinic that will expand wildlife treatment. And just across from the clinic in the new Wavering-Shotwell Filter Marsh, a wading bird appears oblivious to the sounds of construction as he focuses on the abundant juvenile snook teeming below. Once a "dead" drainage ditch, the filter marsh is now purifying waters and acts as a haven for snook and wildlife.

These were scenes at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida on May 10 as guests arrived for the "Saving Southwest Florida" capital campaign celebration. They are several examples of how the \$38.8 million raised is already impacting the local environment and wildlife by supporting policy, education and campus renovations.

More than 100 guests including Conservancy members, donors, staff and local dignitaries, celebrated as Dolph von Arx, Conservancy board chairman, and Tuck Tyler, "Saving Southwest Florida" campaign cabinet co-chairman, poured water into a 4-foot cylinder to represent the dollars raised and to honor the more than 1,000 individuals who gave to the campaign. Gifts ranged from \$10 to more than \$1 million.

"Every drop of water represents someone's commitment to protecting Southwest Florida's environment," Andrew McElwaine, Conservancy president and CEO, said.

The largest environmental campaign in Collier County is also one of the largest in the state of Florida. Funding will support core Conservancy programs and endowment for policy, advocacy, environmental science, research and education to include:

A new strategic partnership with Florida Gulf Coast University to focus on enhanced environmental education;

Support for sea turtle research, monitoring and protection;

Resources for wildlife rehabilitation training and veterinary services;

Funds for policy and advocacy efforts for ongoing and future work; and

Support for research projects such as

Everglades restoration and water quality research.

In addition, funds will support the renovation and construction of new sustainable buildings at the Conservancy to transform the 21-acre campus into one of the premier nature centers in the southeastern United States.

During the event, the Village School Chorale sang songs reflecting the mission of the Conservancy, and representatives from the state, Collier County and city of Naples recognized the Conservancy and campaign donors for their commit-



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the Christopher B. Smith Preserve.

"Today is about so much more than celebrating a big number," Mr. von Arx told the gathering. "Numbers alone do not tell the story."

"This campaign began as a call to action in response to threats to our water, land and wildlife. What matters most is the faith the community has in the Conservancy to use these dollars to protect our quality of life future for generations."

To conclude the celebration, the Conservancy retired the "Saving Southwest Florida" capital campaign logo and revealed its new logo, rein-



COURTESY PHOTO

**Conservancy President and CEO Andrew McElwaine, left, with Kristi Bartlett (representing Collier County) Sandra Mummert (representing Florida Sen. Garrett Richter's office) and Naples City Councilman Doug Finlay. The latter three read proclamations honoring the Conservancy of Southwest Florida and donors to its "Saving Southwest Florida" capital campaign.**

ment to protecting Southwest Florida's environment. May 10 was proclaimed "Saving Southwest Florida Day."

"We have worked closely in partnership with Collier County, its Board of County Commissioners and other local and state officials throughout the renovation process. We are grateful for their continued support," Mr. McElwaine said.

New construction and renovations on the Conservancy campys are slated for completion by late 2012 and will include the new von Arx Wildlife Clinic, the Dal-

ton Discovery Center, Ferguson Learning Labs, Eaton Conservation Hall and the Sugden Gomez Environmental Planning Center. Campaign funds also led to the purchase of additional land and construction for a new entrance road, Smith Preserve Way, to open access to the Conservancy Nature Center from Goodlette-Frank Road with the goal of providing access to the future Gordon River Greenway Park. The campaign funded the purchase of 8 acres from the Fleischmann family, which has become

forcing its mission and symbolizing new horizons for the organization.

"As we celebrate our accomplishments, we are reminded that our work continues," Mr. Tyler, who spoke on behalf of campaign co-chairs Nick Penniman and Jane Pearsall, said. "The generosity of our donors, members, staff, volunteers and the community has better prepared us to take on the challenges of the future."

Read more about the Conservancy celebration and its new logo at [www.conservancy.org](http://www.conservancy.org). ■

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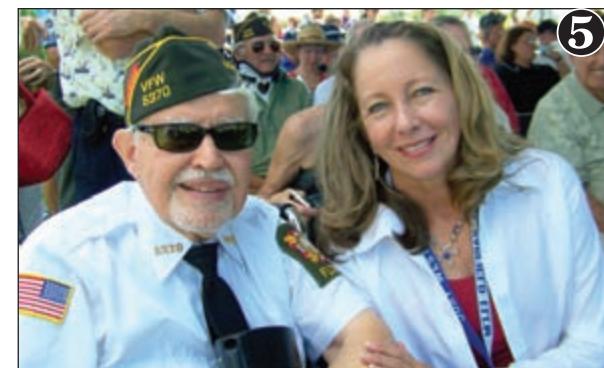


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- **Gymnastics (ages 6 and older)**

10-11:30 a.m. June  
13-17 and Aug. 1-5

- **Tim Cain Baseball Camp (ages 8-15)**

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 27-July 1 and Aug. 8-12

- **Junior Tennis Clinics**

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- **Swimming lessons (ages 6 months and up)**

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- **Saturday Swimming Lessons (ages 6 months and up)**

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- **Scott Stewart Basketball Camp (ages 7-15)**

9 a.m. to noon  
July 11-15

- **Girls' Volleyball Camp (ages 7-15)**

Beginners: 9-11 a.m.

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July 18-22 and Aug. 8-12

- **British Challenger Soccer (ages 3-14)**

July 11-15 and Aug. 8-12  
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- **Cross Country Camp (grades 6-9) 7-10:45 a.m. Aug. 1-5**

## Sports celebrities will headline luncheons

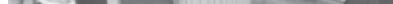
The Greater Marco Family YMCA is organizing its first Sports Celebrity Speaker Series that will bring guests from the world of professional sports to town for lunch and talkback at the Hilton Marco Island. Former NFL player Mike Vanderjagt will host the four luncheons for which guests will be invited from the NBA, the NFL, the NHL and

major league baseball. Dates have not been announced, but the events will be held in August and December 2011 and February and April 2012. Tickets will be \$35 each or the series of four for \$130.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call Steve Reynolds and the Y, 394-3144, ext. 228, or e-mail [marketing@marcoislandymca.org](mailto:marketing@marcoislandymca.org). ■

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### Golf pros offer free 10-minute lessons

Southwest Florida golfers new to the game and those who simply need a refresher from a pro can take a free lesson this month at select WCI Communities golf clubs in Naples and Bonita Springs.

For the eighth consecutive year, golf professionals from WCI clubs are participating in the PGA-sanctioned Play Golf America, a month-long event designed to introduce golf to beginners, junior players and individuals with disabilities as well as those interested in improving their game.

WCI's participating PGA and LPGA golf pros include: Ed Weber and Emily Ranney, Raptor Bay Golf Club, Bonita Springs; Bob Radunz, Craig Morton and Tyler Clauson, The Colony Golf & Country Club, Bonita Springs; Jim Feipel, Brien Charter and Chad Nigro, Tiburon Golf Club, Naples; and Rick Rainville, Hammock Bay Golf & Country Club, Naples.

Ten-minute lessons with the pros can be scheduled at [www.PlayGolfAmerica.com/FLM](http://www.PlayGolfAmerica.com/FLM). After a lesson, students can return to the Play Golf America website to register for a chance to win a PGA golf school package for two or a set of Nike golf clubs as part of the PGA Free Lesson Month Sweepstakes. ■

### Hit the links around Naples

Here are some charity golf tournaments coming up around Naples and Collier County:

■ The Collier Building Industry Association and Hill, Barth & King host a tournament Friday, May 20, at The Quarry. A putting contest, long drive contest



COURTESY PHOTOS

The winning teams in the 2011 Inter-Club Challenge at the Old Collier Golf Club consisted of Nick Trigony, Bill O'Brien, First Tee of Naples/Collier student Jose Martinez, Clint Harkins and Dick Stonesifer with golf pro Steve Waugh, above, and Susie Garrabrant, Ellen Canham, Bonnie McMicken and Sue Otterbeck with golf pro Iain Mossman, below. Both teams were from the Old Collier Golf Club. The fifth annual tournament raised more than \$123,000 to benefit the children of Immokalee through The Immokalee Foundation.



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).

■ St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church is holding a golf tournament to benefit the Catholic Faith Appeal on Tuesday morning, May 24, at Lely Resort's Mustang Golf Course. Registration is from 9:30-11 a.m. Lunch will be served before the game begins, and the competition will be followed by dinner.

Registration is \$160 per person. For more information, call 774-2013.

■ The Economic Development Council of Collier County holds its fourth annual golf tournament Friday, June 3, at the Club at Tiburon. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. precedes the 8 a.m. shotgun start.

Registration is \$150 per person, \$600 for a foursome or \$1,000 for a corporate team. Proceeds will benefit EDC initiatives to build a sustainable economy through diversification.

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■ The Lee County Bar Association is hosting a golf tournament to benefit Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida on Saturday, June 4, at Old Corkscrew Golf Club. VFK is the financial support arm of the Guardian ad Litem program that recruits and trains volunteers to advocate in court for children who are involved in the court system because of abuse, parental neglect or other issues that have placed them in jeopardy.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$90 per person. For registration and sponsorship information, call Nanci DuBois at 334-0047, e-mail [info@leebar.org](mailto:info@leebar.org) or visit [www.leebar.org](http://www.leebar.org). ■

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# Glenn Beck to address Town Hall in 2012

The Naples Town Hall Distinguished Speakers Series has announced that Glenn Beck will take the stage Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. The audience can anticipate an evening of insights into the heart and mind of the conservative TV and radio host as he engages in dialogue with his friend and best-selling author Eric Metaxas. (See below for details about Mr. Metaxas' June 6 visit to Southwest Florida.)

"This event for me personally carries with it extreme importance," says Rick Borman, president and producer of the Town Hall programs. "As an American media icon, Glenn is both revered and frequently misunderstood. This is an opportunity for our community to become acquainted with him in a forum that will highlight his strong personal beliefs and cast a light on the man behind the persona."

For more than 11 years, Mr. Beck has been the unfaltering defender of traditional American values, attracting millions of listeners to his nationally syndicated radio talk show, "The Glenn Beck Show."

In January 2009, he launched his television program on the Fox News Channel. It was announced in April that he would "transition off his daily program" on Fox News, but will team up with Fox News Channel and Fox News' digital properties to co-produce projects. He is also the author of six New York Times bestsellers.

Naples Town Hall previously announced an evening with Condoleezza Rice, U.S. Secretary of State from 2005 to 2009,



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on Tuesday, March 20, 2012. The final two speakers for the 2012 series have not yet been announced.

Subscriptions to the four-speaker series are \$700 per person or \$1,500 per person for the dinner series, which includes a private cocktail reception, dinner and 45-minute Q&A. For \$5,250, Town Hall Benefactors enjoy exclusive access for two with priority seating, a private cocktail reception, dinner and 45-minute Q&A, plus entry to special events and an invitation to dine with one guest speaker during the season.

For more information, call 659-6524 or visit [www.NaplesTownHall.org](http://www.NaplesTownHall.org).

## Coming next month

To close out its 28th year of bringing some of the world's most influential leaders and speakers to audiences in Southwest Florida, The Naples Town Hall Distinguished Speaker Series presents Eric Metaxas at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 6, at the Summit Church Auditorium in Estero.

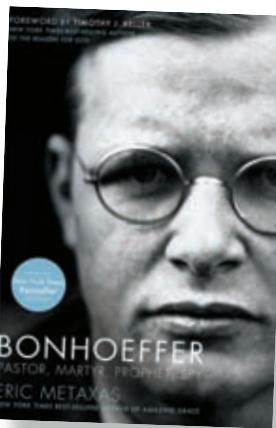
Mr. Metaxas' newest book, "Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy" is the first major biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer in more than 40 years. Through love letters and coded messages sent to and from Cell 92, the narrative follows Mr. Bonhoeffer after he left the safety of America for Hitler's Germany in 1939. He was executed in a



METAXAS

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 topics." He is also the author



of more than 30 children's books. 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.

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). ■

## Fill up on rice and beans to help feed hungry Haitians

House of Gaia is serving "Rice and Beans for Haiti" to raise money for the people of Port-au-Prince. The humble yet festive dinner will be served from 5:45-8 p.m. Saturday, May 21, at the Salvation Army, 3180 Estey Ave. off Airport Road. Proceeds will provide rice and beans for a tent city in Haiti.

The evening is sponsored by Outside the Box Studio, whose owner, Lulu Carter, the founder and director of House of Gaia, is planning a trip to Haiti next month.

Food & Thought will provide the vegan dinner of rice, beans and greens. Loving Hut will serve a vegan dessert. Live bossa nova music and an outdoor fire poi ceremony are also planned.

Posters, note cards and bookmarks made from artwork created by children at the New Life Orphanage in Haiti

shortly after the earthquake of January 2010 will be available for purchase.

The suggested minimum donation for dinner is \$40 for an individual and \$80 for a family, but any amount will be much appreciated. Seating is limited and tickets are required. Call Ms. Carter at 272-6152.

If you cannot attend but would like to send a donation, mail a check made payable to BeeGaia Inc. to Ms. Carter at 1610 Trade Center Way, Naples FL 34109.

All monetary donations will go directly toward purchasing and distributing rice, beans, salt and water in Haiti.

Donations of clean clothing and shoes, new bath and beauty items and playroom and school supplies are also being collected at the above address and will be shipped to Haiti to by container. ■



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# Shelter needs food, toiletries for clients seeking refuge

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children needs food and toiletries to help support victims and survivors of intimate partner violence seeking refuge with the nonprofit domestic violence center.

"Our 60-bed emergency shelter has been running at capacity for weeks, so we are looking for additional support," says Rebecca Grabau, the Shelter's volunteer and resource coordinator.

Especially needed are:

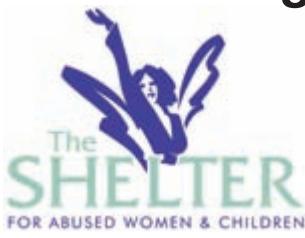
- Pantry items such as canned vegetables, soups, fruit, meat and tuna; cooking oils; peanut butter and jelly; pasta and sauces; mac 'n' cheese; rice and beans.

- Dishwasher detergent, dish soap, paper towels, toilet paper and diapers.

- Toiletries such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss; deodorant; shampoo and conditioner; body wash and lotions.

- Household items including bath and hand towels and twin-size sheets.

Donations can be dropped between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday at Options Thrift Shoppe, 968 Second Ave. N.



In addition to the above, the Shelter welcomes new and used cell phones to ensure that women and children fleeing violence have access to emergency police and ambulance services 24 hours a day. Most donated phones are given to individuals in danger; the remaining phones are properly recycled by a company that makes a cash contribution back to The Shelter for each one submitted.

Cell phones and chargers can be dropped off at more than 20 locations in Collier County, including: Options Thrift Shoppe at the above address; Collier County Sheriff's Office substations; Neighborhood Health Clinic; Starbucks locations; and the Pregnancy Resource Center.

To learn about hosting a donation drive or for more information about donating, call Ms. Grabau at 775-3862, ext. 235, or e-mail rgrabau@naplesshelter.org.

For more information about the Shelter and its services, visit [www.naplesshelter.org](http://www.naplesshelter.org). ■

## Flotilla 93 observes Safe Boating Week

In observance of National Safe Boating Week, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 93 will distribute information and conduct free vessel safety checks on Saturday, May 21.

From a booth on City Dock from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., flotilla members will hand out brochures about safe boating and hurricane preparedness.

Vessel safety checks will be conducted at the dock and at the auxiliary station at

1099 Ninth St. S., which will also hold an open house. Boats can arrive at the station via water or trailer.

Also at City Dock will be a display of various types of life jackets and a demonstration of proper fitting and maintenance. The Fort Myers Beach Coast Guard Station will have a 33-foot, "go-fast" boat and crew on hand to give tours. For more information, call 304-1292 or 293-7034. ■

## EDC holds annual legislative overview

The Economic Development Council of Collier County invites the public to an overview of the 2011 legislative session from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, in the Grill Room at Moorings Park. Dudley Goodlette will moderate the discussion by mem-

bers of the Collier County Legislative Delegation.

Luncheon sponsors are Moorings Park, CenturyLink and First National Bank of the Gulf Coast.

For reservations, call the EDC at 263-8989. ■

## St. Paul's church begins summer schedule

The summer schedule of programs and activities has started at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3901 Davis Blvd.

Beginning Sunday, May 22, worship services are at 8 and 10:45 a.m. Other regular programs through the summer are:

- Line dancing classes: 10 a.m. Tuesdays, admission \$5.

- Bereavement support group: 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays, facilitated by VITAS Hospice, free.

- Yard sales: The next yard sales takes place Saturday, May 21. There will be no yard sales in June, July or August. Fall sales will be held Sept. 17 and Oct. 22. Space rental is \$20. Call 643-0197 for more information. ■

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## Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park all abuzz with a family of ospreys

BY MARCIA BYRD

Special to Florida Weekly

Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park has been buzzing with excitement over its latest inhabitants: a family of ospreys. Recent visitors to the park were treated to scenes of the adult ospreys flying to the nest with fish for their young, and within days after they were hatched, three little chicks' heads could be seen above the nest.

At times the area around the nest was roped off, but the nest was still in full view and even the casual beachcomber could not miss the beauty of these birds in flight overhead. Only two of the young hatchlings have been seen most recently, and both were nicely filled out with downy feathering. Soon they will be on their own, thanks to the tenacity of their parents who painstakingly built a sturdy nest near the water to provide them with daily meals of fresh fish.

One day I had the good fortune to see one of the adults plunge into the water

feet first from about 50 feet in the air and grab a fish with its talons. The fish was positioned head first into the wind as the osprey flew to the nest with its catch. I marveled at the work required of the parents to keep the hatchlings and themselves fed.

In a few weeks the young ospreys will have enough plumage for flight, but they will stick around their parents until fall migration. Then we will have to bid farewell to our incredible family.

We all hope that the osprey pair, who usually mate for life, will return next year to raise another family. Their nest will be waiting, and park visitors will have their binoculars and cameras ready for another spectacular show presented by Mother Nature. ■

— Marcia Byrd is president of the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. For more information about the park, visit [www.delnorwiggins.org](http://www.delnorwiggins.org). To find out how to become a Friend of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, call 597-6196.

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### Support group for Alzheimer's disease family and friends

Dr. Catherine Cruikshank, director of education for the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, will discuss "Factors that Increase the Risk of Alzheimer's Disease" at the monthly caregivers support group meeting from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, May 25, at Juniper Village Wellspring Memory Care at Naples. 1155 Encore Way.

Caregivers will be onsite to watch loved ones. Attendance is free. RSVP by calling 598-1368. ■

### 'Mobile Mammo' at The Carlisle

Radiology Regional's "Mobile Mammo" bus pulls into the parking lot at The Carlisle on Thursday, May 26. The state-of-the-art coach will be at the main entrance to the community from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Although walk-ins are welcome, mammogram appointments can be made by calling 936-2316. Most insurance plans are accepted, and discounts are offered for self-pay patients. ■

### David Lawrence in Immokalee plans open house

The David Lawrence Center Immokalee Satellite Services office will hold an open house from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, May 26, in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month. The event is sponsored and co-hosted by ValueOptions, an independent behavioral health care company, and will include a free lunch.

Everyone is welcome, including representatives from social service agencies and the business community, to find out more about local resources and to get tips on how to recover from stress, anxiety and depression and learn about factors that can affect mental health and wellbeing.

The goal is to educate the citizens of Immokalee about the variety of mental health and substance abuse programs available at the David Lawrence Center Immokalee Satellite Services office. For more information, call the David Lawrence Center at 657-4434 or ValueOptions at (941) 545-8098. ■

### 'Lifestyles After 50' coming June 10

The second annual "Lifestyles After 50 Expo" takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, June 10, at North Collier Regional Park. The county and Senior Friendship Centers will serve free lunch as a way to encourage and enhance social interaction among seniors in the community.

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

### Free workshop about congestive heart failure

Those caring for someone suffering from congestive heart failure can learn patient- and self-care techniques at a free workshop from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, at the Ispiri community center on the Avow Hospice campus. Participants will receive practical advice from Avow staff on reducing caregiver stress and increasing patient comfort. Topics include:

■ "Understanding Congestive Heart Failure: How the Disease Manifests and Progresses," presented by Dr. Paul Mitchell;

■ "Tips for Taking Care of the CHF Patient: Real-life Techniques for Increasing Comfort and Improving Quality of Life," presented by Mary Brodeur, R.N.; and

■ "How to Ease Your Worries and Physical Stress with Music, Self-Massage, Guided Imagery and Other Techniques," presented by Karla Mramor, LMT-BC, and Louise Kenny, LCSW.

Registration in advance is requested. Trained Avow Hospice volunteers may be available to sit with patients while their caregivers attend the session.

To register or for more information, call 649-3689. ■

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## NCH honors its nurses in annual awards ceremony

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That quote rang true last week when we celebrated Hospital and Nurses Week with the NCH Nurses Award Ceremony at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.

Everyone at NCH is in the noble profession of putting our patients' needs ahead of our own. We are so fortunate to be blessed with purpose and with being able to make a difference. These attributes are exemplified by this year's nursing award winners. Both campuses and community nurses from the NCH Healthcare Group, Community Blood Center, Marco Urgent Care, the Wound Healing Center and area schools are considered, with one person in each category from each campus selected. This year's awards and recipients are:

■ Thelma Hodges Nurse Mentor of the Year, North Naples Hospital: **Jessica Vergara-Gomez**, R.N., 4 West Medical-Surgical - Her students say that now they know the true meaning of nursing.

■ Thelma Hodges Nurse Mentor of the Year, Downtown Hospital: **Nadine Postemus**, R.N., 3 South Medical Surgical Nurse Residency Unit - She recognized her patient was failing, sounded the alarm and managed a coding patient with calmness that resulted in saving a life.

■ Rising Star, North Naples Hospital: **Michelle Dettorre**, R.N., 4 West Medical-Surgical - She has received repeated mentions by name on Press Ganey surveys, in letters and through peer recognition for her caring approach to patients.

■ Rising Star, Downtown Hospital: **Kaitlen Magdalener**, R.N., 6 North Cardiac Telemetry - Always exhibiting a positive attitude and eagerness to be the best nurse for her patients and her team, she is also active in unit-based shared governance council activities. She assures attention to every detail.

■ Support Super Star, North Naples Hospital: **Rolin Bastien**, CT 2 East Cardiac Telemetry - As a nursing student, he is attuned to changing patient conditions, reporting signs and symptoms to the nurses immediately, making a difference.

■ Support Super Star, Downtown Hospital: **Colleen Boyle**, RCIS, Angioplasty - She has a kind way about her and acts as if each patient is the only patient she is caring for, and as if it is a privilege to provide care.

■ Nurse of the Year, North Naples Hospital: **Peggy Munson**, R.N., Pediatrics - She has a gift for combining confidence and compassion, allaying parental and patient trepidations with unparalleled expertise. Her mission is making



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■ Nurse of the Year, Downtown Hospital: **Patricia Haines**, R.N., 5 North Orthopedics - The mark of an extraordinary nurse is not only that you demonstrate the very best, but that you also inspire and promote excellence in others. Patty does exactly that.

We are blessed to celebrate with so many competent, compassionate caregivers who practice the "artistry" of nursing. ■

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BY CONNIE DILLON

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Each year hundreds of women come to CHS Healthcare for information about breast health care and other health care services. Our patient base is a diverse mix of ethnicities and cultures, but most have one thing in common: poverty. Unique characteristics to this population that impact care include: language barriers, cultural norms and low rates of health literacy.

Our Marion E. Fether Medical Center in Immokalee is in the zip code with the highest uninsured population in the state of Florida (44.6 percent, according to the Florida Agency for Healthcare Administration's Florida Health Insurance Study, August 2005). We also provide breast health care services at our Mike Davis Medical Center in Naples.

This year CHS Healthcare has been awarded a \$107,794 grant from Susan G. Komen for the Cure Southwest Florida to help continue our efforts. These funds will be used toward education, screening and diagnosis in the fight against breast cancer.

It's interesting to note that 25 percent of the net proceeds raised by the local Komen Affiliate's annual Southwest Florida Race for the Cure is used exclusively for national research into finding the cure for breast cancer, while the other 75 percent is granted back to Southwest Florida



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community programs.

We have found that many residents of our community who donate regularly to charity like knowing that their gifts will be used to help local organizations, like CHS Healthcare. In addition to Susan G. Komen for the Cure Southwest Florida, a number of other community organizations and charitable groups support our programs and our effort to close gaps in health care services.

This year, grants from Island Country Club Charitable Foundation, Professional Givers Anonymous and The League Club will support programs established by CHS to care for the neediest in our community. The Community Foundation of Collier County is helping CHS Healthcare with a new marketing and communication project to raise awareness of our organization and services.

We are pleased that Wells Fargo joins our efforts this year with a grant supporting the expansion of our Immokalee dental department, addressing the need for additional oral health care for the uninsured and underinsured in CHS Healthcare's service area. Our dental program provides preventive, restorative, emergency and rehabilitative oral health care services to our patients. In Immokalee, our dental program serves children and adults.

Bank of America has again provided a grant in support of The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile program. The RMCM

program (in partnership with, and supported in part by Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida) focuses on caring for a number of high-risk populations, including the children of migrant families, uninsured working families and recent immigrants. RMCM provides medical and dental services at elementary schools, community partner centers and other locations throughout Collier County.

The League Club continues to support CHS's Sister Veronica Fund, an emergency medical resource for the at-risk, low-income individuals served by CHS in Immokalee at the Marion E. Fether Medical Center, the "flagship" of the CHS Healthcare network and the only health care practice of its kind in Immokalee.

Both the Sister Veronica Fund and the RMCM program are privately funded through locally generated donations and grants.

CHS Healthcare has been in the community since 1977 addressing the health care needs of Collier County. As we have grown from trailers in Immokalee to our current 12 locations, including the RMCM, we have assessed the needs of the community and either started new or expanded existing programs to provide quality care to all.

Donations and grants from the community have allowed us to grow into the quality healthcare network we are today. Thank you to our supporters. ■

— Connie Dillon is executive director of the CHS Healthcare Foundation. For more information, visit [www.collier.org](http://www.collier.org) and [www.chsHealthcareFoundation.org](http://www.chsHealthcareFoundation.org).

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## Pediatric dental clinic chosen to take part in initiative

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The Collier Health Services/University of Florida Pediatric Dental Clinic has been chosen by the DentaQuest Institute as a site for expansion of the institute's initiative to treat and prevent severe tooth decay in children ages 5 years and younger. The Naples clinic is one of eight selected in the country.

Every day, children arrive at hospital emergency rooms in severe pain from advanced tooth decay that has blackened their baby teeth, sometimes even infecting the part of the jaw that supports the teeth, potentially impacting the normal development of permanent teeth in adolescence. This 100 percent preventable condition is called "early childhood caries."

Children suffering from early childhood caries are typically referred to hospital-based dental clinics for surgical repair or removal of their teeth. Even after surgery, many return in six to 24 months with new decay.

