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SAVOR THE SUMMER FLAVORS

THE SCOOP ON SOME WAY-COOL ICE CREAM FLAVORS

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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WHAT ARE THE COOLEST tastes in Southwest Florida this summer? We asked ice-cream makers about their favorite flavors for cooling off.

As it turns out, chunks are a good thing. But so are lighter flavors as appropriate to the season as a billowy white linen shirt. In other words: There's something for everyone. So grab some extra napkins for your sticky fingers and enjoy this look at some of the tastiest and most unique flavors around.

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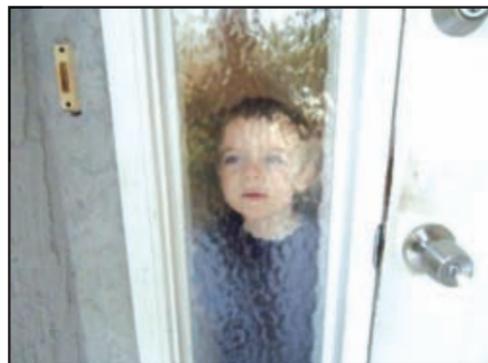
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Nate and Maggie were born in December 2006, about a month premature, but otherwise happy and healthy babies with that special bond twins share. They learned to crawl and walk right on schedule. Nate was the first to speak. He'd

wave "bye-bye," point to things and ask, "What's that?"

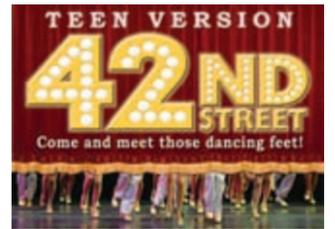
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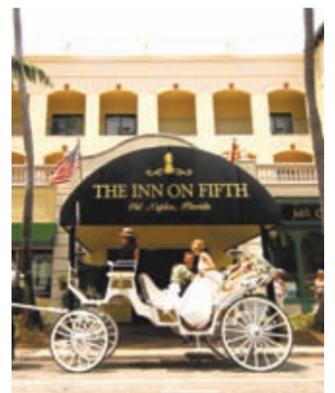
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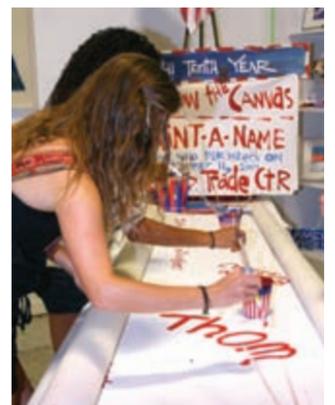
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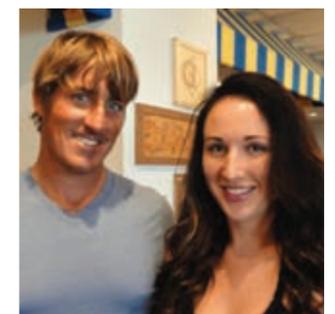
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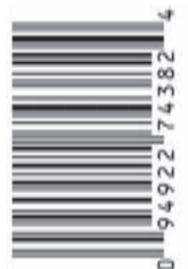
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COMMENTARY

Governor Nosedive

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Let it never be said that Rick Scott is a man who stands still.

Mr. Scott took office in January, having garnered about 49 percent of the votes in the gubernatorial contest that pitted him against Democratic challenger Alex Sink. Let's face it: The guy has been in office such a short time that he probably he couldn't find all the men's rooms in the Governor's Mansion.

Yet in his brief tenure, Gov. Scott's approval ratings have sunk so low, so fast, that one political commentator declared that he is, hands down, the most unpopular governor in the United States.

According to a Sunshine State Poll conducted last month, the governor's approval rating sits at 27 percent. His disapproval rating is an equally astounding 58 percent. The poll showed that he is universally disliked. Virtually every demographic group surveyed expressed disdain for the governor. This is not an aberration. An earlier poll pegged Gov. Scott's favorable rating at 29 percent.

Think about this for a moment. To go from winning 49 percent of the vote in the general election to an approval rating of 27 percent in roughly seven months takes some doing. It took George W. Bush six or seven years in office to sink as low as Gov. Scott, and President Bush had two failed wars, a faltering economy and ballooning deficit on his resume.

It does not surprise me that the people of Florida are disgusted with our governor. That was inevitable. What is surprising is that they caught on to this snake oil salesman so quickly.

It's not as if we didn't know what we were getting when we elected this hypocritical toady of big business and special interests. After all, this is a man who disdains any sort of federal or state assistance that might benefit the poor and defenseless, yet he became obscenely wealthy by presiding over a health-care company that engaged in the most massive fraud involving Medicare and Medicaid in the history of those programs. His company paid a \$1.5 billion fine — a record punishment — and the board of directors sent him packing, but not before they bestowed upon him more than \$300 million for the simple act of getting the hell out of Dodge. For a guy who hates federal or state assistance to the needy, I'd say Gov. Scott did pretty well by plundering programs that are funded by the taxpayers and intended to preserve the health and well being of the indigent and the elderly.

Gov. Scott has come up with so many mean-spirited and loony ideas that it is hard to keep track. He has tried to eviscerate the state parks system. He wants to slash corporate taxes to as close to nothing as possible, which doesn't make a hell of a lot of sense in a state that doesn't have an income tax. He wants to drug test welfare recipients and state workers.

In one move that hasn't attracted a lot of attention, he got Florida Power & Light to agree to give discounted electrical rates to new and growing businesses. FPL — an outfit that no one would ever mistake for a charity — will recoup these discounts

from its existing customers. (That means you and me.) Some people might call this an indirect tax on the common folk, but the governor is not among them.

This is shameful. I invite you to conduct a little test. Wherever you live in Southwest Florida, take a drive on a hot day through an impoverished neighborhood. On even the most suffocating of days, you will find few home air conditioners running. The people simply cannot afford the electric bills that air conditioning generates.

What I find odd about Gov. Scott's vehemence toward government assistance to the poor and downtrodden is the fact that he himself benefitted from the sorts of programs he now hopes to slash. As a boy, he lived in public housing. From what I understand, his parents were good, hard-working people who had a run of bad luck. I wonder how Gov. Scott would have felt if his parents had been subjected to drug testing as a condition of their residency?

Gov. Scott's indifference to the welfare of his constituents was on full and embarrassing display last week when he appeared on CNN and said he did not think the federal government defaulting on its financial obligations was a bad thing.

"We need to stop spending money," he said.

When the interviewer pointed out that cutting spending and default were separate issues, Gov. Scott dipped deeper into what seems to be his inexhaustible well of ignorance.

"We've been (raising the debt ceiling), and it hasn't helped our economy," he said.

Exasperated, the interviewer spoke for many when he said, "Governor, why is this so hard for you to understand?"

Why is Gov. Scott is so ragingly unpopular? He ran a gauzy campaign that was short on details, and he went to great lengths to avoid answering questions from the press. Still, we knew about his checkered past. We knew he was a tool of corporations and moneyed interests. But I don't think most voters understood the mirthless, soulless quality of the man. He is hopelessly obtuse and totally oblivious to the suffering of the state's most vulnerable residents.

In what can only be described as a Marie Antoinette "let them eat cake" moment, the governor's office last week issued a press release announcing that John Minas, Gov. Scott's personal chef, and Mr. Minas's sous chef are entering the 2011 Great American Seafood Cook-Off.

"John is a talented chef and cooks up some of the best food I've ever tasted," the governor said.

Children go to school hungry in Florida. The elderly wrestle with the choice of buying medication or food, and the homeless eat from garbage cans. Gov. Scott, meanwhile, is eating better than ever. A man of more sensitivity would have kept that little nugget of information to himself.

To be fair, Gov. Scott did not cause all our woes, nor can he readily fix them. But the least he can do is try. And, beyond that, it would be nice if he cared — or even pretended to care — that such suffering exists.

The truth is that he has no interest in addressing these problems, and he really doesn't give a damn. His world is that of private jets, shady deals and scratching the backs of corporate bigwigs.

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OPINION

Books without borders

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Special to Florida Weekly



You have to have a heart of stone not to feel a pang of sadness at the passing of the bookstore Borders.

The retailer is liquidating its 399 remaining outlets and letting go nearly 11,000 employees. Gone will be the era when no shopping-mall parking lot in America seemed complete without an adjoining Borders, offering up its capacious aisles to browse for books you had no idea you needed.

Nostalgia aside, the extinction of Borders is the very model of a free-market economy at work. The store fell victim to the unyielding injunction of a truly creative economy: "Adapt, or die." It failed to keep up with evolving technology and shifting consumer preferences, and so has been forced to make way for more adept competitors.

This ruthlessly efficient reallocation of resources took place because Borders wasn't big or politically connected enough to get a bailout;

because its employees didn't belong to a powerful union favored by the White House; and because it didn't sell something, like green energy, deemed worthy of taxpayer support. The upshot of the changes that buried the store, and were allowed to unspool without governmental interference, will be cheaper and more readily available books.

Read about Borders circa 1995 and it is lauded as "a chain that seems as attuned to the new world of technology as the refined old world of literary society." It had a state-of-the-art inventory system. It stocked its enormous stores with tens of thousands of titles. Borders thrived by providing choice and convenience, two of the pillars of the consumer economy.

Then it didn't recognize quickly enough the new ways of delivering them. It had to rely on Amazon to sell its books online, a boost to the online retailer that would do so much to make the Borders model obsolete. It branched out into sales of CDs and DVDs, an initially profitable move that backfired when the music industry went digital. It missed out on e-books. Locked into leases at unecological locations, its voluminous real

estate began to weigh it down.

In the late 1990s, the romantic comedy "You've Got Mail" was built around the heartlessness of a mega-bookstore moving into a New York neighborhood and killing off a small family bookshop. Now, it's the turn of the mega-bookstores to be eaten, with delivery of a \$9.99 e-book just a few clicks away. In a free economy, the top dog always has to run scared.

Government exists in an entirely different plane, characterized by stasis and the lack of market or any other kind of discipline. *USA Today* reports that "federal employees' job security is so great that workers in many agencies are more likely to die of natural causes than get laid off or fired." Washington is locked in a debate over whether health-care programs designed in the 1960s can ever be reformed to account for new realities.

If Borders were a government agency, its budget would have been fattened up during the past few years, and it'd survive in perpetuity, whatever its merits. ■

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

War is a racket

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Special to Florida Weekly



"War is a racket," wrote retired U.S. Marine Maj. Gen. Smedley D. Butler, in 1935. That statement, which is also the title of his short book on war profiteering, rings true today. One courageous civil servant just won a battle to hold war profiteers accountable. Her name is Bunnatine "Bunny" Greenhouse. She blew the whistle when her employer, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, gave a no-bid \$7 billion contract to the Halliburton subsidiary Kellogg, Brown and Root (KBR) as the U.S. was about to invade Iraq. She was doing her job, trying to ensure a competitive bidding process would save the U.S. government money. For that, she was forced out of her senior position, demoted and harassed.

Just this week, after waging a legal battle for more than half a decade, Bunny Greenhouse won. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers settled with Greenhouse for \$970,000, representing full restitution for lost wages, compensatory damages and attorneys' fees.

Her "offense" was to challenge the KBR contract. It was weeks before the expected invasion of Iraq, in 2003, and Bush military planners predicted Saddam Hussein would blow up Iraqi oilfields, as happened with the U.S. invasion in 1991. The project, dubbed "Restore Iraqi Oil," or RIO, was created so that oilfield fires would be extinguished. KBR was owned then by Halliburton, whose CEO until 2000 was none other than then-Vice President Dick Cheney. KBR was the only company invited to bid.

Bunny Greenhouse told her superiors that the process was illegal. She was overridden. She said the decision to grant the contract to KBR came from the Office of the Secretary of Defense, run by VP Cheney's close friend, Donald Rumsfeld.

As Bunny Greenhouse told a congressional committee, "I can unequivocally state that the abuse related to contracts awarded to KBR represents the most blatant and improper contract abuse I have witnessed during the course of my professional career."

The oilfields were not set ablaze. Nevertheless, KBR was allowed to retool its \$7 billion no-bid contract, to provide gasoline and other logistical support to the occupation forces. The contract was so-called cost-plus, which means KBR was not on the hook to provide services at a set price. Rather, it could charge its cost, plus a fixed percentage as profit. The more KBR charged, the more profit it made.

As the chief procurement officer, Greenhouse's signature was required on all contracts valued at more than \$10 million. Soon after testifying about the egregious RIO contract, she was demoted, stripped of her top-secret clearance and began receiving the lowest performance ratings. Before blowing the whistle, she had received the highest ratings. Ultimately, she left work, facing an unbearably hostile workplace.

After years of litigation, attorney Michael Kohn, president of the National Whistleblowers Center, brought the case to a settlement. He said: "Bunny Greenhouse risked her job and career when she objected to the gross waste of federal taxpayer dollars and illegal contracting practices at the Army Corps of Engineers. She had the courage to stand alone and challenge powerful special inter-

ests. She exposed a corrupt contracting environment where casual and clubby contracting practices were the norm. Her courage led to sweeping legal reforms that will forever halt the gross abuse she had the courage to expose."

The National Whistleblowers Center's executive director, Stephen Kohn (brother of Michael Kohn) told me: "Federal employees have a very, very hard time blowing the whistle. ... I hope it's a turning point. The case was hard-fought. It should never have had to be filed. Bunny did the right thing."

According to Nobel Prize-winning economist Joe Stiglitz, the cost of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan alone will exceed \$5 trillion. With a cost like this, why isn't war central to the debate over the national debt?

Two-time Congressional Medal of Honor winner Maj. Gen. Smedley Butler had it right 75 years ago when he said of war: "It is possibly the oldest, easily the most profitable, surely the most vicious (racket). ... It is the only one in which the profits are reckoned in dollars and the losses in lives ... It is conducted for the benefit of the very few, at the expense of the very many."

As President Barack Obama and Congress claim it is Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security that are breaking the budget, people should demand that they stop paying for war. ■

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County staff sets meetings for public to hear about redistricting proposals

A series of public meetings have been scheduled to review proposed changes to district boundaries of the Collier County Board of Commissioners and the District School Board of Collier County. After a brief staff presentation, time will be designated at each meeting for questions and comments from the audience. Everyone is welcome.

Meetings will take place from 7-9 p.m. as follows:

■ **District 1:** Tuesday, Aug. 16, in the Board of County Commission chambers at the Collier County Government Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail E., Naples

■ **District 2:** Thursday, Aug. 18, at

Veterans Community Park, 1895 Veterans Park Drive, Naples

■ **District 3:** Tuesday, Aug. 23, at the Golden Gate Community Center, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples

■ **District 4:** Tuesday, Aug. 30, at the county's Growth Management Division Planning & Regulation office, 2800 N. Horseshoe Drive, Naples

■ **District 5:** Monday, Aug. 29, at Immokalee Community Park, 321 N. First St., Immokalee

The proposed redistricting maps can be viewed in advance at www.colliergov.net/redistricting.

For more information, call David Weeks

at 252-2306 or e-mail DavidWeeks@colliergov.net.

In addition

The Golden Gate Area Civic Association and the Collier County chapter of the NAACP will host a meeting about the county's proposed redistricting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 8, at the Golden Gate Community Center.

Tim Durham of the Collier County Elections Office will discuss redistricting maps for the Collier County Board of County Commissioners and the District School Board of Collier County. For more information, call 353-1687. ■

Airport lands a perfect score from the FAA

For the 16th consecutive year, Naples Municipal Airport has passed its annual inspection with a perfect score. The Federal Aviation Administration recently found the airport 100 percent in compliance with all required standards.

The inspection includes all aspects of airport operations as well as an assessment of record keeping, training procedures and aircraft rescue and fire-fighting safety drills.

Although the airport serves as a general aviation airport, it complies with federal safety standards for airports with commercial airline service. The airport also maintains the same level of security as commercial-service airports and adheres to all Transportation Security Administration directives.

Naples Municipal Airport is home to flight schools, air charter operators and corporate aviation and non-aviation businesses as well as fire/rescue services, mosquito control, car rental agencies and the Collier County Sheriff's Office aviation unit. During the 2009-2010 fiscal year, the airport accommodated 86,000 takeoffs and landings.

For more information, visit www.FlyNaples.com. ■

Runway expansion takes off at Naples Municipal Airport

With environmental approval of the Federal Aviation Administration, the Naples Airport Authority is proceeding to pave the safety areas at both ends of the main runway at Naples Municipal Airport. The FAA's action, a Finding of No Significant Impact, cleared the way for the airport to add pavement in established grass safety areas. Runway 5/23 has been closed for duration of construction, which is scheduled for completion before the end of the year. Aircraft continue to use the airport's second runway.

"The airport authority's priorities are sound attenuation, safety and service. Adding runway pavement furthers all three," says Executive Director Ted Soliday. "This may be the most significant step we can take to reduce aircraft-takeoff noise."

Work is under way to add pavement that will extend the runway's declared takeoff distance from 5,000 feet to 5,800 feet. The

landing distance will remain the same. The extra length will help mitigate noise by allowing aircraft to achieve higher altitudes before leaving the airport, reducing sound under the flight path.

Extra runway length also means more room for aborted takeoffs and other emergencies. In addition, it improves the airport's chances of resuming commercial air service with regional jets, which can require more runway length to take off when fully loaded with passengers.

In approving the airport's layout plan, which includes the paving project, the FAA found "the proposed airport development shown on the plan useful and efficient."

The airport authority, which receives no city or county tax dollars, is paying the entire \$3.2 million cost of the project. Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. serves as general con-



tractor, and Kimley-Horn and Associates is providing engineering services.

"The timing of approval allows us to complete the runway work when the airport is less busy," Mr. Soliday says. "Closing the runway is a regrettable inconvenience for some pilots, but the long-term benefits of the project make it worthwhile." ■

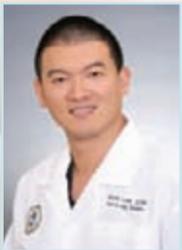
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Royal Scoop, Bonita Springs

- *Death by Peanut Butter*
- *Georgia Pecan*
- *Sweet Potato Swirl*

Death by Peanut Butter is probably not a bad way to go if you're at Royal Scoop in Bonita Springs.

"This particular item, I was inspired by Death By Chocolate and we'd just come across these mini peanut butter cups, so we had the swirl and flavor and it was just putting it all together," said ice cream maker and store manager Steve Cummings.

This fall, Mr. Cummings will whip up a few seasonal flavors: Georgia Pecan and Sweet Potato Swirl. The latter "was one of my favorite things for Thanksgiving," Mr. Cummings said. It's his homage to the hot version, with sweet potato, pecans and marshmallows.

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Naples Ice Cream Factory

- *Bake Sale* • *Milla Vanilla*

It was one of the shop's employees, 19-year-old college student Ashley Gaffney, who helped create two unique flavors. One, Milla Vanilla, was for the owners' 9-year-old son, who doesn't care for chocolate but requested a cookies 'n' cream flavor. The vanilla wafers in vanilla ice cream ended up a hit with customers, said owners Tom and Amy Spinelli.

Mrs. Spinelli and Ms. Gaffney collaborated on another flavor called Bake Sale.

"When I went to a bake sale, I cared about the Rice Crispy treats, brownies and chocolate chip cookies," said Mrs. Spinelli. And that's exactly what's mixed in with vanilla ice cream and a fudge swirl.

Naples Ice Cream Factory
2378 Immokalee Road
Naples
594-0022

Beebe's Ice Cream, Marco Island

- *Cookie Monster*
- *Garbage Can*

Cookie Monster is a bright blue ice cream made with cookie dough and Oreo cookies that has become a hit with kids, said manager Taramarie Stolinis.

And Garbage Can ice cream is something like a soda fountain "suicide" (mixing all the flavors). It has seven types of candy bars: Milky Way, Kit Kat, Hershey's, Three Musketeers, Butterfinger, Mr. Goodbar and Reese's.

Beebe's Ice Cream
599 S. Collier Blvd.
Marco Island
642-9800



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Brothers Steven and Nick Spinelli dig into a bowl of Bake Sale ice cream at Naples Ice Cream Factory.

Cool Hand Luc's, Fort Myers

- *Creamy Impeachment*
- *Chocolate Chili*
- *Peanut Butter*

It was a mistake, sort of. A batch of peach and mint ice cream was thrown together and called Creamy Impeachment, said manager Jessica Montrose.

The shop's ice-cream makers mix up creative flavors of the day whenever it seems called for. You might not see some of these flavors again unless you request them or they become popular.

To surprise their customers on April Fools' Day this year, co-owners Mike Cosden and Luc Martin made a chocolate chili ice cream with cayenne peppers.

Many of their flavors are vegan. Mr. Cosden also goes to a Thursday farmers' market in Fort Myers and picks out fruit for seasonal sorbets, such as watermelon and mango.

Peanut Butter ice cream (the vegan version) is Mr. Cosden's favorite flavor. It's made simply using almond milk, and flavored with brown sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg. The concoction was originally going to be a topping, so the flavors are concentrated and rich.

Cool Hand Luc's
2040 Collier Ave., Suite B
Fort Myers
(239) 791-8666

Love Boat Ice Cream, Fort Myers

- *Lemon Custard*
- *Dirty Turtle* • *Garlic*

The homemade flavors here include a smooth, creamy, refreshing Lemon Custard.

"It's not lemony or sour," said ice cream maker Jenny Roberts.

Dirty Turtle, a blend of chocolate ice cream with caramel and pecans, has also been one of the latest hits among the many homemade blends at Love Boat. Owner Steve Staley named it after a nostalgic memory. "We used to have a little summer cabin up on Castle Rock Lake in Wisconsin and there was a restaurant/bar there named the Dirty Turtle," Mr. Staley said. "Our kids were constantly going down there. My son, when he was 4 and 5, he'd go down and they'd fix him breakfast and we didn't even know he was going down there... We have fond remembrances of the Dirty Turtle. When Jenny was talking about the turtle ice cream, it just struck me."

Some Love Boat customers have made special requests for parties. Those include banana bacon (the house banana ice cream with bacon); and also, oddly enough, garlic ice cream for some type of convention or festival, Ms. Roberts recalls.

"We actually had to toast the garlic and put it in the ice cream. It was very weird... It was very strong. I actually had to wear three layers of gloves and I could still smell the garlic on my hands. I guess it ended up being a hit.

in the know

>> Ice cream facts

- >> It takes approximately 50 licks to finish off a scoop of ice cream.
- >> The largest ice cream pyramid, made in August 2002, had 3,894 scoops, totaled 22 layers and weighed 1,005 pounds. The pyramid was 53 inches high. (Guinness Book of World Records).
- >> July is National Ice Cream Month, created by Ronald Reagan in 1984.
- >> The history of ice cream dates back to the second century B.C. Many believe that it was invented in China. Nero used to send slaves to the mountains around 62 A.D. to bring fresh snow to the royal kitchens. This snow was then flavored with fruits and juices to make flavored ice.
- >> The widespread use of ice cream cones occurred after their introduction at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904. Many credit this as the birth of the ice cream cone.