"The DentaQuest Institute questioned whether effective long-term management of early childhood caries disease

might not call for a shift from a surgical model of care to a disease management model," Dr. Mark Doherty, executive director of the institute, says.

Over an 18-month period, the institute and two hospital dental clinics — Children's Hospital Boston and St. Joseph Hospital for Specialty Care in Providence, R.I. — followed a disease management approach emphasizing caregiver education and frequent patient follow up.

"We found that parents and caregivers were eager for prevention education," Dr. Doherty says. "Many were simply not aware of the importance of daily mouth care (brushing) and a diet low in sugar."

In addition to the CHS/UF clinic in Naples, the Early Childhood Caries Quality Improvement initiative has also expanded to Holyoke Health Center, Mass.; Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio; University Pediatric Dentistry, Buffalo, N.Y.; the Native American Health Center in San Francisco; and Neighborcare Health Centers in Seattle. ■

## Pets can get a free ride to clinic for sterilization

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The Collier Spay Neuter Clinic is offering free transportation to and from its Naples headquarters for pets in need from Lee, Hendry and Collier counties.

CSNC's mission is to provide high-quality, low-cost and free spay/neuter services to pets from all counties of Southwest Florida.

"In our fight to end overpopulation, we are bringing our service to the people," Pallas Diaz, CSNC executive director says. "High fuel costs and the state of the economy should not prohibit families from getting their pets sterilized," he adds. "We are here for them, just a phone call away."

CSNC's climate-controlled van picks up animals at designated locations, transports them to the clinic for surgery and then returns them to their owners at the pick-up locations the following morning.

The next free transport for pets from LaBelle and Immokalee is scheduled

for Wednesday, May 25. The service will be offered on the last Wednesday of each month, with drop-off and pick-up at LaBelle Animal Services and Immokalee Community Park.

Transport locations in Lee County are currently being established and will include Cape Coral.

LaBelle interested residents should contact Doug Morgan at LaBelle Animal Control, (863) 675-3381.

Immokalee and Lee County pet owners should call CSNC at 514-7647.

The clinic's spay/neuter fees begin as low as \$45 and are the lowest in Southwest Florida. Reduced and free surgery services are available on a case-by-case basis. CSNC has performed more than 7,000 spays/neuters since opening in August 2009. All surgeries are performed by the clinic's full-time, licensed veterinarian at 2544 Northbrooke Plaza Drive in Naples, one block east of the intersection of I-75 and Immokalee Road.

For more information, visit [www.collierspayneuter.org](http://www.collierspayneuter.org). ■

## Rummage sale will benefit Community Cat Coalition

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Collier Community Cat Coalition is holding a rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, May 21, in the community room at the North Naples Fire Station, 1885 Veterans Park Drive.

The coalition does not operate a

shelter. It is a collaboration of rescue groups, the community, wildlife organizations and government working to reduce the population of stray, free-roaming, abandoned and feral cats through sterilization, Trap/Neuter/Return and maintenance programs.

TNR is a full management plan in which cats already living outdoors are humanely trapped, evaluated, vaccinated and sterilized by veterinarians. Kittens and tame cats are adopted; healthy adult cats too wild to be adopted are returned to their familiar habitat

under the lifelong care of volunteers. Although variations of TNR programs exist, the one element that does not vary is sterilization to break the cycle of reproduction.

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# PET TALES

## Kindest cut of all

New surgical technique means easier spays, faster healing

BY DR. TIMOTHY MCCARTHY

Special to Florida Weekly

The first spaying I ever watched was in a small rural practice in 1958 when I was 13 — the same time I first became interested in veterinary medicine.

The surgery was performed using ether and catgut suture from a spool that had to be manually threaded onto a needle. There was no surgical cap, mask, gown or gloves, and only a postage stamp-sized surgical drape. There was no pain medication, and the ovaries were pulled up to the incision by tearing their attachment to the abdominal wall. This was the state of the art at that time.

Today, nearly all aspects of spaying have improved. We have better anesthetics that have minimal negative effects on the patient. We use individual sterile packages of suture with attached needles made using the same synthetic suture material used in human surgery, which causes minimal tissue reaction and is completely removed by the body with time.

We also use caps, masks, gloves and gowns, and use drapes of adequate size to prevent any contamination of the surgical field. We no longer need to pour antibacterial agents into the surgery site. Aggressive



**Spays have come a long way in terms of anesthesia, sanitation and pain control, but minimally invasive surgical techniques will improve these procedures even more.**

pain management with drug combinations is used before surgery to block pain before it starts, and the medications are continued during the post-operative period.

However, we are still using the same barbaric blind tissue-tearing technique to rip the attachment of the ovaries away from the abdominal wall. This technique does work — because we've been spaying dogs and cats this way for more than 50 years. But now there is a better way: laparoscopic spaying. It changes our technique from tearing tissue blindly to cutting tissue where we can see what we are doing, and it is the final step toward achieving modernization of this surgery.

To perform a laparoscopic ovariohysterectomy, we first place a small endoscopic telescope into the abdomen, and the abdominal wall

is lifted away from the internal organs by filling the abdomen with carbon dioxide gas so that we have a space to work. Specifically designed surgical instruments are placed into the gas-filled abdomen. The first ovary is found and can be seen clearly on a video screen with magnification, which the surgeon uses for the duration of the procedure. The ovary is lifted gently away from the other organs, and its attachments to the abdominal wall are cut with a device that electronically seals the blood vessels. The freed ovary is removed from the abdominal cavity through one of the small incisions made for the telescope or the instruments. The procedure is repeated for the other ovary.

When the surgery is completed, no foreign suture material is left in the abdomen because we have electronically sealed the blood vessels, and we have only two small incisions in the abdominal wall.

The equipment and instruments needed to perform laparoscopic spaying are expensive, but they cost no more than many other advanced medical devices commonly seen in small-animal practices (such as ultrasound, digital X-ray systems and lasers) and are far less expensive than others (CT and MRI). Additional training is needed, but this surgery is easier to learn and perform, with fewer problems and complications than many other new surgical techniques that are being incorporated into small-animal medicine. This technique is well within a skill level attainable by most general practitioners.

The bottom line for pet owners: Animals spayed with laparoscopy recover faster and have less pain than those operated on using the traditional technique. It's time for a change! ■

### Pets of the Week



Harley is a 3-month-old retriever who loves rock 'n' roll on the radio. He's way too cool to be in the shelter.



Mason is a 3-month-old terrier mix who likes to go for long walks and sniff every piece of grass on the way.



Ninja is a handsome, 5-year-old guy who was rescued from a hoarder in Alabama. He's very social and loves to cuddle.



Zoe has been at the shelter for more than a year — more than half her life — and just deserves a chance. Her \$75 adoption fee will be refunded after 30 days, and she comes with a voucher worth up to \$200 redeemable toward pet health supplies, clinic services or professional training.

### To adopt or foster a pet

This week's adoptable pets are from Brooke's Legacy Animal Rescue, an all-volunteer foster home rescue organization. For more information, call 434-7480, e-mail brookeslegacy@brookeslegacyanimalrescue.org or visit www.BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.com.



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# MUSINGS

## Lightly



*"I would not compare it to sex, but it lasts longer."*  
— Stephen Hawking  
re: the joy of investigation

*"Previously I have said it would be a bad idea to contact aliens because they might be so greatly advanced compared to us that our civilization might not survive the experience."*  
— Stephen Hawking  
re: aliens

*"Board your ship that's going nowhere. If you stop, you'll end up somewhere. Everybody wants to go to Japan. Everybody, just hold hands."*  
— Cocorosie

*"What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind?"*  
— Matthew 11: 7

*"Ten years is long enough to wait for any man."*  
— Bess Houdini

There has been a slight misunderstanding. What you see is not what you get. What did you expect to see in the wilderness?

Out of first century Judaism and Aesop's fables arises the unexpected story of oak and reed, both planted at the wild river's edge. The oak with its deep roots and firm

trunk is not in the least affected by most winds. But when the mightiest wind comes, the unwavering oak crashes, destroyed. The reed at its base that simply bends and sways in even the slightest breeze remains, always touched, always responsive. The reed produces no visible effect.

Effectively, the magician uses the juggling-like techniques of flourish to display skill. But it is in the invisible dexterity of sleight of hand, the close-up quick finger of prestidigitation, that the real magic unfolds. This legerdemain, from the French for light of hand, is natural looking. It is timing that skews time events in the mind and movement that misdirects attention, tending to creating this not-looking where that non-looking is desired.

Harry Houdini, son of a rabbi, as a 9-year-old trapeze artist called himself Prince of the Air. Not successful with the sleight of hand card tricks he tried on the ground, he turned to the artistry of escape.

In 1904, London's *Daily Mirror* challenged him to escape from handcuffs created over years by a Birmingham locksmith. On March 17, more than 4,000 people came to see the matinee event at the Hippodrome Theatre. Houdini stayed behind his screen for more than an hour. He emerged to ask if the cuffs could be unlocked so he could remove his coat. His request was refused. So he took out a penknife, which he held in his teeth, and cut off the offending jacket. Then he withdrew again, and in another hour re-emerged. His wife Bess came onstage and kissed him. After another hour, he emerged free.

Was the key to the cuffs in the mouth that kissed him?

Bess kept a candle lit next to Houdini's photo for 10 years after he died. Although Houdini fiercely debunked spiritualism, Harry and Bess agreed that he would use the code words "Rosalie, believe" to identify himself if he returned to her from the dead. This phrase came from a line in a play spoken by Bess in which she was acting when they first met. Bess held seance yearly on Halloween, hoping to encounter Houdini. In 1936, she extinguished the candle.

But we on planet Earth are still hoping to distinguish. Lucy Hawking, the daughter of the infamous ALS-afflicted physicist, created a contest. She asked Arizona school children to write a message to extraterrestrials that would be sent out into space. How could we explain human life to inquisitive aliens? Who are we?

The overall contest winner across all the participating age groups was Benjamin Lee, a seventh-grader at Pardes Jewish School in Phoenix. This is what he wrote: "Dear Aliens, Please help us save our world. Not from you, from ourselves. We are destroying our planet and need help from more technologically advanced beings. Our planet is polluted, many



nations are at war, there is civil unrest, and our economy is in turmoil." This is the message that was moon-bounced into space.

Another entry that won in its age group came from Qabas Jalil, a Phoenix ninth grader. This entry, in part, reads: "The humans on earth are strange. They have a lot of ideas; some are crazy, comical, serious, and sensitive. If you come to Earth, I'm sure that you will like it. Some people think that

we have destroyed the Earth and others think that we have made it better. Both ideas might be right."

Kant refers to the being beyond the limits of all possible experience and knowledge as transcendent. Kant refers to the being within the limits of all possible experience and knowledge as imminent. Both ideas might be right.

Anyway, what is the speed of light? Oh, I see... ■

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



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## FLORIDA BUMPS UP THE MINIMUM WAGE TO \$7.31

"Normally, such a small wage rate increase doesn't have much of a ripple effect and it may not this time. It may have a slight negative effect on some employers whose budgets are very lean."

— Barbara Hartman,  
Southwest Florida Works

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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A GALLON OF MILK IS ABOUT \$3.50. Gas is a little more than that.

In Florida, minimum wage workers can expect to make an extra \$2.40 per 40-hour week starting June 1.

It may seem marginal, or even like a punch line. But the 6-cent-per-hour increase, putting Florida's minimum wage at \$7.31, 6 cents above the federal rate, stirred controversy over how the state decides the lowest amount anyone should be paid to work.

Florida Legal Services and National Employment Law Project brought a lawsuit against the state, arguing that about 188,000 workers were shortchanged. A Leon County circuit court judge ruled in the workers' favor, that the state's Agency for Workforce Innovation had miscalculated the rate.

Others, including Gov. Rick Scott's office, disagreed with the judge's decision (although Gov. Scott didn't appeal it), saying the raise could hurt business interests.

Many local businesses, such as the grocery chain



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## Small talk can make a big impact on sense of well-being

### SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

In modern parlance, schmoozers are synonymous with users: smooth talkers with something to gain from the conversation. University of Florida linguistics professor Diana Boxer's new book seeks to redeem "schmoozing," a word that originally carried no negative connotation, but simply referred to a chat that built goodwill between its participants.

"The Lost Art of the Good Schmooze: Building Rapport and Defusing Con-

flict in Everyday and Public Talk" (Praeger Publishers) is Ms. Boxer's first title for a mainstream audience. While it's not meant as a self-help book, it does offer examples and suggestions that she hopes can help readers reclaim the pleasures of a good schmooze.

"The meaning of 'schmooze' has changed from chatting to chatting up," Ms. Boxer says. "The 'up' part denigrates what used to be a positive interaction, one that was just chatting for the warm feelings of pure interaction."

The book offers examples of conversations from politics, talk shows, movies and real-life exchanges that show how schmoozing can build positive feelings in five areas: in social interactions, among family, in the workplace, in education and in cross-cultural interactions.

Derived from the Yiddish word "shmoesn," schmooze was first recorded in English in 1897, when its meaning was roughly synonymous with "shooting the breeze," the author says, adding, "Now, its meaning has changed to 'chatting with benefits.'

"We think of it more like networking or working the room."

When chatting for chatting's sake is lost, however, much is lost with it, she says.

"Nowadays, we're so caught up in multitasking, there's very little chatting over the backyard fence. Even our schmoozing is truncated. When we lose that, our social health and well-being suffers. I hope the book can help readers reclaim that sense of connection." ■

— University of Florida

## MONEY & INVESTING

# Annuities come in various flavors

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As many flavors of ice cream there are, so too there are flavors of annuities. Understanding, comparing and selecting from all the flavors of annuities can be a daunting experience, for the financially astute and even more so for novices or those in their sunset years. (Please understand that I am not an insurance agent. I have no dog in this investment fight.)

The market for annuities has largely been seniors and possibly that is why insurance commissioners across many states are frequently on the heels of annuity salespersons. The regulatory concern has been that, in the context of a dizzying array of annuity terms and choices, the senior might be intentionally misled and, far beyond compliance with generic suitability standards, the senior might not be able to amass all the factoids, compare and contrast, weigh them in the balance and make an informed decision.

Try these variables on for size: credit rating; years until annuity matures/surrender period; rates of return with some simple and others compounding; choices of equity indices and percentages of participation with such index; caps on monthly investment returns

and yearly caps; sizes of bonuses and some paid at the beginning of the annuity or at the end and sometimes not available if "lump sum" is taken at the end of the annuity period, etc.

Statistics 101 teaches that the combinations of all the abovementioned differences will easily generate several hundred alternative options. And you say, "Yowza!" So selection of your agent is of critical importance.

In the very broadest of terms, there are two types of annuities: Fixed and Variable. The variable's investment returns are often tied to the performance of selected mutual funds, indices or portfolio performance. It is a product that requires a securities license; it comes under SEC's rules and regulations.

The other category is fixed annuities, which I have subdivided into four sub categories. Two are Vanilla; two are Rocky Road.

- **Vanilla one:** Immediate annuities offer a fixed rate of return and immediately begin paying income. The oft-desired option of a lump sum at the end of the surrender period is generally available with such. The rate (currently around 3 percent for a five-year period) has favorable taxation but you would need to calculate the tax savings based on the "annuity exclusion ratio." A lot of seniors like this flavor.

- **Vanilla two:** Fixed annuities offer a guaranteed rate of return; current rates are 3-4 percent for four to five

years and a lump sum at the end of the surrender period is generally allowed. This also is a senior favorite.

And then there are two mind-bender types that offer exposure/participation to several different types of equity indices, while still protecting principal and still offering a fixed-rate option as an alternative to the index choice.

- **The Rocky Roads are:** Fixed/Indexed annuity with large bonus option and Fixed Index with Bonus and Income for Life Rider. (The name of that last one is so long that it pains me to even write it.)

Understanding these annuities is worthwhile because they might offer a way to create retirement income, a way other than "all chips in" on equities and low coupon, long-term bonds. The two index annuity types are finding a role in portfolios as alternatives to fixed income, for the senior and those who are planning retirement.

- **More details:** The Index annuity with no bonus is usually three, five or seven years; with a big bonus, it is usually for 10 years. A 20 percent bonus usually requires a payout over 10 years minimum. It's safe to say the bonus rules are a maze.

The Fixed Index with Bonus and Income for Life Rider is unlike the Index annuity where annually you (prospectively for the upcoming year) choose either an index or the then offered fixed rate. This annuity lets you look back at the end of the sur-

render period (10 years usually) and choose the formula that has actually done the best: either the index or the guaranteed rate. In today's market, both are getting bonuses.

Some companies offer a rider for about .5 percent which locks in your compounding rate of interest. For example, you might want to pay .5 percent to get a "lock" on a 7 percent guaranteed compounding rate.

As to the index... some companies offer total index participation and others offer a portion. For example, you might get 60 percent of the yearly index gains, positive-only, performance in the S&P 500, monthly ceilings but no annual ceiling.

If the stock market (and corresponding index) went no place for a long time (as happened from 2000 to 2010), the guaranteed rate would probably have fared much better at the end of the 10-year period. But if the equity market turns into a 10-year bull, you might earn a lot more.

To understand annuities sufficiently, you need to talk to several specialists — those who sell them and those who hate them. You will learn by talking, reading and questioning. ■

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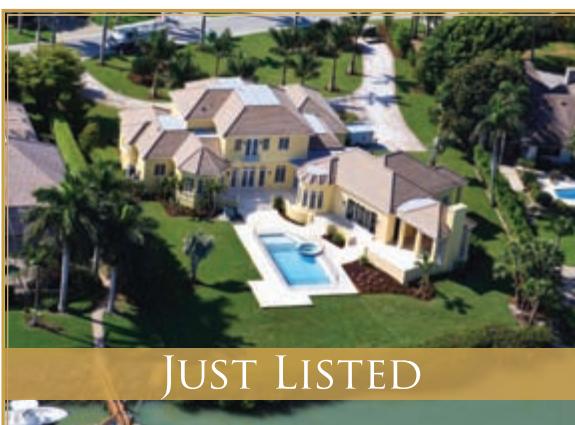
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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Investment advisors make move to new office

Andrew Hill Investment Advisors Inc. has relocated to the Alexander's Building at 4081 Tamiami Trail N., Suite C-105.

"Situated along what is still considered the main street through Naples, this new location will provide us with the opportunity for greater exposure to the public," says the firm's president and co-founder, Andrew Hill. "In addition, we will have greater space to handle additional staff as our business continues to grow."

The firm also recently launched a redesigned website, [www.responsibleadvisors.com](http://www.responsibleadvisors.com), that provides clients with enhanced navigation, information, photos and marketing materials.

Since opening in early 2010, Andrew Hill Investment Advisors has grown its client assets under management to more than \$33 million, according to Jennifer Figurelli, co-founder and chief compliance officer. The firm manages accounts for individuals, trusts, small business pension plans and captive insurance companies. AHIA operates as boutique firm; Fidelity Institutional Wealth Services serves as the primary custodian of client assets. ■

### Bank holds annual shareholders meeting

First National Bank of the Gulf Coast held its 2011 annual meeting of shareholders on May 9 at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. The following directors were reelected to serve three-year terms: Jim Lindsay, Ed Mace, Don Major, Tom O'Reilly, Cal Pratt, Joe Smallwood, Gary Tice, Scott Weidle and Tim Zellers.

Shareholders also elected Chris Casciato, managing director of Lightyear Capital, as a Class III director and Adam Compton, head of the financial services sector with GMT Capital Corporation, as a Class I director. Lightyear and GMT were lead investors in the previously announced private placement of approximately \$148 million in committed capital. The bank closed on its initial draw of \$40 million in capital on April 29.

As of March 31, the bank's total assets were \$329.4 million and total deposits relationships were \$302.4 million, according to Chairman and CEO Gary Tice.

Mr. Tice announced that the board of directors had voted unanimously to

honor the late Arlene Nichols, a founder of the bank and longtime community philanthropist, by renaming the community boardroom in the bank's Anchor Rode Drive office in her honor. Mr. Tice also named former board members Paulette Kempfer and John Kimbell honorary directors. ■

### Computer services franchise opens Naples location

Brian and Cathy Bonacci have opened an office of TeamLogic IT, a provider of computer services and network support for small- to medium-sized businesses, in Naples. Mr. Bonacci has more than 20 years of information technology experience that includes senior management positions in distributed computing, engineering and IT project management for Fortune 500 companies.

In addition to computer maintenance and repair services, TeamLogic IT focuses on preventing IT disasters by managing IT services using state-of-the art technology. The company provides networking services, security services, data services, e-mail services, and hardware and software. It also offers SystemWatch ITTM, a remote diagnostic system that monitors data and networks, helping customers to avoid technology downtime.

TeamLogic IT is owned by Franchise Services Inc., which also owns the franchise brands Sir Speedy, PIP Printing and Marketing Services, Signal Graphics and MultiCopy. For more information, visit [www.teamlogicit.com/NorthNaplesFL](http://www.teamlogicit.com/NorthNaplesFL) or e-mail Mr. Bonacci at [bbonacci@TeamLogicIT.com](mailto:bbonacci@TeamLogicIT.com). ■

### Town & Country touts Marissa Collections

Marissa Collections was recognized in the April issue of Town & Country Magazine as part of "A Highly Curated Guide to Online Shopping." The guide consisted of seven locations online for fashion fine jewelry.

Presenting jewelry collections by Irene Neuwirth, Faraone Mennella, Yossi Harari, Tamara Comolli, Lucifer vir Honestus and more, Marissa Collections also hosts the jewelry designers at trunk shows.

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## ON THE MOVE

### Automotive

- **AJ Szymanski** has joined the sales team at Audi Naples, bringing 10 years of experience in the luxury automobile industry. A resident of Bonita Springs Florida for the past 12 years, he has worked at Scanlon Lexus of Fort Myers for the past seven years.

### Banking

- **Pat Dorsey** has joined the Naples Trust Company, a division of the Sanibel-Captiva Trust Company, as vice chairman and director of research and strategy. He was formerly director of equity research for Morningstar. In his new position, Mr. Dorsey will help oversee the money management process and buy-sell list, work directly with the team of portfolio managers and create new products and services. He is the author of two books: "The Five Rules for Successful Stock Investing" and "The Little Book that Builds Wealth."



DORSEY

- **Lisa Rudy** has been named vice president-residential lending for Florida-based Stonegate Bank. She is responsible for assisting customers in Collier County through the process of purchasing or refinancing homes and other residential properties. Ms. Rudy brings more than 20 years of local banking experience to Stonegate Bank, most recently serving as senior mortgage banker for Academy Mortgage Corp. She is a graduate of the University of Indianapolis in Indianapolis, Ind., and is active in several organizations, including the Naples Area Board of Realtors, Women's Council of Realtors, Naples-on-the-Gulf, Zonta International and The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.



RUDY

### Board Appointments

- **Carol Conway**, president of CRS Technology Consultants in Cape Coral, has been appointed to the board of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce for a three-year term. She has also been

named chair of the chamber's 5 Star Program designed to assist businesses by implementing training, collaborating on partnerships and developing a reward system and program for participants.

### Higher Education

- **Rio DeArmond** has been named alumni relations coordinator at Edison State College. Her duties include managing the alumni memberships, promoting and expanding the alumni benefits program, creating membership incentives and executing special alumni activities. A Fort Myers native and 2005 graduate of ESC, Ms. DeArmond returned to campus two years ago as a volunteer in the school's career services department.



DEARMOND

- **Fred Nerone**, founding dean of the Johnson School of Business at Hodges University, has retired. Dr. Nancy Wyant, previously the chair for the school's management program, is the new dean. Mr. Nerone will continue his duties as treasurer of the Hodges University Foundation, a role he has served since 2006, and will become the university's chief investment officer. In addition, he will be named professor emeritus, only the second time the status has been bestowed at Hodges.

Also at Hodges University:

- **Linda Coutts**, B.S., RHIA has agreed to chair the health information management program. Professor Coutts joined the faculty in January 2011 and has more than 20 years of health information management experience.

- **Aubrey Harwood** has been appointed vice chair of the applied psychology program. Professor Harwood, who is pursuing her Ph.D. in clinical psychology, has been a member of the Hodges team since 2007. In addition to teaching, she is the academic advisor for the Naples applied psychology program and the faculty advisor for the Psychology Club on both campuses.

- **Andrew Weyl** has been appointed director of the master of legal studies program in the Nichols School of Professional Studies. Dr. Weyl has been a full-time faculty member in the paralegal/legal studies program since 2007. He is the faculty advisor for the Legal Society Club, whose members visit law schools and jails and participate in discipline specific events. ■

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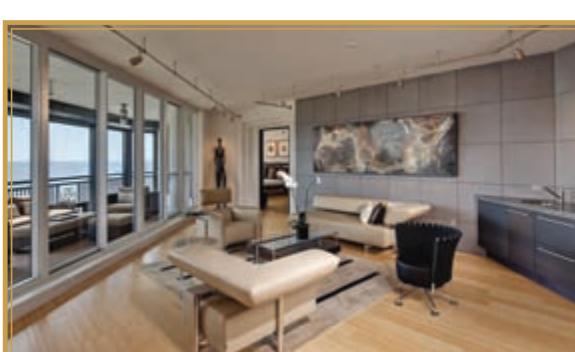
**SANCERRE - UNIT 401**

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**SANCERRE - UNIT 702**

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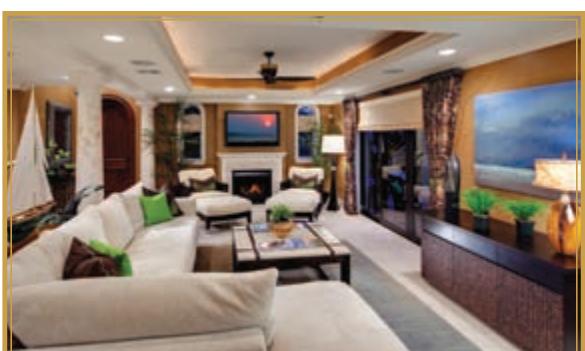


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**GALLEON DRIVE**

This enchanting Port Royal residence offers a tropical motif, including rich wood finishes, stone flooring, and tongue and groove ceiling treatments. There are direct views of Limpkin Cove with ample green space for gardening and outdoor entertaining. Port Royal Club membership eligibility.

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**OLD NAPLES**

Enter this professionally decorated Villas Escalante residence and you will feel transported to a tropical oasis of quintessential relaxation and warmth. Enjoy al fresco dining on the sun-drenched patio, complete with private pool and grill area.

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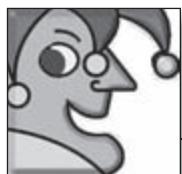
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ments for as long as possible, boosting their profits.

(4) Plan your attack. How many cards do you have? What interest rates do they charge? Which have the highest balances? It's usually best to start by paying off the debts with the highest rates first.

(5) Reduce your interest rates. Many cards charge 25 percent or more, which is ridiculous. Negotiate with your credit card company for a significantly lower rate; it often works. Remind them if you've been a loyal, longtime customer. Be prepared to take your business elsewhere — and let them know.

(6) Consolidate your debts by combining them onto one or two of your lowest-rate cards, if possible. Your lender can help you transfer funds.

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## My Dumbest Investment

### Premature Investing

My dumbest investment was in Iridium. It was sold to me by my big-name brokerage as the "next hot thing" during the halcyon formative days of the World Wide Web and mobile communications. I bought its bonds, greatly appreciating its strategic mission to put up a network of low-level communications satellites, which seemed to me to be greatly needed. My main mistake was investing without doing the needed due diligence on the company. But I then failed to follow how well the company was executing its plan and compounded it all by hanging on even after noting problems.

— D.O., Phoenix

**The Fool Responds:** Many people lost money on Iridium in the 1990s, and it declared bankruptcy in 1999. But the network it built for about \$5 billion was sold for \$25 million, and a new Iridium company now exists, with better prospects.

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**Q** 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 1966 by several banks as the Interbank Card Association, today I'm a global payment giant. I process more than 23 billion transactions annually, totaling \$2.7 trillion in 2010. Mine was the first payment card issued in China, and I was the first in my industry to introduce hologram security features. I bought the Cirrus ATM network in 1988, and introduced my PayPass contactless payment program in 2002. There are more than 1.5 billion of my cards out there. Some think I'm priceless, but the market values me as a company around \$35 billion. Who am I? ■

(Answer: MasterCard Worldwide)

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## Ask the Fool

### Let's Get Real About Inflation

**Q** What's a "real return"?

— L.N., Beverly Hills, Calif.

**A** It reflects an investment's performance that has been adjusted for inflation. For example, if your stocks and mutual funds gained 10 percent in 2010, a year with 1.6 percent inflation, your real return would be 8.4 percent. Inflation really matters in long-term investing, so it's smart to take it into account.

**Q** At what point would I own too many shares of a stock?

— S.M., Butler, Pa.

**A** Don't think in terms of the number of shares. Think instead of their total value. You might have 1,000 shares of a \$6 stock, worth \$6,000, and 200 shares of a \$125 stock, worth \$25,000.

Focus on the percentage of your portfolio that each stock represents. In this example, the 1,000 shares represent a far smaller chunk of your portfolio than the 200 shares.

Don't let any holding grow too big. If one stock represents 50 percent of your entire portfolio, for example, that's rather risky. If anything happens to it, your portfolio will take a huge hit. If you hold scores of stocks, though, and your biggest holding amounts to just 2 percent of your portfolio, that's not ideal, either. If that stock doubles or triples, its overall effect will be small.

Most people might aim to hold between eight and 20 stocks, depending on their confidence. Park your money in only your best ideas. You want some diversification, but you needn't overdo it, as you don't want to own more companies than you can easily keep up with.

If that seems like too much work, consider mutual funds instead, and look closely at broad-market index funds. Learn more at [www.fool.com/mutualfunds/mutualfunds.htm](http://www.fool.com/mutualfunds/mutualfunds.htm) and [morningstar.com](http://morningstar.com). ■

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## The Motley Fool Take

### Apple Shines

In its second-quarter earnings report, Apple (Nasdaq: AAPL) badly underperformed analysts' iPad estimates — shipping just 4.7 million units during the quarter versus projections of at least 6 million — yet it still easily beat projections for earnings and revenue.

During the quarter, Apple raked in \$24.7 billion in revenue. Unit sales for the iPhone were up 113 percent, contravening earlier reports that Android phones were holding iPhones back. Mac-computer-related revenue soared 32 percent year over year, while unit sales improved 28 percent. Laptop revenue grew 59 percent. Revenue from the once-iconic iPod fell 14 percent year over year, but sales of music, video and e-books

grew 23 percent.

And finally, the iPad. It brought in only \$2.8 billion in revenue, down from \$4.7 billion last quarter. Investors who are used to seeing reports of the device acting as a PC replacement may be disappointed in those numbers. But the drop is largely related to an inability to fulfill iPad demand due to the Japanese tsunami, not due to flagging interest in the devices.

Despite all the hoopla and growth, Apple's stock does not seem grossly overvalued. Its recent P/E ratio was well below its five-year average. Consider taking a bite out of Apple. (Apple is a "Motley Fool Stock Advisor" pick, "Motley Fool Options" has recommended a bull call spread position on it, and The Fool owns shares of it, too.) ■

## 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.naples-chamber.org](http://www.naples-chamber.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 Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Business After 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 19, at Guardian Personal Storage, 7325 Davis Blvd. Refreshments will be provided by Wynne's Catering. Cost is \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door for chamber members. Sign

up at [www.napleschamber.org/events](http://www.napleschamber.org/events).

**► Key Bank and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** present the next Key4Women forum and breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Friday, May 20, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker Cindy Solomon will discuss "Creating a Culture of Courage: The New Leadership Challenge." Cost is \$20 to benefit The Shelter for Abused Women & Children and Youth Leadership Collier. Register at [www.key.com/womensforum](http://www.key.com/womensforum).

**► The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** holds a lunch and networking meeting sponsored by Southwest Florida College from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 20, at Carrabba's on Bay Landing Drive. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for future members. Register by calling 992-2943 or visiting [www.bonitaspringschamber.org](http://www.bonitaspringschamber.org).

**► SCORE Naples and the Greater**

**Naples Chamber of Commerce** present "Partnering for Success," a workshop for decision makers at small to medium size businesses who want to enter into or improve strategic relationships, from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 21, at chamber headquarters. Cost is \$35. Register at [www.napleschamber.org/events](http://www.napleschamber.org/events).

**► The Public Relations Society of America-Gulf Coast Chapter** holds its next Lunch 'n' Learn from 11:30 a.m. 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).

**► ABWA Neapolitan Chapter** meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, at Bella-Sera Hotel. Guest speaker Ann Hughes of Hughes McGrath Marketing and Public

Relations will discuss the basics of a marketing plan and the elements of a press release. Cost is \$26 for members and \$30 for others. Register at [www.abwaneapolitan.org](http://www.abwaneapolitan.org).

**► The Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its next speed networking meeting and happy hour from 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, at the Marco Island Hilton Beach Resort. Admission is \$5. Payment in advance is required, and attendance is limited to 30 people. Sign up by calling 394-7549.

**► The Collier County Medical Society** and members of the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce Executive Club** will meet for networking from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 2, at Blue Martini in Mercato. RSVP by June 1 at [www.napleschamber.org/events](http://www.napleschamber.org/events). ■

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Publix, construction firm Owen-Ames-Kimball, and Fun Times Early Childhood Academy in Naples, said the salary increase wouldn't affect them, because they hire few or no minimum wage workers.

Publix, for instance, starts some baggers and other entry-level employees out at minimum wage. Owen-Ames-Kimball and Fun Times have no jobs at minimum wage, although Owen-Ames-Kimball sometimes employs day laborers who earn the minimum. Paying \$7.31 for entry-level construction employees wouldn't be good for his business, said David Dale, president of Owen-Ames-Kimball. His base pay is \$10 per hour.

"I don't know what you could expect for \$290 per week (make that \$292.40)," Mr. Dale said. "I don't know what kind of value you get there."

But he added that day laborers who are sometimes employed to clean up after a job, and make minimum wage, are sometimes targeted for better-paying positions.

The Palm Beach Gardens-based staffing firm Labor Finders, which has about 200 offices nationwide, including in Lee, Charlotte, and Collier counties, said around 75 percent of the staff it refers to companies are paid minimum wage. Those jobs might include cleaning up trash on a construction site, sweeping floors, stocking goods, housekeeping at a hotel or odd jobs such as picking up pine cones off a golf course, said district staffing supervisor Deborah Browne.

"A lot of them are local people that

have been laid off from their jobs," she said. "Some of them are willing, even though they worked at an office, to do stuff they haven't done before: cleaning the inside of a commercial building, doing janitorial and maid work at a hotel. We have people that their unemployment benefits have run out, and they're desperate and willing to work for \$7 or \$8 per hour."

They could account in part for the rise in Florida employees who earn at or less than minimum wage, from a low of 92,000 in 2007 to a 10-year high of 253,000 in 2010. Many of those workers, however, are tipped employees, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics notes. For restaurant servers and other tipped employees, their minimum wage also increased by 6 cents, to \$4.29.

### Will the increase hurt business?

Some argue the increase could lead to layoffs, or higher retail prices. Michael Saltsman, a research fellow for the Employment Policies Institute, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit that studies how public policy shapes entry level wages, says raising the minimum wage hasn't helped people who earn it.

"Over the last 20 or so years, there's been a lot of research on the minimum wage, and about 80 percent of it points toward job loss for less-experienced workers," said Mr. Saltsman, who allows that the EPI has a "free-market bent." "That's a really inconvenient fact if what you're trying to do is raise the minimum wage."

It is unlikely businesses in Southwest Florida will change hiring practices because of the increase, said Barbara Hartman with Southwest Florida Works, the agency charged with helping the unemployed find jobs.

"Normally, such a small wage rate increase doesn't have much of a ripple

effect and it may not this time," Ms. Hartman said. "But we're just starting to recover from the economic downturn so there is some apprehension with employers. Most employers won't be affected by it; some will, and it's been a struggle for many employers throughout the downturn to hold onto their staff. Now they're just starting to feel confident in the economy and starting to hire again, at a slower rate but it's encouraging. So it may have a slight negative effect on some employers whose budgets are very lean."

Florida recalculates its minimum wage rate every year, increasing it based on inflation. Last year, it lowered it from \$7.21 to \$7.06 to account for deflation. That went largely unnoticed at the time because the state rate was still below the overarching federal minimum of \$7.25. But earlier this year when it was raised 10 cents, to \$7.16, Florida Legal Services filed the lawsuit saying that it should never have been lowered in the first place. So the state added 10 cents to the base of \$7.21 instead, after the judge's ruling forced it to.

Mr. Saltsman agrees with state legislators who introduced two bills that would allow the state to reduce the minimum wage during periods of deflation. He said that increasing the rate, even in small increments, could have a negative effect on small businesses.

"In terms of 6 cents, I guess I would put it this way: it doesn't seem like a lot of money — it's just a lousy 6 cents or whatever," Mr. Saltsman said. "But if you're talking about businesses that have profit margins of 2 to 3 percent, it becomes a bigger deal."

Mr. Saltsman also portrayed minimum wage workers as, in general, younger people who don't support themselves, or those earning a supplemental income, but not a family's pri-

mary breadwinner. He said low-paying jobs are most often a springboard to something better.

Workers under age 25 made up about half of those paid minimum wage or less, the Bureau of Labor Statistics says. And about 25 percent of teenagers paid by the hour earned the minimum wage or less, compared with about 4 percent of workers age 25 and over.

"People don't get stuck in low-wage jobs," Mr. Saltsman said. "The majority earn a raise in their first one to 12 months." ■

### in the know

>> Hourly workers in Florida who earned at or below the prevailing federal minimum wage:

2000:	152,000
2001:	141,000
2002:	149,000
2003:	133,000
2004:	146,000
2005:	117,000
2006:	92,000
2007:	114,000
2008:	127,000
2009:	215,000
2010:	253,000

Among hourly-paid workers age 16 and over, about 13 percent of those who had less than a high school diploma earned the federal minimum wage or less, compared with about 5 percent of those who had a high school diploma (no college) and about 3 percent of college graduates. Never-married workers, who tend to be young, were more likely than married workers to earn the federal minimum wage or less (about 11 percent versus about 3 percent). Part-time workers (persons who usually work less than 35 hours per week) were more likely than full-time workers to be paid the federal minimum wage or less (about 14 percent versus about 3 percent).

-U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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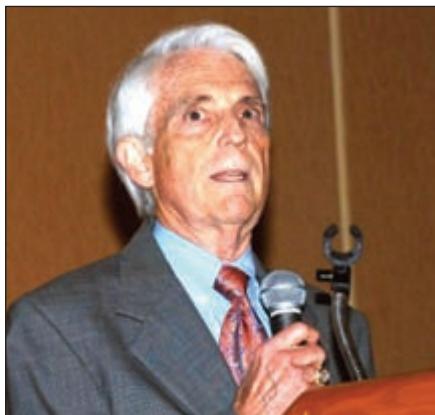


# NETWORKING

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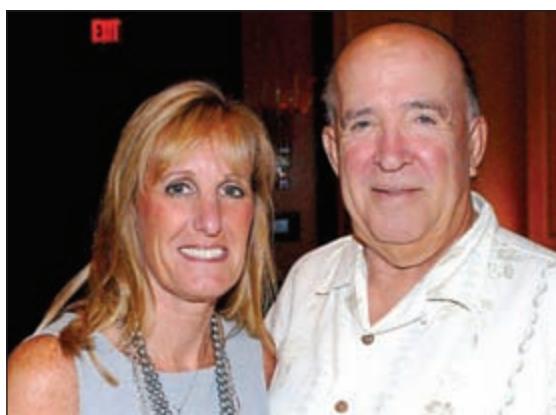
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## Correction

**John and June McCann** were incorrectly identified as **John and Kathie Hunt** in the May 12 edition of *Florida Weekly*. Here are photos of the McCanns and the Hunts at the recent unveiling of "The Annunciation" sculpture at Ave Maria University. We apologize for the error. ■



John and June McCann



John and Kathie Hunt

# NETWORKING

## Conservancy celebrates 'Saving Southwest Florida'



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## Getting organized at Miromar Design Center

Professional organizer Marla Ottenstein presents free seminar



Jean Pikus and Lynn Grewel



Marla Ottenstein and Lynne Groth



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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Design firm partners with Kreiss furniture

Glenn Midnet, president of Interiors by Design West, has announced a partnership between his full-service interior design firm and the international furniture brand Kreiss. The combined Kreiss furniture gallery and headquarters for Interiors by Design West recently opened in Mercato.



MIDNET

Mr. Midnet, who has more than 25 years of interior design experience, and his staff will operate Naples' first Kreiss furniture gallery, which is also the new base of operations for the custom interior design and renovation business Interiors by Design West.

The Interiors by Design West team will also provide full-service interior design consultation and services at this location. The firm also has a full-time architect on staff who is an American Institute of Architects Associate. This enables the design team to provide advanced architectural detailing and comprehensive home renovation services including custom cabinetry. The company also performs model home merchandising for commercial clients.

Mr. Midnet is also the creator of Furniture for the Cure, a collection of designs that pay homage to victims and

survivors of breast cancer. All proceeds from Furniture for the Cure go to various cancer-related charities.

For more information, e-mail info@designwest.com or visit www.designwestfl.com or www.furnitureforthecure.org. ■

### CBIA has three speakers for next meeting

The Collier Building Industry Association and its Sales and Marketing Council, along with Quail West, present a series of seminars about networking, generating leads and generational marketing beginning at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, at Quail West.

Kimberly Mackey from Creative Sales Solutions will discuss networking. Carroll Jaskulski of Millennium 3 Marketing will present "Open Better, Close More Leads" to help salespeople establish faster and more substantial personal connections with prospects. Robyn Bonaquist of B-Squared Advertising will discuss marketing to people of all ages.

Cost is \$25 per person. For reservations, call CBIA headquarters at 436-6100 or visit www.cbia.net.

CBIA is affiliated with the Florida Home Builders Association and National Association of Home Builders. The association represents the interests of builders, remodelers, subcontractors and suppliers to the building industry. ■

### Design center names Designer of Distinction

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.

With more than 18 years of experience in residential interior design, Ms. Allen is a professional member of the American Society of Interior Designers and also of the Sustainable Furnishings Council. She holds a bachelor's degree in interior design from Ohio State University and is certified by the National Council for Interior Design Qualification.

Miromar Design Center is home to some of the most desired names in furniture, fabrics, flooring, lighting, kitchen and bath products, art, accessories and wall coverings, including Baker, Ann Sacks, Fendi Casa, Ralph Lauren Home, Poggenpohl, Roche Bobois, Clive Christian, Walker Zanger and Francesco Molon.

For more information, call 390-5111 or visit www.miromardesigncenter.com. ■

### Local agency makes REAL Trends top lists

Premier Sotheby's International Realty has been recognized on the REAL Trends 500 Top Firms Ranked by Volume and Top Firms Ranked by Average Sales Price lists. The Real Trends 500 annual report that identifies the country's largest and most successful residential firms as ranked by closed transaction sides and separately by closed sales volume.

Premier Sotheby's International Realty was ranked 54th on the Top Firms Ranked by Sales Volume list, which is available in the publication's May 2011 issue. The list is a ranking of the 500 largest firms that participated in the REAL Trends 500 rankings.

Premier Sotheby's International Realty was also ranked 15th on the Top Firms Ranked by Average Sales Price list. The list is a ranking of the 25 firms in the REAL Trends 500 by sides or volume with the highest average sales price. Premier Sotheby's International Realty was the only company in Florida to be included on the list.

Since 1984, Premier Sotheby's International Realty, a division of The Lutgert Companies, has had offices from Bonita Springs to Marco Island, with headquarters in Naples. The Lutgert Companies also owns Lutgert Title, Lutgert Insurance, Premier Commercial and Signature Sotheby's International Realty, with three offices in the Sarasota region. ■



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# REAL ESTATE

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## Kottkamp to discuss legislative session at REIS meeting

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Real Estate Investment Society of Southwest Florida welcomes Florida's former lieutenant governor and legislator Jeff Kottkamp as guest speaker at its luncheon meeting beginning at 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 10, at Pelican Preserve in Fort Myers. Mr. Kottkamp will offer his analysis of the 2011 state legislative session and its implications for the local economy.

Lawmakers addressed numerous proposals to encourage economic growth



KOTTKAMP

by streamlining regulation of business and real estate development. They also reformed growth management and restructured several state agencies in the interest of stimulating Florida's economic recovery.

Mr. Kottkamp will review those initiatives and offer insight on their impact. A question-and-answer session will fol-

low his presentation.

As a government affairs counselor with a Tallahassee law firm, Mr. Kottkamp remains closely involved in legislative action and the implementation of new legislation.

The luncheon meeting is sponsored by the Realtor Association of Greater Fort Myers and the Beaches. Admission is \$25 for society members and \$35 for others. Reservations are required by Saturday, June 4, and can be made online at [www.reis-swfl.org](http://www.reis-swfl.org). ■



The Cortez is one of three plans introduced at Marsala in WCI's Tiburon community.

## Three new plans introduced at Marsala in WCI's Tiburon

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

WCI Communities has unveiled floor plans for a trio of single-family estate homes in Marsala at Tiburón. A neighborhood of 56 oversized homesites, Marsala has a private gated entrance on Livingston Road, just north of Vanderbilt Beach Road.

The four-bedroom homes offer

between 3,500 square feet and 4,400 square feet of living space and are designed to showcase lake and golf views at the community in North Naples that is home to The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Prices begin at \$765,000 and include Tiburon signature membership.

Each of the new floor plans — the Cortez, the Estrella and the Treviso — has multiple lanais and an optional sum-

mer kitchen. Luxury features include coffered ceilings in select rooms, kitchens with center islands and pantries, and spacious master suites with walk-in closets and large bathrooms.

Marsala buyers can enjoy the amenities of Tiburón Golf Club while their homes are under construction.

For more information, visit [www.TiburonWCI.com](http://www.TiburonWCI.com). ■

## NABOR numbers indicate traditional sales climbing

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Condo pending sales in the Naples Beach area are leading the way, according to a report released by the Naples Area Board of Realtors, which tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island).

Overall condo pending sales are up 6 percent, the statistics indicate, with the Naples Beach area up 43 percent from April 2010 to April

2011, says Kathy Zorn of Florida Home Realty. There were 156 contracts in the Naples Beach area in April 2011 compared to 109 contracts in April 2010, she adds.

Naples Beach was recently recognized by national media as one of the top five most relaxing beaches in the world. It was the only beach in Florida listed on the "Most Relaxing Beaches" list.

Also according to the NABOR statistics, overall pending and

closed sales in the \$2 million and above price range are increasing. "Astute buyers recognize that this is a good time to buy in the luxury market," says Steve Barker of Amerivest Realty. Pending sales in the \$2 million and above price range increased 9 percent, and closed sales increased 35 percent from April 2010 to April 2011.

Throughout the market, traditional sales — those that are not short sales or foreclosures — continue to climb and now make up 71 percent of the market,

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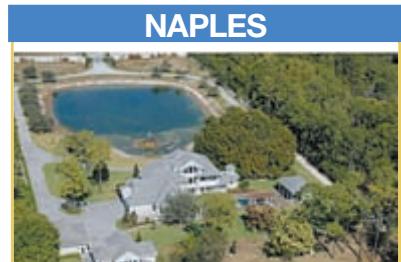
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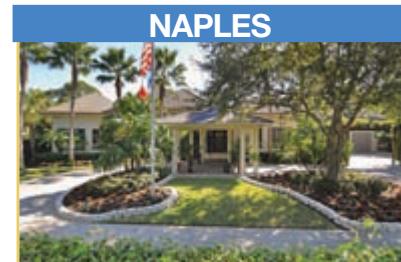
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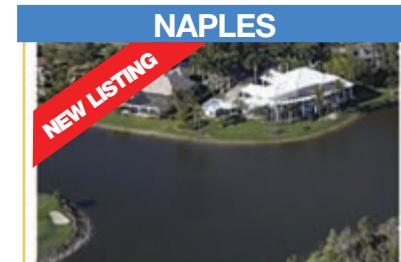
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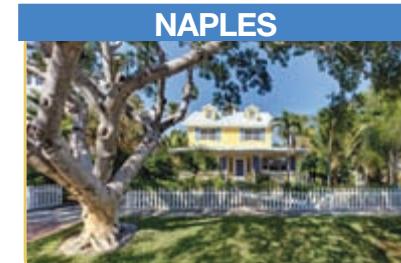
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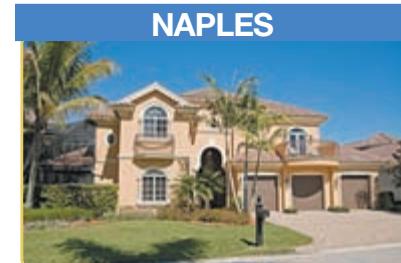
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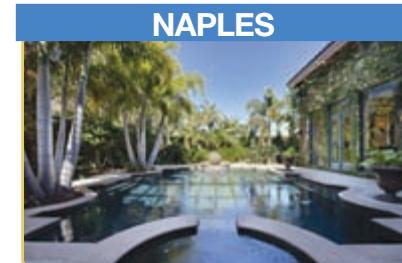
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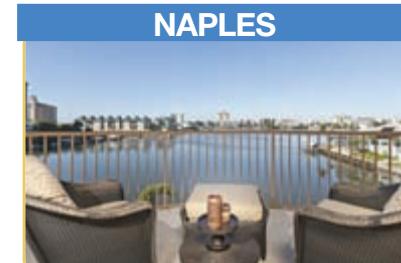
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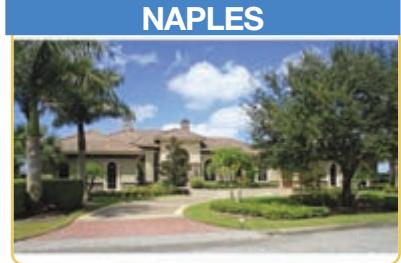
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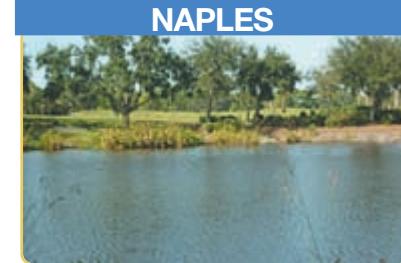
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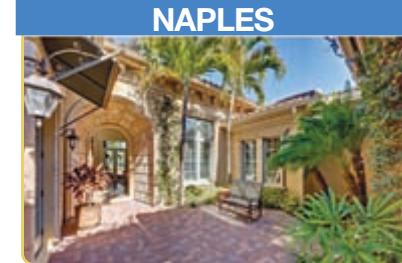
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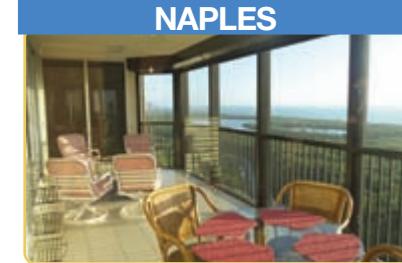
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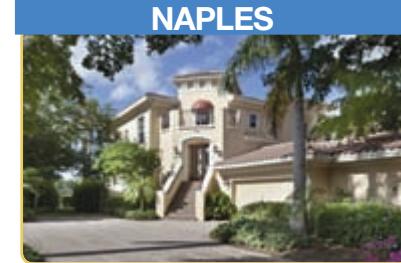
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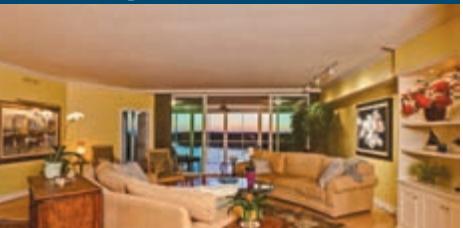
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"the largest percentage of traditional sales we've seen in two years," says Jo Carter of Jo Carter and Associates.

The April report provides annual comparisons of single-family home and condo sales (via the SunshineMLS), price ranges and geographic segmentation and includes an overall market summary. The statistics are presented in chart format, along with the following analysis:

- For the 12 months ending April 2011, overall pending sales increased 2 percent with 9,839 contracts compared to 9,660 contracts for the 12 months end-

ing April 2010.

- For the same time period, single-family home sales in the \$500,000 to \$1 million price range increased 9 percent with 429 sales compared to 392 sales for the 12 months ending April 2010.

- Condo sales increased 7 percent with 1,114 sales in the first quarter of 2011 compared to 1,042 sales in the first quarter of 2010.

- Available inventory decreased 11 percent to 8,214 properties in April 2011, down from 9,239 properties in April 2010.

"This is the first time in four years we have seen the overall inventory decrease to the 8,200 range. This is encouraging," says Mike Hughes of Downing-Frye Realty.