Some people really like it."

Love Boat Ice Cream
16229 San Carlos Blvd.
Fort Myers
466-7707

Mr. G's House of 2000 Flavors, Fort Myers Beach

- *Cotton Candy*

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Mr. G's House of 2000 Flavors,
1000 Fifth St.
Fort Myers Beach
765-1131

Kilwin's, Fort Myers Beach

- *Fort Myers Beach Mud milkshakes (aka, Happiness)*

Senior citizens love Butter Pecan and kids prefer Superman ice cream (vanilla with colorful berry swirls), but Fort Myers Beach Mud blended into a milkshake is superlative to crew member Chad McAllister.

"I sell a ton of them in milkshakes because, Oh my God, it's like drinking a Milky Way," he said. Beach Mud is a "three way" of caramel, chocolate and vanilla. "People say, 'What's in the Fort Myers Beach Mud?' I say, 'Happiness,'" Mr. McAllister said.

Kilwin's
50 Old San Carlos Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach
463-4500

Daddy Dee's Ice Cream Parlor, North Fort Myers

- *Heavenly Hash*

Owner Bruce Adams had a conversion experience that led him to Christianity and the real meaning of love in the 1990s. He holds regular weekly meetings about God after hours at his ice cream shop. All faiths are welcome, he said.

"We need to find a common denominator to rally around rather than everybody finding differences to fight over." Words of wisdom. And a good idea to help the U.S. government pass tricky legislation — a bi-partisan ice cream provision. Senator, try the Heavenly Hash ice cream at Daddy Dee's: vanilla with marshmallow, almonds, chocolate and love for all mankind. God bless America.

Daddy Dee's Ice Cream Parlor
13161 N. Cleveland Ave.
North Fort Myers
997-4021

Sweet Scoops Ice Cream, Port Charlotte

- *Oops,* • *Pumpkin*
- *Cherry Vanilla*

The crew at Sweet Scoops isn't afraid to experiment. The owner once accidentally put cherries in the black raspberry ice cream and it became a popular favorite known as Oops. They'll make Pumpkin ice cream in the fall. And the Cherry Vanilla is unique: there are few other places you can get a great French vanilla ice cream loaded with those irresistible maraschino cherries.

Retirees Floyd and Jean Meiser make the trip to Sweet Scoops twice a week from their home in Venice. "Best ice cream around," Mr. Meiser said.

The place, which has made ice cream in house since the mid-1990s, has a following. The walls are covered with regulars' license plates, from all 50 states and England.

Manager Lucy Mansfield, 30, has worked there since she was 19 and remembers many customers by the license plates they've left. One from Ohio near the window booth says "No 2 Snow."

"He just passed away, but his grandkids come in," Ms. Mansfield said.

Sweet Scoops Ice Cream
171 Tamiami Trail
Port Charlotte
(941) 624-3051

The Perfect Caper, Punta Gorda

- *Mango Sorbet* • *Crème Fraiche* • *Brown Butter*

The Perfect Caper is a fine dining restaurant, but Chef Jeanie Roland is also famous for her homemade ice cream. She whips it up with the same "farm to table" ethic she brings to her other dishes. Mangoes are in season, so you'll find mango sorbet, for example. The crème fraiche and brown butter ice creams are also favorites, said manager Jenn Collins. Ask staff about flavors of the day.

The Perfect Caper
121 E. Marion Ave.
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Lifelong learning Renaissance Academy seeks instructors

The call is out for instructors to teach Fall 2011, Winter/Spring 2012 and Summer 2012 classes at the FGCU Renaissance Academy's 12 locations throughout Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties. The academy is also seeking volunteers for curriculum planning committees to assist with program planning and growth.

Life experience and a passion to share are the most important requirements; advanced degrees are not necessary. Instructors who give single lectures or lead short courses in categories including: art, business, computer, ecology, environment, government, history, law, life enrichment, literature, music, philosophy, psychology, religion, science, sociology, medicine and U.S. and world affairs.

The academy pays an honorarium of \$75 per lecture.

Those interested in lecturing can download a course proposal form from www.fgcu.edu/racademy or can arrange to receive a form via mail by calling 425-3272.

For more information, contact John Guerra at 434-4838 or jguerra@fgcu.edu. ■

Public invited to help 'Remember 9-11'

A billboard-size canvas that's traveling around Southwest Florida in preparation for a "Remember 9-11 Tenth Year" commemoration comes to Naples on Sunday, April 7.



LOVEGROVE

Artist Leoma Lovegrove and her work-in-progress canvas will be at Dennison-Moran Gallery from noon to 6 p.m. The public is invited to stop by and add to the canvas names of those

who died in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The 18-by-10-foot canvas already holds 2,753 victims' names, painted by hundreds of people at last month's Art Walk in downtown Fort Myers and at Cape Coral's "Red, White and Boom" July Fourth festivities.

The public signing have become "a gathering place where people share stories and reflect on where they were that day 10 years ago," Ms. Lovegrove says. "We all want to make sure those who died are never forgotten, and we want to honor those who helped with rescue efforts."

After the Dennison-Moran Gallery, Ms. Lovegrove and her traveling canvas are lined up for:

- IberiaBank, 1715 Cape Coral Parkway W., Cape Coral: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12;

- Sam Galloway Ford, 1800 Boy Scout Drive, Fort Myers: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13;



The "Remember 9-11" logo created by Leoma Lovegrove.

- The Shell Factory, 2787 N. Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 14; and

- Fort Myers Fire Station #6, 4000 Veronica Shoemaker Blvd., Fort Myers: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18.

By the end of its tour, the canvas with more than 3,000 names will be ready to serve as the base for a painting of an American bald eagle that Ms. Lovegrove will complete during the "Remember 9-11 Tenth Year" program planned for Sunday, Sept. 11, at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers.

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The "Remember 9-11" canvas was at The Franklin Shops in downtown Fort Myers for Art Walk in July.

For more information about the opportunity to paint a name on the canvas on Sunday, Aug. 7, at the Dennison-Moran Gallery in Naples, call 263-0590. Owners Kathleen and Robert Dennison and Mary Moran recently moved from their longtime location on Fifth Avenue South to a larger space with a courtyard garden at 360 12th Ave. S. in the historic Third Street South district. ■



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IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME

Hundreds of summer campers at the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County tied themselves up in a giant game of Twister one recent sunny morning. More than 100 game boards were painted on the lawn, and teams of four twisted and stretched as the instructions were called out. ■



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1. Axel Noguera, the overall winner
2. Tyler Brechel and Justin Bethea
3. Marco Celus
4. Briana Hernandez and Michelle Mendoza

Blind and visually impaired young clients of Lighthouse of Collier have delighted in a variety of camp experiences this summer, from exploring Naples Bay with Cruise Naples and the Freedom Waters Foundation to riding at Naples Equestrian Challenge and learning tennis from the pros at Cambier Park using special audible foam balls. ■



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1. Zachary selecting his horse
2. Tennis group
3. Sarah with tennis pro Steve Bogdanoff
4. Xavian on board the Double Sunshine

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A more reputable career

Thomas Heathfield was a well-paid banking consultant with a promising career in Maidenhead, England, but gave it up this year to move to South Africa and endure rigorous training as a "sangoma" ("witch doctor"). After five months of studying siSwati language, sleeping in the bush, hunting for animal parts, vomiting up goats' blood and learning native dances, Mr. Heathfield, 32, was given a

new name, Gogo Mndawe, and is now qualified to read bones and prescribe herbal cures (among the skills expected of sangomas by the roughly 50 percent of South Africa's population that reveres them). He admitted concern about his acceptance as a white man calling out African spirits, "but when (the people) see (me) dance, perhaps those questions go away." ■

Cultural diversity

► "Hundreds" of blondes paraded through Riga, Latvia, on May 28 at the third annual "March of the Blondes" festival designed to lift the country's spirits following a rough stretch for the economy. More than 500 blondes registered, including 15 from New Zealand, seven from Finland and 32 from Lithuania, according to a woman who told Agence France-Presse that she was the head of the Latvian Association of Blondes. Money collected during the event goes to local charities.

► A clumsy smuggler (who managed to get away) failed to contain the dozens of king cobras and other snakes he was

transporting from Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam to Hanoi (probably to be sold illegally to restaurants). After panic broke out on the train and police were called, the snakes were collected and turned over to a sanctuary. (Upscale restaurants can charge as much as the equivalent of \$500 for a meal of king cobra, beginning with the selection of the snake, and having it killed at tableside, on to a serving of a snake's-blood appetizer. In one survey, 84 percent of Hanoi's restaurants were serving illegal wild animals of some sort, including weasel, monitor lizard and porcupine.) ■

Latest religious messages

► In July, after India's Supreme Court ordered an inventory, a Hindu temple in Trivandrum was found to contain at least \$22 billion worth of gold, diamonds and jeweled statues given as offerings to the deity by worshippers over several centuries. The wealth was until now believed to be the property of India's royal family, but the Supreme Court ruling turns it over to India's people. Authorities believe the "\$22 billion" figure is conservative.

► The notorious Santa Croce monastery in Rome was closed in May (and converted to an ordinary church) on orders from the Vatican following reports about Sister Anna Nobili, a former lap-dancer who taught other nuns her skills and who was once seen lying spread-eagled before an altar clutching a crucifix. Santa Croce was also an embarrassment for its luxury hotel, which had become a mecca for celebrities visiting Rome. ■

Questionable judgments

► Zhou Xin, 68, failed to get a callback from the show judges for the "China's Got Talent" TV reality show in June, according to a CNN report (after judge Annie Yi screamed in horror at his act). Mr. Zhou is a practitioner of one of the "72 Shaolin skills," namely "iron crotch gong," and for his "talent," he stoically whacked himself in the testicles with a weight and then with a hammer.

► The elegant, expansive, gleaming new glass-and-concrete indoor stairway at the Common Pleas Courthouse in Columbus, Ohio, opened recently, to mostly rave reviews for its sense of space and light, creating the feeling of walking suspended on air. However, as Judge Julie Lynch and other women soon discovered, the glass partitions at each step make it easy for perverts to gawk from underneath at dress-wearing women using the stairs.

"(Y)ou're on notice," Judge Lynch warned her sister dress-wearers, "that you might want to take the elevator."

► Pablo Borgen has apparently been living without neighbors' complaints in Lakeland, Fla., despite general knowledge

that he is, according to sheriff's officials, one of the area's major heroin traffickers, bringing in tens of thousands of dollars a month. Following a drug sting in June, however, neighbors discovered another fact about Mr. Borgen: that he and some of his gang were each drawing \$900 a month in food stamps. Formerly indifferent neighbors were outraged by Mr. Borgen's abuse of benefits, according to WTSP-TV. "Hang him by his toes," said one. "I've been out of work since February (2008). I lived for a year on nothing but ... food stamps."

► Roy Miracle, 80, of Newark, Ohio, passed away in July, and his family honored him and his years of service as a prankster and superfan of the Ohio State Buckeyes with a commemorative photo of three of Miracle's fellow obsessives making contorted-body representations of "O," "H" and "O" for their traditional visual cheer. In the photo, Miracle assumed his usual position as the "I" — or, rather, his corpse did. (Despite some criticism, most family and friends thought Miracle was properly honored.) ■

Cutting-edge research

It's good to be an Arizona State University student, where those 21 and older can earn \$60 a night by getting drunk. Psychology professor Will Corbin, operating with National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism grants, conducts studies of drunk students' memories, response times and decision-making processes through extensive questioning — after he has raised

their blood-alcohol level to precisely 0.08 percent (which Arizona regards as presumed-impaired for drivers). Students are served one type of vodka cocktail, three drinks' worth, in a bar-like room on campus, and after 15 minutes to let the alcohol be absorbed, the questioning and testing begin. (At the end of the night, taxis are called for the students.) ■

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The Greater Marco Family YMCA will hold the first of its Sports Celebrity Speaker Series luncheons on Wednesday, Aug. 31, at the Hilton Marco Island. Luis Tiant, former right-handed starting pitcher for the Cleveland Indians, Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees, will be the guest of honor.

Host for the four-part luncheon series is Mike Vanderjacht, owner of Vandy's 5 Brothers restaurant on Marco and a former kicker for the Indianapolis Colts.

Subsequent luncheons will feature players and/or coaches from the National Basketball League, the National Hockey League and the National Football League.

Tickets are \$35 for each luncheon or \$130 for a "season pass." Ticket stubs will be drawn for sports memorabilia prizes at each event.

Each luncheon will be followed by a free event for local children with the guest speaker.

For tickets and sponsorship information, call Leslie Drake at the Marco Y, 394-3144, ext. 205. ■

Caxambas Republican Club formed

The newly formed Caxambas Republican Club includes Marco Island, the Isle of Capri, Goodland, Everglades City and the Collier Boulevard/951 corridor.

Programs feature Republican candidates and discussions about various political issues. All are welcome.

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For information about meeting dates and locations, contact Litha Berger, club president, at 594-4990 or lithasberger@gmail.com. ■

Practice your Spanish with native speakers

The Hispanic Institute at Hodges University offers several two-hour sessions to provide adult learners the opportunity to practice speaking Spanish with people for whom it is their native tongue. Topics include everyday situations, current events and cul-

tural areas. Participants should already have some knowledge of the language.

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of their Naples home, preferring to page through books alone or complete intricate puzzles that were too advanced for Maggie. He also had a penchant for lining up items according to the color spectrum — red, orange, yellow, green, blue, violet.

Kathy Lowers figured her son was just an intellectual kid who liked to play independently.

“I thought it quirky,” she says, “but did not worry until it got to the point where he would line up just about everything in a room.”

When a friend saw how Nate had regressed, she gave Mrs. Lowers a book on autism, a developmental brain disorder that affects social interaction and communication skills. Researchers estimate it strikes one child in every 110 and four times as many boys as girls.

“Autism had been staring me in the face, screaming in my face, but I had been in denial,” Mrs. Lowers says.

She took Nate to a neurologist and a team of diagnostic specialists, but didn’t wait for the results before sending out a desperate e-mail to her home-school group. Someone told her about the Center for Autism & Related Disabilities, an organization run by the University of South Florida to help families coping with autism. They referred her to Tina Gelpi, an assistant professor of occupational therapy at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Although it might sound like something related to career development, occupational therapy for children with autism helps to encourage appropriate responses to information received from the senses, such as touch, sound and movement. Therapeutic activities aim to develop social, play and learning skills as well as the ability to perform tasks such as getting dressed and playing with others.

Dr. Gelpi began working with Nate several times a month, then recruited a class of her graduate students in the summer of 2010 to enhance the work with Nate and his family.

“We set goals based on Nate’s needs and his family’s interests,” Dr. Gelpi says. “It’s such a wonderful learning experience for the students and me.”

It would have been difficult to find a better family with which to work.

Mrs. Lowers, who has a master’s degree in education and taught community college, had been home-schooling Nate’s older siblings — Abraham, 12; Victoria, 10; Catalina, 8; and Isabella, 6. Adding Nate and Maggie created a “one-room schoolhouse with a peer (his twin) and suitable role models (his older siblings),” Dr. Gelpi says.

They started with basic activities most people take for granted: climbing steps. Then they progressed to swimming, helping Nate develop coordination and muscle strength.

A group of occupational therapy students took Nate and his siblings to Pump It Up, a Fort Myers party place filled with inflatable slides and other equipment, where climbing and romping in stockinged feet are the primary activities. He also began attending Naples Equestrian Challenge, a non-profit therapeutic riding program that helps those with disabilities improve balance, self-discipline and concentration.

As the family’s sole breadwinner, Nate’s father, Charles, spends most of his time working as a software developer. But he also had teaching experience, so he helps with the children’s schooling and handles the most physical aspects of Nate’s therapy.

Mrs. Lowers explains the multidimen-

“With a special-needs child, you have to celebrate every small improvement they make, rather than mourn the skills they have not yet mastered.”

— Kathy Lowers, Nate’s mom



FGCU assistant professor Tina Gelpi helps Nate prepare for his graduation at Naples Equestrian Challenge.

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Nate gets acquainted with his therapy dog, Falcon.



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Kathy and Nate Lowers play a color and shape sorting game created by an FGCU student.

sional approach this way: “The theory is that there’s a window of opportunity that closes, an opportunity to form new pathways of communication in the brain. If you don’t reach them before they are 4 or 5, they may never speak. I’m trying everything there is.”

Among the behavioral problems common to children with autism are frequent emotional meltdowns, which aptly describe the daily episodes when Nate crumbled to the floor, crying inconsolably.

Dr. Gelpi thought a therapy dog might be the answer, even though it’s rare for children younger than 6 or 7 to get them.

Armed with a recommendation from Dr. Gelpi, the Lowers applied at Paws for Love, a program sponsored by Humane Society Naples, which trains therapy dogs for people with developmental disabilities.

Enter Falcon, a specially trained golden retriever who comes from a line of dogs bred for their supremely

mellow temperament and high intelligence. Even at 5 months, the gangly puppy knew to be gentle with his new companion and quickly understood his role.

When Nate has a meltdown, the dog puts a paw on him or sidles up next to him and licks his face. Not only does it immediately calm Nate, he now has far fewer meltdowns.

“They used to happen multiple times a day,” says Mrs. Lowers. “Now he has one maybe once a week. Falcon is like having a therapist in the house.”

Every morning, the family runs around the yard for exercise. Falcon makes the circuit and, as a result, Nate’s happy to run, too.

Home schooling involves all the children taking turns working with Nate. Included in their arsenal of therapy-based educational equipment are games Dr. Gelpi’s students designed just for him.

There’s one that helps him match animals to the sounds they make; an obstacle course he can use in a pool; a song that’s helped him learn how to get

dressed; and a story that teaches him how to play cooperatively with his twin sister by taking turns constructing a Thomas the Train puzzle. A homemade basketball hoop and kicking games develop his gross motor skills. There’s even a manual that shows his mother how to massage him to get him to sleep better or pay attention.

Mrs. Lowers says the games the students designed specifically for Nate, understanding his history and needs, have been invaluable.

“I use the therapy games they made every day in our home therapy regimen, and Nate is definitely gaining skills from them,” she says.

Speech therapists work with him at the house a couple of times a week. Dr. Gelpi also guided the family in using something called therapeutic listening, which increases his attention to what he hears in the environment.

The combination of therapies has made a vast difference — and it’s not just Nate who’s benefiting.

“It’s productive, meaningful time for Nate and his siblings,” Dr. Gelpi says.

“They are developing family bonds. The household is a community of learners, all working on strengths, all getting the attention they need to blossom.”

Mrs. Lowers says Dr. Gelpi and her students have helped her tremendously as well.

“When I first met Dr. Gelpi, I was in a fog, confused about what therapies were out there and not sure how to start,” she says. “I had talked to doctors and read websites, but they all seemed to focus on the problems of autism and it was all such a downer. In contrast, the first thing Dr. Gelpi told me was that we would be focusing on what Nate could do, not what he could not do. We would find his strengths and praise and encourage him in those, and then work step by step on the areas he needed help in.”

It changed her thinking.

“I went from being overwhelmed with bad news to seeing that there was a way to work with my son and help him improve. Sessions with her not only helped Nate tremendously, but they were a boost to me, too. I always left feeling so proud of Nate’s accomplishments.”

“With a special-needs child, you have to celebrate every small improvement they make, rather than mourn the skills they have not yet mastered.”

There have been many occasions for celebration over the past year.

This spring Nate suddenly began writing numbers and words using capital and lowercase letter.

He now makes frequent eye contact and smiles. He runs and jumps, runs up stairs and climbs ladders with glee. He is learning to dress himself and brush his teeth. His sister Isabella taught him American Sign Language, which he uses when he wants something. He’s



Kathy Lowers watches her son ride.

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Mindy Cowan and Tina Gelpi guide Nate and his horse, Pick A Spot, across the arena.

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Kathy Lowers reads to Isabella, left, Nate and Maggie.

also begun talking more.

“He’s making tremendous progress,” says Dr. Gelpi. “He’s in a loving environment and he is learning to be loving toward others. His creativity is being tapped and he’s able to express it.”

“He’s a very sensitive child with amazing thoughts that someday he’s going to share with everyone.” ■

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in the know

>> About autism

- Autism affects one in 110 children and one in 70 boys.
- Boys are four times more likely than girls to have autism.
- More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than with AIDS, diabetes and cancer combined.
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Looking for a volunteer job?

Consider joining the ranks at the Visitor Information Center

BY NANCY KERNS

Special to Florida Weekly

There's a wealth of information at 900 Fifth Ave. S. That's the address of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce Visitor Information Center, where more than 600 brochures, magazines and maps are available for visitors, long-time locals and new residents to choose from.

Whoever said "Volunteers are unpaid, not because they are undervalued, but because they are priceless!" surely must have been thinking about the more than 100 people who keep the VIC running smoothly every Monday through Saturday. Here are some of the benefits VIC volunteers enjoy:

- Volunteers are among the first to know about events coming up throughout the community.

- They interact with guests from all over the United States and around the world. Volunteers who speak foreign languages are much appreciated; likewise, they appreciate the opportunity to keep current with their conversation skills.

- They visit many local attractions, hotels and businesses. Hosts roll out the red carpet for complimentary events designed especially for our volunteers.

This past year, we had 20 outings (photos from many of which were featured in *Florida Weekly*) tailored to help them learn about our area's attractions, from The Naples Zoo and Palm Cottage to the Naples Botanical Garden, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Lake Trafford and the Everglades. They also enjoyed tours courtesy of Naples Transportation, Tours



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VIC volunteer Hildegard Carney on a familiarization tour.

& Event Planning, Dolphin Transportation, Cruise Naples and the Naples Princess.

- Each December the chamber hosts a volunteer appreciation holiday luncheon at the Hilton Naples.

Still not convinced volunteering is for you? Consider this: Volunteering keeps you young. For the second year in a row, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation named Collier County the healthiest county in Florida. Many attribute this achievement to the active lifestyle our residents enjoy.

The VIC has several octogenarians who volunteer, including a 93-year-old who loves to acquaint visitors with everything there is to discover about Collier County.

In addition to working one-on-one with visitors, we have many other duties to offer, from assisting the administrative staff to coordinating activities at area art shows. ■

— Nancy Kerns is the Visitor Information Center specialist at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. To find out more about getting involved as a VIC volunteer, call 269-2191 or e-mail nkerns@napleschamber.org.

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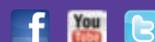
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Captiva triathlon for kids and adults

The inaugural Galloway Captiva Triathlon is set for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17-18, at South Seas Island Resort on Captiva Island.

The Saturday competition for ages 6-9 will consist of a 100-yard swim, 1.5-mile bike ride and 1/2-mile run. Ages 10-13 will compete in a 200-yard-swim, a 3-mile bike ride and a 1-mile run.

The adult triathlon on Sunday will consist of a 1/4-mile swim, a 10-mile bike ride and a 5K run, all on Captiva Island. Registration is capped at 500.

The Galloway Captiva Triathlon is the first event organized by Southwest Florida Events Inc., a nonprofit corporation dedicated to combining fun, fitness and support for local charities through multisport events. Community Cooperative Ministries Inc. will benefit from the Captiva event. For registration or more information, call Angie Ferguson at 246-2920, go to www.captivatri.org or find Captiva Tri on Facebook. ■

5K fun walk/run will benefit FGCU health education center

The Kleist Health Education Center on the campus of Florida Gulf Coast University will host the "Come Run With Us" 5K fun walk/run Saturday morning, Sept. 17. Fees from registration will help the center continue its health education programs throughout the Southwest Florida community.

Registration begins Aug. 20. Details are at <http://www.fgcu.edu/khec/events.asp>. For more information, call 590-7459. ■

Help make strides against breast cancer

The American Cancer Society-Collier County's "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" 5K walk steps out Saturday morning, Oct. 29, from the Village on Venetian Bay.

Participants in the noncompetitive walk follow Gulf Shore Boulevard from



the Village north to the end and back.

For information about starting a team, volunteering or becoming a sponsor, call Stacey Deffenbaugh at 839-0680 or e-mail stacey.deffenbaugh@nbc-2.com.

For more information about the event, visit www.putonyourpinkbra.com/naples, or contact Melissa Wolf at the American Cancer Society-Collier County by calling 261-0337, ext. 3860, or e-mailing Melissa.wolf@cancer.org. ■

Hit the links

Here are some charity tournaments coming up in the area:

■ A tournament to benefit **Drug Free Collier** takes place Saturday, Sept. 17, at Lely Resort. For more information, call Drug Free Collier at 377-0535.

■ The second annual **Golfing for Charity** to benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank is set for Friday, Oct. 7, at West Bay Club in Estero. The \$100 registration includes cart and green fees, two beverages on the course and a post-tournament party. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the shotgun start is set for 9 a.m.

Registration and payment may be made by sending checks, payable to SERVPRO of Collier County/Fort Myers South, 5605 Second St. W., Lehigh Acres, FL 33917. For more information, call Shannon O'Neill at 430-9300.

■ The 20th annual **Florida Gulf Coast University Founders Cup** to benefit the FGCU Foundation is set for Friday, Oct. 14, at Pelican's Nest Golf Club in Bonita Springs.

Registration is \$2,000 per foursome. A championship sponsor level for \$2,500 includes a four-player team and logo on a sponsor's golf towel.

For more information or to register, call Michele Kroffke at 590-1074, e-mail mkroffke@fgcu.edu or visit www.fgcu.edu/foundation.

■ **First National Bank of the Gulf Coast** hosts its third annual charity tournament Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Hideout Golf Club. Beneficiaries are Eden Autism Services Florida and Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida. Continental breakfast will precede the 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, and lunch will also be provided.

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Community Blood Center in Naples is at 311 Ninth St. N., on the first floor of the NCH Medical Plaza Building, next to the NCH Healthcare System parking garage. Valet parking is offered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. The center is closed on Thursday. Call 436-5455.

In Bonita Springs, Community Blood Center is in Sunshine Plaza at 9170 Bonita Beach Road. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday (closed for lunch from 12:15-1 p.m.). The center is closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Call 495-1138.

Donors can give blood every 56 days. Minimum age to give blood is 16 with parent present; there is no upper age limit.

For a list of upcoming bloodmobile locations, visit www.givebloodcbc.org. ■

Bonita health center offers \$20 physicals

Bonita Community Health Center is offering extended hours for \$20 back-to-school and sports physicals at the walk-in clinic at 3501 Health Center Blvd., Bonita Springs.

No appointment is necessary. Hours are

SEE HEALTH, A23 ►

Incisionless procedure can put the damper on



SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The number of people suffering from chronic acid reflux and severe heartburn is on the rise, forcing many to begin prescription medications or consider surgery to cope with the symptoms of this disease.

According to the American Gastroenterological Association, nearly 19 million Americans are affected by persistent heartburn that occurs two or more days a week despite treatment and lifestyle changes.

For those requiring surgery, the conventional option was a procedure whereby a series of small incisions were made so that a surgeon could access and repair the valves in the esophagus. A relatively new treatment, however, can mean fewer complications, less pain and a faster recovery.

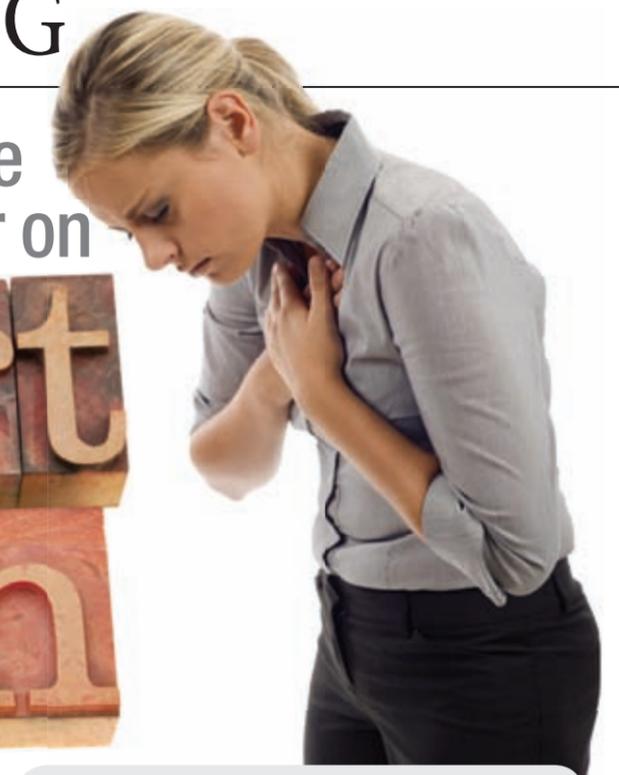
EsophyX TIF is an incisionless procedure involving a small device that is inserted through the mouth to recreate the body's natural valve. The procedure is approved by the Federal Drug Administration and has been performed in the United States for just about two years.



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"This is a very good procedure for the right person," says Dr. Thomas Bass, a board-certified general surgeon at Physicians Regional Healthcare System. He adds about 80 percent of those who have the procedure are able to get off their heartburn medications completely and "get back to enjoying their lives."

Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease, or GERD, is caused by anatomic changes in the body's natural anti-reflux valve. Normally, after



in the know

Learn more

Dr. Thomas Bass will discuss EsophyX TIF, incisionless surgery for relief of severe heartburn, at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16, at Physicians Regional Pine Ridge, 6101 Pine Ridge Road.

Also coming up at the hospital is a program titled "Living With Back Pain," presented by Dr. R. Rick Bhasin, at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11.

Both seminars are free. Seating is limited. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 348-4180.

swallowing, the valve between the esophagus and stomach opens to allow food to pass. Then it closes to prevent stomach contents from refluxing into the esophagus.

Excessive weight, diet and aging are among the many factors contributing to GERD. Roughly 10 to 15 percent of adults suffer from GERD on a daily basis, Dr. Bas says.

"Drug companies are making billions on medicines to treat GERD," he adds. "Unfortunately, medications don't work for everyone."

During the EsophyX TIF procedure, tissue folds are formed and fastened to reconstruct the anti-reflux valve at the junction of the esophagus and the stomach. This prevents stomach fluids from backing up into the esophagus. Each procedure takes less than an hour under general anesthesia. Usually, the patient is able to go home the next day.

Patients must avoid hard or solid foods for a couple of weeks while the esophagus heals. But once that time has passed, most can enjoy any types of foods they desire without recurrence of acid reflux.

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STRAIGHT TALK

Economic uncertainty doesn't thwart employee rewards

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One goal at NCH is to be the "employer of choice" in Collier County, by being market competitive while adding value for those who deliver care, as well as for those who receive care in our community. To achieve that goal, we "plan for the worst and work for the best" to create competitive rewards and job security.

Taking care of ourselves, as we remain prudent and poised for future success, requires a careful balance that is considered daily by the leadership team and bi-monthly by our 24-member board of trustees. At the most recent board meeting, we reviewed our quality metrics, patient satisfaction scores, philanthropic support, capital needs and economic progress — all in connection with how best to reward

the 3,703 employees who are responsible for our success in caring for the Collier County community.

In assessing our rewards and recognition structure, we first consider the local labor markets — Lee and Collier counties — as well as the regional areas of Tampa and Orlando. We also factor in national comparisons as we look at salaries and benefits.

Of prime importance in our calculations is the ability of our major payer, Medicare, to continue to pay for care at the same rate that it has in the past. We must be concerned with the prospect that the federal government's current crisis may well affect the more than 60 percent of NCH income that is comprised of Medicare payments.

Medicaid is responsible for another 9 percent of our total revenue.

In June, we were told that Florida's Medicaid payment would be reduced by 12 percent starting in July. This directive was modified about three weeks ago, and

we were advised that the reduction in Florida's payment might be more modest, depending on federal funding of state Medicaid programs.

The point is these are rapidly changing reimbursement times, and we need to remain flexible in order to respond to the uncertain health-care landscape.

During the past four years, despite economic uncertainty, we have consistently awarded employees with either a raise and/or bonus. We are proud to have weathered the economic storm while improving the level of care we provide our friends and neighbors and fortifying our financial stability, as evidenced by the strong bond ratings we received earlier this year from Moody's and Fitch.

Due to the uncertainty about governmental reimbursement, we are not planning a raise at this time. However in appreciation of our accomplishments this past year, I am pleased to announce that the board is planning a 2 percent bonus this year for all eligible employees. We

expect to pay the bonus in November, as is our custom, before the Thanksgiving holiday and after the books on our financial year are audited and closed.

We've already started planning for next year, when our bonus will be tied to our ability to work together to raise the overall hospital system's HCAHP (Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems) score greater than the 50th percentile. Medicare will withhold 1 percent of our payment, unless our mean score is 66 or higher from patients rating us a 9 or 10 on the question: "How do patients rate the hospital overall?"

NCH has performed admirably in these challenging times.

The board's bonus commitment to employees is well deserved and a reflection of our collective success. Our goal — even with continuing uncertain reimbursement rates that squeeze us financially — is to continue to be an economic beacon of Southwest Florida and the "employer of choice" in Collier County. ■

HEALTH

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7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. to noon Sunday.
For more information, call 949-1050. ■

Women's wellness topic of lectures at Miromar

A health-focused afternoon and evening, the first in a series of quarterly wellness lectures organized by Pinwheel Presentations, is set for 2:30-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, at Miromar Design Center.

Speakers include Geraldine Novy, Jean Pavese, Helen Noble, Rosemarie Schwager and Candice Kelber.

Ms. Novy says the program is designed to help women understand their health, manage their weight, beautify their homes and expand their self-awareness.

Cost is \$40 per person and includes soup and salads for dinner. Attendants are asked to bring old prescription glasses or sunglasses for donation to the

Naples Lions Club.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 565-9302 or e-mailing reservations@pinwheelpresents.com. ■

Conference set for caregivers

Florida Gulf Coast University and Lee Memorial Health System, in conjunction with The Southwest Florida Palliative Care Coalition, will host a palliative care conference for hospice workers, caregivers, volunteers working with an aging population, religious leaders and interested community members 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 14, at the Holiday Inn Fort Myers Airport.

"Body, Mind, Spirit - An Interdisciplinary Approach: Palliative Care," will feature leading health professionals who will provide updates and insights on the physical, psychological and spiritual aspects of palliative care.

Contact hours will be available for certified health education specialists, chaplains, social workers, marriage and family therapists, mental health counselors, physicians, nursing home administrators, nursing, occupational therapists and physical therapists.

Early bird registration at reduced rates is available through Aug. 15. For more information, call Christina Gallagher at 425-3277 or e-mail cgallagh@fgcu.edu. ■



HEARTBURN

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Dr. Bass notes that the procedure is not for everyone and there are some things that heartburn sufferers can do to reduce the attacks. For most people, symptoms are improved with lifestyle changes.

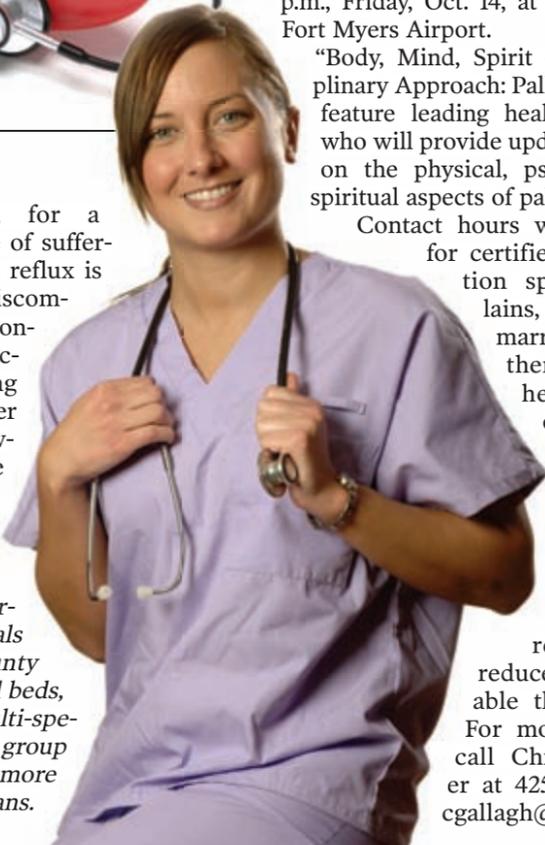
Losing weight helps ease stomach pressure and can resolve reflux. Others find that eating smaller meals or avoiding foods like chocolate, spicy foods, citrus fruits, alcohol and caffeine can help alleviate symptoms.

A range of medications can help, too. Proton pump inhibitors, such as Prilosec and Prevacid, can block the release of acid in the stomach and, when taken regularly, provide long-term relief for

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Unfortunately, for a small percentage of sufferers, chronic acid reflux is more than a discomfort and an inconvenience: It's a factor in making esophageal cancer the fastest growing cancer in the country. ■

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PET TALES

Feline groovy Open your heart to a special-needs

BY GINA SPADAFORI
Special to Florida Weekly

Listen to your head or follow your heart? When it comes to choosing a cat, it's possible to do both, as long as you know what you're getting into.

For many, a kitten is the only choice: A healthy feline baby is nearly irresistible, and the choices are many during "kitten season," which is at its height now. But feline experts say that for many people, saving a cat others pass on — an older cat, or one with special needs — can be intensely satisfying on a personal level, and that benefit is one that should not be discounted.

"This is all about what you get for the giving, and sometimes when you choose the cat who's being overlooked, what you get is a really deep bond with that animal," said Bonney Brown, director of the Reno-based Nevada Humane Society. "Many have cared for a cat for a lifetime after what started as an impulse decision to save that pet."

Veterinarians know the appeal of special-needs pets — often because they adopt such animals themselves.

"A lot of us have this desire to nurture," said Miami veterinarian Dr. Patricia Khuly, a popular blogger and frequent contributor to pet-related publications. "I know there are plenty of veterinarians who advise not to take on a sick pet, but we veterinarians are often the worst at taking our own advice."



Adopting a cat who's older or has special needs can be a deeply satisfying experience.

Dr. Khuly herself has adopted more than a few sick pets, but she also said it's essential to approach choosing any pet with open eyes and a sense of what's involved — emotionally, practically and financially.

The place to start is with a clear-eyed evaluation of a pet's health and behavior.

An initial read on the health of a cat or kitten isn't difficult, said Khuly. "Eyes clear and bright, devoid of crustiness or secretions. Nostrils clean, nice pink gums, a clean, full coat and ears free of debris. Breathing should be easy and not labored," she said, adding that a kitten should also be able to walk and eat on his own, follow a finger and show interest in his surroundings.

Nevada Humane's Ms. Brown said asking shelter staff or rescue volunteers for advice

can help narrow the choices. "We ask people to think about what they're looking for. A quiet companion? A playful kitty? Are there children in the house? Other pets? The shelter staff usually knows the animals, and can help you choose one to meet your expectations."

Behavior problems can be more difficult to predict than medical ones, since some cats react so badly to losing their homes that they shut down emotionally. Brown said shelters have tried to help cats maintain their true personalities by trading small cages for large rooms where cats share space, or by increasing the number of volunteer foster homes so cats don't have to stay in the shelter while waiting for a new home.

She also notes that the behavior problem that pushes many to give up on a cat — house-soiling — is in many cases cured by the change of scenery. "We often find the problem so specific to the cat's previous environment that the problem doesn't shift from one home to the next," she said.

Ms. Brown and Dr. Khuly agree that knowing what you're getting into is the key to a successful adoption, whether you're dealing with the craziness of a kitten, the normal readjustment period of a newly adopted adult cat or the special needs of an animal with chronic health problems or behavior issues.

"You need a working relationship with your veterinarian," said Dr. Khuly, who stresses this is even more true when considering a special-needs cat.

In the end, of course, the decisions are yours. But when you open your heart to a hard-luck kitty, you may find that the one who benefits most from the relationship is not the cat... but you. ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Heidi** is a 5-month-old calico. A real homebody, she loves giving and receiving attention.



>> **Onyx** is a cute little Manx who's about 3 months old. He gets along very well with his room-mates.



>> **Petunia** is a pit bull mix who's very sweet. She's only a couple of months old, so she needs training, but she's smart and eager to please.



>> **Reese** is a mellow pointer mix who's about a year old and weighs about 55 pounds. Sweet and sturdy, he'll make a wonderful family pet.

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Backpacks and school supplies are needed for children from preschool through high school. Supplies will benefit youth in foster care through the CHS Independent Living Program as well as those enrolled in the Developmental Disabilities Program, Healthy Families Florida and Early Child Learning Centers in Naples.

In Naples, the drop-off location Title Connection, 1415 Panther Lane; in Fort Myers, donations can be delivered to Waterman Broadcasting, 3719 Central Ave.

For more information, call CHS at 334-0222. ■

Marco chamber wants back-to-school supplies

The Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce is collecting back-to-school supplies so area children can return to the classroom with everything they need to get the new academic year off to a good start. In addition to supplies, monetary donations are welcome. Appropriate supplies include: composition notebooks and spiral notebooks, 5-inch blunt scissors, 3-by-5 index cards, Kleenex, three-ring binders (1, 1.5 or 2 inches), crayons, colored pencils and glue or glue sticks.

Supplies or checks can be dropped off at the chamber, 1102 N. Collier Blvd., anytime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 394-7549. ■

'Undy Sunday' involves 45 organizations

Organizers of the 15th annual "Undy Sunday" drive for socks and underwear hope for more donations than ever this year, as more school children than ever are in need. The collection drive benefits students at 34 Collier County public elementary schools, as well as young clients of Youth Haven and The Shelter for Abused Women & Children.

Forty-five churches and synagogues will set out donation boxes on Sunday, Aug. 14 and 21, to collect new socks and underwear for boys and girls sizes six through 12. Monetary donations also are needed to purchase backpacks and school supplies.

"It is undeniable that the economic problems that have affected us here in Southwest Florida are particularly acute among the children of the underemployed and unemployed," says Armando Galella, district director of Catholic Charities of Collier County, the agency organizing the drive.

Since the first "Undy Sunday" organized by John Fitzgerald in 1997, the number of churches and synagogues joining the cause has more than doubled, and about 650,000 undergarments have been distributed.

Donations can also be dropped off at Catholic Charities, 2210 Santa Barbara Blvd. between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday. For more information, call 455-2655. ■

Immokalee kids will step back to class on the right foot

The Guadalupe Center's annual Back-to-School Shoe Drive will outfit more than 350 of the most impoverished children in Immokalee in new shoes for the first day of school. For many of the recipients ages 5 to 14, it will be the first pair of new shoes they have ever owned.

Donations of new shoes or money to help purchase them are welcome and should be made by Friday, Aug. 12.

Shoes can be dropped off at the Guadalupe Center Resale Shop at 8100 Trail Blvd., corner of U.S. 41 and Vanderbilt Beach Road, in North Naples. Monetary donations can be made online at www.guadalupecenter.org.

A gift of \$25 will fund a trip to Snyderman Shoes, where staff will fit each youngster for a new pair of sneakers. Laces of Love provides new socks for each child, and the

shoe store adds lunch to make the back-to-school shopping trip complete. The Seminole Casino and Guadalupe Center's corporate coaches provide transportation to and from Immokalee.

The mission of the Guadalupe Center is to break the cycle of poverty by providing education, social and other support programs for at-risk children and families of Immokalee. For more information, call 657-7711 or visit www.guadalupecenter.org. ■

Shelter hopes donors will 'Give Back: Stuff a Pack'

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children is conducting its annual "Give Back: Stuff a Pack" drive for back-to-school supplies. In addition to the standard pencils and pens, notebooks and paper, items on the list include:

Gift cards to store such as Target, Wal-Mart and Payless Shoes; school clothes/uniforms and shoes; backpacks, pencil boxes, lunchboxes and thermoses; Kleenex; glue sticks; highlighters and washable markers; watercolors and primary paints; pocket folders with prongs, 2-inch binders and dividers; construction paper; calculators and protractors.

Items are distributed to children residing in the 60-bed Beau Venturi Home emergency shelter, as well as to children receiving support through outreach offices in Naples and Immokalee.

Back-to-school donations can be dropped between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the Shelter's Options Thrift Shoppe, 968 Second Ave. N. For more information, call 775-3862 or visit www.naplesshelter.org. ■



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Leitmotif



“What does it matter how many lovers you have if none of them gives you the universe?” — Jacques Lacan

“Every time I see you walkin’ my way: Baby, Baby, can’t you hear my heart beat?” — Herman’s Hermits

“The beat goes on. Drums keep pounding rhythm to the brain. La de da de de; la de da de da.” — Sonny and Cher

“Though the griot has to know many traditional songs without error, he must also have the ability to extemporize on current events, chance incidents and the passing scene. His wit can be devastating...” — Paul Oliver, Savannah Syncopators

“Look in the direction you wish the sound to go. A good drummer must not eat chicken wings.” — Dr. Albert Irwin Good

“I’m bangin’ on your eardrum. Somethin’ I want to tell. Now let me get up in it. Listen! To your heart while its beatin’ in your chest...What you livin’ for? What you dyin’ for? Wait; just wait; just wait just a minute. Listen...” — Talib Kweli, Listen

A griot, or jeli, is a wandering West African poet musician. The word griot is a French transliteration of a Portuguese word that means “servant.” The jeliya, the knowledge of the oral tradition of the jeli, comes from the root word for “blood.” This refers to griots being endogamous; they marry other griots. Their love language is the life blood bearing the oral tradition itself, ever revitalized by their personal interpretation and rendition. This is living mission of ever-changing present communication to all the surrounding communities.