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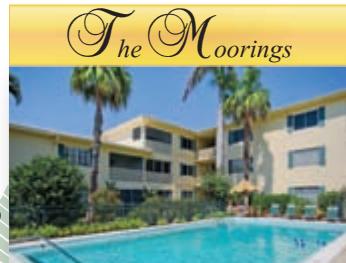
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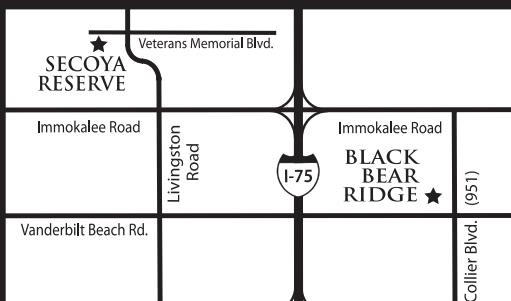
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Great golf course views! Turnkey furnished, updated 3BR/3BA corner 2nd floor residence, 2-car garage. Resort pool. \$295,000 | Connie/Max Lummis | 289-3543



**BONITA BAY - SANDPIPER ▲**  
Southern exposure 3BR/2BA residence overlooks lake/wildlife. Fun décor, close to pool & tennis courts. Furnished. \$289,000 | Harriet Harnar | 273-5443



**HORIZONS ▲** Sweeping views of the Gulf along with gorgeous sunset and sunrise vistas. Enjoy the full-sized pool, sauna & exercise room. Private marina and beach access. FROM \$1,295,000 • 239-948-4000



**AZURE ▲** Outstanding bay & golf views from extended terraces. Remarkable residences. Roof-top entertaining area, theatre, resort-style pool. Private marina and beach access. FROM \$895,000 • 239-948-4000



**ESTANCIA ▲** Captivating Gulf views! Luxurious residential tower, semi-private elevator vestibules. Upscale finishes. Resident manager, fitness center & tropical pool/spa area. FROM \$895,000 • 239-948-4000



**VISTAS ▲** A beautiful building with a full-time resident manager, fitness and steam rooms, tropical pool, spa and guest suites. Five golf courses, tennis, fitness, full-service marina, private beach park. FROM \$770,000 • 239-948-4000/261-6161



**ESPERIA SOUTH ▲** Luxurious high-rise living. Explosive views of Estero Bay, Gulf & golf. Resort-style amenities, covered & screened-in lanais adjoining the lagoon style pool/spa. FROM \$699,000 • 239-948-4000

**Single Family Homes**

**MARINA ISLE** 27730 Marina Isle Court - Outstanding furnished waterfront home, direct Gulf access, private deeded boat slips. Exquisite detail throughout. \$1,900,000 | Sharon Kipty | 777-3899

**SANCTUARY** 4248 Sanctuary Way - Two-story completely remodeled 5BR/6BA + den main home plus 3BR/2.5BA cabana. Private courtyard, heated pool/spa. \$1,690,000 | Jack Despart | 273-7931

**RIVER RIDGE** 27281 Ridge Lake Court - Not just a beautiful home but a piece of art. Free-form pool/spa & cabana. Lakefront, loft, entertainment center. \$1,595,000 | Suzanne Ring | 821-7550 | **OPEN SUN. 1-4**

**CREEKSIDER** 26110 Red Oak Court - Contemporary styling defines this 4BR/3.5BA + den Rutenberg home. Pool/spa overlooks the green, 3-car A/C garage. \$1,329,000 | Cathy Lieberman & Cindy Reiff | 777-2441 & 777-2441

**WOODLAKE** 3827 Woodlake Drive - This expansive pool home offers 6 bedrooms, den, loft, 6 full and one half-bath. Designed for privacy, immaculate. \$1,300,000 | Roxanne Jeske & Linda Perry | 450-5210

**ANCHORAGE** 27500 Riverbank Drive - Spectacular, updated 3BR/4BA+den villa. S. lake views, W. preserve views. Impeccable pool & spa area, guest cabana. \$799,000 | Gary L. Jaarda & Jeff/Becky Jaarda | 248-7474

**Condominiums/Villas**

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

**ENCLAVE** 3661 Key Lime Court - Light 3BR/3BA, 1,980 finished SF single-family residence is SE facing, on a corner lot with privacy walled lanai. \$358,500 | Carol Johnson & Ginger/Michael Lickley | 564-1282

**BAYVIEW I** 4811 Island Pond Court #601 - Panoramic wraparound views of Estero Bay, Gulf & golf course abounding from this 3BR/3BA end residence, 2-car garage. \$699,900 | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441

**Condominiums/Villas**

**THE HAMPTONS** 26851 Wyndhurst Court #202 - Spectacular lake and golf views. Updated kitchen & flooring, new HVAC system. Marina, golf, tennis & fitness area. \$569,000 | Gary L. Jaarda & Jeff/Becky Jaarda | 248-7474

**MONTARA** 3276 Montara Drive - Split-floor floor plan 2BR+den, 1,785 A/C SF, detached ranch style villa. Lake & long golf views with pool. \$499,000 | Carol Johnson & Ginger Lickley & Michael Lickley | 564-1282

**ARBOR STRAND** 27408 Arbor Strand Drive - Charming cottage-like villa, 3 bedrooms or 2 bedrooms+den, 2.5 baths & family room. Private pool & spa. Furnished. \$499,000 | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441

**BAY HARBOR** 20750 Shell Ridge Circle - Beautifully finished home was a builder's model. Great room plan 2BR/2.5BA+den. Pool across street, beach. Turnkey. \$492,000 | Teresa Rucker | 281-2376

**WEDGEWOOD** 26876 Wedgewood Drive #203 - A dream come true with a 'wow' interior, this 3BR/3BA home has been exquisitely updated. Views of the 17th green. \$459,000 | Carol Wood/Claire McMahon | 822-3709

**THE HAMPTONS** 26856 Wyndhurst Court #101 - Fantastic lake & estuary views! Updated 2BR/2.5BA+den residence. Neutral decor, glassed-in lanai, new HVAC system. \$439,000 | Gary L. Jaarda & Jeff/Becky Jaarda | 248-7474

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

**OAKWOOD** 27187 Oakwood Lake Drive #202 - Highly desired carriage home with 3BRs, glassed-in lanai. Dramatic long golf/marsh views. Furnished. \$375,000 | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441

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

**Condominiums/Villas**

**ENCLAVE** 27021 Enclave Drive - Private great room 3BR/2BA plan, vaulted ceilings & extended screened lanai. Golf, tennis, marina & beach park. \$310,000 | Carol Wood/Claire McMahon | 822-3709

**BAY POINTE** 26956 Montego Pointe Court #101 - Sunsets from glassed-in lanai, mint condition 2BR+den corner residence. Pool/spa, golf, tennis, marina, beach park. \$309,000 | Trudy Sayles | 398-8901

**HARBOR LANDING** 4431 Riverwatch Court #103 - A sought after location with S. exposure over the lake & preserve. Glassed-in lanai, large 2BR+den carriage home. \$199,000 | Chris Mier | 850-7787

**HARBOR LANDING** 4430 Riverwatch Drive #101 - Private lake view 2BR/2BA+den 1st floor coach home. Walk to community pool, marina, dining. Furnishings negotiable. \$289,000 | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441

**GREENBRIAR** 4120 Bayhead Drive #205 - Sweeping vistas across golf course & preserves. Former model, meticulously maintained. Pool/spa, tennis steps away. \$269,000 | Pat Callis | 250-0562

**GREENBRIAR** 4120 Bayhead Drive #105 - A special treasure - newly decorated & immaculate 3BR condominium, ready for immediate occupancy. Majestic vistas. \$249,000 | Carol Wood/Claire McMahon | 822-3709

**SANDPIPER** 4251 Lake Forest Drive #224 - Turnkey furnished 3BR/2BA+den condominium. Community pool, spa & tennis. Marina, parks, shuttle to private beach. \$187,000 | Judy Stead | 273-3438

**SANDPIPER** 4241 Lake Forest Drive #512 - Lovely 1st floor 2BR/2BA + den condominium, corner location and well-maintained. Close to community pool/spa. \$179,000 | Cathy Lieberman & Cindy Reiff | 777-2441

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



**ALAMEDA COURT ▲**  
Old World artistry + modern technology! Exquisite Bayfront chateau, 9,874 SF A/C, 14,495 total, dock with Gulf access. \$5,500,000

Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133



**SOUTH BEACH DRIVE ▲**  
Tropical beachfront retreat with endless Gulf/island views! 'Cottage' feel, 7BRs, open floor plan, heated pool/spa. \$4,500,000

Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133



**PETIT COURT ▲**  
Unique, contemporary compound, SW tip location, nearly 250' of direct access water frontage. Three docks, 5 lifts. \$3,190,000

Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133



**INLET DRIVE ▲**  
Estate Area 3BR/4.5BA home on Barfield Bay. Pool, chickie-hut boathouse with lift. Adjacent homesite included. \$2,650,000

Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133



**BUTTERFIELD COURT ▲**  
Breathtaking views of Marco River from eye-catching spacious home. Alarmed, 4-car garage. Dock with lift.

\$2,499,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983



**BARFIELD DRIVE SOUTH ▲**  
Magnificent Caxambas Pass views! Four BR with approx. 80' of dock, 16,000 lb. lift & direct deep water Gulf access. \$2,395,000

Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133



**MADEIRA #908 ▲**  
Absolutely beautiful beachfront 3BR/3.5BA end residence. Three balconies with spectacular views. Turnkey furnished. \$2,150,000

Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766



**MADEIRA #302 ▲**  
Views of the Gulf & Crescent Beach. Beautifully designed 3BR w/3,900+ A/C SF. Beach front & island side balconies. \$1,850,000

Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766



**MADEIRA #401 ▲**  
Luxurious beachfront living! Corner 3BR/3.5BA, beach/city views. Professionally decorated & exquisitely finished.

\$1,750,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222



**CAPE MARCO - MONTERREY ▲**  
#805 - Views of the Gulf from this furnished 3 bedroom, 3 bath with wood floors, 9' ceilings, and double door entry.

\$849,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685



**NAUTILUS COURT ▲**  
Exceptional SE wide water views! Inviting 3BR/2.5BA home, 100' of waterfront with quick boating access to the Gulf.

\$711,500 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983



**HIDEAWAY BEACH - ROYAL MARCO POINT ▲**  
#256 - Spacious 2BR+den with many upgrades. Great Gulf/River views! Steps to the beach. Clubhouse, pool, tennis, golf. \$695,000

Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766



**WATERS EDGE #A103 ▲**  
Pristine, updated 3BR/3BA direct access condominium with 1,800+ A/C SF. Walk to beach. Tennis, pool and boat slips. \$395,000

Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133



**REGATTA STREET ▲**  
Great inland location. Updated 3BR/2BA with 2,136 total SF. Two-car attached garage. Screened lanai and pool. \$350,000

Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133



**SUSSEX #203 ▲**  
Delightful & spacious 2BR/2BA condominium in a newer waterfront complex. Views over pool and bay. Close to beach.

\$283,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

#### Single Family Homes

**HIDEAWAY BEACH** 986 Royal Marco Way - Premier beachfront home with guest suite. Luxurious appointments, 6BR+, 8,800 A/C SF. Beautiful beach, Gulf views. \$7,950,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

1341 Caxambas Court - Slocum-Christian waterfront with 243 ft. of direct access water frontage. Great docking facility. Quality built.

\$5,950,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

919 Caxambas Drive - Secluded residence on Barfield Bay. Custom-built in 2010, 5BR, 5 full & 2 half BA. Rooftop terrace, pool/spa.

\$5,350,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

881 Eubanks Court - Unparalleled luxury of over 1/2 acre. Tip-lot location with 287' of direct access water frontage, bay views & SBR.

\$4,600,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

**HIDEAWAY BEACH** 880 Sea Dune Lane - Custom-built modern architectural masterpiece with 152' on pristine beach. Luxury appointments abound. FURNISHED.

\$4,100,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

589 Inlet Drive - Nestled 25' above Barfield Bay! Old Florida charm meets modern-day elegance, 5BR/4.5BA+den. Heated pool/spa. Views!

\$3,985,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

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

776 Hull Court - Paradise Found! Breathtaking Bay views. Spacious plan for relaxed island living. Quick, direct access to the Gulf.

\$1,750,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

508 Tigertail Court - Beautiful, custom-built home with quick, direct access through Collier Bay. This 4BR/3.5BA has nearly 3,300 SF.

\$1,450,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

**HIDEAWAY BEACH** 281 Hideaway Circle South - Absolutely gorgeous, 2005 custom built, 3-level 4BR/3.5BA home. S. exposure lanai, golf view, beach, tennis/dining.

\$1,350,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

1832 North Bahama Avenue - Serene views of Tarpion Bay from this 3BR/3BA Divco home. Many new features. Heated pool/spa, dock with Gulf access.

\$1,275,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

160 Peach Court - Magnificent bay views, tip cul-de-sac lot with 171' of waterfront. Expansive lanai/pool. Deep, quick river access.

\$1,149,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

1816 Woodbine Court - Gorgeous, direct access. River-area 3BR/3.5BA pool home completely remodeled in 2008. Expressive waterway views.

\$1,099,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

**HIDEAWAY BEACH** 831 Hideaway Circle East - Exceptional home, location & price! Meticulously maintained 3BR/2.5BA + den home. Heated pool/spa, preserve views.

\$1,000,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

1109 Bond Court - Two-story custom-built 3BR+den/4BA home. Coffered/tray ceilings and loft bonus room. Southern exposure; pool/spa.

\$979,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

1131 Vernon Place - Old Florida style home with quick direct access & 160 ft. of waterfront, large wraparound verandas, new floors & paint.

\$899,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

1261 Laurel Court - Direct access & beautiful views! New home by Marco River w/great room plan, 3 BRs, den, 3 BAs & Viking appliances.

\$875,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

1389 Bayport Avenue - Built in 2006 and remodeled in 2009. FURNISHED 4BR/3BA, 3,000+ A/C SF. AMAZING upgrades! Three-car garage.

\$825,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

920 Olive Court - Exquisite attention to every detail. Meticulous 3BR/2BA+den waterfront home with pool & spa just blocks to beach.

\$765,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176

1955 Sheffield Avenue - Builder's home in a private setting with walk out lower level & views of Barfield Bay. Three-story, 5BR, pool/spa.

\$747,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

1568 Jamaica Court - Five-star views of the lake & golf course! Custom built in 1999, 3BR home, heated pool/spa and wheelchair access.

\$725,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

911 Moon Court - Super value for this custom 4BR/3BA waterfront home with nearly 3,000 sq. ft. A/C. Boat house with indirect access.

\$699,900 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

**HIDEAWAY BEACH** 871 Sea Dune Lane - Bright, exquisite home boasts a built-in pool & spa. Pickled red cedar ceilings, fireplace, 2nd floor loft.

\$699,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

720 South Barfield Drive - Beautiful inland home in the desirable Estate Area with bay views! Lush landscaping, open lanai with pool & spa.

\$698,500 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

#### Single Family Homes

1770 Ludlow Road - Private former model 3BR/2BA, park-like setting. Adjoining buildable lot included in sale (over half acre total).

\$695,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

1084 Whiteheart Court - Wide water views! Showcase interior, 3BR home, pool, spa, summer kitchen. New docking facility, quick Gulf access.

\$679,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

**HIDEAWAY BEACH** 374 Red Bay Lane - Panoramic views of golf course, 3BRs + den (or 4th BR), 1,400+ sq. ft. bonus room, large pool, walk to beach/club.

\$675,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

770 Inlet Drive - Four bedroom estate area home overlooking Barfield Bay. Updated kitchen & baths. No flood insurance is required.

\$650,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

159 Shorecrest Court - Delightful 3BR custom built waterfront home. Split floor plan & large covered/screened lanai with sparkling pool.

\$559,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

755 Nautilus Court - Great Value! Direct access 3BR/3BA home w/waterway views. SE exposure. Boating dock, room for a pool. Near beach.

\$515,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

1370 Bayport Avenue - Outstanding golf course views! Quiet location, well-maintained 4BR/3BA + den home. Expansive screened lanai/pool.

\$498,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

601 Somerset Court - Tigertail Beach area home includes spacious living area, updated kitchen & tropical lanai/pool. Turnkey furnished.

\$490,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

620 Diplomat Court - Delightful southern bay views, 3BR tropical retreat. On a quiet street, close to beach, shops & dining. Pool/lanai.

\$438,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

394 North Collier Blvd. - Large 3BR home in mint condition! All Thermopane windows provide a quiet spot. Heated pool, disability accessible.

\$349,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

#### Condominiums/Villas

**MADEIRA** 350 South Collier Blvd.

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

#PH-201 - Largest PH (7,414 total SF)

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**THE VANDERBILT** ▲  
Extraordinary beachfront SW corner 3BR residence, 2 balconies for sunset/city views, den/study. Resort amenities.  
\$3,100,000 | Ellen Eggland | 571-7192

**VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES** ▲  
Outstanding 5BR/5.5BA + den, family recreation room, exercise room & VIP suite. Pool, spa & dock with 2 boat lifts.  
\$2,595,000 | Michael G. Lawler | 571-3939

**VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES** ▲  
Casual elegance describes this 4BR+den with the feel of an Italian Villa. 7,018 total SF, boat dock with Gulf access.  
\$2,550,000 | Pat Callis | 250-0562

**VANDERBILT BEACH - MORAYA BAY** ▲  
11125 Gulfshore Drive - Naples newest beachfront condominium offering the ultimate in sophisticated resort living. Views of the Gulf, Bay & preserves.  
From \$2,500,000 | Call 239-514-5050

**VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES** ▲  
Expansive bay views from SE exposure newer great room plan 3BR/4.5BA + den home. Large newer dock, heated pool.  
\$2,250,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552

**VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES** ▲  
Spectacular 5BR/4.5BA + den waterfront home with over 5,500 sq. ft. of exquisitely appointed living space. Dock.  
\$1,997,777 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552

**VANDERBILT BEACH - MANATEE RESORT** ▲  
Stunning PH with breathtaking bay & Gulf views. Tastefully decorated 3BR/3BA + office, cabana & boat dock. \$1,690,000  
Pat Callis/Kathryn Tout | 250-0562

**VANDERBILT BEACH BEACHMOOR** ▲ 9051 Gulfshore Drive #502 - Gorgeous, fully renovated beachfront condominium, 180 degree Gulf views, steps to Ritz, Turtle Club & Lighthouse.  
\$1,050,000 | Stacie Ricci | 777-5983

**VANDERBILT BEACH PHOENICIAN SANDS** ▲ Smack on the Sand! Encompassing 1,760 sq. ft. Great room, master bedroom with private balcony and guest room. \$1,000,000  
Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars | 216-1973

**BONITA SPRINGS - ARROYAL** ▲  
Riverfront property, beautiful lake view, too. Furnished 4BR/3BA, 30'x19' covered boat dock with lift is included.  
\$900,000 | Connie Lummis | 289-3543

**VANDERBILT GULFSIDE I** ▲  
Professionally decorated, updated 2BR/2BA, Tommy Bahama decor. Tropical Gulf vistas. Gated, gardens, pool/tennis.  
\$899,000 | Pat Callis | 250-0562

**VANDERBILT BEACH BEACHMOOR** ▲ Savor sounds of the surf; sink your toes in the white sand; see Gulf view & unforgettable sunsets. Three BR/2BA. \$899,000  
Pat Callis/Chris Wortman | 250-0562

**VANDERBILT GULFSIDE I** ▲  
Marvelous sounds & views of the Gulf of Mexico from every room! Two master bedroom suites. Gated, parklike grounds.  
\$879,000 | Pat Callis | 250-0562

**VANDERBILT BEACH - LA SCALA** ▲  
Furnished, gorgeous end residence with incredible Bay views, 3BR/2BA across from beach. Boat dock may be purchased. \$775,000  
Mary Catherine/Larry White | 287-2818

**VANDERBILT BEACH - REGATTA** ▲  
Short stroll from the Gulf & beach! Gorgeous Bay views, 3BR/2.5BA+den end residence. Incredible on-site amenities!  
\$769,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731

**VANDERBILT GULFSIDE I** ▲  
Magnificent unobstructed Gulf views! Totally renovated 2BR/2BA + den beachfront gem. Meticulously maintained.  
\$739,000 | Pat Callis | 250-0562

**WEST BAY CLUB - NATURES COVE** ▲ Charming home within a veritable sanctuary, views of Pete B. Dye Junior design golf course. Elegantly appointed.  
\$699,950 | Brian Nelson | 572-2903

**VANDERBILT BEACH - REGATTA I** ▲  
View of the Gulf & Bay! Delightful 3BR/3BA condominium. Resort amenities, boat docks for purchase. Walk to beach.  
\$689,000 | Cindy Thompson | 860-6513

**VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES** ▲  
Gorgeous 3BR+den waterfront home in a charming boating community. Boat dock, private yard, 5 minute walk to beach!  
\$565,000 | Jeannie McGahey | 248-4333

**VANDERBILT BEACH - GULF BREEZE** ▲  
Sweeping Gulf & Bay views! Lovely 3BR condominium, walk to beach. Pool, tennis, docks for lease. Motivated Seller.  
\$478,000 | Sue Gardner | 239-594-9494

**VANDERBILT LANDINGS** ▲  
Spectacular Gulf & Bay views, end 2BR/2BA residence in a gated community. Deeded beach access across the street.  
\$475,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731

**VASARI COUNTRY CLUB ALTESSA III** ▲ Super upgraded 3BR/2.5BA+den home with an elevator, S. exposure, lake/golf view. Bundled golf, tennis, pool, gated. \$460,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210

**VANDERBILT YACHT & RACQUET CLUB** ▲ Steps to beach, magnificent bay views! Two master suites, prestige condition. Gated entry, tennis, pool & docks. \$419,990 | Kelly Kent & Jennifer/Dave Urness | 250-5480

**BEACHWALK GARDENS** ▲  
Well-maintained 3BR/2BA end residence with upgrades. Beautiful lake view. Tennis, two pools, short walk to beach.  
\$369,000 | Meghan C. Reed | 825-0736

**BEACHWALK HOMES** ▲  
Walk to beach! Near everything. Well-maintained 2BR/2BA home, clubhouse, great amenities, 24-hour security guards.  
\$350,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326

**BEACHWALK GARDENS** ▲  
Two 2 blocks from beach, 2BR/2BA, quiet lakefront setting. Two heated pools, clubhouse, 6 Har-Tru tennis courts.  
\$310,000 | Kelly Kent | 250-5480

**BONITA FARMS** ▲  
Boaters - completely remodeled 2BR+den home with 100 ft. on the river, 60' wraparound dock, 10,000 lb. boat lift.  
\$299,900 | Mark Leone | 784-5686

**BEACHWALK GARDENS** ▲  
A lovely community 1.5 blocks to the beach. Completely walled, 24-hour manned gate. Pool, hot tub, Har-Tru courts.  
\$289,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326

**VASARI COUNTRY CLUB TOSCANA I** ▲  
Southern exposure golf/lake view. Meticulously maintained end residence. Bundled golf. Near clubhouse, pool/tennis.  
\$274,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552

**VASARI COUNTRY CLUB TOSCANA I** ▲  
Turnkey furnished 2BR/2BA coach home close to all the club amenities. Bundled golf community, good rental history.  
\$215,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210

**VANDERBILT BEACH - REGATTA I** 400 Flagship Drive #PH05  
Incredible views. Turnkey furnished with a West Indies-style decor, 3BRs, 3BA plus 2-car private garage. \$799,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731

**VANDERBILT BEACH - VANDERBILT GULFSIDE** 10951 Gulfshore Drive #304  
Stunning sunsets & glorious sounds of the surf. Tasteful decor, 2BR/2BA+den. Gated, 8 acres of park-like gardens. \$780,000 | Pat Callis | 250-0562

**VANDERBILT BEACH - REGATTA I** 400 Flagship Drive #1105  
Tastefully-decorated 3BR/3BA, great Bay/Gulf views! Pools, fitness area, steps to beach. Weekly rentals, turnkey. \$779,000 | Daniel Prentot | 272-8020

**VANDERBILT BEACH - ADMIRALTY OF VANDERBILT BEACH** 9415 Gulfshore Drive #601  
On the beach with direct unobstructed Gulf views! Top floor 2BR/2BA end residence. Furnished. Motivated owner.  
\$585,000 | Stacie Ricci | 777-5983

**BEACHWALK HOMES** 728 Reef Point Circle - Rarely available 3BR/2BA, 2-car garage free standing home near clubhouse, tennis courts, pool/spa. Walk to beach. \$400,000 | Carol Loder | 860-4326

**VANDERBILT BEACH - MANATEE RESORT** 9566 Gulf Shore Drive #PH03 - Great Bay/Gulf views and beach across the street. Office, 3BR/3.5BA. Poolside cabana, boat dock & garage included.  
\$1,874,000 | Pat Callis/Chris Wortman | 250-0562

**VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES** 350 Willett Avenue - Stunning western water views from every room! Gated 3BR pool home, spacious lanai, covered dock with 7,000 lb. boat lift. \$1,395,000 | Marlene Suarez | 290-0585

**VANDERBILT BEACH - REGATTA I** 400 Flagship Drive #505 - Model perfect, well-priced 3BR/3BA, great Bay views. Turnkey furnished! Walk to beach, pools, spa, docks for sale. \$649,000 | Stacie Ricci | 777-5983

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WEEK OF MAY 19-25, 2011

A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS &amp; ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

"Hip-hop, which is truly ubiquitous, has made its way into contemporary art practices."

— Matthew McLendon, associate curator of modern and contemporary art at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art



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*Work and Play* by Vince Fraser

Ringling exhibit examines the influence of hip-hop on art in the 21st century

**>>inside:**  
Special events in conjunction with "Beyond Bling," C4

BY NANCY STETSON

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**S**OMETHING ABOUT MICKALENE Thomas's bold, rhinestone-studded paintings of women at Miami's Art Basel four years ago set off an idea in Matthew McLendon's brain.

"I was blown away," Dr. McLendon, who is the associate curator of modern and contemporary art at the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, recalls. "I saw the influence of hip-hop culture in her work, among other influences. Hip-hop, which is truly ubiquitous, has made its way into contemporary art practices."

So he determined to put together an exhibit of contemporary artists whose

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*King yo on the queen, yo!* by iona rozeal brown

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**Peggy Farren,**  
right, and her traveling companions in Baguio City, Philippines



## Taking a trip? Take great pictures, too

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Peggy Farren of Photography School Naples will present a free seminar about how to take great travel pictures from 3-4 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, at Betty Maclean Travel, 2245 Venetian Court.

Ms. Farren will discuss what makes an interesting picture as well as some basic

composition rules and flash techniques. She'll also offer ideas of what to do with your pictures when you get home. Here's a peek at her top five tips:

1. Make sure the subject is very clear and stands out.
2. Follow the rule of thirds, especially

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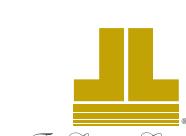
### The real thing

Fake Problems, a Naples born and bred band, takes the stage at Fleischmann Park. **C6 ▶**



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Noodle Saigon delivers vibrant flavors of Vietnam. **C19 ▶**



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# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## Every woman's dream

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I once lived in Africa. It's the wild west of world travel, a kind of final frontier. Still untouched in places, still dangerous. A continent where you can die from basic illness, diseases that have long since been wiped out in the developed world, not to mention war or other violence.

I had a beautiful life.

My friends were smart and sophisticated, and we had candlelit dinners during the nightly power cuts. In dusty 4x4s, we visited animal reserves where giraffes gazed serenely from heads set atop long waving necks. Water buffalo lounged in the distance and quick, nervous gazelle picked their way across the sparse grass.

In the capital, taxis honked day and night, and women sold bags of sugared peanuts on street corners. I lived in a nice house in a quiet neighborhood. Bougainvilleas bloomed out the front door and a hibiscus tree flowered on the terrace in the back.

But all of it, the whole adventuresome ensemble, was not enough.

Near the end of my stay, I met my friend Mamadou for coffee. He was from the capital, a pharmacist who played left field on his company soccer

team. He liked to wear tinted sunglasses that made him look like Usher, and he walked around with a set of headphones covering his ears. He watched American T.V. piped in by satellite, and his sister lived with her French husband in Paris.

Though he was from a country where men have multiple wives, Mamadou was in many ways a man of the world. I was surprised, then, when he unthinkingly dismissed the last 50 years of feminist progress.