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The heart beat has two sounds: lub, dup. Receive breath, give breath. Life is sounded, each part loving the other, in and out, on and on. The beat goes on.

The word beat comes from a Germanic root, which means “slay.” What is slain? There is the extinguishment of past, future, and present. There is the striking of the knell, a violent inviolate.

And what walks into the light? Well, really, baby, baby: You slay me. Inviolable. ■

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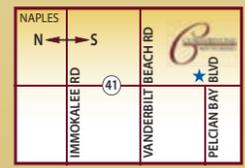
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— Phil McCabe, owner and innkeeper, The Inn on Fifth, Naples.



COURTESY PHOTO

Maximum occupancy

Hotels filling up during the traditionally slow season

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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AS BRITISH PETROLEUM'S DEEPWATER Horizon platform hemorrhaged oil for almost 100 days into the northern Gulf of Mexico beginning on April 20, 2010, a world-class column of smoke filled the broad expanse of sky above.

Disappearing into that towering toxic mushroom — the subject of unforgettable satellite photos seen around the globe — were the anticipated summer profits of hoteliers and tourist rent-

al agents up and down the Southwest Florida coast, hundreds of miles distant and unaffected by the physical consequences of the spill.

That worst-ever summer of 2010 came on top of a recession officially declared dead but unofficially still strangling the tourist economy.

But now things are looking up instead of choking off or burning up, officials and business owners say. Summer numbers are higher than they have been in years.

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screwed by the recession, and we knew it, and last summer we had BP — it was a total disaster as far as the tourism industry on the west coast of Florida was concerned, or in all of Florida,” notes Phil McCabe, owner and innkeeper of The Inn on Fifth, Naples.

“But now our hotel occupancy for most of the year has been exceeding even our best year in 2008, and in the last two months it's significantly more.”

Across the tourist industry here the

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New research shows the value of cultural industries

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Cultural industries are economic powerhouses and states have the data to prove it, according to a new analysis from the National Endowment for the Arts. Drawing on data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis, Arts and the GDP: Value Added by Selected Cultural Industries is a new NEA research note that examines the value added by three selected cultural industries: (1) performing arts, sports, and museums; (2) motion pictures and sound recording; and (3) publishing (including software). Combined,

these three cultural industries contributed a total of \$278.4 billion to the U.S. economy in 2009. The NEA research note also looks at dollars and jobs added to individual state economies by these cultural industries.

Each year, the Bureau of Economic Analysis estimates the value added by major industry groups, including performing arts, sports, and museums. “Value added” refers to an industry's contribution to the U.S. economy through its labor and capital, excluding material and energy costs.

More detailed industry breakouts that isolate the performing arts and museums

from sports are conducted every five years, most recently for 2002 data. That year, for example, value added from sports was \$16.9 billion, value added from the performing arts was \$7.2 billion, and value added from museums was \$4.7 billion.

Key findings of the study include:

- In 2009, the performing arts, sports, and museums added \$70.9 billion to the U.S. economy. That same year, the motion picture and sound recording industries contributed \$59.8 billion, while publishing (including software) added \$147.7 billion.

- Cultural industries have contributed increasingly greater amounts

to the U.S. economy. Between 1987 and 2009, for example, inflation-adjusted value added by the performing arts, sports, and museums nearly doubled.

- The 2007-2009 recession affected cultural production. Real value added from the performing arts, sports, and museums fell by 1.4 percent in 2008; it dipped 5.5 percent the following year. Contractions also occurred in the motion picture and sound recording industries and in publishing.

The NEA research note Arts and the GDP: Value Added by Selected Cultural Industries is available for download in the Research section of www.arts.gov. ■

MONEY & INVESTING

Debt deals and a dearth of leadership

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A lot of people outside the U.S. thought the debt ceiling crisis has been beyond insanity. These outsiders look at us in disbelief — that we would allow, or come close to allowing, the world's greatest power to default on its debt and to allow its credit rating to slip from AAA. The U.S., after all, is the country designated as the world's reserve currency and also the country with the largest GDP.

Having spoken with many foreigners who visit and live in Florida, it's clear to see that the deficit brinkmanship in Washington D.C. has been risky business, for us and for the world.

True, the Europeans have their own problems. Many Germans know elements of the ridiculous as they are dealing with the Greek, Irish, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish, etc. sovereign debt issues. In those cases, the burden falls disproportionately on German shoulders.

While economic growth continues in Brazil, India and China, (and not to the exclusion of some other countries), nobody, but nobody, would

want to yield our political system in favor of these countries'. But taking a closer look at these countries, there could be some elements of jealousy when you see the relative ease with which they undertake economic reform.

In China, for instance, the economic, financial, tax debates are nonexistent. The Communist Party has fiscal and monetary decisions made by a selective group (mostly men) who are all on the same political and economic page. Political wrangling, wrestling and show time is diminimous.

That, of course, is not to say that the Chinese leadership do everything capitalist-right, not that they do anything transparently, or with proper accounting or capital structure or with proper labor relations and practices. There is a lot done in total contravention of U.S. values. But the Chinese do make decisions quickly and get the economic job done efficiently, and this has significantly helped in their rapid growth. In the past 10 years, the Chinese aggressively: bought and developed offshore sources of energy; they continue to create new infrastructure of roads, ports, water systems, not only in their country but in ports critical to their trade (i.e. Panama Canal); created a formidable military and a "string of pearls" (quasi naval bases along Middle East and Far Eastern oil

shipping and oil refining routes); created other attendant military assets; built their foreign reserve surpluses; transitioned their labor force from all unskilled to some skilled labor, and now are entering into the professional labor/services for export market. Now that is phenomenal growth, based on well-laid and executed plans.

But I remind myself that no American wants that exceptional growth at the expense of political oppression.

So the U.S. needs economic growth, as that would solve deficit problems, unemployment levels, housing values, etc. The formula for Gross Domestic Product growth is unchanging; it requires a net increase in the equation's components. C (Consumption) + I (Business Investment) + G (Government Spending) + Net Exports = GDP. To create growth, you need money and leadership. Without both, you go nowhere.

Now, which component in that equation is going to come up with the money to create the spending that drives GDP? The consumer is tapped out; the government's spending is being curtailed and the forms of government spending are constantly challenged as to their effectiveness (A couple trillion later, the U.S. is still dependent on foreign energy sources; have much needed infrastructure rebuilds and new sources of water, etc.) And as to net exports, no one in

the U.S. is expecting us to generate a trade surplus any time soon.

In my opinion, the solution lies with business investment. Do the large U.S. corporations have the money to drive expansion? Absolutely they do, and they have huge cash balances. But will they? Their decision-making involves a myriad of factors and their utilization of their cash will not necessarily be deployed within the 50 states. Overseas markets offer increasingly more competent skilled labor and professional services. As with prior recessions, growth often hinges on the small business start-up and small business expansion, the real drivers of employment.

As the U.S. has a dearth of political leadership uniting people under a common vision and constrained purse strings at federal, state and municipal levels, the baton is seemingly passed to the business community. And in any environment in which government spending is curtailed (the G in the above GDP equation), then just to keep GDP at current levels will require a significant increase in spending by the only sector that has meaningful cash... businesses. ■

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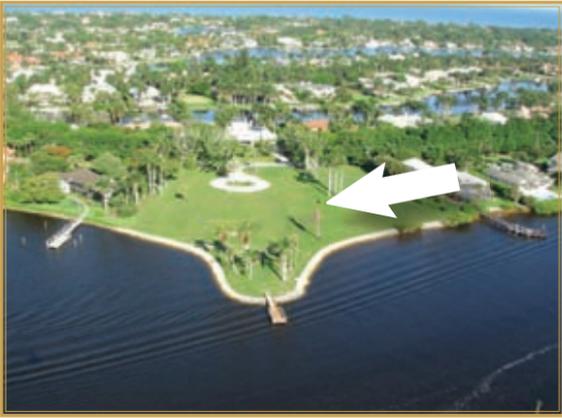
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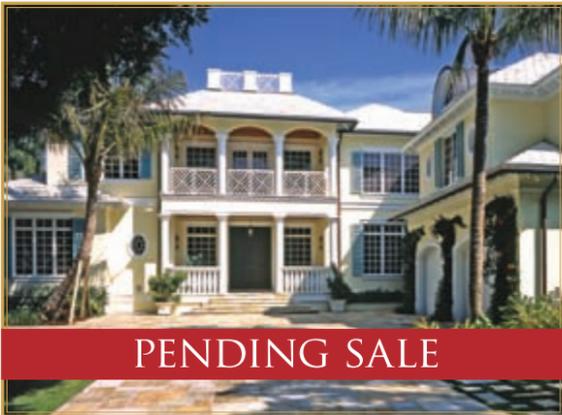
From the engaging driveway entrance, through the interior of this masterpiece of comfortable elegance, unfolds a panorama without equal. One immediately recognizes that a striking clarity of conception was turned into a remarkable reality. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$14,900,000



GORDON DRIVE

This exceptional South Naples beachfront residence is the personification of the much admired and beloved individual who commissioned its construction. The home is finished with engaging attention to detail.

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Marvelous waterfront estate with over 9,500 square feet of living space. With architecture in the Bermudian tradition and breathtaking views over Buccaneers Bay, this immaculate estate offers the rare opportunity for elegant entertaining and luxurious family living. Quick access to the Gulf. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$12,950,000



NELSON'S WALK

Absolutely magnificent environmental views of Naples Bay. Two and one-half platted Port Royal lots with approximately 509 feet (per plat) on the water. Properties may be purchased separately. Port Royal Club membership eligibility.

\$12,500,000



NELSON'S WALK

Sensational vistas from this stunning residence situated on two Port Royal lots with expansive water frontage. Beautiful Southern exposure facing the confluence of Naples Bay and the picturesque inland waterways leading to Rookery Bay and the pristine coastal estuaries. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$11,990,000



CUTLASS LANE

Perhaps, the finest waterfront property in all of Naples. Designed by architect Jerry De Gennaro and built by Newbury North Associates. A perfect combination of New England and Old Florida style architecture. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$10,800,000



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SPYGLASS LANE

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RUM ROW

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

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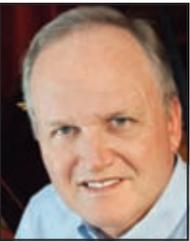
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ON THE MOVE

Automotive

John Marazzi has resigned as managing partner at John Marazzi Nissan in Naples. Mr. Marazzi took over Naples Nissan in 2008, renamed it and went on to become a two-time Circle of Excellence winner and one of the Top 20 Volume Nissan dealers in the country.

Awards & Recognition



BILLINGS

Greg Billings of the Steinway Piano Gallery of Bonita Springs accepted a Top 100 Dealer Award at the recent convention and trade show of the National Association of Music Merchants in Nashville, Tenn.

Banking & Finance

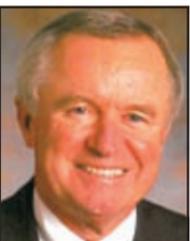
Naples native **Eric Poeltl** has joined Moran Edwards Asset Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors as a client associate. He will be responsible for performing extensive quantitative analysis and maintaining existing trading models as well as developing new ones. Mr. Poeltl earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania.

Keith Embree has joined FineMark National Bank & Trust as senior vice president and senior lending officer in Naples. Mr. Embree recently retired after nearly two decades with Northern Trust in Southwest Florida. He serves on the budget review committee for the United Way of Collier County.

Ceil Mosher has joined FineMark National Bank & Trust as vice president-private banking at the Coconut Point office. Ms. Mosher comes to FineMark with more than 20 years of banking experience in Lee County. A resident of Estero since 1982, she volunteers at Bonita Middle School and at Hope Hospice.

Board Appointments

Charles Campbell and **Peter Negri**



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NEGRI

have been elected to the board of directors of The Immokalee Foundation.

Health Care



SCIAVOLINO-DAY

Internal medicine physician **Cristina Sciavolino-Day** has joined Physicians Regional Medical Group, a strategic affiliate of the Physicians Regional Healthcare System. Dr. Sciavolino-Day earned her medical degree from SUNY Health Science Center in Brooklyn, N.Y., before completing a pediatric internship at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center. She completed residency at Staten Island University Hospital. She is board certified in internal medicine and has more than 10 years of primary care experience. Dr. Sciavolino-Day's specialties include: heart disease and stroke prevention; cholesterol, diabetes and hypertension control; cancer prevention screens; proactive annual physicals; pre-operative evaluations; and osteoporosis/osteopenia. She is accepting patients ages 10 and older at the Physicians Regional Pebblebrooke location.

Job Recruitment

Jill Snyder Caballero and **Todd Reynolds** have joined the staff at The Morisey-Dart Group, an executive recruitment firm that specializes in placing mid-management to high-level executives across various industries. During the past eight years, Ms. Caballero and Mr. Reynolds have successfully partnered with hundreds of companies to assist in the identification and placement of key employees.



CABALLERO



REYNOLDS

Law

Kimberly Swanson of the law firm of Grant, Fridkin, Pearson, Athan & Crown, P.A., has completed the advanced paralegal certification program on discovery through the National Association of Legal Assistants. Ms. Swanson earned both her certified paralegal and Florida registered

paralegal designations in 2009. She has been with the firm since February 2002.

Wollman, Gehrke & Solomon, P.A. and **Legacy Title** have moved to a new location on the south side of Vanderbilt Beach Road, at 2235 Venetian Court, Suite 5, in Naples. The 15-year-old firm purchased the building to help centralize its various specialties.

Leadership Marco

The following members of the Class of 2011 for Leadership Marco recently had their kick-off meeting, followed by a reception hosted by the Class of 2010: **Desiree Buhelos**, The Boat House Motel; **Jennifer Bullock**, Mutual of Omaha; **Michael Calow**, Rose Marina; **Jennifer Edwards**, Collier County Supervisor of Elections; **Theodore Forcht**, The Forcht Group; **William Green**, The Marco Eagle; **Marilyn Honahan**, Coastal Breeze News; **James Hubbard**, CJs on the Bay; **David Hyatt**, Marco Surveying & Mapping; **Steve Josslyn**, Keller Williams Realty; **Mindy Matusiak**, City of Marco Parks & Recreation; **Lusa Nguyen**, Island Montessori Academy; **Katherine O'Hara**, Marco Island Chamber of Commerce; and **Ben Russell**, Hodges-Josberger Funeral Home.

Nonprofit Organizations



MEANS

Raelyn Means, assistant director/operations manager for the 20th Circuit Guardian ad Litem for the past three years, has been promoted to director of the program. She will lead staff and volunteers in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties in representing the best interests of abused, neglected and abandoned children.



SHAW

Theresa Shaw has been named president/chief professional officer for the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County. She previously was president of the Nash/Edgecombe Counties Boys & Girls Clubs, overseeing five sites from headquarters in Rocky Mount, N.C. She serves on the Boys & Girls Club National Commission and is the chair of the 2012 BGCA Southeast Leadership Conference.



SMITH

Thomas Smith has joined the staff at Opera Naples as managing director. Mr. Smith most recently served as president and CEO of the Modesto Symphony in California. He also has served as executive director and CEO of the Des Moines Metro Opera and as director of finance at the Cincinnati Opera Association. A native of Virginia, he holds a bachelor's degree in finance from The College of William and Mary and a master's in arts administration and an MBA from the University of Cincinnati's College Conservatory of Music and the College of Business, respectively.



WILLIS

Ariane Willis has joined The Immokalee Foundation as development coordinator. She has previously worked with Avow Hospice, German Motor Company and Collier County Parks and Recreation.

Promotional Products

Brenda Talbert Thomas has joined her husband, **Randall Thomas**, as partner and CEO at American Promotional Products. Mr. Thomas has been in the business for more than two decades. Clients include Arthrex, Collier County Government, NCH Healthcare Systems and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.

Senior Care

Myra Winn has been appointed director of assisted living for The Carlisle, a luxury retirement community in north Naples. With more than 10 years of management experience in the field of senior living care, Ms. Winn will be responsible for administering and directing policies and procedures for the community's assisted living residences as well as ensuring resident care and wellness. She will provide leadership to a team of more than 50 employees.

Prior to joining The Carlisle, she was executive director for an assisted living and memory care community in Fort Myers and also served in the same capacity in Venice, Fla. A licensed assisted living administrator and practical nurse, Ms Winn also has certification in extended congregate care.

Student Interns

Wilson Creative Group has three student interns on staff this summer. **Nicole Sadez**, a graduate of Barron Collier High School, is a business student at Florida State University; **Erica Turchin** is pursuing a master's degree in fine art at Full Sail University in Winter Park, Fla.; and **Chelsea Boot** is studying graphic design at Savannah College of Art and Design.

Travel

Callie McMillion of Betty Maclean Travel has been named a finalist for the annual Virtuoso Rising Star Award that recognizes travel professionals in the early stages of their career who exhibit exceptional promise for reaching an elite level of professionalism and achievement. The winner will be announced at the close of Virtuoso's 2011 Travel Mart conference in Las Vegas next month. ■

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RUM ROW

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FORT CHARLES DRIVE

Spectacular long water view estate site. Close to the Port Royal Club. Expansive lot and one-half creates a large building envelope along Morgan's Cove. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$5,900,000



SANCERRE - UNIT 401

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SANCERRE - UNIT 702

As soon as one steps from the elevator into the residence's private lobby, the dramatic design and penchant for detail is immediately inspirational. Working with both abundant natural light and specially engineered lighting, the residence comes alive with wide planked bamboo flooring and custom Bartel wooden doors. \$4,050,000



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. \$3,950,000



LANTERN LANE

Nestled in the heart of Port Royal, this property offers a quiet environment in close proximity to all Port Royal amenities. Rarely offered in the Port Royal area, the rear of the property is situated on Dead End Lane, which offers additional access to the property from the East. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$2,500,000



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JUST SOLD

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A gracious Aqualane Shores waterfront home situated with long views down both Aqua Cove and Ibis Cove. This magnificently finished home is light and cheery with a well appointed kitchen serving formal and informal dining areas inside and out.



LANCASTER DRIVE

Beautifully appointed 2nd floor condominium with spectacular lake and sunset views. Finishes include an updated kitchen with new appliances and gorgeous marble and wood flooring. Bathrooms newly finished with granite counters, custom mirrors, and hardware. Kensington offers a range of membership opportunities. \$549,000

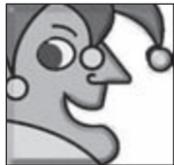


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In a company's annual report or latest earnings report, look at the balance sheet. Is there more long-term debt than cash? Many companies carry a lot of debt successfully, but others borrow more than they can pay. (You'll often find the interest rates on the debt in footnotes — the lower the rates, the better.)

Review the income statement (aka the statement of operations) and compare numbers over the past few years. Have sales and earnings been growing consistently? A smooth upward trend suggests that management has been planning well.

Growing profit margins are another

good sign. To boost margins, management must run its business more efficiently, decreasing expenses. Rising operating margins show that the firm is wringing more profit from each dollar of sales. In a period of slowing sales growth, savvy managers might maintain earnings growth momentum by increasing margins.

Another good barometer of management excellence is a company's return on equity (ROE), measuring how well the company is using its reinvested earnings to generate additional income. You'll find ROE via stock data sites such as at <http://quote.fool.com> and <http://finance.yahoo.com>. ROE varies by industry, so compare a firm's ROE with those of its peers. And review several years' worth, as one good year does not a great company make. Note, too, that high debt can inflate ROE.

You might also look for executives who own big stakes of the company stock, and access company communications, to get a feel for how candid the bigwigs are.

Invest in companies only after you're sure that their highly compensated executives are earning their keep. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Auditing the Auditors

I was burned twice, investing in companies that had overstated their income. In both cases, their auditors were from Arthur Andersen. Soon after that, I received several solicitations from an investment newsletter, recommending a rock-solid energy stock. When I researched the company, I found that the auditor was Arthur Andersen, so I walked away. The stock was Enron. I learned two lessons: Be wary of free advice, and check the auditors. — A.L., via email

The Fool Responds: In such cases, it's more than the auditors who are at fault. Enron fooled many people, Wall Street professionals and employees alike. You're right to be careful with any investment recommendations, though. It's best to do your own digging and to look for any red flags, such as deteriorating performance or a regulatory investigation. (Seek green flags, too, such as growth, a healthy balance sheet and competitive advantages.)

The Enron debacle reinforces how important it is to understand how a company is making its money. Enron's finances were so complicated that most people had no idea what it was really doing. ■



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

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to Berlin in the 1840s, when my founder designed the pointer telegraph and developed seamless insulation for copper wire. I lost roughly 80 percent of my assets after World War II, but grew back into an electrical engineering giant again. In 1925 I was commissioned to electrify all of Ireland. I have developed or improved electron microscopes, locomotives, telephone communication, radios, cardiac pacemakers, computer memory chips, fuel cells and hydropower generators. Today I focus on industry, energy and health care. I have 57,900 active patents and rake in 76 billion euros annually. Who am I? ■

(Answer: Siemens)



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Remember Shakespeare? Remember "As You Like It"? In Elizabethan days, Fools were the only people who could get away with telling the truth to the King or Queen. The Motley Fool tells the truth about investing, and hopes you'll laugh all the way to the bank.

Ask the Fool

Laddering CDs Gives Flexibility

What does "laddering" CDs involve? Is it a good idea?

— O.M., Opelika, Ala.

It's an investing strategy that's especially attractive if you expect interest rates to rise. Imagine that you want to park \$25,000 of your long-term money in CDs, but you're dismayed by today's low rates. So instead of dooming your \$25,000 to low rates for, say, five years, you can put \$5,000 in a one-year CD, \$5,000 in a two-year CD, and so on.

Each year one of them will mature and you can reinvest that money in a fresh CD, which may be paying a higher rate by then. This way, you're not locked into low rates for a long time.

If you're pretty sure rates will fall over the coming years, consider locking in current rates by buying long-term CDs.

What are "current" and "quick" ratios?

— C.J., Richmond, Va.

They're numbers calculated from a company's balance sheet that give you an idea of the company's debt levels.

Dividing a company's current assets by its current liabilities gives you its "current ratio," which shows whether it has sufficient resources (such as cash and expected payments) to pay its bills over the coming year.

The "quick ratio," which subtracts inventories from current assets before dividing by current liabilities, is a bit more meaningful.

In both cases, a number above 1 is good, and above 1.5 is better, though a too-high number can reflect unproductive asset hoarding.