"As you know," he said, "every woman's dream is to get married and have children."

I thought he was making a joke. "Is that right?"

He nodded soberly and took a sip of coffee. He had stated a fact, not a point of contention.

Later, I told my roommate about the conversation. We stood in our small kitchen and laughed. But a reflective silence followed. We were, after all, two women in our early 30s, unmarried, living in a place far from home. Our circumstances were fun and exciting but ultimately temporary.

Not long afterward, I made plans to leave. I hosted a grand going-away party a week before my departure, and I invited all my similarly transitory friends. The power was cut the night of the party, and we talked and told stories in the low light of candles.

I stood to pour myself a glass of champagne — we were celebrating, after all — and my friend Will came to stand beside

me. We turned together to face the group of people spread across the garden, and

he put an arm around my shoulders.

"Look at this," he said.

I looked at the women dressed in colorful silks and ornamented with dangly earrings, at the handsome men who carried on about international politics.



"As you know," he said, "every woman's dream is to get married and have children..."

"How could you leave this?" Will said.

I gazed at my friends, the glowing terrace, the vestiges of my exotic life. I smiled and turned back to the drinks table. What I couldn't say was that Mamadou was right. To find what I was looking for, I needed to go home. ■





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Peggy Farren's photographs of Stonehenge, top and London's House of Parliament illustrate the rule of thirds.



## PICTURES

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for horizons. (Basically, your subject or horizon should not be placed dead center, she explains, adding: Think of a tic-tac-toe grid. You want eyes, horizons and subjects to be either on the grid lines or in the corners.)

3. Crop in tightly (you can always do this later).

4. Something in the foreground helps bring depth to a picture.

5. Don't forget to make it personal. Take pictures of your travel companions, interesting food, the hotel you stay in.

Although the seminar is free, reservations are requested and can be made by calling Betty Maclean Travel at 513-0333 or e-mailing zach@bettymacleantravel.com. ■

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**"STAR in a Play" Acting Program** This innovative, exciting and fun two-week acting program will introduce young performers to the creative and technical side of theatre while they rehearse and perform in a play based on *Alice in Wonderland*. This exciting script provides both laughter and drama for everyone.

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- Lessons on blocking and moving, breathing and relaxation, and bringing a character to life.
- Theatre Games/Improvisation.
- Meeting professionals in the field such as actors, directors and lighting designers.
- Students will have fun, make friends and perform in a showcase production of *Alice in Wonderland* for friends and family at the end of the program.

For Ages 8-12 | Mon-Fri, June 13-24, 2011 | 9:00am-2:00pm | Cost: \$350 per student

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This program will include:

- Acting training with professional director and acting coach Kristen Coury, which will include lessons on basic blocking, breathing and relaxation, breaking down a scene, proper audition technique, and bringing a character to life.
- Theatre games such as pantomime, group exchange, and improvisation.
- Mentoring in the business of theatre, through interactive sessions with professionals in the field such as actors, directors and lighting designers.
- Technical theatre information including an introduction to set design, lighting and sound equipment. Students will perform in a Gulfshore Playhouse showcase performance for the public at the end of the two-week program.

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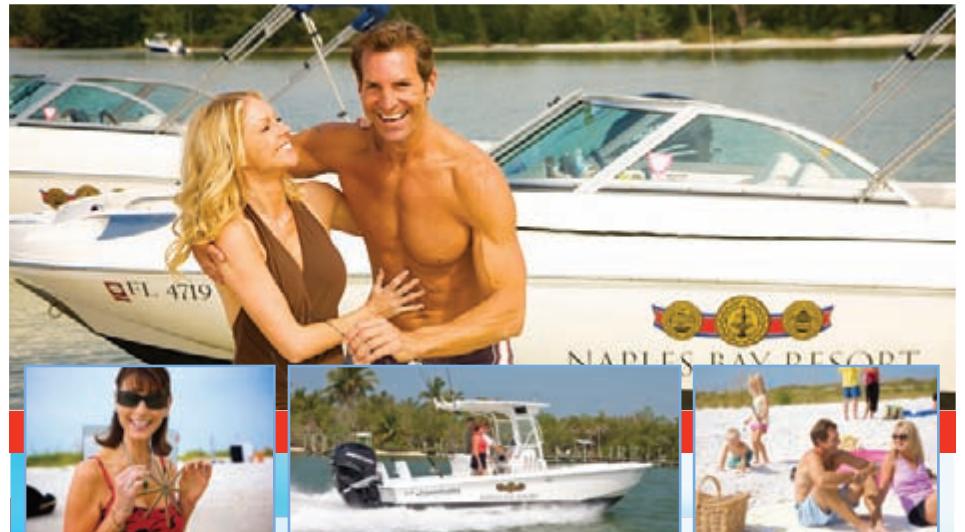
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# BLING

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work shows the influence of various aspects of hip-hop culture, from music and fashion to graffiti and simply attitude.

The result, "Beyond Bling: Voices of Hip-Hop in Art," opens at the Ringling in Sarasota on Saturday, May 21, and continues through Aug. 14.

Hardly typical fare for a museum celebrated for its permanent collection of Old Masters, "Beyond Bling" represents 10 fresh, creative artists in different stages of their careers: Michael Anderson, iona rozeal brown, Vince Fraser, Gajin Fujita, Luis Gispert, Sofia Maldonado, Nadine Robinson, the aforementioned Ms. Thomas, Hank Willis Thomas and Kehinde Wiley.

"I'm not saying that these are hip-hop artists or that this is hip-hop art," Dr. McLendon stresses. "I don't want to be that restrictive or reductive... It's a snapshot of one aspect of contemporary art at the moment."

Everything in the show was created in the 21st century.

"It's a wide diversity of voices," the curator adds, noting that the mix includes Caucasians, African-Americans, Latino and Latina artists, a Japanese-American, four women and two openly gay artists.

When hip-hop began in the South Bronx in the early '70s, he says, "It was very much an African-American and Latino expression. It's from the streets, from the urban experience."

Thirty-plus years on, he adds, "It's spread the world over. Every demographic, every ethnicity, every socio-economic background, etc., is a part of hip-hop culture now."

In the early days, hip-hop encompassed music, rapping, break dancing and graffiti. Now, he says, it's spread its influence to fashion, graphic design, advertising and language.

"Hip-hop culture... is fashion, it is art, it is music, it is language, it is theater," he says. "And it all comes out of this history of urban expression."

In keeping with the influence of hip-hop on various genres, the Ringling is offering several events in conjunction with "Beyond Bling."

Dr. McLendon will conduct an informal "Walk & Talk" followed by a screening of "Exit Through the Gift Shop," a documentary film about Banksy and other street artists. Photographer and author James Prigoff will give a lecture about street art accompanied by selections from his collection of more than 8,000 images. And Rennie Harris Puremovement, an international hip-hop dance troupe, will perform at Sarasota's Historic Asolo Theater. The museum will also host hip-hop-influenced theater: "The Word Begins," a two-man performance that weaves drama and comedy together. (See sidebar for details.)

## New twist on Old Masters

Dr. McLendon describes his background as "very interdisciplinary" and says "Beyond Bling" is the same way by its nature.

"When (people) first think of hip-hop, people think of music," he says,



**Concrete Jungle Divas** by Sofia Maldonado

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adding the genre has had an enormous influence on dance and choreography. "That's why we're having Rennie Harris. He's the godfather of hip-hop and street choreography. He's in every hip-hop history book. This is one of the pioneers; he's still inventing."

People might be a little surprised that the Ringling Museum of Art is hosting an exhibit such as "Beyond Bling," he acknowledges.

"I'm at a museum that's internationally renowned for its Old Masters collection," he says. "I want to be respectful of that. But many people, when confronted with the Old Masters, feel that the art is somewhat removed from their 21st century experience. When they see the world that's in 'Beyond Bling: Voices of Hip-Hop in Art,' it might seem more accessible and more relevant. There are really great moments where we can use the contemporary work to point them back to the permanent collection."

Kehinde Wiley's portraits will be especially helpful in that endeavor.

Mr. Wiley's works look like Old Masters portraits if the Old Masters painted in the 21st century and possessed a hip-hop sensibility. He studied the Old Masters at Yale University and turns the style on its head.

In traditional portraiture, a wealthy person would go to an artist and commission a portrait. But Mr. Wiley, in what he calls "street casting," goes out into the streets and selects the sitter.

"Here you have the artist changing the power structure," Dr. McLendon says, explaining that Mr. Wiley and his chosen subject would go back to the studio and look through art history texts, often choosing an Old Masters painting to replicate.

For example, Mr. Wiley's "Simon George I" in the exhibition is in the style of a Hans Holbein "Simon George" portrait from the 16th century, he says. Other works by Mr. Wiley copy the poses of portraits by El Greco, Ingres, Titian, Van Dyke, but imbue them with a modern sensibility.

"It's an absolutely stellar oil painting," Dr. McLendon says of "Simon George I." He hadn't seen it in three years, and when it was uncrated for the Ringling exhibition, he says, "It was literally breathtaking."

Mr. Wiley and his work have been written about in *The New York Times*

and been on the cover of ARTnews magazine. In 2005, VH1 commissioned him to paint a series of portraits of that year's honorees, including LL Cool J, Notorious B.I.G. and Ice-T. His works are in the permanent collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Studio Museum in Harlem, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the Walker Art Center in Minneapolis, among many others.

He's now traveling the world, painting portraits of young men in India, Israel, Brazil and various countries in Africa for his "World Stage" series.

"He is at the top of his game," Dr. McLendon says.

## Geishas, graffiti and more

In contrast to Mr. Wiley's portraits, the artwork of Gajin Fujita combines his graffiti history with his Japanese culture. His work incorporates geishas and warriors with Latino graffiti art and American pop culture images.

A native of East Los Angeles, Mr. Fujita was a member of the famous L.A. graffiti crew, K2S. He has exhibited at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the Kemper Museum of Art in Kansas City.

iona rozeal brown, who prefers that her name be written in all lowercase, like e.e. cummings or k.d. lang, is another artist influenced by Japanese images. She became interested in ganguro, which means "black face" in Japanese.

"It's a phenomenon where young people in Japan tan their skin dark and bleach their hair, in what they feel is an emulation of African-American hip-hop artists," Dr. McLendon explains.

The artist was at first concerned, because of America's history with blackface. But then she began studying ganguro and went to Japan, where she developed a more nuanced understanding. She saw that in a very traditional and often homogenized culture, young Japanese teenagers were using ganguro as a kind of protest and a way to claim individual identity.

Ms. Brown's work is an interesting conversation between the two cultures.

## The curator's muse

Dr. McLendon made sure to include work by Mickalene Thomas, whose paintings inspired "Beyond Bling."

"Her work, more often than not, deals with... reclaiming the power of

the woman in art where she's not a passive object," he says. "She owns her power, she owns her sexuality. You think about Mickalene as a woman artist and a lesbian; she inhabits this wonderful middle ground in that she is the desired, as a woman, and she is the desire-er, as a lesbian. It becomes an incredibly powerful message, and a subversion of the (typical model of) male: artist, female: subject."

Ms. Thomas, he adds, "is huge. She has skyrocketed to fame."

Her Warhol-esque silkscreen of First Lady Michelle Obama, called "Michelle O," is exhibited in the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery as part of the "Americans Now" show. On display through July, it is the first time Ms. Obama's individual portrait has been shown at the gallery.

Ms. Thomas has exhibited at the Santa Barbara Contemporary Arts Forum, the Museum of Contemporary Art in Detroit, the Studio Museum in Harlem in New York and P.S. 1/Museum of Modern Art, where she completed a special project for the Modern Window of the museum and the lobby of P.S. 1 as part of the On-Site series.

## Seeing what we miss

"I am just in awe of how talented these artists are, and how much they teach me about the world I live in, how much they help me to see, and how much they help me to see what I've missed," Dr. McLendon says. "That's what good artists are so good at doing. They see all the things we miss, and bring our attention to them."

He expects "Beyond Bling" will draw new patrons to the Ringling museum, in addition to the traditional audience.

The exhibit will not travel to other museums, he says. "This will be your only opportunity, so get to Sarasota."

"If you're interested in contemporary art, you'll be interested in these artists." ■

## in the know

- >>**"Beyond Bling: Voices of Hip-Hop in Art"**
- >>**When:** May 21-Aug. 14
- >>**Where:** The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, 5401 Bayshore Road, Sarasota
- >>**Cost:** General admission, \$25; ages 65 and older, \$20; children ages 6-17, \$10
- >>**Info:** (941) 359-5700 or [www.ringling.org](http://www.ringling.org)

# Beyond the 'Bling'

Several special events are taking place in conjunction with "Beyond Bling," including:

• The **Rennie Harris Puremovement** dance troupe performs at 7:30 p.m. May 19-21 at the Historic Asolo Theater. Tickets are \$35, \$30 and \$20.

• "The Word Begins," a performance piece described as "a journey of two men traversing the chaotic and confusing landscape of race, religion, sexuality, love and mass communications," plays at 7:30 p.m. May 26-28 at the Historic Asolo Theater. Tickets

are \$30, \$25 and \$15.

• At 6 p.m. Thursday, June 2, the exhibit's curator, Matthew McLendon, leads an **informal "Walk & Talk"** through the galleries of "Beyond Bling." It will be followed by a screening of the documentary "Exit Through the Gift Shop," a movie about Banksy and street art. Tickets are \$10.

• Renowned **photographer, author**

and lecturer **James Prigoff** discusses street art and shows selections from his collection of more than 8,000 images at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 9, in the Historic Asolo Theater. Tickets are \$20 (\$5 for Florida college students and college/university faculty with valid school ID).

For all tickets, contact the Historic Asolo Theater box office at the Ringling Museum of Art, (941) 360-7399. ■

# This week on WGCU TV

► THURSDAY, MAY 19, 8 P.M.

**Long Ride Home**

The Freedom Riders of 1961 ushered in a new era of desegregation in the South, but where was Southwest Florida in all this? Interviews with long-time residents explore the role local residents played in this historic time.



8:30 P.M.

**American Experience  
Freedom Riders**

From May until November 1961, more than 400 black and white Americans risked their lives — and many endured savage beatings and imprisonment — for traveling together on buses and trains as they journeyed through the Deep South to fight segregation.

► FRIDAY, MAY 20, 8:30 P.M.

**Into the Wild: Edison, Ford & Friends**

In 1914, three famous friends — Thomas Edison, the "Wizard" of electricity; Henry Ford, the pioneer automaker; and John Burroughs, best-selling nature writer — trekked into the wilds for a camping adventure in the Everglades. Their campfire camaraderie inspired a series of camping trips throughout the next decade.

► SATURDAY, MAY 21, 10 P.M.  
**The Old Guys**

Housemates Tom and Roy are the ying to each other's yang. Roy is well-read, organized, clean and sensitive. Tom, well, isn't. As both settle into retirement, they face the prospect of life simply not turning out quite how they imagined.

► SUNDAY, MAY 22, 9 P.M.  
**Masterpiece Mystery!**

On his way to Istanbul, Hercule Poirot is called back to London and finds transport via the opulent Orient Express. When the train is sidelined by a snowdrift and a man is found dead, he becomes embroiled in one of the most fiendish cases of his career.

► MONDAY, MAY 23, 8 P.M.  
**Antiques Roadshow**

**Washington, D.C. - Hour 1**

A visit to the U.S. State Department headquarters; a 1958 signed letter by Martin Luther King Jr.; a circa 1965 Andy Warhol lithograph; and a hand-wrought Gorham silver tea set.

► TUESDAY, MAY 24, 8 P.M.  
**David Suchet on the Orient Express:  
A Masterpiece Special**

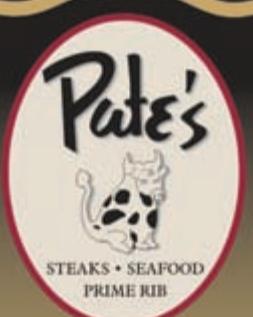
An excursion aboard the modern-day Orient Express.

► WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, 8 P.M.

**Secrets of the Dead**

**Lost Ships of Rome**

A team of marine archaeologists seeks new clues to the ancient past through the wrecks of five Roman ships found in pristine condition. ■



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■ **May 20:** Endangered Species Day. Rookery Bay. 417-6310 or [www.rookerybay.org](http://www.rookerybay.org)

■ **May 20-22:** Rob Storter Collection. Marco Island Historical Museum. 642-1440 or [www.colleermuseums.com](http://www.colleermuseums.com)

■ **May 20-22:** Passages of Time: History Through Our Eyes. Guess-Fisher Gallery. 659-2787 or [www.nataliegues.com](http://www.nataliegues.com)

■ **May 20-22:** Uncommon Everglades. Museum of the Everglades. 695-0008 or [www.colleermuseums.com](http://www.colleermuseums.com)

■ **May 20-22:** Camera USA. The Von Liebig Art Center. 262-6517 or [www.naplesart.org](http://www.naplesart.org)

■ **May 20-22:** The Naples Zoo celebrates Armed Forces Day. 262-5409 or [www.napleszoo.org](http://www.napleszoo.org)

## Theater

■ **Bug** – At the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Fort Myers, at 8 p.m. May 19-21 and 26-28. 333-1933.

■ **Smoke on the Mountain** – At Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers, May 19-July 2. 278-4422 or [www.broadwaypalm.com](http://www.broadwaypalm.com).

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

■ **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).

## Thursday, May 19

■ **Going to the Dogs** – Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits hosts Patriotic Pooch Night, a fundraiser to benefit Collier County Domestic Animal Services and Bow Wow Buddies. Prizes for Best Dressed Patriotic Dog. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

■ **History Lesson** – "Florida During Reconstruction, 1865-1876" starts at 10 a.m. at South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy. 252-7542.

■ **Cool Sights** – The Guess-Fisher Gallery hosts "Hot Night... Cool Sights" from 5-7 p.m. at 810 12th Ave. S. Enjoy live entertainment, wine and hors d'oeuvres sponsored by the United Arts Council. 263-8252.

■ **Beetles Tribute Band** – The



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Fake Problems, a Naples born and bred band, performs along with Laura Stevenson & The Cans, Into It Over It and You Blew It! beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at Fleischmann Park. Tickets are \$10 and \$12.

Fab Four takes the stage at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

## Friday, May 20

■ **Art & Stories** – The Golisano Children's Museum of Naples presents "C'mon Start With the Arts: Making Waves" for children ages 2-6 at 10:30 a.m. at Headquarters Regional Library, 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. 593-0177.

■ **Christian Rock** – Third Day,

Tenth Avenue and Trevor Morgan perform at 7:30 p.m. at Germain Arena, 11000 Everblades Pkwy. (800) 745-3000.

## Saturday, May 21

■ **Magic Carpet** – The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra's percussion section performs "Around the World with Percussion" as part of the Magic Carpet series for children and families at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **Sweet 16** – The Shirley Street Sixteen Art Walk takes place from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. today and Sunday in the galleries and studios at 5760 and 5850 Shirley St. 410-0720.

■ **Smooth Jazz** – Bill Colletti performs from 1-4 p.m. in the restaurant piazza at Miromar Outlets. [www.miromaroutlets.com](http://www.miromaroutlets.com).

■ **Karaoke** – Join the fun when Flamingo Island Flea Market and Bahama Momma's Tiki Bar host karaoke from noon-4 p.m. 948-7799 or [www.flamingo-island.com](http://www.flamingo-island.com).

■ **Big Break** – The Home Grown 2011 Music Fest starts at 1:30 p.m. at Germain Arena, 11000 Everblades Pkwy. Florida's top unsigned music acts compete for prize money. \$10. (800) 745-3000.

■ **Book Talk** – Author Jonathan Hayes signs and discusses "A Hard Death" at 2 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops. 598-5200.

■ **Young Voices** – The spring recital of the Philharmonic Youth Chorale begins at 3 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **Exhibit Opening** – A reception for the "Passage of Time" exhibit runs from 6-9 p.m. at the Phil Fisher Gallery/Guess-Fisher Gallery, 810 12th Ave. S. 659-2787.



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Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida hosts a meet and greet with adoptable dogs from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 21, at For Footed Friends, 13020 Livingston Road. GRRSWF does not do on-the-spot adoptions; families must fill out an application and go through the adoption process. Call 431-7661 or visit [www.grrswf.org](http://www.grrswf.org).



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**Family Film** — Bring the family for a screening of "Yogi Bear" beginning at 7 p.m. in Cambier Park. 213-3058.

Sunday, May 22

**Foreign Film** — The Renaissance Academy of FGCU presents "Ajami" (Israel 2009) from 1-4 p.m. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737.

**Keeping Score** — The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents the final Family Fare concert of the season, "Knowing the Score," at 3 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

**Pop Sounds** — Matty Hollie performs jazz, pop and rock from 1-4 p.m. near the restaurant piazza at Miromar Outlets. [www.miromaroutlets.com](http://www.miromaroutlets.com).

Wednesday, May 25

**Art on Marco** — Tour the galleries and meet the artists from 5-8 p.m. at The Esplanade on Marco Island.

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

Coming up

**Patriotic Pops** — The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents "How the West Was Won," a patriotic pops program, at 8 p.m. May 26-28 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or [www.ThePhil.org](http://www.ThePhil.org).

**Funny Lady** — Comedienne Loni Love performs May 26-29 at the Off The Hook Comedy Club, 599 S. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 389-6900.

**Art in Bonita** — The Center for the Arts Studios at the Promenade at Bonita Bay presents Art Walk from 5-8 p.m. May 26. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

**Bluegrass Tunes** — Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits welcomes Frontline Bluegrass from 7-10 p.m. May 27. \$5 cover. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.



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Fans of ad libbing have two chances to catch Naples City Improv in the act this week. The off-the-cuff troupe performs at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 19, for "Live at the Promenade!" at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. Tickets are \$25 and \$30; call 495-8989. At 8 p.m. Friday, May 20, the group takes the stage at The Norris Center. Tickets are \$15; call 213-3058.

**Hot Wheels** — A car cruise-in for all makes and models runs from 5-8 p.m. May 28 on First Street in downtown Fort Myers. 332-4443.

**Pinkalicious** — By The Naples Players at the Sugden Community Theatre, May 28-June 26. 263-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

**Magic Carpet** — Member of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra string section perform for children and families in the Magic Carpet series at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. May 28 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or

[www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).

**Underground Art** — The North Naples Art Alliance presents Underground Art Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. June 1 in the Pine Ridge Industrial Park. 821-1061.

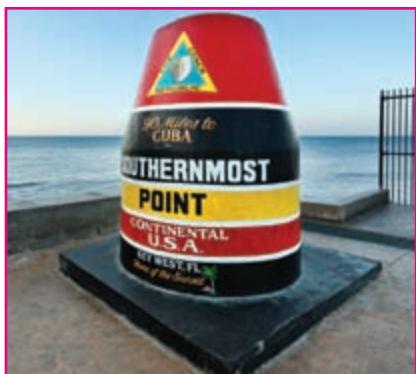
**Organ Music** — Organists from throughout Southwest Florida play the 3,604-pipe Casavant at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts beginning at 3 p.m. June 5. 597-1900 or [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org). ■

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## ARTS COMMENTARY

# Great art is great art, no matter where it is

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Sometimes my editors and I disagree. That's pretty common in newsrooms, where journalists and editors engage in what we can euphemistically call "healthy discussions."

In the ideal world, they're friendly discussions, and people's egos aren't involved or bruised.

Sometimes an editor doesn't share the vision for a particular story, but trusts the writer enough to say, "Go ahead."

Or not.

Sometimes an editor assigns stories to writers.

Sometimes they do that a lot more often than sometimes.

A conversation I've had more than once with editors has to do with locale. If an editor is in charge of a paper in a certain city or county, he or she wants to see a story that focuses on someone in that particular city or county.

On one hand, I can see their point.

I've heard people in Naples say they wouldn't want to travel to Fort Myers to attend something. And conversely, people in Fort Myers have told me they wouldn't drive "all the way down to Naples" to see a show.

My reaction is: They're missing out on a lot. Good arts and entertainment is good arts and entertainment, no matter where it is. Just because something is local doesn't make it good or worth seeing. Being local just makes it local.

I want to focus on the good stuff. There's enough mediocrity out there.

And the feedback I get from arts lovers is that they want to know about the arts, no matter where it is.

I know people from Naples who visited Florida Repertory Theatre in downtown Fort Myers and now return for every show, bringing friends with them.

I know people from Naples and Fort Myers who travel to Sarasota for the Ringling International Arts Festival, and others who cross Alligator Alley for the Miami Book Festival or a dance performance or concert that's not playing on our coast.

One of my editors even drove to Orlando twice in one weekend to see his favorite band perform.

As a friend who loves the arts said to me, "Good art knows no geographic boundaries."



COURTESY IMAGES

*Resting Fiona*  
by David  
Wensel is at  
The von Liebig in Naples.

*Obscure Line Between Fact and Fiction*  
by Marcus  
Jansen is at  
the Sidney &  
Berne Davis  
Art Center in  
Fort Myers.



Unfortunately, quality arts and entertainment is not as readily available here as in a metropolitan area.

So we Southwest Floridians have learned to travel.

We might not be wild about it, but we do it. And it's not as easy as hopping on the subway, catching a bus or hailing a taxi. But it's usually worth it, once we get there.

This past week I drove up to Sarasota to see Lysinka in "The Passion of the Crawford" at the Asolo Repertory Theatre. I'd read about John Epperson's alter ego, Lysinka, portraying Joan Crawford and lip-syncing her lines with perfect precision, but I had never had the unique pleasure of seeing a performance. When I learned the Asolo was holding a one-night-only show, I made it a point to be there.



Kris Kristofferson and John Prine performed recently at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers.

Mid-week, I attended a performance by Kris Kristofferson and John Prine at

the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers.

In the same week, I also drove to Naples to hear a lecture by photographer Harry Benson at The von Liebig Art Center. Mr. Benson, whose work has appeared regularly in Life magazine and Vanity Fair, was the official photographer who came over from the UK with the Beatles on their first U.S. visit. Those iconic black-and-white photographs of the Beatles walking off the plane, playing on the Ed Sullivan Show, meeting Muhammad Ali (then known as Cassius Clay), having a pillow fight in their Paris hotel room — those were all shot by Harry Benson.

At The von Liebig, he showed many of his photographs and relayed the stories and amusing anecdotes behind them.

People who really care about the arts want to know about them, period. They don't suddenly lose interest when something happens to occur over a border that exists only on a map.

After all, sports fanatics read about sports that don't happen in their town.

It's the same for people who love the arts.

I plan on going up to the Ringling Museum of Art to see the show of hip-hop-influenced contemporary art, "Beyond Bling." (Check out our C1 cover story on it.)

I'm also intrigued by a series of one-person shows about musical icons that's running at the Asolo Repertory Theatre this summer. From May 18-June 5, Hershey Felder will perform as "George Gershwin Alone."

Then from June 8-12, he'll perform in "Maestro! The Art of Leonard Bernstein." To cap off this trio of shows, Sunny Thompson will star in "Marilyn: Forever Blonde," from June 18-July 10.

Sometimes things happen in your own backyard. So if you're in Naples, you can visit the "Florida Contemporary 2011" exhibit at the Naples Museum of Art. If you're in Fort Myers, you can check out the new Marcus Jansen exhibit at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. If you're in the Punta Gorda/Port Charlotte/Sarasota area, you can see "Beyond Bling" at the Ringling museum or check out the one-person shows at the Asolo.

But no matter where you live, you can see it all.

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## ARTISTS AMONG US

## Betty Newman, painter

## &gt;&gt; What is your medium of choice?

Anything within reach! Acrylic, oil, plaster, papers, bits of this and that.

## &gt;&gt; How do you describe your style?

Better for me to tell you what others say: "Happy, colorful, full of joy." I say I range from the whimsical to the exotic, with paints merging, crashing and flowing into each other.



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## &gt;&gt; What did you want to be when you were growing up?

Everything I am doing now. I never grew up. Actress, singer (no one said I had to sing well), painter, dancer... someone who would create emotional responses from people.

## &gt;&gt; Where can we see your work?

My work is at my gallery, Rightside Studios and Gallery in the Esplanade on Marco Island, and also at Iberia Bank, the Marriott and the Marco Island Historical Museum, all on Marco.

## &gt;&gt; Where did you grow up?

I was born in Chicago, then moved to the northwest suburb of Mount Prospect, Ill.

## &gt;&gt; What inspires you?

Sorry to sound cliché, but everything — music, the world, people, your hair color, it goes on and on.

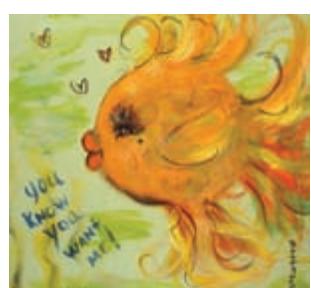
## &gt;&gt; How has living on Marco Island influenced you?

First, I live in paradise. Joining in a community of other artists at the Artist Colony has made me a better artist and person.

## &gt;&gt; Where do you work?

I have a home studio for larger, messier work. It's cluttered with supplies. At the Rightside Gallery, everything is bright, colorful and busy; I try to be a little neater.

— but don't look at the floor!



>> Are you a full-time artist?  
I am, but I also teach fitness classes at the Greater Marco YMCA.

>> Outside of your art, what are you passionate about?  
My fitness classes... making people feel good about themselves inside and out.

>> What are you reading now?  
"Finally Found," written by my friend Gina Sisbarro.

>> What is your favorite quotation?  
"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you've imagined. As you simplify your life, the laws of the universe will be simpler." — Thoreau

>> Any guilty pleasures?  
Ah, yes... buttered popcorn with Parmesan cheese.

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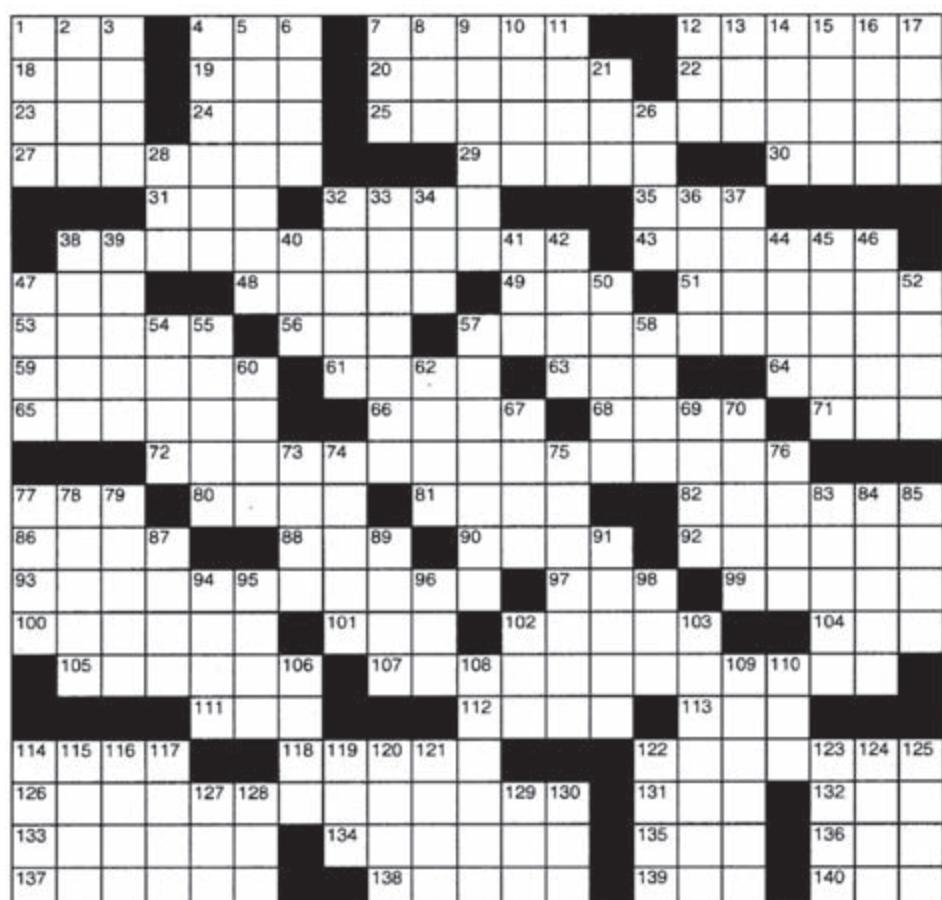
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## ANIMAL TAILS


**ACROSS**

- 1 Messina or Morrison  
4 Address abbr.  
7 Pass into law  
12 Pillager  
18 Vein contents  
19 Historic org.  
20 Mideastern mall?  
22 Herbivorous reptile  
23 Stocking shade  
24 Indefinite pronoun  
25 Benjamin Bunny's creator  
27 Theologian Thomas  
29 Director Sergio  
30 Lumberjack tools  
31 Rocker Ocasek  
32 "God's Little . . ." ('58 film)  
35 Wordless greeting  
38 Musical medium  
43 Dolls up  
47 "Whether nobler in the mind . . ."  
48 Groom's gangplank?  
49 He'll give you a squeeze  
51 Baltimore

**BIRD**

- 53 Maestro Leinsdorf  
56 Slippery character?  
57 Source of ills  
59 Like King's fans  
61 "Ritorna vincitor!" singer  
63 Mr. Mineo  
64 Military chapeau  
65 Uruguayan title  
66 Adjusts an alarm  
68 Undulated  
71 Provide rooms  
72 Software  
77 Duval's org.  
80 Mailer's "The Park"  
81 Stick in the mud  
82 Daze  
86 Mannequin performer  
88 "The Daba Honeymoon" ('14 song)  
90 Court order?  
92 Compensation  
93 Genesis peak  
97 After taxes  
99 Ravi-shing instrument?  
100 Scott role  
101 Mil. base  
102 Slanted  
104 Expert  
105 Doesn't have

**TO**

- 107 Myron Floren's boss  
111 Stroke's implement  
112 Seldom seen  
113 Joan Van —  
114 Blind part  
118 Emilt Spock's specialty  
126 "Roseanne" actress  
131 Pablum variety  
132 Conduit fitting  
133 Stang or Schwarzenegger  
134 Author Collins  
135 Buckingham (Abbr.)  
136 Spider's snare  
137 Tangled  
138 Gravel-voiced  
139 Ending for Capri  
140 Boot part

**DOWN**

- 7 Subside 8 Rob Roy's refusal  
9 Showy shrub 10 Blanchett of "Elizabeth"  
11 Starch source  
12 Bigwig  
13 Give it — (try)  
14 '87 Streisand film  
15 Base stuff?  
16 "Leaf" ("71 film)  
17 Ulrich of Metallica  
21 — Tin Tin  
26 Lucy  
28 April initials  
32 Perplexed  
33 Ma, for one  
34 Hwy.  
36 Smell  
37 "David Copperfield" character  
38 She brought out the beast in men  
39 Oriental  
40 Equal an opponent  
41 Cops org.  
42 Forever, so to speak  
44 Jeopardize  
45 Dynamite  
46 Stowe sight  
47 Hardy heroine  
50 Hersey

**SETTING**

- 52 Way out  
54 Gator's cousin  
55 "Salome" role  
57 Hale or Revere  
58 First name in fashion  
60 Knight's better half?  
62 Believe  
67 Nimble  
69 Part of MA  
70 Gogol's "Bulba"  
73 Compose component  
74 Metropolitan  
75 End a space flight  
76 French Sudan, today  
77 Ostentation  
78 React to a pun  
79 Intense  
83 South African province  
84 Pottery defect  
85 Thornfield governess  
87 Poker stake  
89 Inland sea  
91 Notre Dame's river  
94 Fuss  
95 Moffo or Magnani  
96 Fit — fiddle  
98 RN's

**SPECIALTY**

- 102 Coach Parseghian  
103 4 p.m. vehicle?  
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## HOROSCOPES

### ■ TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

Just when you thought you had everything planned to the smallest detail, you get some news that could unsettle things. But a timely explanation helps put it all back on track.

### ■ GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Home and work continue to compete for your attention. But you handle it well by giving each its proper due. Someone you trust offers valuable advice. Listen to it.

### ■ CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

Unsettling news creates a difficult but not impossible situation. Continue to follow your planned routine, but keep your mind open to a possible change down the line.

### ■ LEO (July 23 to August 22)

Lick your wounded pride if you like, but it's a better idea to find out why your suggestions were rejected. What you learn could help you deal with an upcoming situation.

### ■ VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)

Feeling a bit listless? No wonder. You might be pushing too hard to finish everything on your to-do list. Cutting it down could help get your energy levels up.

### ■ LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)

Taking time out of your busy schedule might be the best way to handle that sensitive private matter. It will help reassure everyone involved about your priorities.

### ■ SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)

Insist on full disclosure by all parties before agreeing

to be part of a "great deal." What you learn should help you decide whether to go with it or not.

### ■ SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)

Your decision to protect the secret that was entrusted to you might irk some people. But it also wins you the admiration of those who value trust and loyalty.

### ■ CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)

Creative activities take on a practical approach as you realize you might be able to market your work. Ask for advice from someone experienced in this area.

### ■ AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)

If you're suddenly a bit unsure about your decision, ask trusted colleagues and/or friends or family members for suggestions that could help resolve your doubts.

### ■ PISCES (February 19 to March 20)

A workplace situation could get stormy. But stay on course until there's a solution that meets with everyone's approval, and things can finally calm down.

### ■ ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Although you would prefer to move forward at a steady pace, it might be a good idea to stop and reassess your plans. You could find a good reason to make a change at this time.

## LATEST FILMS

## 'Bridesmaids'

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★★½

Is it worth \$10? Yes

Thank goodness it's funny. "Bridesmaids" is too long, one-dimensional, predictable and poorly told. But it's a comedy, and it's consistently funny, which means almost all is forgiven. Funny how the healing power of laughter works.

A de facto version of "The Hangover" for women, the cast is a mishmash of "Saturday Night Live" and "The Office" alum, highlighted by Kristen Wiig as the central character, Annie.

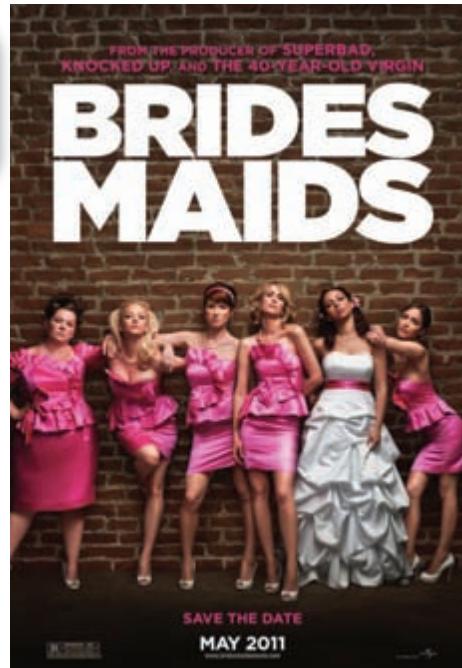
She's a mess. She thinks Ted (Jon Hamm) is going to commit to her, even though he tells her he only wants sex. She has no self-respect, is broke, hates her job and worse, is a terrible maid of honor for lifelong best friend Lillian (Maya Rudolph). And because she's so insecure, she's worried about losing Lillian's best friendship to the pretty and ultra-perfect Helen (Rose Byrne), who clearly has her eyes on maid-of-honor honors.

Rounding out the eclectic group of bridesmaids are Rita (Wendy McDonnell-Covey), who's miserably married with three bratty kids; newly married Becca (Ellie Kemper), who's still woefully naïve; and Megan (Melissa McCarthy), who's large and unrefined and gets the biggest laughs.

Director Paul Feig's film doesn't hold together well, as the script by Ms. Wiig and Annie Mumolo is really just a series of sketches putting the women in uncomfortable situations. As a result, many scenes run far too long, to the point where 15-20 minutes of the two-hour plus movie should have been trimmed for pacing.

For example, the engagement party: Annie and Helen give speeches professing their affection for Lillian, but each keeps going up after the other finishes to try to top what's just been said. The first two times it happens, it's funny. By the fifth time, shut up already.

Also too long are the scene on the plane to Vegas, Annie trying to get Offi-



cer Rhodes' (Chris O'Dowd) attention toward the end of the film and numerous other moments. And Annie's two British roommates, Brynn (Rebel Wilson) and Gil (Matt Lucas), serve no purpose whatsoever and should have been cut from the film.

Thankfully, even though scenes run long, almost all provide solid laughs, thanks largely to Ms. Wiig, who emerges here as a legitimate leading comedienne. Annie is pathetic, sure, but Ms. Wiig also makes her sympathetic, and does so in a way that's constantly amusing.

That said, she also gets a lot of help from the supporting cast, particularly Ms. McCarthy, whose Megan owns her hefty size and sexuality. Not surprisingly, with the exception of Officer Rhodes, the guys here are essentially non-factors, which is fair considering how many male-oriented raunchy comedies we've seen the last few years. It's about time women got their turn. Too bad producer Judd Apatow ("Knocked Up") couldn't help them find a more cohesive story to tell.

Although "Bridesmaids" fails on a number of levels, it's also that rarity that succeeds on the most important level to which it aspires: It's darn funny. ■

in the know

>> **Two-time Oscar nominee** Jill Clayburgh plays Annie's mom. Ms. Clayburgh died in November 2010 after a 21-year battle with chronic leukemia.

## CAPSULES

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## Everything Must Go

★★★

(Will Ferrell, Michael Pena, Rebecca Hall) An alcoholic (Mr. Ferrell) loses his job, wife and home in the span of a few hours, forcing him to live on his front lawn. You'd think the premise would make for a laugh-out-loud Will Ferrell comedy, but this is really a thoughtful drama with brief comedic interludes. Credit to Mr. Ferrell for giving a real performance rather than acting like an idiot as he usually does. Rated R.



## Water For Elephants

★★★

(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 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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# Artists flourish by switching media

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Today's most famous designers often have the talent to create furniture, pottery, jewelry, paintings and even industrial items and architecture. Some 20th-century artists also are known for working in many fields. Viktor Schreckengost, best known for his famous Cowan Pottery Jazz Bowl, also designed trucks, chairs, streetlights, fans, kitchen cupboards and a special World War II radar detection system. Michael Graves has designed more than 350 buildings, including those for Disneyland, as well as kitchenware for Target, glass for Steuben, hospital rooms for patients — even the scaffolding used when the Washington Monument was restored.

Many 19th-century artists are also known for more than one talent. Emile Galle is best known for his Art Nouveau cameo glass. He took over the family glass and ceramics business in 1874 and at first created handmade cameo pieces. By 1894 he was making glass pieces using a less expensive acid-cutting method. He also made Art Nouveau furniture that sold well in the 1890s and is selling well today. He even held a patent for making marquetry. He also made a small number of art pottery pieces that are collected today. After his death, his widow continued to run the factory.

If you like a designer, you may be able to find less expensive examples of his or her work in another medium.

**Q:** My mother wants to sell an old cabinet-maker's workbench my father used for about 55 years. It was given to him when it was a few years old, so it must be more than 60 years old. It's 33 inches high, 86 inches long and 24 inches deep. The top is made of rock maple, and I think the base is poplar. It includes a tool trough at the back and two vices, one at each end. The paper label identifying the maker still is attached to the bottom. It reads "Hammacher Schlemmer & Co."

What price should my mother ask?

**A:** Hammacher Schlemmer is a retailer that has been based in New York City since 1848. It used to specialize in selling hardware and tools, but today it sells all sorts of things. Hammacher Schlemmer originally sold your mother's workbench; it did not manufacture it. It is easiest to sell a workbench as large as yours in your local area. Try Craigslist or the website of your local newspaper. You might be able to sell it for close to \$1,000.

**Q:** I have a set of china pieces that belonged to my mother. The pieces are marked "Smith Phillips Semi Porcelain." The set includes a large pitcher and basin, a large covered urn, two smaller pitchers and a small covered bowl. The set has no cracks or chips, but the original chamber pot does not match the rest of the set. Can you tell me something about the company that made it and when it was made?

**A:** Many "wash" sets like yours were made before indoor plumbing was common. Since there was no running water, a pitcher, wash basin and chamber pot with a lid were kept on a washstand in the bedroom. A complete set could include a toothbrush holder, soap holder and other small items. Smith Phillips China Co. made toiletries, dinnerware and specialty items. The company was founded by Josiah T. Smith and William H. Phillips in East Liverpool, Ohio, in 1901. It became part of American Chinaware Corp. in 1929 and went out of business in 1931. Complete matched sets with six pieces sell for about \$200 or more, depending on the pattern and maker.

**Q:** I'd like to know more about a bottle that has been in my family since the early 1900s and has always been referred to as a "Bristol bottle." It's made of light blue opaque glass decorated with raised flowers and garlands. The bottle is 7 inches high. There is a black mark on the bottom, but it's unreadable. Can you tell me something about it?

**A:** Bristol glass was first made in Bristol, England, in the late 1700s. It is similar to milk glass and has been made in several colors by factories in the area. Glass called "Bristol" also was made in other cities in England and in other countries. All of the original factories in Bristol were out of business by the 1920s, but modern Bristol glass is being made in the area today. The Bristol glass

most often seen at auctions and shows today is a Victorian lightweight opaque glass that usually is blue. Your bottle is probably a toilet water bottle, perhaps part of a set. Value: \$80 to \$100.

**Tip:** The best defense against a burglar is a nosy neighbor. ■

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## 'The President Is a Sick Man: Wherein the Supposedly Virtuous Grover Cleveland Survives a Secret Surgery at Sea and Vilifies the Courageous Newspaperman Who Dared Expose the Truth'

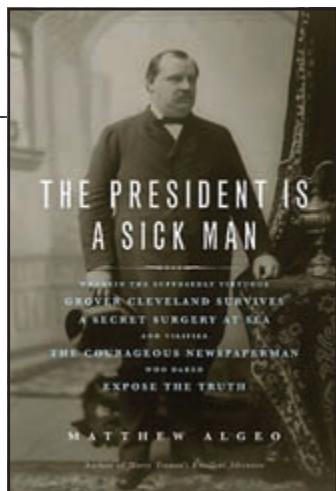
By Matthew Algeo  
(Chicago Review Press, \$24.95)

**REVIEWED BY LARRY COX**  
Special to Florida Weekly

Grover Cleveland is one of America's lesser-known presidents. His reputation for honesty while serving as mayor of Buffalo and governor of New York helped Cleveland secure the Democratic nomination for president, and he went on to win the election of 1884. His first term as president is remembered for the civil-service reforms he triggered.

Although beaten by Benjamin Harrison in 1888, he ran again in 1892, winning a second but not consecutive term. On July 1, 1893, just five months after beginning his second term as president, a strange thing happened. Cleveland boarded a friend's yacht, sailed into Long Island Sound and vanished for five days.

Newspaper reporter E.J. Edwards began to investigate. He discovered this had been no mere outing, rather, the president had undergone a medical procedure aboard the yacht. Cleveland, despite his reputation for always telling the truth, denied the story, and Edwards was



branded as a liar. Now, more than a century later, the truth has finally been revealed in a new book.

According to historian Matthew Algeo, a team of doctors aboard the yacht worked feverishly to remove a cancerous tumor from Cleveland's palate, along with much of his upper jaw. This required a partial reconstruction of the president's face.

Drawing on newspaper accounts, interviews, declassified documents and medical files, Mr. Algeo explores an extraordinary event that occurred at a time when the national economy was in a tailspin. It was no small feat to coordinate a secret surgery requiring a five-day absence of the president. Even the vice president was kept in the dark.

Why Cleveland thought his tumor removal must remain a secret and how his closest advisers pulled it off is so bizarre it shocks even a century later. ■

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# GIVING

## Call is out for Collier 211 funds

BY COLLEEN MURPHY

Special to Florida Weekly

With the help of many community partners and investors interested in gaining more information about the programs they fund, the Community Foundation of Collier County has launched a fundraising campaign for Collier 211 Information and Referral, a federally designated phone number that works like 911, but for non-emergency calls. Information for referrals comes from Collier nonprofits, for-profit entities and government providers of service.

In many communities across the United States, 211 Information and Referral service is the most important resource for providing "real-time" data on needed services, especially for the most vulnerable citizens.

The majority of communities in Florida have access to the dial-in number 211. Collier County, however, does not.

The cost to implement Collier 211 and fund three years of operations is approximately \$611,000. The foundation has identified Vicki Tracy of The Arlington to serve as volunteer chairman of a campaign to leverage investments from multiple community partners and individuals. Promotional opportunities are available for sponsoring the service.

We have chosen Switchboard of Miami, a nonprofit organization with 40 years of experience, to provide this service in Collier County, 24/7, using trained operators

or case managers to answer calls from citizens needing resources and connect them to appropriate providers. A program officer from the Community Foundation will help integrate the data and share the results with the community.

The usage of data collected from Collier 211 will provide the Community Foundation, nonprofits and community investors with a "barometer of community needs." This information will serve as an important gauge of the service gaps in Collier County.

At the community level, Collier 211 will facilitate long-range planning by tracking requests for programs and identifying gaps and duplications in services.

For service providers, Collier 211 program staff will work with organizations to make them a better resource for their clients.

Collier 211 specialists will help people make informed decisions about possible solutions to their questions and problems.

Our plan is to become fully functional by the fall of 2011. ■

*— Colleen Murphy is the president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Collier County. The foundation manages more than 450 funds established by charitable individuals and organizations. To learn more about the foundation in general and about sponsorship opportunities associated with Collier 211, call Ms. Murphy at 649-5000 or visit [www.cfcollier.org](http://www.cfcollier.org).*



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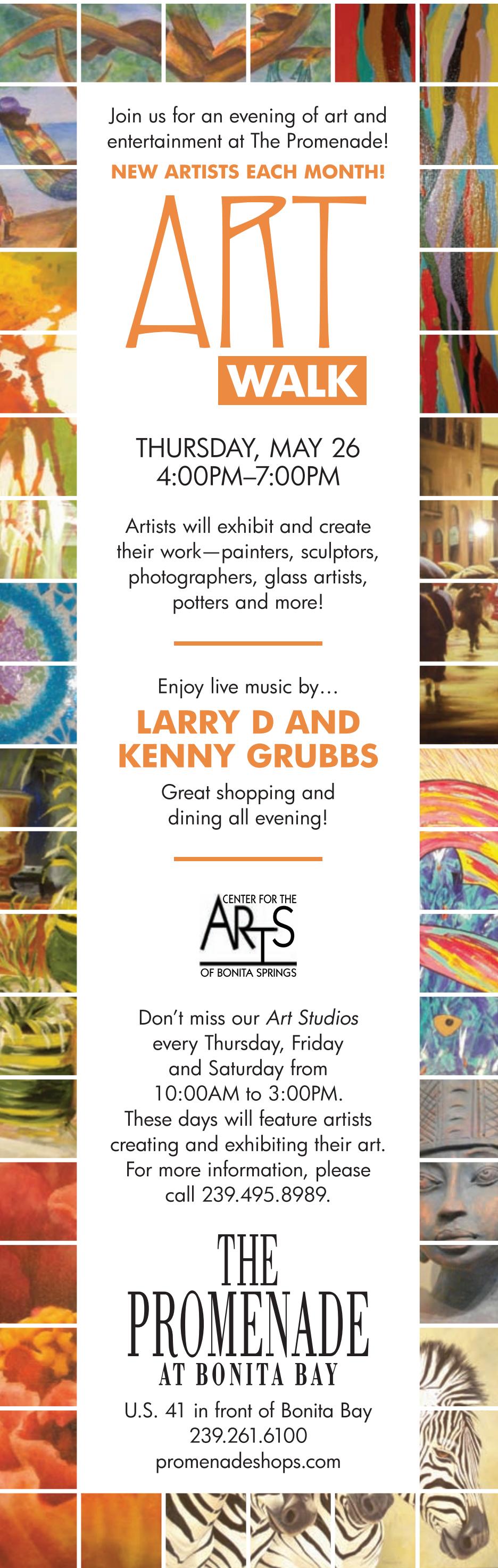
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# VINO

## South African wines please the palate and the pocketbook, too

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The winemakers of South Africa have been producing some wines for more than three centuries, but the fruits of their labor are only now gaining broad acceptance in the United States.

Perhaps it's a good thing it took us so long to happen upon them, as they seem to be improving every year.

Importer Tom Lynch, founder of Worthwhile Wine in Atlanta, sells South African wines exclusively, and he believes they get better all the time.

"We're seeing the third wave of wines coming from South Africa since apartheid," says Mr. Lynch. "The first were not very good... The second wave was a step up, but now we have a new crop of winemakers, average age around 34, who have worked around the world making different styles of wines."

The result is a current crop of South African imports that are sophisticated and delicious, with an appetizing price as well.

Nick Gebers, winemaker and owner of South Africa's Post House Wines, recently visited Fort Myers and took some time to talk with me. Here are some snippets from our conversation:

**Q:** Did you discover a great wine that got you started in the business?

**A:** Yes. De Trafford wines in South Africa. When I tasted them I liked their individual styles. I have adopted a lot of his techniques, like open fermentation and using natural yeasts.

**Q:** What wine region would you like to explore that you haven't been to yet?

**A:** I want to go to Napa. It has similarities to South Africa in climate and soils. I want to see how they make New World wines in a classical style.

**Q:** What would you be doing if you were not a winemaker?

**A:** I'd be a painter... or maybe a furniture maker. I would definitely be creating something.

**Q:** What's your best wine?

**A:** Penny Black is my signature wine. I wanted to make a wine with finesse, so I put a touch of chenin blanc into Penny Black. This is no gimmick but a traditional French standard — they blend voignier into shiraz and Rhone blends to lighten them up.

Below are 10 South African wines I tasted recently and enjoyed. They



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**Nick Gebers of Post House Wines**

are listed in alphabetical order, but you can't go wrong with any of them:

- **Bouchard Finlayson Galpin Peak Pinot Noir 2009** (\$40): Big, rich cherry and berry nose, balanced on the palate with lingering plum and raspberry flavors, ending with soft, luscious tannins.