Remember that such numbers vary by industry, so compare a company only with its peers — or with itself over time, examining developing trends. A declining current ratio, for example, can be a red flag. ■

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Name That Company

Founded in 1961 and based in Milan, Italy, I'm a global leader in eyewear. I make prescription frames, sunglasses and lenses, and sell through more than 6,000 retail locations. In 2010, I produced about 57 million units. My brands include Ray-Ban (which I bought in 1999), Oakley (2007), Sunglass Hut (2002), LensCrafters (1995) and Pearle Vision (2004). My licensed brands include Prada, Dolce & Gabbana, Tiffany



and, soon, Coach. I'm also a major managed vision-care operator in the United States, through EyeMed. I rake in close to 6 billion euros annually and employ about 62,000 people. Who am I? ■

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

The Motley Fool Take

Don't Write Off Encana

Canada's natural gas specialist Encana (NYSE: ECA) recently failed to ink a lucrative \$5.5 billion deal with Chinese petroleum giant PetroChina. But that's because it knows that it can get a better deal for its Cutback Ridge shale assets in British Columbia.

Big energy companies are predicting an imminent boom in natural gas demand, and many deals have centered on the Canadian oil sands. Encana has been struggling lately, but these problems appear to be temporary. Profitability has been low because of low prices of natural gas. Its financial statements don't inspire. But that is temporary. Writing off Encana

completely would be premature.

In 2010, the company's proven natural gas reserves increased by approximately 20 percent, totaling 13.3 trillion cubic feet at the end of 2010. However, with 49 percent of them yet to be developed, things do look challenging for the company unless it strikes up one or two joint ventures. It shouldn't be too difficult to bag a better deal in the near future, though.

Encana's stock currently looks undervalued, and the company has tremendous potential for growth. It has a long way to go, but this is not a bad time to grab a handful of shares. Once it inks another deal or two and market conditions improve, the stock should start moving up. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

Wake Up Naples with the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** takes place at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speakers will be Collier County Schools Superintendent Kamela Patton and School Board Chairman Julie Sprague. Key'd Inn Inc. is the sponsor. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for others. Sign up at www.naples-chamber.org/events.

AM Blend, a new networking event sponsored by the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce**, takes place from 8-9:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at Costco. Free, but registration is required at tinyurl.com/gncevents.

The **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Business After Hours from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11, at Zing Quality Closeout

Furniture. Call 992-2943 or visit www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

CBIA holds its next general membership meeting and dinner Thursday, Aug. 11, at Olde Cypress. *Florida Weekly* is the sponsor. Guest speaker Nick Casalanguida will discuss recent changes in Collier County's Growth Management. Networking begins at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person. Call 436-6100 or visit www.cbia.net to sign up.

The **East Naples Merchants Association** will board the Naples Princess for a sunset cruise and Business After Business at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11. Free for ENMA members, \$5 for guests. There will be complimentary appetizers and a cash bar. Reservations required by Aug. 5. E-mail Shirley Calhoun at addepot@earthlink.net or Nata-

lie Anguilano at natalieanguilano@aol.com. For more information, visit www.eastnaplesmerchantsassoc.com.

The **Women's Council of Realtors-Bonita Springs Estero Chapter** meets at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 12, at The Club at Grandezza. Past presidents will share their "Nuggets of Wisdom." Cost is \$20 per person. Sign up online www.wcrbonitaestero.com.

Business After Five with the **Marco Island Chamber of Commerce** takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, at the Marco Island Center for the Arts, 1010 Winterberry Drive. Call 394-7549 or visit www.marcoislandchamber.org.

The **Collier County Lodging & Tourism Alliance** presents "Marketing Your Business to Area Hotels" at 8

a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, at Bellasera Hotel, 221 Ninth Street S. Attendance is free and limited to two individuals per organization. Registration is required by Aug. 17. E-mail Pam Calore at pam.cclta@gmail.com

"Success in the City" is the theme of the 2011 trade show sponsored by the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** from 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.

The **Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce** holds its annual meeting and awards luncheon Wednesday, Sept. 21, at the Bonita Bay Club. The members-only event costs \$45 per person. Sponsorships are available starting at \$250. Call 992-2943 or visit www.bonitaspringschamber.com. ■

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Job search support group meets weekly

A job search support group for downsized employees of local businesses meets at 10:30 a.m. every Monday at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. The group is geared toward white collar, administrative and professional workers, rather than trade and service workers. It is not a job placement service. Emphasis is on networking, resumes, interviewing skills and best practices for a successful transition.

Participants should come prepared to discuss who they are, what type of opportunity they seek and what makes them good candidates for jobs. Assistance is available to those who are still working through these topics. Each session offers an in-depth look at tools and critical elements for a successful transition.

For more information, e-mail Karen Klukiewicz at kluk77@comcast.net. No advance registration is required, and there is no charge to attend. ■

Marco chamber welcomes 10 new members

The Marco Island Chamber of Commerce welcomes the following new members: Arrow Environmental Services; Caxambas Republican Club of Southwest Florida; Collier Foot & Ankle Specialists; Dr. Carlos Portu, Internal Medicine; March of Dimes; Marco Island Brewing Company; Marco Island Homeowners; Premier Plus Realty Company; PrePaid Legal Services;

and Zinful Lounge at Vandy's.

For information about joining the chamber, visit www.marcoislandchamber.org. ■

Bonita chamber has refreshing summer programs

Summer Refreshers, the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce's series of free classes and workshops to help invigorate business, continues through August with the following sessions:

■ **Networking at Your Best:** 4-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 11 - Presented by Mary Lynn Ziemer, author of "Living a Joyful Life"

■ **Build Your Plan! Marketing & PR Strategies:** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17 - Presented by Phyllis Ershowsky of PKE Marketing and Public Relations Solutions, and Jessica Macera of Business Dynamix Solutions. Lunch provided by Royal Scoop.

■ **The Secret to High Performance:** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23 - Presented by Kelly Townsend of Townsend Consulting Group. Learn "the three laws of performance" to help elevate your company's performance, internally with employees as well as externally with clients. Lunch provided by Old 41 Restaurant.

■ **Payroll: What You Think You Know Could be Costing You Money!:** 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31 - Presented by Cheryl Willett, president of Willett Business Management Inc., and Karen Tarpin, senior sales representative with Paychex. Lunch provided by Capri Pizza.

Summer Refreshers all take place at chamber headquarters, 25071 Chamber of Commerce Drive in Bonita Springs. Atten-

dance is free, but seating is limited and reservations are required. Call 992-2943 or visit www.bonitaspringschamber.com. ■

SCORE, Naples chamber join forces for workshops

SCORE Naples and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce offer the following two workshops:

■ **Master the Inner Game of Business:** 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10 - Most people accept stress as normal, but it can cause work and relationship issues and undermine your ability to achieve the success you deserve. This workshop will help you learn how to recognize and dismantle the stressors that are sapping your energy, creativity and health.

■ **Avoid the Six Business Killers:** 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 16 - Mistakes happen. We all make them. Find out about the six common mistakes business owners make that can jeopardize what they've worked a lifetime to create. Chances are you're making one or more of them in your business right now.

Registration is \$35 for each workshop, and both take place in the Leadership Collier Foundation meeting room at the chamber of commerce, 2390 Tamiami Trail N. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events. ■

Invest in the future via SCORE program

SCORE Naples' new Education Alliance program gives local businesses and corporate foundations an opportunity to con-

tribute to and benefit from an umbrella program with area high schools, colleges, universities and adult learning organizations. Its objective is to keep the local talent here by fostering entrepreneurship and providing financial assistance to deserving students.

The elements are a sustainable scholarship, an intern program for college juniors and seniors and career advisory services for adult students — all utilizing 60 of SCORE Naples' experienced counselors.

Area businesses that become sponsor donors and educational partners can make tax-deductible contributions and gain philanthropic credits as well as promotional benefits. For more information, contact Vincent Izzi, director of SCORE Naples, at 404-4415 or vinizzi45@gmail.com, or the SCORE office at 430-0081 or info@score-naples.org. ■

Business can apply for Blue Chip Award

The 17th annual Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award coordinated and sponsored by BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company and BB&T Bank recognizes small businesses that have overcome adversity to achieve success. Applications are being accepted from for-profit businesses in Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties that have been in business for at least three years and that employ between five and 400 people.

The application deadline is Sept. 15.

The award will be presented during a luncheon Thursday, Nov. 3, at Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers.

To receive an application form, contact Stacey Mercado at 433-7189 or SMercado@BBandT.com. ■



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promise of 2011 numbers hasn't come without suffering. And it probably shouldn't be compared to last year's season-long losses.

"Our overall numbers are better than last year's, but you have to go back to 2009 to look at a fair comparison of where we are," explains Rob Wells, owner of the Cabbage Key Inn in Pine Island Sound, along with the highly regarded Tarpon Lodge, on Pine Island.

"You need to take 2010 out of the equation, because the year was so bad for many reasons. We had a tremendously cold winter to start things off, we had the huge misunderstanding (by marketers and tourists) about BP — they just weren't aware we were a long ways from those issues.

"But to go back to a 2009 comparison, I'm somewhat optimistic because our numbers are bouncing off the floor now, and moving toward 2009 numbers. We hope it can stay that way."

It will take a lot of bouncing to make up for what happened.

From the Naples Grande Beach Resort to the Hyatt Coconut Point to the Crown Plaza Fort Myers; from Fort Myers Beach to Sanibel and Captiva Islands and the South Seas Resort; and from Punta Gorda's stately Wyvern Hotel to the lustrous, unspoiled beaches of Don Pedro Island and its sisters, Thornton Key, Knight Island and Little Gasparilla Island, profits plummeted to near nothing last summer.

"We lost 42 percent of our gross profits simply because of perceptions about the oil spill last summer," admits Bob Madden, co-owner with his wife, Robin, of Islander Properties on Don Pedro Island, a ferry-accessible barrier key with a single paved road, no stoplights and a traditionally loyal clientele. There, the Maddens rent homes and villas to visitors both winter and summer.

"But this year we're having our best summer since 2007. We attribute that to a recovering economy, up from 2008 and 2009. Then, our return guests were just not returning, and some had been coming for 18 or 20 years."

Officials themselves remain cautiously optimistic about the numbers, and exuberant about the anecdotal evidence, even when it makes life a little harder for them.

"We're up over last year, and I said I would never talk about the oil spill again, but we would expect them to be up after that (disaster)," says Tamara Pigott, executive director of the Lee Visitor and Convention Bureau.

"Some of the sporting events are helping the inland hotels — the National Association of Roller Hockey Champions, for example, put 350 teams in the area. And quite frankly there's a high demand at coastal properties. I know this because I'm bringing in my new advertising agency (a Kansas City-based outfit, MMG Worldwide, soon to begin encouraging an even more robust tourist trade).

"When I called a hotel, they said, 'Sorry, we don't have 10 rooms that night, we don't even have one room in the middle of the week.'

"I said, 'You don't? That's great!'"

Her colleague to the north, Jennifer Huber, public relations manager for the Charlotte Harbor Visitor and Convention Bureau, points out that the oil spill was not the only factor in killing the healthy numbers last year.

"We hear that hotel, home and condo rentals are up and owners are having a better summer this year — and one major reason is that the oil spill is out of the way this year, and mostly forgotten.



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Above: The lobby at The Inn on Fifth
Right: An aerial view of Tarpon Lodge on Pineland

But it's a misperception that the phones stopped ringing just because of the oil spill," Ms. Huber explains.

"There were other big events going on — international travelers (such as the Germans or British) were going to the World Cup rather than going to Florida, or to other events.

"And this year, people with vacation fatigue, who held off taking a vacation for a couple of years, are saying, 'We're going on a vacation.' The economy is still shaky, but people are optimistic. Everyone is so tired of living like they have been living."

One factor helping to bring in tourist dollars are new or almost new air travel routes from near and far, and marketing employed to capitalize on them.

Allegiant Air, for example, has been flying non-stop out of Knoxville into Punta Gorda for more than a year, the flights are full, the numbers are good, but most passengers seem to be headed south to Fort Myers or Naples, or north to Sarasota, Ms. Huber explains.

So this summer the Charlotte Visitor and Convention Bureau has gone after their business aggressively.

"We did a campaign in two malls there, we did a table tent that drove us to a Facebook promotion where people could win



a getaway to Charlotte County, we did radio promotions, and I went up there for a week and did TV promotions," Ms. Huber says.

And that's not all. "We're bringing in journalists on a familiarization effort, and we have partners who are so good to work with — our hotels, attractions, restaurants all donate components to make up a vacation package."

At Southwest Florida International Airport, meanwhile, the Vikings are coming. There's a new flight arriving

beginning this summer from Denmark, which can help make up for the flat numbers still showing out of Germany (where people are very environmentally sensitive) and Britain (where the economy is very sluggish), notes Ms. Pigott.

"The Outrigger Resort just hosted folks from Denmark, Bill Lawton from Geraci Travel helped book their flights — they love to fish — Miromar Outlets saw a significant swing on their website from Denmark when those visitors found out where the outlet

was and were excited to open their wallets. The exchange rate is great — there are a lot of reasons why this is a great market for them," she says.

With all that going on, there will be no repeat of last summer for anybody, hoteliers hope.

"Last summer, we lost hundreds of thousands of dollars, and not just in revenue but we had to spend tens of thousands in increased costs," recalls

Mr. McCabe at the Inn of Fifth.

"Now the prognosis is better. Just looking at the Dow Jones average and the economy at large, and at increases in tourism, our estimation is these trends will continue."

Continue, that is, unless there's a major hurricane, or another oil spill, or a Japanese-style disaster, or Congress simply can't get its act together.

"But I'm an optimist," he concludes. "As a business owner, you have to be." ■



Above: The Naples Grande. Inset: The Wyvern Hotel in Punta Gorda.

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NETWORKING

The American Institute of Architects statewide convention at Naples Grande



1. Amy Nowacki, Michael Lingerfelt and Joyce Owens
2. Robert Monk, Amy Nowacki, Scott and Lauren Anderson
3. Don Beers, Walter Trujillo and Antonio Auadeo
4. Enrique Woodruffe, Larry Schnider and Rhonda and Dick Pritts
5. Gus Paras, Cindy and Pat McLaughlin and Valerie Childs
6. Eileen Johnson, Joel Silver and Michele White
7. Amy and Brad Schiffer
8. Rick Logan, Scott Anderson, Joyce Owens and Michael Lingerfelt of AIA-Florida Southwest, winner of the Anthony Pullarg Chapter Award
9. Chris Ressler and Faith Sloman



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Taste of the Tropics at Fifth Avenue Design Gallery



1. Krystal Olivarez, Thomas Replogle, Caryn Murphy, Henry Jeannin and Jacob Huntoon
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4. Thomas Replogle, Gary Knutsen, Christopher Smith and Jacob Huntoon
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38 Broad Ave. S.

\$7 million sale makes Sotheby's 'Significant' list

Premier Sotheby's International Realty had one of the top sales in the Sotheby's International Realty network for the month of May. The Naples affiliate's sale of a historical beachfront home on Broad Avenue for \$7 million was included in the Sotheby's "Significant Sales" brochure featuring 10 of the top sales in its network. Karen Van Arsdale was the listing agent.



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The Dominica was designed by Kuk Architecture & Design for Windover Development.

New homes under way on Barefoot Beach

Collins & DuPont Interior Design has been selected to complete the interiors for two of four homes on Barefoot Beach under construction by Windover Development.

The first home, the Dominica, has four bedrooms and 4½ baths under 4,200 air-conditioned square feet. It will feature a coastal design created by a team including Renee Gaddis and Joanna Drake. All four homes will be sold completely furnished.

Based in Manchester, Mass., Windover Development has been in Southwest Florida for two years, with projects in Fort Myers Beach and Port Royal in Naples. ■



Opportunities abound at Florida Realtors convention

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The latest gadgets, advice from top motivational speakers and a chance to network with other real estate professionals: That's what the Florida Realtors 2011 Convention & Trade Expo has to offer — opportunities to learn new best practices and innovative marketing approaches, all to boost business.

Realtors from across Florida will gather for the Florida Realtors Association's 95th annual convention Aug. 24-28 at the Rosen Shingle Creek resort in Orlando. The event features more than 54 educational sessions on top industry speakers such as Brian Copeland, familiar to many from "Flip

social media trends, personal branding and home pricing strategies.

"Our members have the chance to learn from the best in the business, network with colleagues and have fun at the same time," says Patricia Fitzgerald, president of the association. "For me, the convention is a highlight of the year," she adds. "I always come away with new contacts, fresh ideas and a renewed passion for this profession."

This year's attendees will also be able to relive the excitement that was John, Paul, George and Ringo during the Beatles Bash concert the night of Aug. 25. And when it's time to get down to business, top industry speakers such as Brian Copeland, familiar to many from "Flip

That House" on The Learning Channel; Chandra Hall, a certified instructor on short sales and foreclosures; and Doug Devitre, a nationally recognized consultant on technology and social media solutions, among others, will share their insights into the latest trends, technology and business practices in the industry.

Other highlights include the trade expo, where more than 100 exhibitors will demonstrate the latest real estate products and technology, and the keynote awards luncheon, featuring personal development expert Mike Rayburn. In his presentation "What If ... and Why Not?" Mr. Rayburn uses his guitar and comedy to demonstrate how to access one's professional potential.

FRA members can register online through Aug. 16 at floridarealtors.org/convention or by calling (800) 669-4327. ■



Larsen Educational Services offers continuing education

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Larsen Educational Services presents several opportunities for licensed real estate professionals to complete 14 hours of continuing education credits to maintain their state licenses. The two-day course covers recent changes to Florida law and FREC rules, as well as new information on property tax bills, mortgage debt forgiveness, short sales and more.

Dates and locations are:

- Aug. 10 and 12, 1400 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers
- Aug. 27 and 28, 3073 Horseshoe Drive S., Naples
- Sep. 24 and 25, 1400 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers

Classes meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuition is \$99. For registration or more information, call 344-7510 or visit www.LarsenEd.com. ■

Real Estate Investment Society brings in experts for seminar

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Local government officials and real estate experts will be the guest panelists for "Challenges and Strategies for Property Development Today," a seminar presented by the Real Estate Investment Society of Southwest Florida from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, Sept. 22, at Pelican Preserve Town Center in Fort Myers. Topics include:

- How can government agencies assist with difficult properties?

- What issues need to be addressed in the due diligence process?

- Where are the legal land mines, and what can you do about them?

- What are the options for re-positioning challenged properties?

The presenters will conduct a question-and-answer session at the end of each segment.

Registration is \$25 for REIS members, \$15 for college students and \$45 for others. Seating is limited and reservations are required by Sept. 16. Sign up at www.reis-swfl.org. ■

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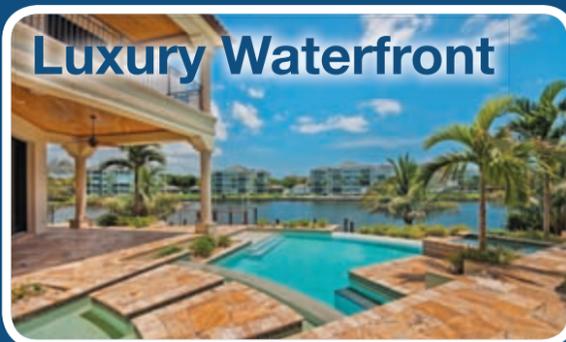
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Promising signs continue for a slowly strengthening economy and housing market, said 2011 Florida Realtors President Patricia Fitzgerald, manager/broker-associate with Illustrated Properties in Hobe Sound and Mariner Sands Country Club in Stuart. Mortgage interest rates remain historically

low and affordability conditions are strong. Nine of Florida's metropolitan statistical areas reported higher existing condo sales in June; six MSAs had higher existing home sales.

In Florida's year-to-year comparison for existing home sales, a total of 17,597 homes sold last month compared to 18,402 homes sold in June 2010 for a decrease of 4 percent.

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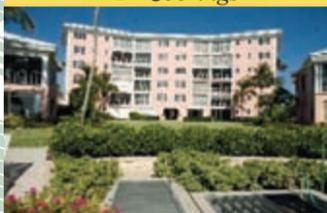
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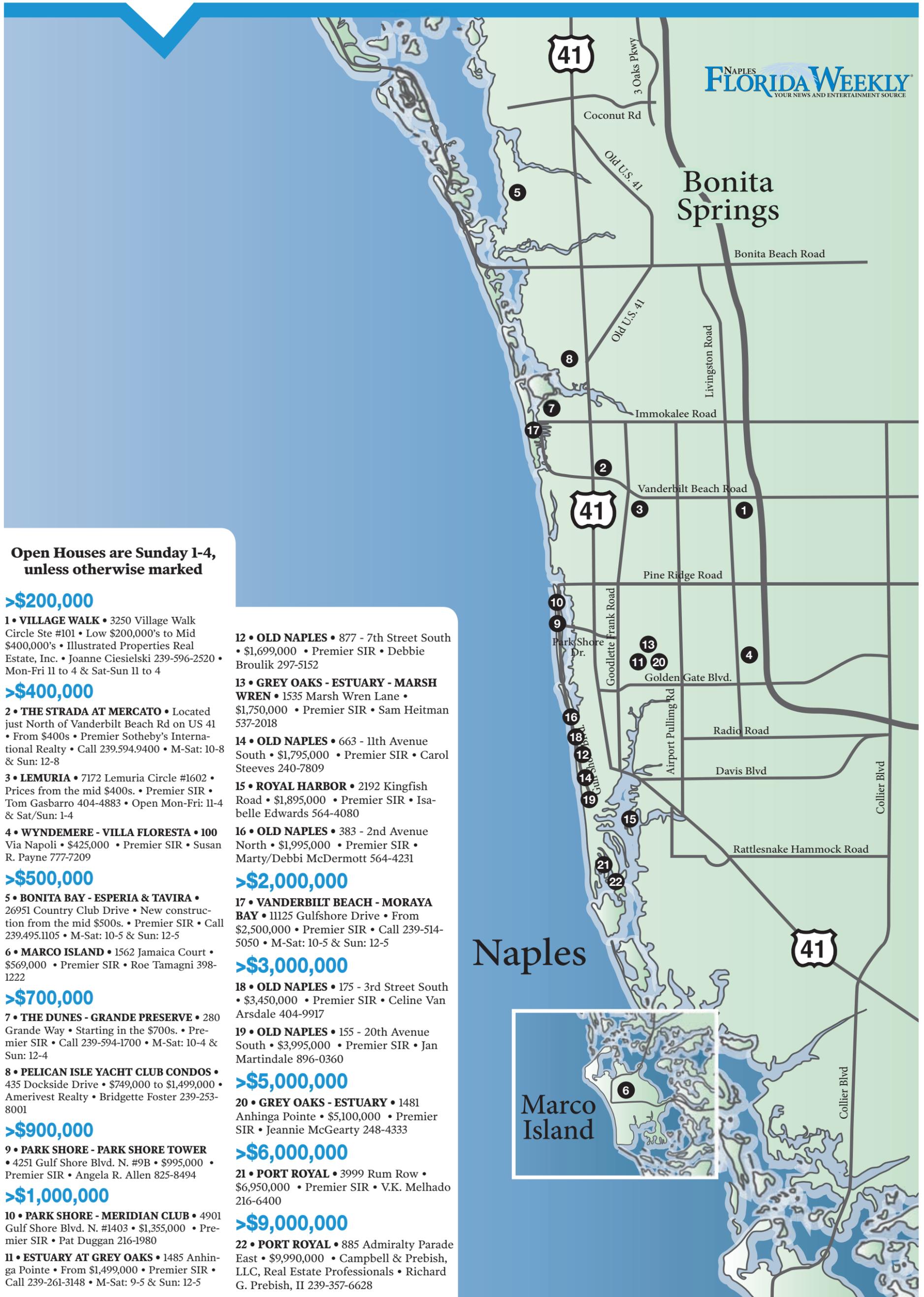
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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

TOTALLY COSMIC

New imaging capabilities allow FGCU observatory to capture Hubble-like vistas



BY DREW STERWALD
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THE HUBBLE SPACE TELESCOPE'S painterly images of the cosmos captured the minds and imaginations of Americans in 1990. New stars sparkled

like neon pinpricks atop watercolor washes of crimson, blue and gold clouds in the now-famous pictures.