- **Bouchard Finlayson Kaaimansgat Limited Edition 2009 Chardonnay** (\$23): A classic style chardonnay with 60 percent barrel fermentation. The citrus nose shows

melon and apple, carrying through on the palate with a buttery, balanced finish.

- **DeWetshof Limestone Hill Chardonnay 2010** (\$17): Made from grapes grown on chalky, gravelly hills. After fermentation the wine is matured on the lees in stainless steel tanks for a few months. Fresh green apples and citrus aromas on the nose follow through on the palate, ending with a long, tangy finish.

- **Lammershoek Roulette 2006** (\$30): Warm, fragrant spice on the nose with bright red fruits, fresh berries on the palate and good tannins leading to a soft mineral finish.

- **Morgenster Lourens River Valley**

**2006** (\$35): A traditional Bordeaux-style blend, the complex nose is followed by rich, dark red fruit flavors with balanced tannins and a long finish.

- **Muratie Shiraz 2007** (\$38): Dark, intense red color with a ripe, fruity nose. This well-balanced shiraz has plums, dark cherries and pepper on the palate, finishing with subtle, nicely balanced tannins.

- **Post House Blueish Black 2008** (\$18): A blend of shiraz and pinotage with dark purple color, this medium-bodied wine with ripe tannins has a ton of personality. The nose starts with plums, berries and spice and moves to black cherry and blackberries on the palate.

- **Post House Missing Virgin 2008** (\$30): This blend of pinotage and petit verdot grapes produces a wine with intense color. It's full-bodied and rich with supple soft tannins, a hint of blueberries and spice on the palate.

- **Post House Penny Black 2007** (\$23): Named after the first stamp ever printed, this wine is an elegant blend of mostly shiraz and cabernet sauvignon. Inky black in color, with a floral and peppery nose, the dark fruit flavors and firm tannins end with a lingering finish.

- **Solms Astor Cape Jazz Shiraz NV** (\$19): Originally made to be poured during a yearly jazz festival, this light, sparkling and refreshing shiraz is low in alcohol and infused with a subtle fruitiness of cranberry, blackberry, raspberry and pomegranate. ■

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# FLORIDA WEEKLY CUISINE

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Could someone explain to me why Southwest Florida abounds with Italian fare, boasts scads of sushi and could fill a stadium with sports bars, but doesn't have enough Vietnamese restaurants to count on one hand?

Something is seriously wrong here. I have long been mystified by the region's scarcity of this fresh and diverse cuisine. As far as I know, Naples has but one Vietnamese restaurant in the whole city.

As long as that one is Noodle Saigon, however, Neapolitans are well served.

From the soulful asparagus and crabmeat soup to the chewy-crunchy summer rolls and peanut sauce to the fragrant basil-studded pho and lemongrass-scented chicken, Noodle Saigon's food takes the taste buds on an action-packed journey.

I defy anyone to order a single dish here. The 12-page menu contains dozens of dishes, many with photos to make ordering easier for the uninitiated.

### In the know

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**Food:** ★★★★  
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**Atmosphere:** ★★★★

**>> Hours:** 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Wednesday through Monday

**>> Reservations:** No

**>> Credit cards:** Major cards accepted.

**>> Price range:** appetizers, \$5.95-\$17.95; entrees, \$8.50-\$17.95

**>> Beverages:** Beer and wine served

**>> Seating:** Conventional tables

**>> Specialties of the house:** Summer rolls, shrimp paste on sugar cane, homemade rice noodle soup with shrimp and crabmeat, steamed rice crepe, deep-fried marinated quail, pho (eight variations), clams with black bean sauce, grilled salmon, lemon grass chicken, shrimp curry

**>> Volume:** Low to moderate

**>> Parking:** Free lot

**>> Web site:** [www.noodlesaigon.com](http://www.noodlesaigon.com)

★★★★★ Superb  
★★★★ Noteworthy  
★★★ Good  
★★ Fair  
★ Poor



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Above: For a change from fried spring rolls, try summer rolls with their soft rice paper wrapper enfolding noodles, raw veggies and shrimp; Right: Pho is a soulful soup that eats like a meal, with a nicely seasoned broth containing meat, sprouts, herbs, lime and as much hot sauce as you can handle.

Should you still have trouble, the helpful server happily provides guidance.

We ordered something from almost every portion of the menu, starting with asparagus crabmeat soup (\$5.50 for a small portion, \$10 for large) and appetizers of shrimp paste on sugar cane (\$14.95), steamed rice crepe with grilled pork (\$11), shrimp summer rolls (\$5.95) and clams with black bean sauce (\$13.95). (Yes, that's five appetizers for those of you who are counting. Call it thorough research.)

The small portion of soup was plenty for two to share, particularly if you are also ordering appetizers. With lots of asparagus, shreds of crab, egg and mushrooms, it possessed a wealth of tastes and texture.

The same could be said for virtually everything we ate. The fresh, intensely flavorful ingredients that meld crunchy, chewy and soft textures are hallmarks of Vietnamese food. (My love affair with it began 25 years ago, when I was living in Washington, D.C., for a summer. It was a short walk from my apartment to a pair of Vietnamese restaurants that operated side by side.)

At Noodle Saigon, the summer rolls contained rice vermicelli, lettuce, bean sprouts, shrimp, cilantro, mint and basil in soft rice papers, served with peanut sauce and fish sauce on the side. Fish



Lightly cooked clams get a flavor upgrade with zesty black bean sauce.

sauce, with its salty, fishy essence, is to Vietnamese food what soy sauce is to Chinese or salt to American food. I liked both dipping sauces on the rolls.

The shrimp paste came fashioned into cylinders encircling stalks of sugar cane. Cooked until firm and sliced in half, they were easy to remove and place into rice papers (which we first dipped in hot water to soften them), adding the shrimp paste, rice noodles, lettuce, cucumber, pickled carrot, cilantro and mint. The

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shrimp had a consistency similar to a soft hotdog but with pronounced shrimp flavor instead. Along with the other ingredients, it was delicious.

The steamed rice crepe wasn't what we expected but was good nonetheless. Rather than the sort of pancake-type crepe we're accustomed to, this one was more like broad rice noodles. They were accompanied by strips of smoky grilled pork, cooked bean sprouts, basil and cucumber along with more fish sauce for dipping.

Next came one of my favorite dishes: pho. I ordered the traditional rare beef variety (\$8.50 small, \$10.50 large), although Noodle Saigon offers versions featuring chicken, seafood, vegetarian and mixed meats. The small was a generous portion sufficient for a meal or for sharing along with other dishes. The broth was redolent with spices like cinnamon and clove, to which was added thinly sliced beef, onions, green onions and cilantro. On the side came lots of bean sprouts, fresh basil and lime. Along with the condiments, I added a few shakes of the srirachi bottle to give the soup a lively kick.

From the long list of noodle salad bowls, we tried the tofu with tomato (\$10.50), but there are also pork meatball slices, curry beef or shrimp, lemongrass-flavored chicken and cut spring rolls. Given how mild tofu is, if I ordered it again, I'd try the stir-fried tofu with lemongrass for a little extra flavor. Nonetheless, the peanuts, sprouts, basil and lime gave the dish fresh flavor.

Finally, we ordered what the menu called caramel catfish in clay pot (\$11.95 small, \$14.95 large). The photo looked appealing, but what we received didn't look like the picture. It was in a plain bowl and the fish was in chunks rather than a whole fillet. It had a very fishy flavor that none of us loved. Of everything we tried, it's the only one I wouldn't order again.

We finished with a dessert recommended by our cheerful and attentive server: mashed avocado mixed with crushed ice, sweetened condensed milk, lime, a little sugar and mint. It resembled an Italian water ice and was a refreshing end to the meal.

In addition to the extensive and excellent selection of food, Noodle Saigon serves up a lovely dining room replete with stately columns and paintings depicting Vietnamese gardens, beaches and boat scenes.

The food alone is worth a visit, but the friendly service and pleasant atmosphere just add to Noodle Saigon's many charms. ■



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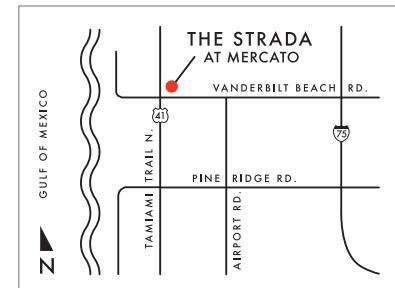
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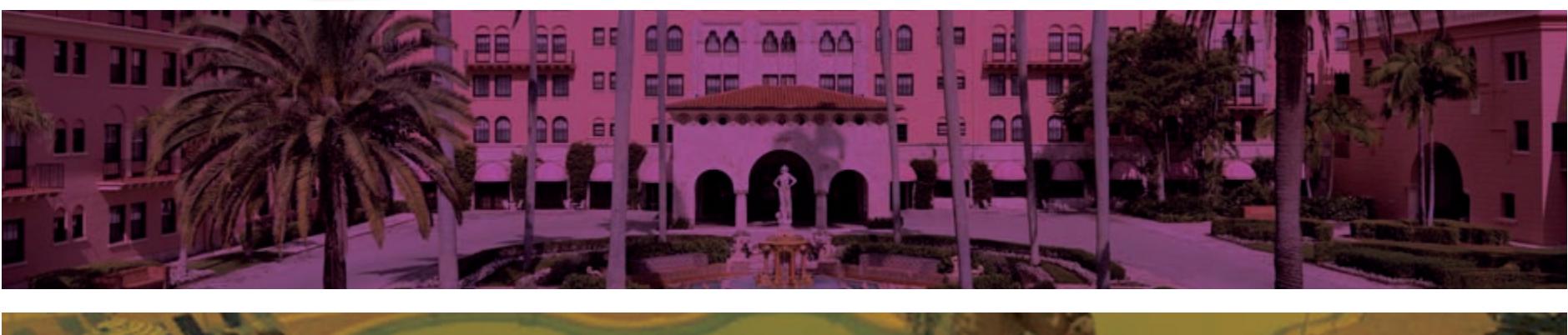
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For starters, Captiva Island offers that "end of the world" feeling that comes from driving across four bridges. It's a commitment to get there, but once you arrive, reminders to chill are so plentiful that anyone too serious is going to get laughed at. Seriously.

There's a gigantic pool — the islands' best, many would say — which is home to The Oasis Pool Bar. Grab a stool any day at about 4 p.m. and you're likely to wind up chatting with a local tennis pro, fishing guide or recreational specialist . . . someone living the dream. Order a margarita, turn off your cell phone (after you snap an enviable pic for Facebook, of course), and then let the island vibe start to wash over you. If you don't feel it here, you may be a lost cause.

"Tweenies," as the locals call it, has been responsible for so much harmless debauchery through the years that it should probably qualify as a therapy center. It's impossible not to let loose here. The resort's Crow's Nest lounge has also moved many an islander to happily forfeit a small fortune over many years of (very) happy hours. Like the pool bar, it's an island version of Cheers.

Never mind that the Crow's Nest is dark and plays down an amazing gulf view. This legendary lounge happily offers a flip-flop-and-shorts dress code as well as a laissez faire attitude. You'll have a blast watching the dynamics of who pops in. Odds are that atypical brides and grooms will be part of the mix, as will bronzed anglers decked out in Columbia gear.

Everything about Tweenies says "tropical vacation," from the grapefruit massage offered in its spa to the delicious Caribbean grilled grouper entrée served at the resort's Old Captiva House restaurant. Dump your bags in the room, and head straight across Captiva's tiny two-

lane road to the beach. Check-in is long before sunset; you'll have time to squish a fair amount of sand between your toes before Mother Nature's nightly spectacular, which draws small crowds to the gulf.

During beach treks, it's particularly fun to head south from the resort — along the island's "Gold Coast" — and see how the other half lives. In the other direction, it's not a far walk to the Mucky Duck, the Green Flash or Key Lime Bistro in Captiva's "village" area . . . but 'Tween Waters Inn has everything you could need or want: to eat, to play, to drink, to do. Slip into the hot tub anchoring the south end of the pool deck, near the tennis courts. Rent a kayak to explore the mangrove-lined tunnels of Buck Key, or the open waters of the gulf. Arrange for a sunset sail aboard the New Moon or just make a cocktail and head to the beach. It's all good.

Captiva is so narrow where Tweenies is sited that an avid golfer could easily tee up and whack a ball from the bayside into the gulf. (Beach walkers would likely not appreciate this, however). Consequently, no matter where you stay on the resort, you're just moments from everything else. The colorful cabanas, which adorn the shoreline, are a short stroll from the fabulous shopping above the marina. The spa is close to the marina. "C U in 5" is a text that probably gets a good workout among guests.

'Tween Waters has been a fixture on Captiva for many years, and has hosted celebrities ranging from Anne Morrow Lindbergh and Teddy Roosevelt to modern-day rockers and artists.

Summer specials include freebies from resort credit to complimentary cabanas, bikes, and kayaking. Treat yourself to a little time at a venerable laid-back island institution and you'll feel your cares slipping away as easily as a second margarita. ■

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## Beach it

It's easy for locals to think of Fort Myers Beach as a party-hardy destination for dancing, drinking or beach-going. But that would be selling it short. There's so much more to "the Beach" than Times Square. Case in point: Pink Shell Beach Resort & Spa.

Pink Shell gives its guests the opportunity to completely relax on the quiet stretch of pristine beach facing Sanibel Island. Despite being only a short walk from the craziness of Times Square, this superb Estero Island resort offers tranquility and privacy. Its full range of amenities also offers guests an abundance of fun.

The resort's location provides much of the magic. Pink Shell stretches from bay to beach on the little peninsula that ends at Bowditch Point beach and park. Through the years, it has added various types of accommodations, from historic cottages to luxurious midrise condos on the Gulf.

Pink Shell's unique Aquagene Spa, a full complement of water sports, and KiddsKammp for children is part of how the resort earned its four stars. And wait 'til you see the "Octopool" stretching along the pool deck, adjacent to the bay. It has a few surprises, and you'll be hard pressed to pull yourself away from the chaise lounges there. Of course . . . you don't have to.

The Aquagene spa is a fresh-looking, sea-inspired haven of blue and white. Within its 6,000 square feet are a couples-suite (score one for romance with simultaneous massages) and a eucalyptus steam room. Aquagene has pleasantly transcended the same-old-same-old' on its spa menu. After a hot afternoon by the pool, imagine the appeal of a service called the "Cooling Envelope," a "calming body wrap of pure aloe vera to calm and soothe sun-drenched skin."

The "pedisage" is a 25-minute treat for feet — perhaps the ultimate bliss. Pool-goers can also

enjoy a chair massage without ever leaving the pool deck. Now that's a spa that caters to its guests.

Lee County's long-running Holiday Water Sports makes it their job to get guests wet . . . while flying, riding, sailing and paddling. If you've never been on a WaveRunner (or used to, and miss it) this is your chance. Holiday makes them available by the hour or half-hour, with a choice of single, double or even triple seating.

Parasailing gives you that once-in-a-lifetime view of San Carlos Bay, Sanibel Island, the Sky Bridge leading to Estero Island, and the resort. Rent a kayak for a little peaceful back-to-nature time or skipper your own 22-foot pontoon boat for a "three hour tour." (Bring your own professor, Mr. and Mrs. Howell, Ginger and Mary Ann).

If your staycation is a family affair, then by all means, treat the kids to a 90-minute Dolphin Adventure Eco Tour, where they'll spy dolphins, osprey,

turtles and manatees. Aquacycle paddle bikes are also available for the kids.

Wanna-be sailors who plan ahead can make their staycation a learning experience by enrolling in Steve and Doris Colgate's Offshore Sailing School, based at the resort. A few days of intense classroom and on-board instruction culminate with a solo sail and newfound confidence.

Bring your own bikes to the resort and save the money you'd pay to rent them. You'll probably want to explore the island by bike. That's a great way to unwind, too, and really get that "vacation" feeling.

Many of the resort's accommodations have their own kitchens, but if "the cook" wants some time off, JoJo's restaurant is just steps away and offers al fresco dining. Bongo's pool bar and eatery is a casual alternative where swimsuits are not only welcome, but also expected.

Pink Shell has won legions of fans through the years and each year has brought new enhancements. The resort has received 355 "excellent ratings" on TripAdvisor and is one of Sherman's "Top 10 Resorts for Families." Its location in between the little-used (but stellar) Bowditch Point beach and the boisterous got-it-all nature of Times Square (which can be reached by foot or bicycle) makes it one of the most well-rounded staycation destinations in the area.

The Times Square area, at the foot of the Sky Bridge, has a popular deepwater fishing pier, and several bars and restaurants. This lively area serves up everything from live music and henna tattoos to Greek food and great ice cream. People-watching is four-star and several T-shirt shops will oblige a desire to get silly. Forgot your flip-flops or sunglasses? Absolutely not a problem, you'll find them here.

Some discount packages are available in May, and summer rates will apply after that. Pink Shell would make a dynamite staycation choice, especially if it's been a while since your feet enjoyed the amazing beaches of Estero Island. They are the softest in the county, and that's not hard to appreciate. ■

— Libby McMillan



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# Golfing Mecca

GOLF LOVERS AREN'T THE ONLY ONES WHO WOULD LOVE A staycation at the PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, though it's obvious going in that the game is the altar at which most visitors worship.

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The Ryder Cup, Honda Classic and PGA Championship tournaments are among many held on one of five award-winning courses.

Those who remember key tournament moments can relive them on the resort's website ([www.pgaresort.com](http://www.pgaresort.com)) with a group of highlights from the major tournaments told in anecdotes and with slideshows; visitors can also chat up some of the long-timers in the pro shop or caddies who can tell even more off-the-record stories, no doubt.

This summer, through Sept. 30, the golfer's deal, Stay and Play, gives duffers a rate of \$89 a night that includes all the golf you can play, access to the mineral

pools and breakfast for two. (Cart fees apply to first round daily.)

Those wanting to improve their games can take 50 percent off the David Leadbetter Golf Academy Clinics during their stay.

But golf is only one aspect of the sports angle here.

A newly redesigned Health and Racquet Club has a 33,000-square-foot fitness center, with 19 clay tennis courts, racquetball and handball courts suitable for any level of play.

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Free weights and cardio-vascular exercise rooms have professionally certified trainers watching over workouts — they also teach classes — and there are nine pools, including lap pools and whirlpools to wind down after the exercise.

The 40,000-square-foot European spa, with the noted Waters of the World outdoor mineral pools, attract those wanting a relaxation vacation. There are 32 treatment rooms where guests have more than 100 options for massages, facials, scrubs and body treatments. The café here features spa cuisine, and an in-

house salon can add the finishing touches.

The girls can get in on all that and more with the Girl's Weekend Out special package. It includes a trunk show, shopping at the nearby Gardens Mall with personal stylists from Bloomingdale's, spa treatments at PGA's spa, a mixology class with the hotel's mixologist, a cooking demo at Ironwood Grille, and breakfasts. The "limited edition" weekend is \$350 all-inclusive, and is offered June 24-26, Aug. 19-21 and Sept. 16-18.

Families are encouraged to come as a group. Kids get their own getaways, too — whether a guest of the hotel or coming in daily, the PGA Kids Camp takes youngsters ages 5 to 12. Arts and crafts, organized team sports (basketball, baseball, tennis, kickball and soccer), painting lessons and pool or water time are part of the day's activities. Held weekly June through mid-August, the cost is \$55 a day or \$250 for a week's session per child for hotel guests. (There's a 10 percent sibling discount.) Registration forms are found on the resort's website.

Another reason to come is the fun I-Bar in the lobby, with a craft-brew list worthy of a brewpub and cocktails expertly prepared.

The Ironwood Grille is newly redesigned and its menu, in the hands of Chef Gordon Maybury, has become Florida- and organic-focused. Crab and watermelon salads, crab cakes with tomatilla salsa and jam, or pan-seared scallops with sweet potato, wheat berries and fig jus are just some of the menu offerings that change frequently with seasonal selections and specials. Of course, the former steakhouse offers osso bucco, coriander dusted lamb loin and braised short ribs, too — along with the Irish chef's comfort dish, shepherd's pie.

There's spa cuisine with lighter health-forward fare served at the spa café.

For day trips, shopping's not far away at the Gardens Mall, Downtown at the Gardens, Legacy Place and Midtown of PGA Commons shopping centers along PGA Boulevard.

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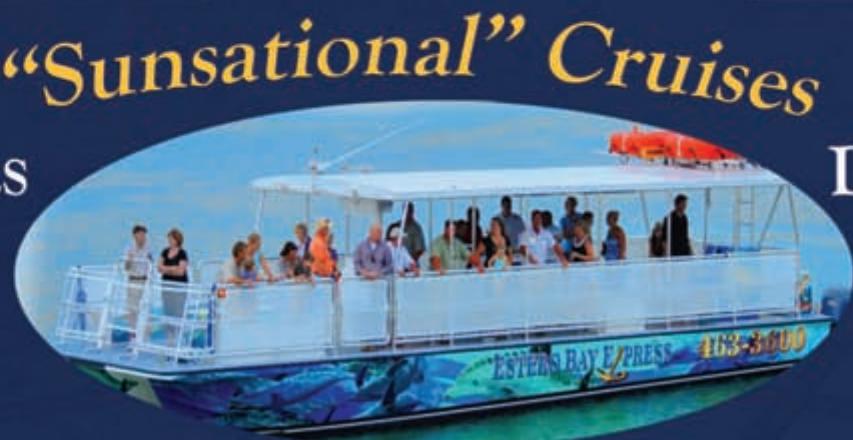
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## Sunset central

ONE OF NAPLES' OLDEST BEACHFRONT BASTIONS, FRESH OFF A \$22 million renovation, is sweetening the deal for local residents who plan to vacation in their own backyard this summer. The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club is offering gas discounts — up to \$25 in resort credit for Southwest Florida locals — plus a third night free for Florida residents who stay between June 1 and Sept. 30.

The just-announced savings include a one-time fuel discount — \$10 for residents of nearby counties, \$25 for the rest of Southwest Florida — that's applied against resort charges during your stay. Reinvest that money

plus the fees you'd shell out at other resorts for parking and fitness center use (they're free here and there's no resort fee) on yourself. Indulge in a relaxing spa treatment or toast the end of the day with a cocktail that echoes the oranges, reds and yellows of the setting sun.

Sunsets and access to the Gulf without the drive are among the main attractions for local guests of the Naples Beach Hotel, where a stretch of white-sand beach offers seven miles of prime beachcombing.

The renovation, completed last year, feathered the hotel's 317 guest rooms and suites with modern-day lux-

uries like flat-panel TVs, refrigerators and coffeemakers. A new color palette brightens rooms with splashes of bold color and adds a tropical — and very appropriate — feel to linens, fabrics, even carpeting. Balconies and patios in all rooms offer a choice of views — gulf, golf course and gardenesque landscaping.

For those of you tuned into shopping and staying local, you'll be happy to know the Naples Beach Hotel is locally owned and operated. It's been in the Watkins family for 65 years and still retains its original Old Florida charm.

Offering onsite golf, a six-court tennis complex, a full-service spa and the complimentary professionally supervised Beach Klub 4 Kids activity program from 9 a.m. to noon, the hotel guarantees activities and amenities for visitors of all ages.

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For more casual fare, visit the Seminole Store, which features a menu of sandwiches, ice cream, gourmet coffee and a variety of freshly baked pizza, pastries and desserts. And see first hand why the Travel Channel calls the hotel's famed Sunset Bar Naples' best beach bar.

Play a round on the hotel's Ron Garl-redesigned golf course, the oldest in Naples, or say ah to The Spa, where signature services can be rolled into swoon-worthy half-, full- and multiday packages. Indulge the senses with a fragrant tour of the Orchid House, which features more than 30,000 plants or explore the resort's 125 acres.

Shop for staycation souvenirs and T-shirts, resort wear, beach toys or golf-, tennis- and spa-specific items at one of the property's six onsite boutiques or venture to nearby Fifth Avenue South and Third Street South — Naples' luxury shopping and dining destinations.



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Consider becoming a visitor in your

own backyard. Have the concierge book excursions to the local tourist attractions: Everglades National Park, Caribbean Gardens, the Conservancy Nature Center, Naples Botanical Gardens or Corkscrew Swamp, where the rare ghost orchid has bloomed the past few summers. The added elbowroom at each destination — and the hotel itself — easily offsets the added summer heat. ■

— Nanci Theoret

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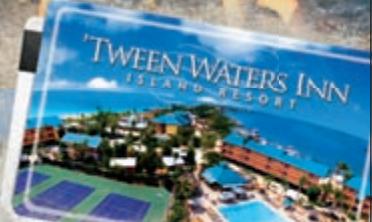
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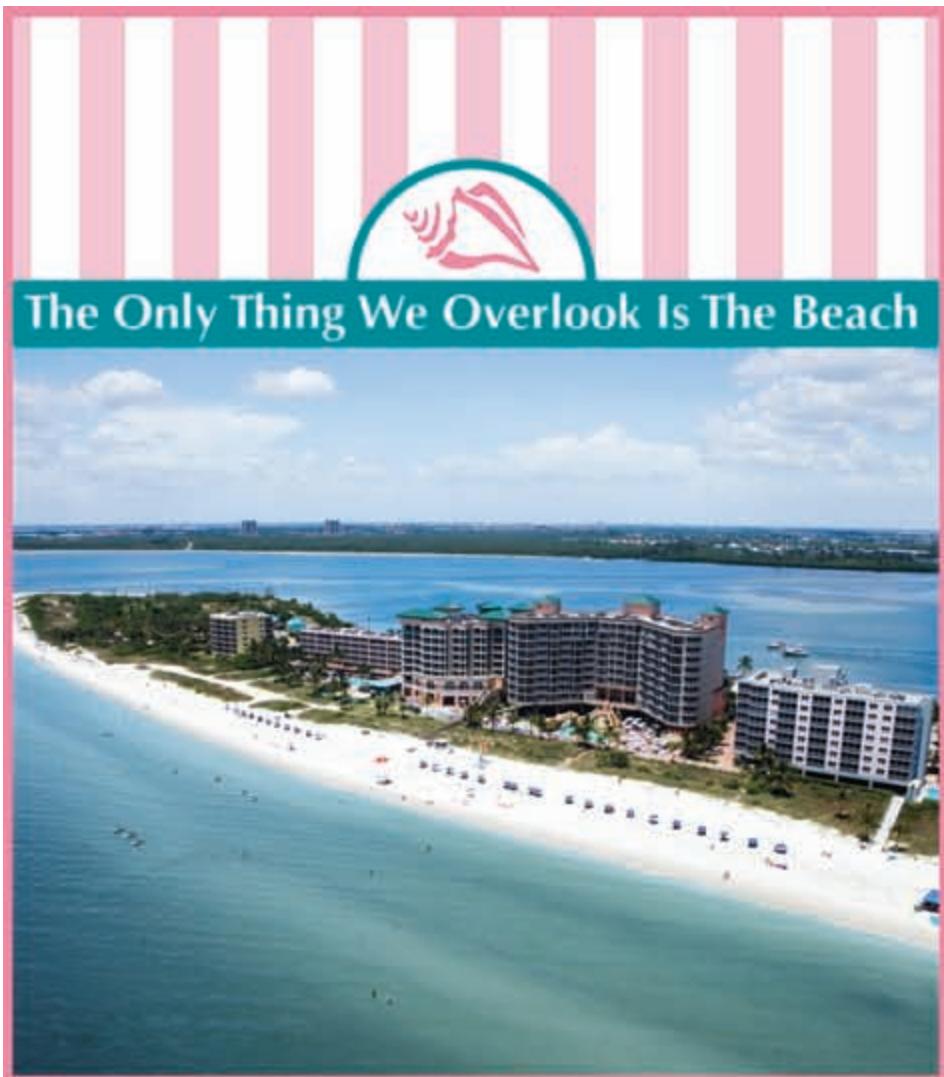
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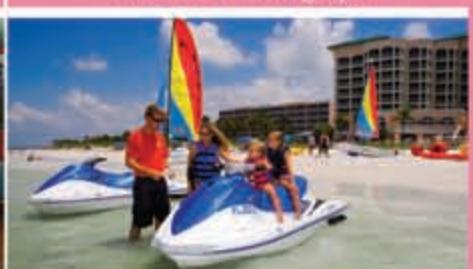
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## An island affair

IMAGINE A SOUTHWEST FLORIDA ISLAND VACATION AND Marco, Sanibel, Captiva or Gasparilla are bound to spring to mind. If you've never heard of Palm Island, a seven-mile barrier island snuggled between Gasparilla and Manasota Key in Charlotte County, you're not alone. Rick Brunette, vice president and general manager of Palm Island Resort, hears it all the time — especially from those of us who live in more southern Florida counties.

Accessible only by boat or a car ferry docked at the end of Panama Boulevard in Placida, the island, and the resort in particular, is popular with folks from Sarasota and Tampa and a sought-after destination

for weddings and family reunions. And we bet once you've discovered this island oasis, where days can be tailored with adrenaline-pumping activities and 10 p.m. ushers in a resort-wide quiet time, you're going to return.

The golf-cart resort community on Palm Island's northern tip offers 75 one-, two- and three-bedroom villas and building restrictions that forbid anything taller than 35 feet. There's nothing to detract from the views of gulf-fronting beaches, quiet bays or the resort's marina.

"We are not for everyone. There are no high-rises and we have a nightly quiet hour. We do have time, miles of beaches and great shelling," says Mr. Brunette. "I always tell people we're the opposite of Orlando. We shut down at 10."

That downtime helps visitors rest for a slew of daytime activities, many geared to the water and nature. Saltwater skiing and kayaking allow visitors to explore the island's many coves and bays. Fishing charters provide back bay and flats fishing for snook and redfish in Lemon Bay and Bull Bay; offshore fishing for grouper; and tarpon fishing in world-famous Boca Grande Pass.

Even though you'll swear you're on a deserted island at times, the resort offers the onsite Rum Bay Restaurant, 11 tennis courts, five swimming pools, a clubhouse fitness center and a youth program led by Red Beard the pirate and staff naturalists. There are also onsite boat slips, an island store for casual clothing, sundries and spirits plus croquet, horseshoes, volleyball and basketball. Island guests can also take the ferry to the resort's mainland marina or award-winning Johnny Leverock's seafood restaurant. Just don't miss the boat back; ferry operations shut down at 10 weeknights and 11 p.m. on weekends.

"There's so much to do you might need a vacation after leaving here," says Mr. Brunette. "Palm Island has

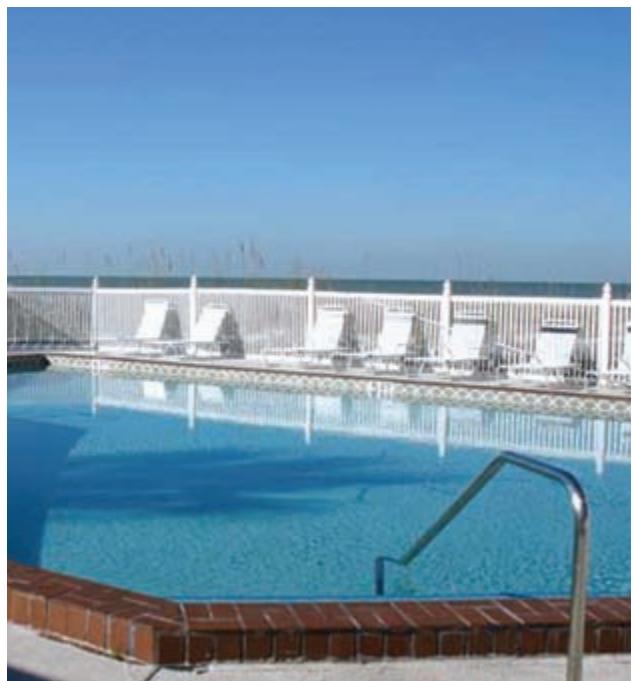


its niche for quality time with the family or a significant other."

Check out the website for different packages and specials, some geared to holiday or weekend getaways; others offering discounted or included activities, such as, beach picnics or free bicycle, kayak and golf cart rentals. For those with time on their hands, pay for four nights, get three gratis.

Should your island visit include a day of downtown, take a side trip to a nearby and equally unknown destination.

Despite mentions in the news with its recent purchase by Sarasota County, Warm Mineral Springs in North Port is perhaps the Rodney Dangerfield of undiscovered Southwest Florida treasures. It gets no respect. The naturally formed spring, always a relaxing 87 degrees year round, is rumored to be Ponce de Leon's illusive panacea — the fountain of youth. Its 51 minerals, which bathers and swimmers swear heal and soothe a variety of ailments, boast the highest healing content of any spring in America and ranks third in the world. It's the only warm mineral spring in Florida and its 1.4 acres make Warm Mineral Springs the world's largest.



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Day passes also entitle visitors to free fitness classes — yoga, water aerobics, hula hoop dancing — and some you've likely never heard of. Gyrokinesis, or yoga in motion, takes places under a lakeside oak tree overlooking the springs; hydro-gyro in the water. Drumming, a class set to a rhythmic beat, promises a workout to "beat away your stress" and flexasy, created by the spa's resident body mechanic Blue Dunn, is yoga geared to stretching the spine.

An onsite spa and café are additional surprises. The full-service Spa Donya offers traditional treatments plus acu-

puncture, watsu, spiritual counseling and Hydro-Yoga, another Dunn-developed therapy that combines yoga stretching and massage in the spring. "He's booked every day," says one spa employee.

Other popular spa options include the mineral manicure and pedicure with gemstone therapy.

Café Evergreen serves healthy spa fare — salads, soups, wraps, stir fry, burgers and sandwiches and one curiosity — pierogis.

Plan a visit as part of your Palm Island vacation or as a daycation. ■

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The exclusive resort occupying the northernmost two miles of pristine Captiva Island is the epitome of "location, location, location." Nightly sunsets can be seen from the full stretch of westward-facing beach to which the resort holds claim. A primary deep-water pass separates Captiva (and the resort) from the next island in the chain, allowing many a happy hour to pass boat-watching. A seat along Redfish Pass affords lucky benchwarmers steady views of frolicking dolphins, shorebirds, luxury yachts, charter sailboats and angler action.

Stake a claim to a seat on the pass just before sunset and wave to the resort's signature vessel, The Lady Chadwick, which ferries happy passengers out to bid Mr. Sun farewell as he slips beneath the sea. Hey, it's a tough job waving for all those camera-toting tourists, but someone's gotta do it.

There are plenty of other reasons to hang out in this particular section of Captiva's luxury resort. A verdant golf course hugs the gulf here, and being on a golf cart with that particular view makes for a pretty stellar Christmas card photo. Book a top-of-the-line Lands' End unit with another couple (or swing it on your own if you can) and Redfish Pass is yours, sunset and all.

Of course, you'll be just as happy in a harbor-front villa, or down on the south end of the resort in a bayside or beachfront unit. South Seas condos are all lovely, and include DVD players and HBO; your biggest challenge will be deciding which end of the resort appeals most as home base.

The north end offers Redfish Pass; a rather spectacular manatee-and-yacht-filled harbor, the 9-hole water-

front golf course; a welcoming fishing pier; lots of water sports; the headquarters for the childrens' rec program; and the resort's main pool (be sure to check whether or not your rental will allow access without extra fees). The south end offers a tennis center; a smaller marina with powerboat rentals; the resort's gym; and easy access to shopping. It also puts you a mere stroll or bike ride from Captiva's "village" area. Definitely take your bike if you go to South Seas.

Alfresco dining sets the tone in the village, where some of the county's finest musicians perform nightly. Don't

miss Jungle Drums Gallery, and be aware you can find fresh coffee, island souvenirs, waverunner and boat rentals all within a one-block walk. All sorts of major celebrities live or vacation within a stone's throw of little Andy Rosse Lane, so keep your eyes open, if you care.

A trolley runs the full length of South Seas the better part of every day and night, so it's still easy to reach the village even if you're staying at the resort's north end. No car is actually required for anything, once you check in. After having survived another season of negotiating snowbird traffic, that should sound really good.

South Seas is a casually elegant beachfront resort worthy of a serious look if you're overdue for some "me" time. Kay Casperson Lifestyle Spa and Boutique would be a great component of your stay. Ms. Casperson, a nationally renowned beauty and lifestyle expert, makes



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## Five-star oasis

SURE, NAPLES' TWO RITZ-CARLTON RESORTS ARE SYNONYMOUS WITH LUXURY. But savvy staycationers need only do a little math to realize those \$200 to \$400 nightly room rates are whittled down by package deals and resort credits. That \$279 room at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort? A mere \$179 when guests sign on for the Spa-action package and take advantage of the accompanying \$200 credit at The Ritz-Carlton Spa — the ultimate pampering experience for work-weary travelers.

Abandon the car during your stay; you won't need it. Each resort offers a host of amenities to keep guests busy for days and shuttles whisk visitors between beach-front and golf resort locations, which offer everything from Greg Norman golf and motorboat rentals to three miles of gulf beachfront and casual and fine dining at a combined 16 restaurants and lounges.

The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, celebrates its 25th anniversary this year as the area's only Forbes Five Star, AAA Five Diamond resort. And any stay is always a first-class experience. It's even better when off-season (translation: summer) rates are factored in. Packages, good through September, include programs geared to families and are priced at \$399 a night at the beach resort and \$259 at the inland location. Children eat free with an adult entrée purchase; guests receive a \$50 resort credit per night and daily breakfast for two.

Multi-night guests receive a fourth night free — a savings of 33 percent — with a three-night reservation or a complimentary third night with a two-night reservation when requesting the Peace of Mind package, valid through December. Additional perks include breakfast for two each morning, valet parking and a children's meal plan offering three squares a day at select restaurants.

A visit to The Ritz-Carlton Spa is a must. Book a Spa-cation package, good from June 1 to Sept. 30, at either resort and receive a \$200 spa credit. Start with

a massage the day of arrival to jump start the relaxation mode and return for a facial or a signature body wrap for swimsuit-ready skin. This hedonist retreat offers 51,000-square-feet of pure pampering and to-die-for men's and women's water rooms with sauna, hot and cold plunge pools and those always refreshing ice-cold face towels. Innovative new treatments are always on the menu, and guests have access to the fitness center (think yoga versus treadmill) and wellness programs.

Even the spa's on sale, with savings on treatment-of-

the-month offerings and packages.

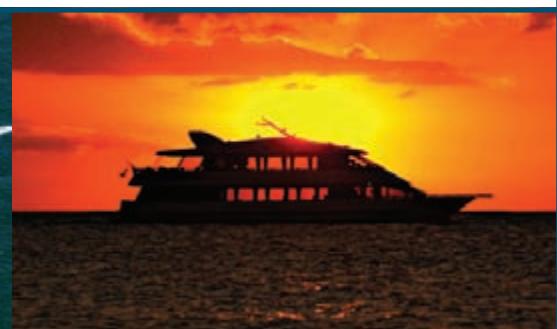
Can't cut loose for an overnight stay? Locals can still experience a taste of The Spa's decadent menu and save 20 percent on salon and facial services during Sunday and Monday beauty happy hours from noon to 5 p.m. Sip a glass of complimentary champagne, and then nosh on healthy spa cuisine at H2O+.

Even parents can enjoy some serious guilt-free me or couple time. The beach resort's Nature's Wonders children's program puts a whole new spin on summer camp. Forget creaky cabins and lame bonfires. Summer camp Ritz-style offers half- and full-day programs for resort guests 5 and older — even those hard-to-please tweens and teens. Led by master naturalists and the country's only resort camp accredited by the American Camp Association, Nature's Wonders teaches youngsters about Florida's



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Look for additional family packages offering off-site excursions to Naples' water park and the nature conservancy.

Both resorts also cater to older children. The beach facility's VUE (that's short for virtual user experience) is an interactive entertainment lounge with

stand-alone computers, private TV areas and gaming consoles linked to HDTVs. I.C.E., or interactive, chill experience, at the golf resort offers a similar concept plus a movie theater area.

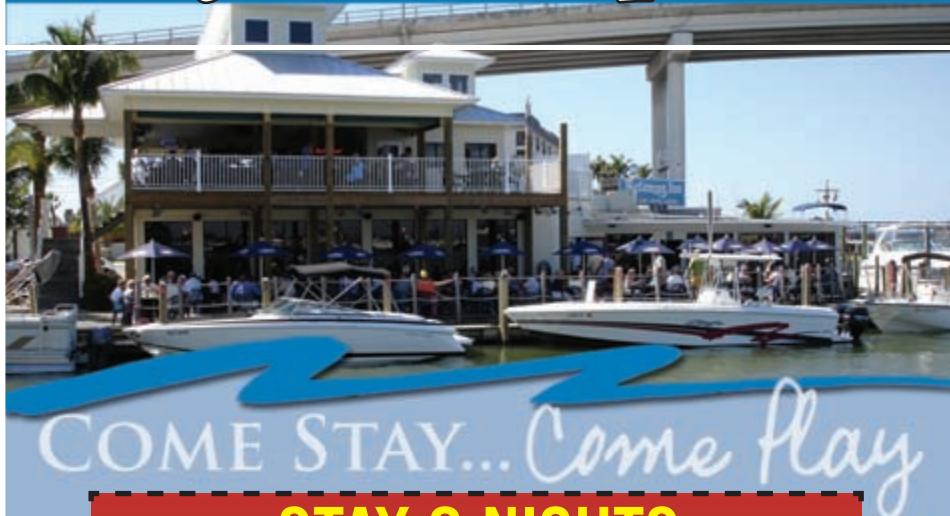
For children more in tune with the 18-hole outdoor experience, the golf resort offers a free-play package from June 1 to Sept. 30. Adults can also sign up for an unlimited golf program that entitles them to continuous play on the Greg Norman-designed course. Plus, there's no need to lug around your clubs. The resort's ongoing promotion includes the complimentary use of TaylorMade rental clubs during afternoon tee times. You'll also get two sleeves of golf balls, a glove and practice balls.

Ritz guests can also take to the water. An onsite concessionaire at the beach resort offers parasailing, kayaking, snorkeling, body and skim boards and even rhino motorboats and catamarans.

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Coconut Point is actually one of the few “neighborhoods” in Southwest Florida that offers a pedestrian lifestyle. Like downtown Fort Myers, Olde Naples, Captiva Island and only a few other select locations, Coconut Point says “park the car, you don't need it here.” Truer words have never been spoken. Walk to anything your heart desires, from a grocery to the Apple store, to a teashop . . . and if walking is not your thing, pop into Trek and rent a bicycle. You can win your own Tour de Coconut and then pedal over to the other side of 41 for a cocktail at sunset.

Hyatt Place at Coconut Point is an affordable, cozy home base with a lot of built-in conveniences for your staycation. Need a fitness center? No problem, it's downstairs. Care to sunbathe by a pool? Check; it's part of the deal. Need Wi-Fi? It's complimentary. Daily continental breakfast is also free, and room service is available 24 hours.

The folks who purchased condos at Coconut Point already figured out how cool it is to walk to many of the things a large city has to offer. What this select group of inhabitants knows — and what you can find out during your staycation — is how cool it is to cruise around a

totally quiet, beautifully lit mall at night. The fountains are yours, the arched wooden bridge is yours, the piazza . . . all yours. Throw your bike into first gear, or give the sneakers a good workout. Even (or especially) after hours, this faux city begs exploration.

Talk about affordable — most of the current rates at Hyatt Place Coconut Point are under \$100 per night.

Rooms hold your basic mini-fridge, and the hotel lets you chill with a 42-inch high-def flat-panel TV proferring sports channels, on-demand movies, games and music. We encourage you to forget an alarm clock even exists, but if you must use this unfortunate device, it's got an MP3 connection.

Hotel lobbies offer guests those handy rolling luggage carts, but the irony of this particular staycation is that you need no luggage. Just grab a few see-and-be-seen clothes from the closet, lay them across the back seat, then throw a swimsuit, a pair of shorts and some shoes and undies in a tote bag. Voila' . . . you're “packed.” Or



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stone is practically famous for its vast array of vibrating massagers for back, neck, feet, calves, and more.

The Coconut Point staycation lets you eat and drink your way through 25 restaurants, bars and takeout joints, all within a stone's throw of the hotel. Hurricane Grill and Wings is a laid-back

place to catch a ballgame. Stir Crazy is likely to lure you over for custom stir-fry. Teavana stands ready to open your mind to the wonder of a cup of perfectly brewed tea. Its weight-loss tea might be good to have on hand since you'll also have access to the toasted coconut ice cream at Kilwin's. Bice and Bluewater Grill are both fun for mixing and mingling at cocktail time, or for a romantic dinner. The Grape casually educates while offering small samples of countless wines.

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# Luxury on a grand scale

MAINLANDERS SOMETIMES REFER TO PALM BEACH AS "THE center of the universe."

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Think about it: The town is a world unto itself.

It is an island — people also refer to it simply as "The Island" — and it has been home to such power brokers as the Kennedy family, Alexander Haig and Donald Trump. Entertainers such as Jimmy Buffett and Rod Stewart have lived there. Its recently spruced up Worth Avenue shopping district has been referred to as the Rodeo Drive of the Southeast. It has both grand and intimate hotels, perfect for a getaway that's close to home.

And summer is the best time to explore. Imagine... no lines in restaurants, quiet streets, perfect for strolling. Many of the restaurants will participate in a summer dining deal in which you can order a three-course prix fixe lunch for \$20.11. The internationally renowned Café



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The Chesterfield

Boulud typically participates, as do many of the restaurants at The Breakers.

Speaking of The Breakers, the venerable oceanfront resort will offer a range of specials for summer. The 540-room hotel has nine restaurants and five bars. The Tapestry Bar, off the lobby, offers an elegant spot to enjoy happy hour, with discounted cocktails and wine, and half-price appetizers. Feel like shopping? There's no need to even leave the premises, with all the onsite boutiques, but Worth Avenue is a short drive away.

Drive up the entrance at The Breakers and you'll feel like you're arriving at a palace. It has won the AAA Five Diamond Award for a reason.

Henry Flagler's hotel initially opened in 1896 and burned down in 1925. The current Italian renaissance-style hotel, modeled after the Villa Medici in Rome, was built in 1926, and includes sumptuous tapestries and ceiling murals.

But the oceanfront hotel is more than just a splendid building.

It also is a resort with two golf courses, a full spa and recently constructed beachfront bungalows.

The rooms recently have been renovated. During summers, rates start at \$269 a night. That amount probably won't get you a room with a full ocean view, but it will get you a night at The Breakers. For many people, that's enough.

Palm Beach also is home to some more intimate accommodations.

The Colony Hotel is among them.

This year, the 92-room hotel, which has an upper-crust British feel, will offer a summer package marking the 10th anniversary of its Royal Royal Room cabaret series, which has drawn some of the crème de la crème of New York's vocal music scene. This summer, the Royal Room will host such artists as Will and Anthony Nunziata, Mary Foster Conklin, Jeff Harnar, Daryl Sherman and Jay Leonhart and Ariana Savalas.

That special, which is \$500 for a room, or \$700 for a suite, single or double occupancy, will get a Royal Room dinner and show, two nights/three days of accommodations, full English breakfast for two each day and complimentary parking, local calls and wireless.

Other packages are available, including a "Girls Just Want to Have Fun Palm Beach-style" getaway (\$495 per night single/quad occupancy in one of the hotel's two-bedroom, two-bath villas). That includes a welcome bottle of Champagne and a makeover by Neiman Marcus, which is just up the road on Worth Avenue.

If The Chesterfield also has a British feel, it's because the hotel's parent company is based in England. There is a refined sensibility to the place, which is about three blocks from the Atlantic Ocean and two blocks from Worth Avenue and its shopping and dining.

It's intimate, too, with 41 guest rooms and 11 suites.

As with The Colony and The Breakers, the Chesterfield is offering a variety of specials, good through Dec. 15. For example, book a minimum of two nights and receive continental breakfast, plus a bottle of chilled Champagne, a romantic traditional English afternoon tea for two, executive two-course lunch for two or late checkout (6 p.m.).

The Chesterfield's Leopard Lounge offers dining with an Old World feel, and there's live entertainment as well. Feel like being fussed over? The Chesterfield also offers a traditional English afternoon tea for \$20 a person. Or dine outside in the Courtyard.

Just up the road is The Brazilian Court Hotel & Beach Club.

The stucco hotel is posh and understated.

But it is home to Café Boulud, owned by celebrity chef Daniel Boulud and run by chef Zach Bell. Frederic Fekkai also has a salon at the hotel, so it's possible to stay, dine like royalty and get a makeover without ever leaving your hotel.

But you'll want to leave to shop along Worth Avenue. Savor a happy hour at Ta-boó — it's a place where Kennedys and Windsors alike have stopped. Tiffany, Chanel, Hermés and Palm Beach's own Kassatly's are a few minutes' stroll away.

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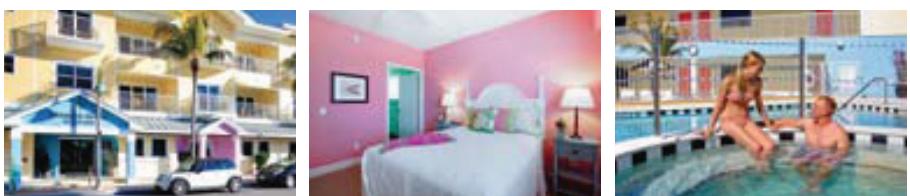
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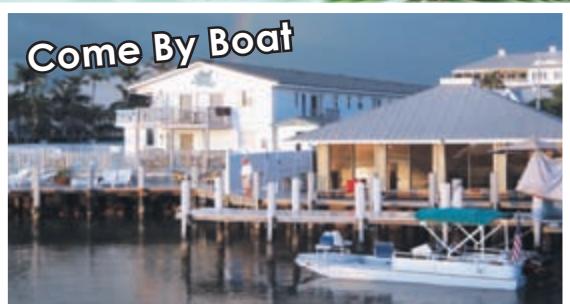
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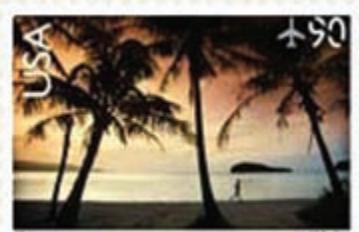
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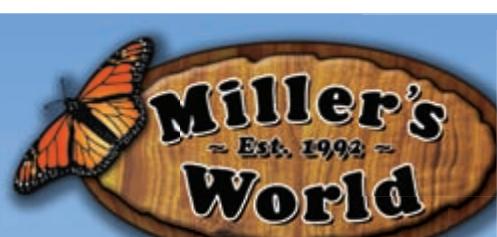
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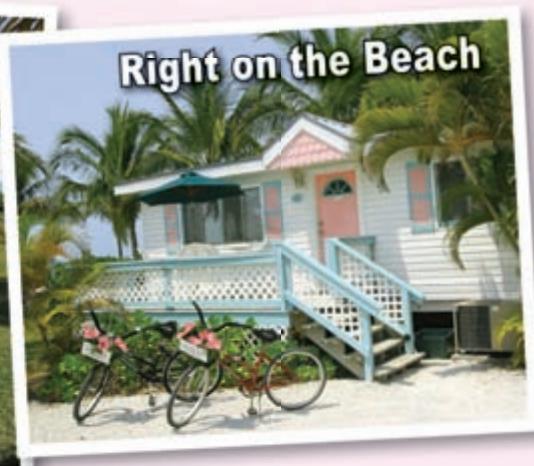
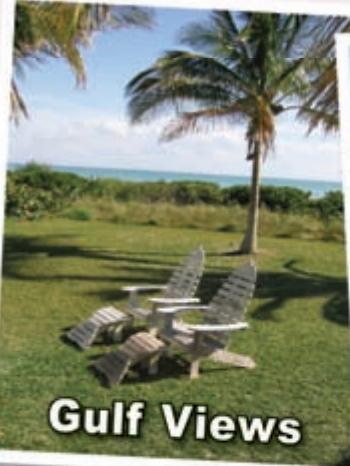
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Museums are just 1/2 mile apart and now thru September 30th, guests can purchase a combo ticket at either Museum for a \$3 per person discount!

**Adults \$17, seniors \$15 and students \$13.**



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Guests will enjoy a complimentary upgrade to the executive level, and a \$50 wine credit to enjoy when they purchase two Dinner entrees at Shula's Steak House.

**Starting at \$189  
Per Night**



Offer available June 1-September 30, 2011. Ask for rate code P5 when making reservation. Blackout dates may apply. Reservations must be made 24 hours in advance and based upon availability.

## Couples Getaway



239-210-7300

Enjoy an evening in a new part of town shopping, dining, and relaxing at the Homewood Suites Fort Myers Airport/FGCU.

- One Night Stay In Our King One Bedroom Suite
  - Complimentary "Welcome Home" reception offering light dinner with beer and wine served Mon-Thursday from 5-7pm.
  - Indulge in our Suite Start hot buffet breakfast
  - Fitness Center, Heated Pool and Internet Wireless Available
- Receive a \$25 Gift Certificate to PF Changs at Gulf Coast Town Center

**Starting at \$119 Per Night**

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## Shopping Escape



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Hilton Garden Inn Ft Myers Airport/FGCU is conveniently located across from Gulf Coast Town Center Mall, home to world class shopping, dining, and entertainment. Also just minutes from Florida Gulf Coast University, RSW International Airport, and Miromar Outlets.

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- Hot Buffet Breakfast at our Great American Grill

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## Cars and Kids Eat Free



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The Crowne Plaza Fort Myers is located in the fabulous Bell Tower Shops, with over 40 shops and boutiques, 10 restaurants and a 20-theater Regal Cinemas within walking distance! Enjoy our outdoor tropical garden pool and on-site Shoeless Joe's Sports Café.

- \$20.00 gas card to get you to the Crowne Plaza and home
- Kids 12 and under eat free in Shoeless Joe's Sports Café when staying with mom and dad
- Includes a Bell Tower Shops welcome pack with shops and dining discount offers

**Starting at \$119 Per Night**

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Must mention rate code IKFMY when making reservation. Maximum occupancy 4 per room.  
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At the Bell Tower Shops

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- 4 tickets to the Bell Tower 20 Movie theatres

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