With the recent purchase of color filters and a high-resolution camera, Florida Gulf Coast University's Evelyn

L. Egan Astronomical Observatory now produces its own Hubble-like images to advance research and spark the next wave of star-struck students.

"They open the door to a brand-new line of research efforts, which we were previously not able to do," says

SEE COSMIC, C4 ►

Physics and astronomy Professor Michael Fauerbach and undergraduate assistant Salvatore Grasso inside the upper deck of the observatory.

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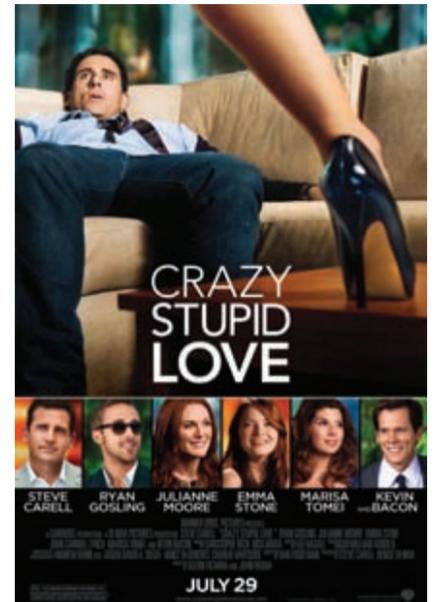
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Film critic Dan Hudak is not enamored. C11 ►



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Naples Art Association solicits applicants for the season's first shows. C17 ►

Young actors thrive on the 'Street'

BY CINDY PIERCE
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Some kids just can't get enough of the street life.

Seven young singers and dancers who took their final bow July 30 in the month-long run of "42nd Street" by The Naples Players return for more in the KidzAct production.

Back on the "Street" for four performances Friday-Sunday, Aug. 5-7, at the Sugden Community Theater are: Chris Campbell, Jacob Carbery, Joe Federico, James Giordano, Lauren Raleigh, Matt

Reed and Dustin Schlairet. Mr. Campbell served as a dance captain and was in the chorus for the adult production. In addition to serving as dance captain for the KidzAct show, he also plays the role of choreographer Andy Lee. Mr. Giordano moves from the chorus into a leading role, that of Billy Lawlor.

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Chris Campbell, 15, shown here in the adult production of "42nd Street," also appears in the KidzAct version of the toe-tapping musical.



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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

The narratives we write for ourselves



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When my friend Susie called last week, I hardly recognized her voice.

"I have a date," she said.

"A date?" I tried not to sound surprised.

"A sort of date. Drinks."

I could hear her smiling on the other end of the phone. I hoped she didn't sense my disappointment.

Susie — like me, like many of us — has written her relationship narrative for so long that I've come to know the script well. She moons over the same perennially unavailable men. They exchange innuendo-laden texts, meet after work while his girlfriend is otherwise occupied, and then progress to her apartment for a quick roll in the hay. Susie likes to chase it all with a good dose of self-loathing.

It's a rough way to live, romantically speaking, but she's chosen her drama.

On my end, I know my part in the narrative: that of comfort-giver and advice-provider. I root for the relationship during the brief happy moments and lend a sympathetic ear during the rebound. I've come to rely on my role as her friend in the way she relies on her men to be unavailable.

So when she phoned to say she'd met

someone new, I experienced a moment of rocking self-doubt.

"He's so cute," she gushed. "He's funny. And smart. He walked me to my car after work. He even suggested we have drinks later this week."

I forced a smile. "That's great news," I said. "You'll have to tell me how it goes."

I was, despite my best efforts, depressed. As much as I want Susie to be happy, I rebelled at the contentedness in her voice. She had traded all the tragic vulnerability that defines her and was suddenly smug in her newfound romantic equilibrium. She sounded like she didn't need me at all.

As she extolled her new beau's good qualities over the phone, I could feel the ground shift beneath our friendship. After years of repeating the same lines, Susie was finally erasing the parts of her narrative she didn't like. She rewrote the scenes to fit her new outlook, eliminating the sections about obsessing over unobtainable men and drafting a passage that focused on her fabulous new relationship.

I wondered what part I would play in this new drama.

I didn't have to wonder long. Susie called this week.

"Disaster," she said.

I held the phone close to my ear and sat down on the couch. I could tell this was going to be a long conversation.

"We had drinks," she said.

"And?"

"He has a girlfriend."

I let out the breath I had been holding.

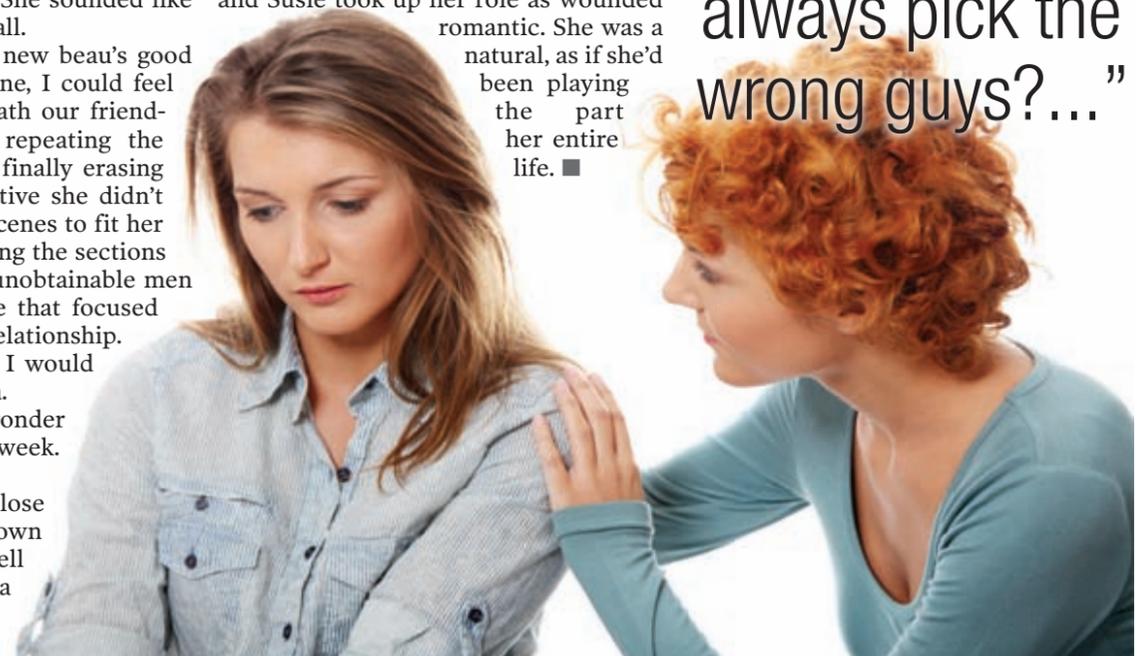
"I don't understand why this keeps happening to me," she said. "Why do I always pick the wrong guys?"

I nodded sympathetically, even though she couldn't see me, and settled back into the cushions.

The rewrite had been a temporary affair, after all. We were back to the original script.

I assumed my good listener pose and Susie took up her role as wounded romantic. She was a natural, as if she'd been playing the part her entire life. ■

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Bob Zottola, musician

>> What is your instrument of choice?

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>> Describe your music and your style.

I perform mainstream jazz and music from the Great American Song Book. I prefer to play in a lyrical, melodic way so as to satisfy my creative parameters, while always wanting to reach and communicate well with my audience — I fondly call them “Naples Jazz Lovers,” no matter where they originate from.

>> Where were you born?

Greenwich, Conn. I grew up there and in Portchester, N.Y.

>> When did you discover your creative talents?

When I was an infant, my father had rehearsals with his band in our living room. Although I can't say that I recall these regular occurrences, I'm sure they had a profound effect on what my adult life would be all about. Throughout my childhood, it just seemed a given that I would be a musician.

>> Where do you work?

Along with some of the finest creative jazz musicians in Southwest Florida, I perform throughout the area with the Expandable Jazz Band — in restaurants, cafes, concert halls, churches, country clubs and for private events.

>> What inspires you?

Nature, people, great works of art — and, of course, an enthusiastic, appreciative audience.

>> Are you a full-time entertainer?

Yes, and I always have been. I left my career on Broadway in 2004, where I played in the orchestra for “Les Miserable.” I also did freelance concerts and recording, playing as a musician for Sinatra, Bennett, Nat Cole and host of other stars.

>> Outside of your art, what are you passionate about?

Health, organic eating, meditation and of course my wife, Terry. The recent addition of our grandson has brought a wonderful new perspective to life!



>> Tell us about some awards you've received.

As a boy, I won the Ted Mack Amateur Hour national prize in Madison Square Garden, The Paul Whiteman TV Teen Club award and The Arthur Godfrey Talent Scout YV Show award.

>> What would you want to be if you weren't a musician?

A painter.

>> What entertainer would you like to meet?

I would love to have a conversation with Bach, Mozart or Bartok. They were great improvisers, and I would treasure the opportunity to interact musically rather than intellectually with them.

>> Do you have a favorite quotation?

“Setting an example is not the main means of influencing others; it is the only means.” — Albert Einstein

>> Any “guilty pleasures?”

Ice cream!

>> Website: www.NaplesJazzlovers.com.

>> Newsletter: E-mail bobzottola@naplesjazzlovers.com to receive a weekly update about performance schedules, etc. ■

STREET

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Other stars in the KidzAct production are: Charley Jauss as the director Julian Marsh; Mary Louise Mitchell as the fading diva Dorothy Brock; Juliet Jewett as the starlet Peggy Sawyer; and Erica Wagner as Anytime Annie. An ensemble of nearly two dozen energetic teens completes the cast.



GIORDANO

The production gives the youth company the chance to utilize and experience the sets, costumes, basic live orchestra and production values of a Naples Players adult production



JEWETT

and to better prepare them for the challenges of performing at an adult level.

Dawn Lebrecht Fornara, director of the adult show and a veteran of the national tour of “42nd Street,” directs the KidzAct production as well.

Show time is 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5-6, and 2 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7. Tickets are \$10 for students, \$15 for adults.

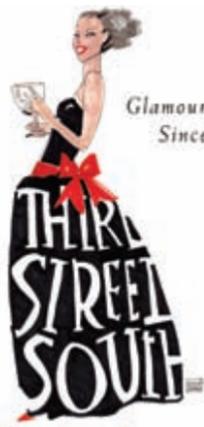


MITCHELL

Also coming up from KidzAct, “Wonderland!” The show that puts some interesting twists on Lewis Carroll's classic “Through the Looking Glass” will be presented at 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Aug. 9-13. Tickets are \$6 for students, \$12 for adults.

Tickets to “42nd Street” and “Wonderland!” can be purchased at the box office, 701 Fifth Ave. S., or by calling 263-7990.

Find KidzAct on YouTube, at www.naplesplayers.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tnpkidzact. ■



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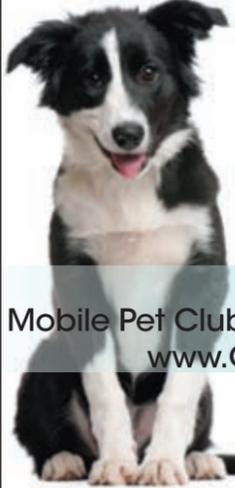
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COSMIC

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Michael Fauerbach, professor of physics and astronomy. "They are an excellent tool to combat the ever-increasing light pollution around the observatory. The beautiful images we can now produce will inspire a new generation of people to become interested in astronomy and related STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) fields."

Not normally accessible to the public, the observatory occasionally opens for members of area astronomy clubs.

The enhanced imaging capability — made possible by an FGCU Office of Research and Sponsored Programs grant — expands opportunities for studying celestial bodies at the 9-year-old observatory, which boasts a state-of-the-art Ritchey-Chretien reflective telescope. It shares the same dual-mirrored optical design as Hubble but on a smaller scale: The primary mirror is 16 inches in diameter compared to Hubble's 8 feet.

"In astronomy, bigger is better," quips Dr. Fauerbach, comparing the mirror's size to a large pizza. "It's not the biggest telescope, but it's the sexiest."

The optical tube's outer shell is dressed up in a stylish metallic herringbone pattern and sits atop a racy-red robotic mount that controls the telescope's movement.

The filters, the observatory's latest addition, are used to capture a series of 10- to 15-minute exposures over several hours that computer software turns into a composite or mosaic image. A new electronic imaging camera also boosts the resolution of the astrophotographs by eight times over what was formerly possible at the observatory.

That all means long nights in the observatory for undergraduate assistant Salvatore Grasso, a sophomore biology major from North Salem, N.Y. When the sky cooperates, he tracks and maps stars.

"When it's clear, we're here," he says.

The observatory's aluminum dome has to be rotated every 20 minutes throughout the night during observation periods to follow the targeted star. Mr. Grasso ascends a narrow spiral staircase to the upper deck, where the telescope is aimed through an open slot in the roof. The dome is not air-conditioned because a sharp difference in indoor-outdoor temperatures would create air currents that distort the telescope's resolution. The slot in the roof is opened several hours before sunset to allow the room temperature to adjust to the outdoor level.

"It's like an oven in here in the summer," Mr. Grasso says.

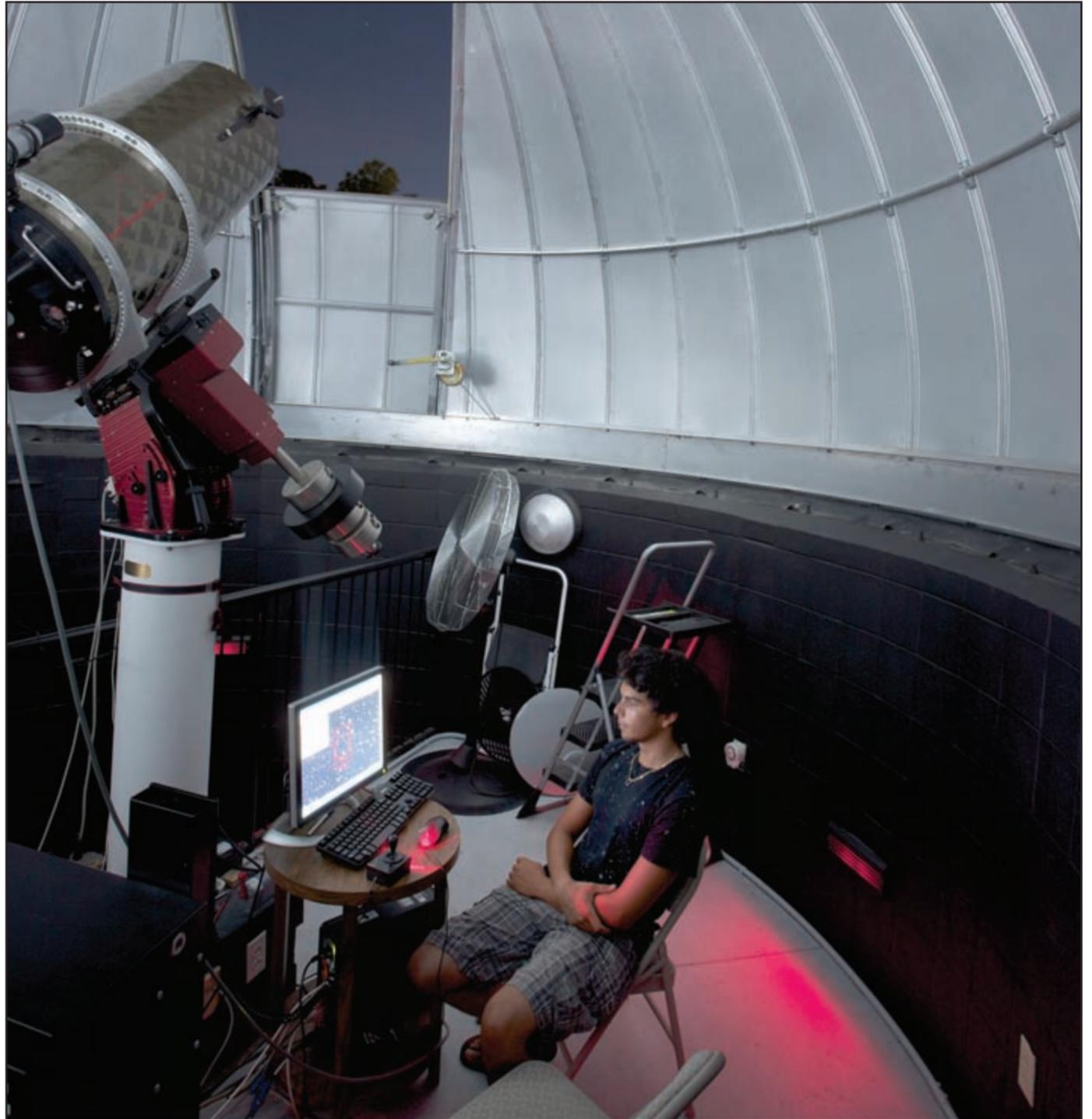
At 19, he represents the next generation of stargazers using the latest technology to further our understanding of space. He caught the astronomy bug when he was 12; now an experienced image-maker, he maintains galleries of his stellar snapshots at his own website — www.sgastrophotography.com.

"My first memories with astronomy were waking up with my parents for a meteor shower yielding 2,000 to 3,000 meteors per hour," he says. "I couldn't believe my eyes."

These days, his eye-popping sightings at the Egan Observatory include deep-sky objects such as the Eagle Nebula, a cloud of gas and dust some 7,000 light years away, where stars form and fade. First catalogued in the 18th century by French astronomer Charles Messier, the nebula is so named because of a feature that resembles an ascending raptor.

"There are usually very stable skies — very good observing conditions — during our dry season," Dr. Fauerbach says. "Being close to the equator allows us great access to stars in both the Northern and Southern hemispheres. This is where you want to be." ■

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Salvatore Grasso at the telescope where he maps and tracks stars.

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The Eagle Nebula is 6,500 light years from Earth.

SALVATORE GRASSO / COURTESY PHOTO

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— Salvatore Grasso, FGCU undergraduate assistant

in the know

>> Who was Evelyn L. Egan?

Evelyn L. Egan's blue eyes twinkled, friends say, like the proverbial stars.

"She always had a smile on her face," says David McQuade, a financial adviser and friend for more than 20 years.

Ms. Egan's 1999 gift of \$125,000 to build the observatory at Florida Gulf Coast

University was matched by the state, and she attended the 2002 dedication, where then-president William Merwin presented her with her own star in the constellation Monoceros.

Born on a Minnesota dairy farm, Ms. Egan had a soft spot for animals. She was an avid golfer who reportedly notched more than one hole-in-one in her lifetime. She played numerous musical instruments, performing in a local bluegrass band made up of senior women well into her 90s.

Her gift to the university stemmed from her desire to help young people. She didn't have offspring of her own but supported children's charities.

"I have an interest in helping to educate young people," she told *The News-Press* in 1999.

After the observatory opened, she developed an interest in astronomy. She often phoned Mr. McQuade to ask, "What's new at my observatory?"

"It was a neat thing for her to be able to focus on the last year or two of her life," he says. "I don't think anything she'd done had brought her more excitement and joy than doing this."

Ms. Egan died in 2004 at age 99.



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■ **Aug. 5-7:** Rob Storter Collection. Marco Island Historical Museum. 642-1440 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **Aug. 5-7:** Historic Palm Cottage tours. Naples Historical Society. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

■ **Aug. 6:** Celebration of Dixieland Jazz. Norris Center. 213-3058 or www.naplesgov.com.

■ **Aug. 6:** Museum Matinee: "Gettysburg, Part 2." Collier County Museum. 252-8476 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **Aug. 6:** Oral History Film at Palm Cottage: Virginia Corkran. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.



Theater

■ **42nd Street** - By KidzAct at the Sugden Community Theatre, Aug. 5-7. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org. See story page C1.

■ **School House Rock Live Jr.** - By the Center for the Arts youth theater department at the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs, Aug. 5-6. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Elsewhere** - By Theatre Conspiracy at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers, Aug. 12-27. 936-3239 or www.theatreconspiracy.org.

■ **Run For Your Wife** - By the Off Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers, through Aug. 28. 278-4422, by www.BroadwayPalm.com.

■ **Annie** - By Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers, through Aug. 13. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

■ **Auditions** - For The Naples Players fall shows, Aug. 6 ("Pasty Cline") and Aug. 16 ("Later Life"). 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

Thursday, Aug. 4

■ **Village Nights** - Enjoy live entertainment and more from 6-9 p.m. at The

Village on Venetian Bay. Joe Marino sings oldies on the north side near the fountain, and the Mikkel Brinson Trio performs Motown and R&B sounds on the south side. 261-6100 or www.venetianvillage.com.

Friday, Aug. 5

■ **First Friday** - Merchants and restaurants at Mercato celebrate the first Friday of the month from 6-9 p.m. with an emphasis on back-to-school, including a fashion show at 7 p.m. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

■ **Art Opening** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs hosts an opening reception for the "Mix It Up" exhibition from 6-8 p.m. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Save This Dance** - Get out your dancing shoes and join the party beginning at 7 p.m. tonight and Tuesday at Mongello's and Nick's Place. 4221 Tamiami Trail E. 793-2644 or www.mongellos.com.

■ **Pickin' and Grinnin'** - The Sawgrass Drifters perform from 7-10 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. \$3 cover. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

■ **Fort Myers Art** - The monthly Art Walk takes place from 6-10 p.m. throughout downtown Fort Myers. www.fortmyersartwalk.com.

Saturday, Aug. 6

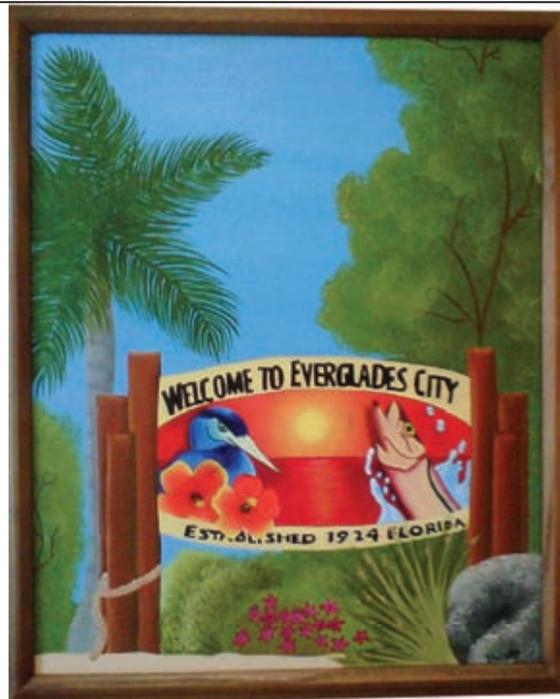
■ **Green Market Gathering** - Game and entertainment plus numerous community causes, including the bloodmobile, Shy Wolf Sanctuary, Kowiachobee Animal Preserve and The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, will be part of the North Naples Green Market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2320 Vanderbilt Beach Road, behind Walgreens and Liberty Bank. www.greenmarketflorida.com.

■ **Concert for Kids** - Several musical acts bring family entertainment to Cambier Park from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. 774-5858, 404-5158 or www.concertforkids123gwm.com.

■ **Dixieland Jazz** - The Naples Jazz Masters perform from 1-3 p.m. at The Norris Center. \$15 per person, \$25 for two. 213-3049.

■ **Margarita Time** - Seminole Casino Immokalee hosts a Jimmy Buffet-themed "Party in Paradise" from 2-6 p.m., with music by the tribute band The Caribbean Chillers. (800) 218-0007 or www.seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

■ **Art Auction** - The annual Arts for



"Emerging Art of the Everglades," an exhibit of works by students of Everglades City Elementary School, is on display at the Museum of the Everglades through Aug. 27. A reception will take place at 1:45 p.m. Aug. 25. Museum hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. 105 W. Broadway, Everglades City. 695-0008.

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ACT fine art auction to benefit Abuse Counseling & Treatment begins at 5:30 p.m. at Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers. 939-2553.

■ **Local Talent** - Sweetclover takes the spotlight from 7-10 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

Sunday, Aug. 7

■ **Remember 9-11** - Help create a canvas to commemorate the victims and rescuers of 9-11 when Artist Leoma Lovegrove visits Dennison-Moran Gallery from noon to 6 p.m. 360 12th Ave. S. 263-0590. See story on page A9.

Monday, Aug. 8

■ **Family Movie Night** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents "Second Hand Lions," at 6:30 p.m. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. \$5 for kids, \$8 for grown-ups. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **FMff Screenings** - The Fort Myers Film Festival screens independent movies beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. Tonight's selection is the locally produced "Light." 810-6323.

Tuesday, Aug. 9

■ **Film Society** - Join the Film Society of the Naples International Film Festival for a screening and discussion of "Snow Flower and the Secret Fan" at 6:30 p.m. at Silverspot Cinema. \$25 includes a

glass of wine or beer and refreshments. NIFF members enjoy free popcorn. www.silverspotcinema.com.

■ **Dance Party** - Get in step beginning at 7 p.m. tonight and Friday at Mongello's and Nick's Place. 4221 Tamiami Trail E. 793-2644 or www.mongellos.com.

■ **Kids on Stage** - KidzAct of The Naples Players presents "Wonderland!" tonight through Aug. 13 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

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Wednesday, Aug. 10

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We like to let you do some writing, too

Here at *Florida Weekly*, we always enjoy hearing from readers with questions and comments. We especially like it, however, when you rise to the challenge and submit original works of fiction based on our photographic

prompts.

Our most recent Fiction Challenge, based on the photo below, drew dozens of entries, and we still have some favorites to print in these pages in the coming weeks. Although we're no lon-

ger accepting stories or poems inspired by the rainy day girl, we're scouring our archives and albums for the next prompt and hope you'll be ready when we launch another Fiction Challenge.

Thanks for playing our game. ■

Postcards in my Mind

BY MELANIE WARD

*Daddy, Daddy, Daddy why you gotta go?
Daddy, Daddy, Daddy I miss you so!
Are you goin' out to work
Or are you goin' out to play?
Daddy, Daddy, Daddy why you gotta go?
I see through the rain your suitcase,
Muddy sleeve dragging down;
Banjo case across your back and
Your hat turned around
Daddy, Daddy, Daddy why you gotta go?
Daddy, Daddy, Daddy I miss you so!*

Remembering you like a postcard picture. That's what I see. Daddy postcard sent to a young girl who never got to say goodbye. I know these pictures must come in a 12-pack, because so many other girls seem to have similar pictures in their heads.

What did you think would happen to me that day you walked out?

Mama was long gone deep in the ground over there in Picnic Cemetery with no headstone.

Was your sister Mabel going to come and get me and put me to work feeding her goats? Was the nice old couple next door going to take me in to sleep on their sofa and drink hot cocoa?

None of these things happened. I was a lost little girl — ward of the state of Florida. I stayed in our little apartment alone for three days waiting for your return. I might still be sitting on the curb today, if someone hadn't made the call.

I loved you so much, Daddy. Why didn't you come back for me? So many memories of you and I just sittin' around making up songs. You on the banjo telling me I was going to be the next big Dolly without the double D part.

Over the years when bad things have happened to me I would go to that place in my head where just you and I were writing and singing our songs. Since then my head has a lot of new songs with not so happy lyrics. My songs have words of hate, hurt, hunger, loneliness and fear. When you love someone, aren't you supposed to protect them? Why didn't you, Daddy?

Daddy, did you ever cry for me? Did you ever want to know how I was, where I was or who might be hurting your little girl?

I like to tell myself somethin' must have stopped you from coming for me. I would put pictures in my mind telling me why you can't get to me.

One, you're lying in a hospital all wrapped up unable to talk or remember anything. Another is someone's kidnapped you for your banjo and your handwritten songs; and as soon as you teach them every last one of them, they set you free to come back to me. Of course, I know these things aren't so; but they helped me get through some tough times. When the bad stuff came I would drag out my daddy postcard in my mind and mentally go through the story of your return. Just as soon as you could get free from whatever villain was holding you.

I'm grown now. I have a husband and a little girl of my own.

Somehow having a daughter has forced me to look at reality a little more clearly.

I no longer play with my daddy post-



cards. I have put them in a locked box in the corner of my mind. I now know that you could have found your way back to me if your heart was still with me. I also know that Mama's no-name grave is in the city cemetery. You named it Picnic Cemetery so I would make us a sandwich, and leave you home alone as I peddled off to have a picnic with Mama. Now, when my little girl looks out

the window with the rain coming down and asks me, "When's Daddy coming home from work?" I tell her, "Soon, just another 15 minutes or so."

She says, "I miss my Daddy!" I walk over to the window, stand next to her, and look out at the rain. I unlock my mind, and sneak a quick look at my daddy postcard and whisper, "I miss Daddy, too." ■



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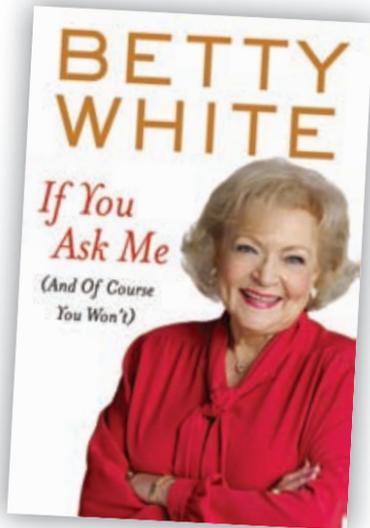
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Here's a look at a few books I've read lately:

■ **"If you Ask Me (And Of Course You Won't)," Betty White (\$25.95, Putnam)**

Earlier in my career, when I began freelancing for the *Chicago Tribune*, I interviewed a photographer. For a while he had photographed businessmen — CEOs in suits and ties — but then switched to shooting celebrities for magazines.



He was full of stories about his experiences with various performers and what it was like behind the scenes.

But sometimes you don't want to know. Sometimes, someone who has great acting or musical abilities just isn't that great at being human. And that's disappointing to learn.

The photographer had recently done a photo shoot of the actress/comedian Betty White. And, he was glad to say, she was wonderful — warm, hospitable, easy to work with. The opposite of a diva. And her love of animals was just as genuine.

He was so glad, he said, that he didn't come away disillusioned. Ms. White, he declared, was as wonderful off-screen as on.

I too, was relieved to hear it.

Lately, there seems to have been a groundswell of love for Ms. White. After "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and "The Golden Girls," she's starring in yet another hit TV series, "Hot in Cleveland." A grassroots Facebook campaign succeeded in getting the 89-year-old to host "Saturday Night Live." The seven-time Emmy award-

winner also starred in a now-classic Snickers candy bar commercial that premiered during the 2010 Super Bowl.

Her winning personality comes through in her latest book, "If You Ask Me (And Of Course You Won't)." It's a collection of short chapters on various topics: her co-stars, handwriting, facing death, her work ethic, her love of animals, swimming with dolphins, hosting "Saturday Night Live." They're not long — maybe the length of a newspaper column — and the book, which is filled with photos, has generous margins and spacing.

You might be suspicious that the book's just an attempt to cash in on her recently burgeoning fame, but there are plenty of interesting stories and anecdotes in there.

One of my favorites is about her visit to Koko, the gorilla who can communicate through sign language. The two of them hit it off immediately, and Koko names Ms. White "Lipstick," because of the red lipstick she was wearing. (There's a photo of the two of them sitting face-to-face.)

Another is a story about her late husband, game-show host Allen Ludden, who was the love of her life, and how her co-stars on "Hot In Cleveland" kept asking her questions about him. Finally, she asked them why they kept asking about him. They told her: We love the look on your face when you talk about him.

■ **"Embassytown," China Mieville (\$26, Del Rey Books)**

There was a big buzz about China Mieville's "Embassytown" when it was released, so I was anxious to see what all the fuss was about.

I confess, I was puzzled as I struggled through the opening chapters.

The work seemed dense, almost impenetrable, like trying to swim through quicksand. The reader is thrown into another world so strange and different from ours, it's difficult to figure out what's happening at first.

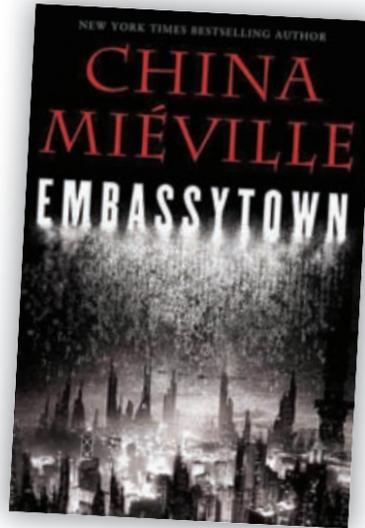
Mr. Mieville uses so many made-up words that it's initially frustrating. If you're looking for an easy read, this isn't for you.

It's like reading a novel in a foreign language, but not having the vocabulary; you're trying to figure out what words mean by their context, but not always succeeding.

William Gibson's superb futuristic novels do this to a certain extent, but his terminology is a lot easier to figure out than Mr. Mieville's.

And then, after about the first 60 or 70 pages, something clicked, and I was captivated. It was like suddenly understanding an algebraic equation.

Set in the future, "Embassytown" takes



place on a planet that's an outpost at the edge of the known universe. Avice Benner Cho grows up there, and while a child, becomes a living simile for the Ariekei, the Hosts of the planet, who speak with two voices simultaneously. The Hosts cannot lie. The only people who can speak the language of the Hosts and be understood by them are Ambassadors: genetically engineered duos who, like the Ariekei, think with one mind and can also speak simultaneously with two voices.

The Scotsman called it "a book fundamentally concerned with the role of language as an imaginative liberation."

It's not your typical science-fiction novel, but then again, Mr. Mieville isn't your typical writer. From what I understand, he's exploring and stretching the conventions of various genres in his novels. I want to read more by him. I think next on my list from him will be "The City and the City," about a private eye trying to solve a murder; it involves alternate universes, two cities occupying the same space, overlapping each other.

■ **"Claire DeWitt and the City of the Dead," Sara Gran (\$24, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)**

The thing that first grabbed me about Sara Gran's "Claire DeWitt and the City of the Dead" was its cover, designed by Gregg Kulick. (It looks like a woodcut, although I'm not sure if it is.)

Bright lemon yellow, it sports a green parrot midcenter, wings stretched out in flight — and not much else, save the title, the author's name and, in tiny print, the words: "A Mystery." There's also a short, four-word blurb by best-selling mystery writer Sue Grafton on the upper right corner: "I love this book!" I'm not swayed much by blurbs, but Ms. Grafton doesn't seem to do many, and that simple, declara-

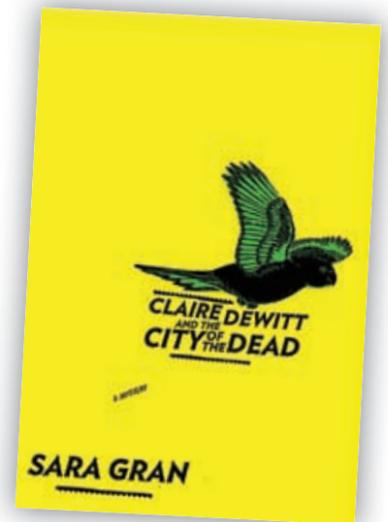
tive sentence would've surely sealed the deal if I'd been wavering.

It's a striking, uncluttered cover, and it really stands out.

Ms. Gran's writing is just as fresh and unexpected.

The plot revolves around Claire DeWitt, a young private investigator summoned to New Orleans to find a missing man who was a respected district attorney.

Her methods of detecting are, to say the least, unconventional. She consults the I-Ching, searches her dreams for omens, and follows a manual, "Détection," by a French detective named Jacques Silette.



The manual says things like: "You cannot follow another's footsteps to the truth. A hand can point a way. But the hand is not the teaching. The finger that points the way is not the way. The mystery is a pathless land, and each detective must cut her own trail through a cruel territory."

"Believe nothing. Question everything. Follow only the clues."

Claire DeWitt is a tattooed, pot-smoking, hard-drinking woman who seems to stumble her way through this case.

At times, this mystery book that seems to be more about the journey than the destination.

And the city itself — a post-Katrina New Orleans — is as much a character as any of the people in the book. Ms. Gran describes the physical and emotional aftereffects with a keen, unflinching eye.

"Claire DeWitt and the City of the Dead" is mystical and lyrical, dark and gritty.

Ms. Gran has taken the mystery genre and played with it and reshaped it as if it were taffy.

The inside jacket says the book's "a knockout start to a bracingly original new series."

I can't wait for the next one. ■



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Ambitious Immokalee students get a glimpse of medical school

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Three Immokalee High School students had the unique opportunity to experience what it's like to attend medical school, thanks to The Immokalee Foundation and the Florida State University College of Medicine Summer Institute, a highly competitive program managed by FSU College of Medicine Outreach and Advising Office.



The students — Luis Parra, Stephanie Alcime and Chedeline Fredrick — were among more than 50 selected from throughout the state based on grades, leadership, volunteerism and a passion for science and medicine. After submitting applications and receiving a visit from Elizabeth Foster, the college's assistant director of research and graduate programs (who traveled around the state to meet with students interested in medicine and the Summer Institute), the three Immokalee students were accepted into the program.

To help make their dreams a reality, The Immokalee Foundation awarded each of them a Pathways to Success scholarship that enabled their attendance at the weeklong program in Tallahassee.

"The selection process is competitive," Ms. Foster says. "We sought the best and brightest at their schools. They should feel proud about being selected. We were certainly proud to have them here."

Noemi Perez, student advocate for TIF's Take Stock in Children program, says the Summer Institute, known as a "mini-med school," provides a tremendous opportunity for students to further their academic and career goals.

"The institute shows them the possibilities of what they can do with their lives and how they can do it," she says. "It encourages them to look beyond Immokalee."

Students are recruited from rural, underserved and minority backgrounds who have an interest in medical knowledge and a desire to serve those in need. This focus on minority recruitment stems from the college's founding mission to help train physicians for Florida's tradi-

tionally underserved populations.

The program consisted of sessions designed to provide an inside look at what it means to be both a doctor and medical student. Perhaps most importantly, it encouraged the junior and senior students to consider a career in medicine — something they might not have thought possible.

Stephanie Alcime, a junior at Immokalee High school, wants to be a surgeon and recognizes that opportunities like this don't come around often in her small community.

"When you have a chance to go somewhere and do something important, you have to do it," she says. "Don't just sit around and let it pass you by."

The students stayed on the campus of FSU. Throughout the week, they shadowed physicians and medical students, visited rural health centers and received college testing and application advice. They also attended faculty lectures on topics such as medical ethics, migrant health care and doctor-patient relations. In several activities, they went through training similar to what real medical students face and received hands-on experience in things like taking blood pressure and performing CPR.

Luis Parra, an Immokalee senior, loved the program.

"We got to witness a lot of things that medical students don't get to see until their third year of medical school, and we're in high school," he says. Mr. Parra plans to attend FSU after graduation and pursue his dream of becoming a surgeon. He would then like to return to his hometown of Immokalee.

"It's important to remember where you came from and all the people that helped you along the way," he says, "It's not just about me. I want to give back." ■

— *The Immokalee Foundation has a range of programs that focus on building pathways to success through college and vocational school, mentoring and tutoring, and opportunities for broadening experiences and life skills development. To learn more about the foundation, including how to volunteer as a Take Stock In Children student mentor, call 430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.*

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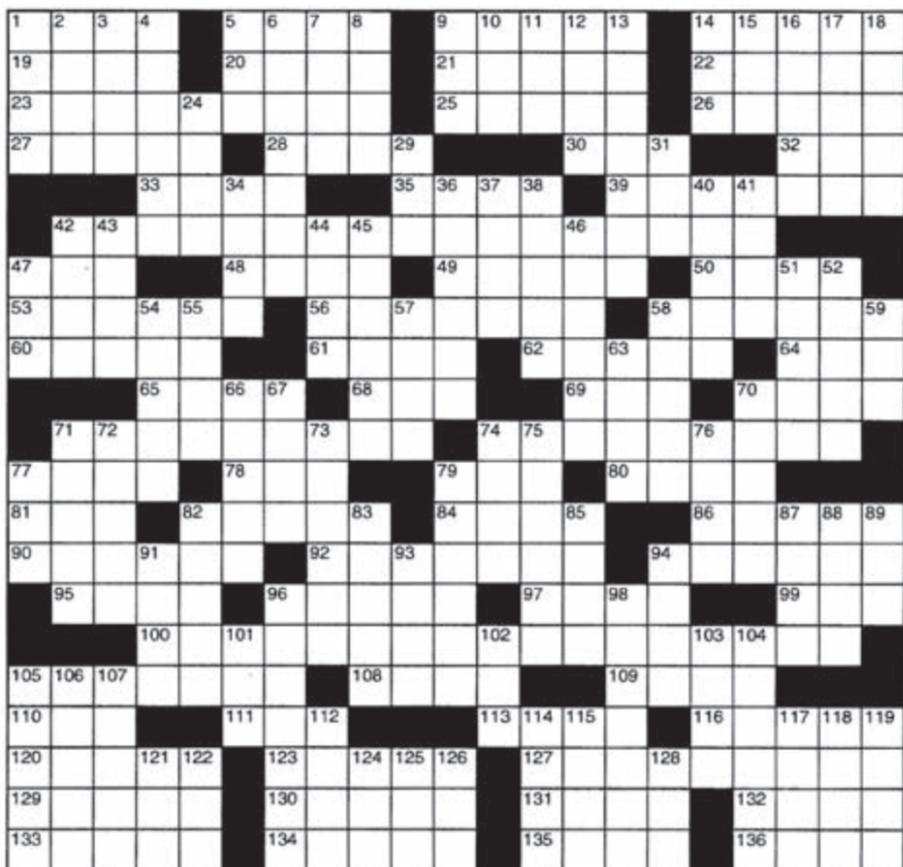
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FLORIDA WEEKLY PUZZLES

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 - 5 One of the Mavericks
 - 9 Seraglio
 - 14 Telescope view
 - 19 Clark's co-worker
 - 20 "An apple —"
 - 21 Catherine of "Home Alone"
 - 22 Mindful
 - 23 Start of a remark by John Yeck
 - 25 — button
 - 26 Neighbor of Nigeria
 - 27 Confused
 - 28 Artist
 - 30 Apprehend
 - 32 Winter hazard
 - 33 Lincoln or Zumwalt
 - 35 Swerve
 - 39 Slavic soup
 - 42 Part 2 of remark
 - 47 Ring stat
 - 48 Pull the Trigger?
 - 49 — nez
 - 50 Western lake
 - 53 Fit for farming
 - 56 Patois
 - 58 Rag man?
 - 60 — lily
 - 61 Raison d'—
 - 62 Big hit?
 - 64 Creepy Christopher
 - 65 Word on a fuse
 - 68 Suffix with racket
 - 69 Farm feature
 - 70 Spice-rack item
 - 71 Part 3 of remark
 - 74 Part 4 of remark
 - 77 Skin problem
 - 78 Monte Rosa, for one
 - 79 Dion's "Runaround" girl
 - 80 Mitchell
 - 84 "— Angel" ("60 smash)
 - 86 Persona
 - 90 Publishing magnate
 - 92 Diva
 - 94 Author's afterthought
 - 95 Asta's mistress
 - 96 With 91 Down, fiber source
 - 97 Urchins
 - 99 Fuss and feathers
 - 100 Part 5 of remark
 - 105 Patron
 - 108 Chore
 - 109 "The Longest Day" author
 - 110 Baby rat
 - 111 Lady of the lea
 - 113 Eastern discipline
 - 116 Furious
 - 120 Part owner?
 - 123 Tower material?
 - 127 End of remark
 - 129 Tantrum
 - 130 Johnson of "Brief Encounter"
 - 131 Sometimes it's sweet
 - 132 Stylish
 - 133 Gold bug?
 - 134 Talent
 - 135 Couturier
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 - DOWN**
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 - 6 Fatty
 - 7 Punjabi princess
 - 8 Anklebiter
 - 9 Behave like a bunny
 - 10 "Goi'cha!"
 - 11 Sought office
 - 12 "— go brag!"
 - 13 A la King?
 - 14 Bandleader
 - 15 Be in debt
 - 16 Hyper
 - 17 Fromm or Segal
 - 18 Doctrine
 - 24 Biggest part of a fish?
 - 29 Recipe abbr.
 - 31 Reggae's Marley
 - 34 Female zebra
 - 36 German astronomer
 - 37 New York county
 - 38 Tow truck feature
 - 40 Hearsay
 - 41 TV's "One — Beyond"
 - 42 Gumbo
 - 43 Stable youngster
 - 44 Aspect
 - 45 Pulls together
 - 46 They're very well-armed
 - 47 Tic- — -toe
 - 51 Islamic deity
 - 52 Muralist
 - 54 Point the finger at
 - 55 Revere's signal
 - 57 Bailiwick
 - 58 Ellman of "Dharma & Greg"
 - 59 Born
 - 63 Proper
 - 66 Wilder works
 - 67 Wd. segment
 - 70 Wise guy
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 - 73 Lack of feeling
 - 74 Feed a fire
 - 75 Use another blue pencil?
 - 76 Faucet problem
 - 77 Landon or Kjellin
 - 79 Position
 - 82 Jennifer of "Flash-dance"
 - 83 Most minute
 - 85 "The Secret of —"
 - 87 With 1 Down, "Sweet Liberty" director
 - 88 Shiva and Ganesha
 - 89 Conceit
 - 91 See
 - 96 Across
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 - 94 Discern
 - 96 "Message to Michael" singer
 - 98 Bible feature
 - 101 Affliction
 - 102 Overhead item?
 - 103 Couple
 - 104 Add nutrients
 - 105 Tic
 - 106 Designer
 - Emilio
 - 107 Made a choice
 - 112 Get — (retaliate)
 - 114 Bismarck c
 - Kruger
 - 115 Purpose
 - 117 Turkish title
 - 118 "— can't be!"
 - 119 Impress
 - 121 — roll
 - 122 Legal matter
 - 124 Slangy suffix
 - 125 Rocker
 - Ocasek
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 - 128 Med. test

SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** You might have started to question the wisdom of being open with someone you hoped you could trust. But be assured you won't be disappointed. You'll soon hear good news.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** You have a reputation for honesty and integrity, and that will help turn around a situation that was not only disappointing but also quite unfair. Good luck.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A happy event creates a closer tie with a family member who seemed hopelessly estranged. Positive aspects also dominate in important career matters.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 2)** Your ruling planet, Pluto, helps you adjust to change. So, stop putting off that long-delayed move, and make it with the assurance that you're doing the right thing.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** You have a wonderful capacity to learn quickly and well. This will help you when you are faced with an opportunity to move on to a new path in life.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Good news: You suddenly find that you're not facing that new challenge alone. You now have someone at your side, ready to offer whatever support you might need.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Your versatility — which is just one of those aspects of

yourself that make you so special — helps you adapt to the challenges of a new and exciting opportunity.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Your sensitive nature picks up on the needs of others. But what about your desires? You need to take more time to assess what your goals are and, if necessary, redirect them.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** You sometimes go to extremes to prove a point. But this time, you won't have to. Supporters are ready, falling over themselves to help you make your case.

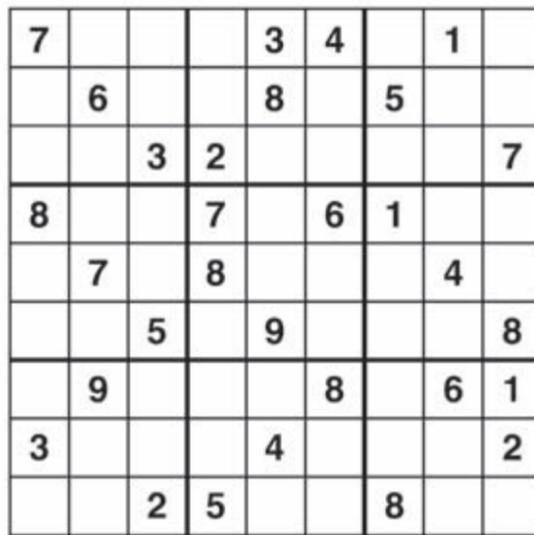
■ **TAURUS (April 30 to May 20)** Venus might be your ruling planet, but Mars is in the picture as well. So don't be surprised if your romantic relationships are a bit rocky at this time. But they'll soon smooth over.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Geminis might rush into romance and risk being wrong about someone rather than be left with no one. But this is one time when it's wiser to be wary of where your heart takes you.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** With all (or most) of those pesky problems behind you, take time for your family and friends. Travel aspects are favored, with long-distance journeys high on the list.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You give your trust openly and easily. People find you easy to be with and enjoy your wit, your good sense, and your capacity to love and be loved.

By Linda Thistle



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Is it worth \$10? No

Steve Carell, Julianne Moore, Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone, Kevin Bacon and Marisa Tomei star in "Crazy, Stupid, Love." It is unlikely you will find a better assemblage of talent anywhere. But wow, what a mediocre movie they've made.

The film's flaws are both structural and in execution, so in a sense, everyone is to blame.

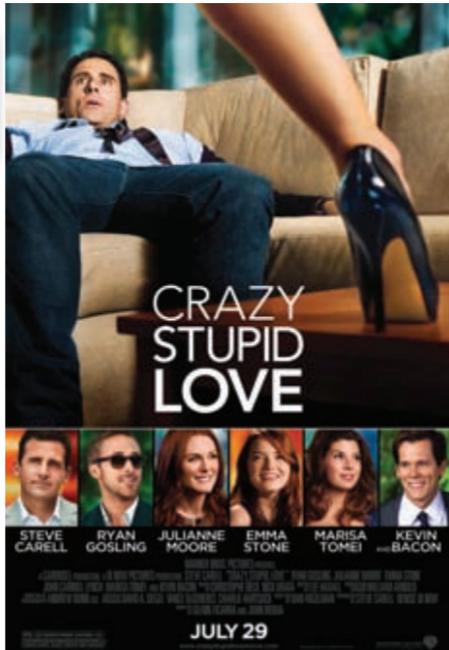
Whenever you have a mix of comedy and drama, the comedy needs to be especially funny because, obviously, it doesn't come as often as it normally would. That a decent portion of the comedy in this film misses, including a ridiculous graduation scene toward the end, is the biggest disappointment of all.

Mr. Carell plays Cal, a sad-sack corporate schlump whose high-school sweetheart wife Emily (Ms. Moore) wants a divorce. Something about sleeping with a co-worker (Mr. Bacon), she says. Ever the one to take things lying down, Cal retreats to moping, incessant rambling and feeling sorry for himself. For a middle-aged divorcee whose only sexual partner is leaving him, this is expected.

On the flip side, Cal's 13-year-old son Robbie (Jonah Bobo) is infatuated with his babysitter Jessica (Analeigh Tipton), who's 17 and wants nothing to do with him. Never give up on true love, his father ironically tells him, which leads Robbie to a series of uncomfortable and unfunny scenes of stalking and emotional declarations.

As for Cal, ladies-man Jacob (Mr. Gosling) takes pity on him (these two at the same bar is unlikely, but we have to go with it) and gives Cal a much-needed makeover. With this comes a renaissance for Cal, who knows not the dangers of picking up women (Ms. Tomei) in bars. Meanwhile, Jacob falls for Hannah (Ms. Stone), a law student whose boyfriend (Josh Groban) is a pompous ass.

The idea behind directors Glenn Ficarra and John Requa's film is to show love from three different generations, but the one with the kids is just silly, and Hannah is absent for almost the entire first half



of the film.

Although Dan Fogelman's script is admirably ambitious, the logistics of screen time require expedience over ambition.

Of course, all would be forgiven if this was funnier, but the laughs are too inconsistent. Mr. Carell makes the most of his material, Ms. Stone is solid but criminally underused, Ms. Tomei shines in limited time, Mr. Bacon and Ms. Moore aren't given much comedy to play with, and Mr. Gosling steps away from drama and does quite well for himself. The stars are not the problem, but they're also not saviors.

Clearly, giving a full third of the film to two inexperienced actors (Mr. Bobo and Ms. Tipton) to pursue an irrelevant "young love" angle was a terrible decision. Worse, at no point do any of the love stories in "Crazy, Stupid, Love" really complement one another, so all the switching back and forth stunts the flow of the story.

In short, crazy and stupid decisions were made in making this movie, all of which ensure that you will not love it. ■

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in the know

>> Sharon Stone had an anxiety attack while shooting a "Dirty Dancing" scene with Ryan Gosling in which he lifts her above him. As she told Jay Leno, the anxiety was because she fell off parallel bars and broke both her arms when she was a child.

CAPSULES

REVIEWED BY DAN HUDAK
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Cowboys & Aliens ★½
(Harrison Ford, Daniel Craig, Olivia Wilde) In the Old West, a thief (Mr. Craig) and a cattle rancher (Mr. Ford) team up to stop aliens from kidnapping their townspeople and stealing their gold. That's right: The aliens care about our gold. What a joyless, life-suffocating, cross-genre mess this is, and it's boring beyond belief. Rated PG-13.

The Smurfs ★★½
(Neil Patrick Harris, Hank Azaria, Sofia Vergara) Evil wizard Gargamel (Mr. Azaria) chases the tiny blue Smurfs from their enchanted village and all end up in

New York City, where the Smurfs befriend a loving couple (Mr. Harris, Jayma Mays) about to have a baby. The animated Smurfs mesh nicely with the real world, but it's all so cutesy that this one is strictly for kids. Rated PG.

Captain America: The First Avenger ★★
(Chris Evans, Hugo Weaving, Tommy Lee Jones) Scrawny Steve Rogers (Mr. Evans) becomes super soldier Captain America during WWII and tries to stop a German commander named Red Skull (Mr. Weaving) from taking over the world. It's a dull origins story with lackluster action and languid plotting. Worse, it feels like a long prequel trailer for "The Avengers," coming May 2012. Rated PG-13. ■

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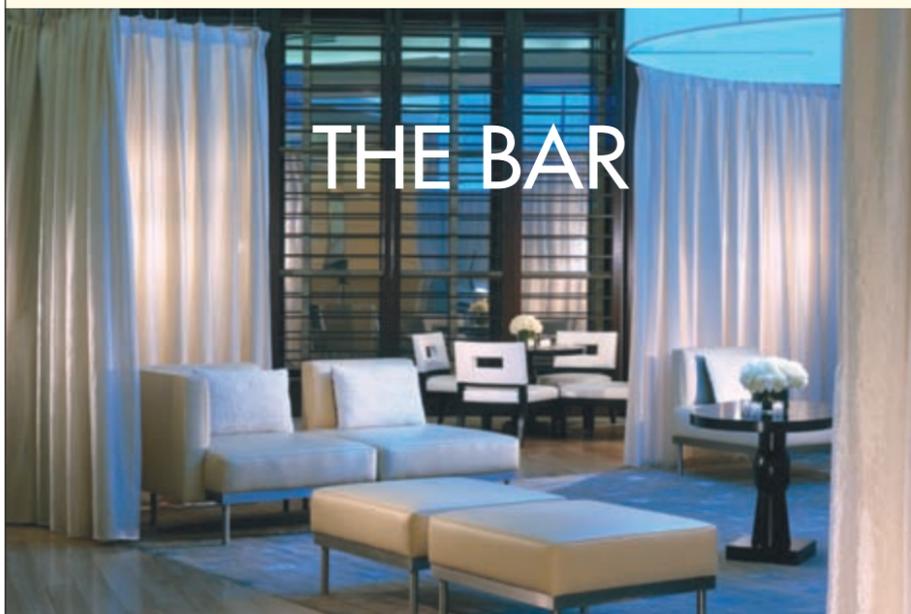
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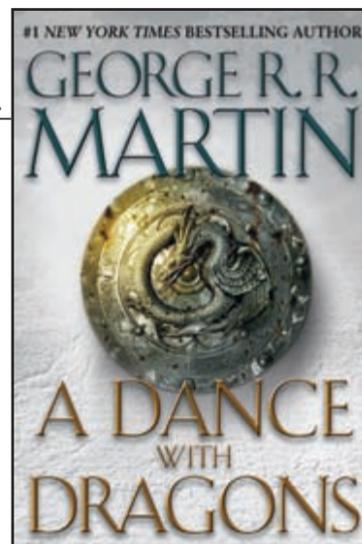
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BEACH READING

'A Dance With Dragons'

By George R.R. Martin
(Bantam, \$35)

REVIEWED BY EALISH WADDELL
Special to Florida Weekly



One season into a successful TV adaptation and nearly six years after the last installment, the fifth book in George R.R. Martin's sprawling fantasy saga "A Song of Ice and Fire" has finally arrived to transport readers back to the land of Westeros and the never-ending machinations of its game of thrones.

To the glee of fans, favorite characters absent from the previous volume have returned, like sharp, sardonic dwarf Tyrion, now a fugitive from the wrath of his sister, the queen. He, along with many others, has journeyed across the sea to seek out Daenerys, last of the previous royal line, hoping to aid her in her ongoing campaign to win back her family's throne. But even armed with three powerful dragons and a host of warriors, the young rebel queen is having trouble holding on to the lands she's already conquered, as foes emerge from all sides, and even within her ranks.

Back in Westeros, Night's Watch commander Jon Snow does his best to

strengthen the mighty barrier Wall against the foul magic forces that threaten it from the far north. Surprising faces from the past reappear, and everywhere men fight, words betray and allegiances change with the ever-icier winds as the long winter grows ever nearer.

Much of this installment takes place in previously unseen corners of the continent across the sea, whose ancient civilizations differ intriguingly from the medieval European ambience of Westeros, giving Mr. Martin a chance to draw his universe ever larger and more complex. The density of the world-building and the intricacy of the interwoven plots have drawn comparisons to Tolkien, but Mr. Martin's world is a grittier sort of place, raw and earthy, often brutal and cruel, but with a fierce devotion to its own realism. This may be a fantasy realm, but here good and evil are never black and white. ■

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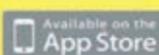
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Opera Naples announces 2011-12 season

Opera Naples celebrates its seventh season in 2011-12 with a lineup that promises a mix of nationally recognized and locally developed talent. "I am especially pleased that we are able to collaborate with two local arts organizations," says Artistic Director Steffanie Pearce, adding Opera Naples will co-produce "Show Boat" with TheatreZone will produce "Eugene Onegin" for the inaugural ArtsNaples World Festival.

Neapolitans Luciano Marsalli and Zofia Majewski starring in the title roles.

■ **"Don Giovanni"**
Jan. 20 and 22 at Gulf Coast High School
Metropolitan Opera regulars Leroy Lehr and maestro Franz Vote will highlight this production of Mozart's emotional tale. Performed in Italian with projected English translations.

■ **"Faust"**
Feb. 24 and 26 at Gulf Coast High School
Irish tenor Anthony Kearns (Edgardo in last season's "Lucia di Lammermoor") returns to take on the title role in this tale of love, eternal youth and redemption. Performed in French with projected English translations.

■ **"Eugene Onegin"**
May 14-20 at ArtsNaples World Festival
For ArtsNaples World Festival, Opera Naples presents a semi-staged production of Tchaikovsky's classic, which will feature the St. Petersburg Symphony Orchestra.

■ **"Show Boat"**
Nov. 5-6 at Naples High School
The season opens with one of the latest revivals of one of the most popular American musical works of all time. Mark Danni, founder and artistic director of TheatreZone, makes his directing debut with Opera Naples in this production by Jerome Kern.

■ **"Hansel and Gretel"**
Dec. 16 and 18 at Naples High School
Englebert Humperdink's rendition of his classic fairy captures the magic for all ages. It will feature a chamber orchestra and members of ONcore, the professional young artist program of Opera Naples, as well as local young voices, including

— For information about Opera Naples tickets and season subscriptions, call 963-9050 or visit www.operanaples.com. ■

'Eurofest' benefit outgrows its original home

Tickets are on sale now for Opera Naples' fourth annual "Eurofest" set for 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. Previous events have been staged in the home of maestro William Noll.

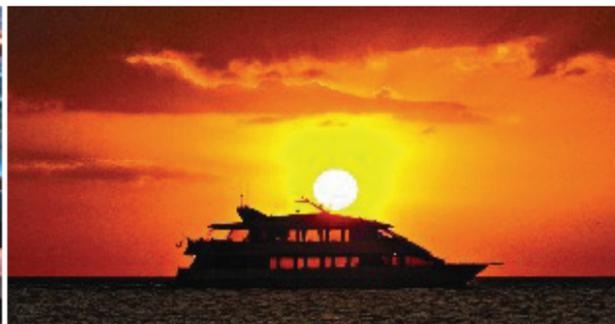
tone Joseph Ryan. Tenor Brian Cheney, who will appear as Don Ottavio in Opera Naples' upcoming production of "Don Giovanni," will make a special appearance. At the piano will be Robin Shuford-Frank and Mr. Noll.

Celebrating Italy, France and Germany, this year's program will feature sopranos Steffanie Pearce and Anne Leonardi, mezzo-soprano Melissa Vitrella and bari-

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Naples Art Association calls for artists to apply for shows, festivals

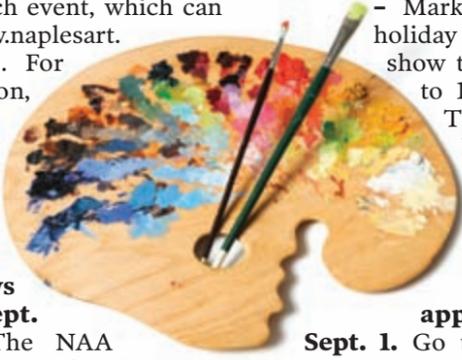
The call is out for artists to show their work at several exhibits and festivals sponsored by the Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center. There's a place for all types of original work. Entry rules and regulations are noted in the formal prospectuses for each event, which can be found at www.naplesart.org/callforartists. For more information, call 262-6517.

■ **Fourth annual Non-Juried All Artist Members Show of Shows Exhibition (Sept. 12-Oct. 1)**

- The NAA kicks off the season with a show designed to give all artists an opportunity to share their work in a public forum. There is no jury process and all registered artwork will be displayed. The only requirement for participation is membership with the NAA.

Deadline to enter: Monday, Aug. 22

■ **49th Founders Juried Awards Exhibition (Oct. 15-Dec. 3)** - One of Naples' most established art exhibitions, this includes top awards with cash prizes. \$2,500 in total will be presented to artists selected by exhibition juror Diane Camber, director



emeritus of the Bass Museum of Art in Miami Beach.

Deadline to apply: Wednesday, Aug. 17

■ **Eighth annual Naples Fall Fine Art & Craft Festival (Nov. 25-26)**

- Market your work to holiday shoppers at this show that draws crowds to 10th Street South. The first of the NAA's five major shows during the season, this one features more than 100 artists.

Deadline to apply: Thursday, Sept. 1. Go to www.juriedart-services.com

■ **Art in the Park (Nov. 5, Dec. 3)** - In its 55th years, Art in the Park showcases NAA members' paintings, photographs, decorative items, wearables and gifts. Juried art fairs take place on the first Saturday of the month November through April.

Deadline to apply: Monday, Oct. 24, Monday, Nov. 21

■ **Members' Gallery Opening Show (Oct. 28-Dec. 6)** - All NAA members are invited to apply to this juried show.

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What's in a name?



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A: Lipton teapots were made by Hall China Co. of East Liverpool, Ohio, and were given out as premiums beginning in 1935. The teapots were made in light blue, dark green, mustard, maroon, black and light yellow on the company's "French" shape. Your gold teapot is probably the same as mustard, so you are missing black and light yellow. Matching sugar and creamer bowls were not made. If your teapots have a strainer inside the spout, they are early versions. Later versions didn't have the strainer. Hall China Co. was founded in 1903. The company made dinnerware, kitchenware, institutional ware and other wares. It merged with Homer Laughlin China Co. in 2010. Value of each of your teapots: about \$25.

Q: I inherited a number of Pfeffer Porcelain figurines from Germany. Most are dogs, but I also have a full-size parrot and dancing figures. Tell me something about the maker.

A: Fritz Pfeffer established the Fritz Pfeffer Porcelain Factory in Gotha, Thuringia, Germany, in 1892. The company made decorative porcelain. Animal figurines were introduced in 1900. After Fritz died in 1922, his son Max took over the business. The firm went bankrupt in 1934 but was revived by Max's wife and continued to operate until 1942. The porcelain figures sell for \$75 to \$250.

Q: I have four teapots in light blue, dark green, gold and maroon with the word "Lipton's" stamped on the bottom of each one. I'm told they're from the 1930s and were given out as premiums. Are there any other colors? Should I be on the lookout for matching creamers and sugar bowls? What are they worth?

Q: My father started collecting Prince Valiant comics from the very beginning, starting with the first comic book and

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continuing with the Sunday comic strips. The very complete series has been bound in leather books for all these years. I continue to collect the strip every week from where my dad left off. He even has an original letter from Hal Foster saying my dad has a more complete collection than he does. I'm just wondering if the whole collection is worth anything.

A: Prince Valiant is a weekly comic strip created by Hal Foster and first published on Feb. 13, 1937. Foster retired in 1971, and the strip has been illustrated by several other artists since then. Original comic art sells for several thousand dollars, but the newspaper strips produced from the art are worth a fraction of that. All the Prince Valiant strips have been reprinted in books, some in newspaper size, and this has driven down the price of "tear sheets." A complete run of strips from 1937 on would have brought \$2,000 20 years ago but is worth \$300-\$500 today. The letter from Hal Foster is worth \$100 at most.

Q: I have inherited a beautiful Japanese woodblock print titled "Moon at the Niji Castl" by Miki Suizan, dated 1924. I discov-

ered he was primarily a painter and had only produced 14 woodblock prints. I'm interested in learning more about this print and Miki Suizan.

A: Two sets of woodblock prints were designed by Miki Suizan (1887-1957), six prints of beautiful women and eight landscapes. The sets were titled "Selected Views of Kyoto" and were published in 1924-'25 by Sato Shotaro in Kyoto, Japan. Each set had a first edition of 200 or fewer. Miki Suizan designed the prints, but they were carved into the wood blocks by someone else and printed by a third person. Suizan prints were exhibited at the Toledo (Ohio) Museum of Art in 1930.

Tip: To remove a stain from a polished granite top, mix the center of some slices of white bread with 6 percent hydrogen peroxide. Put the paste on the stain overnight. Wash off the next day, and the stain should be gone. ■

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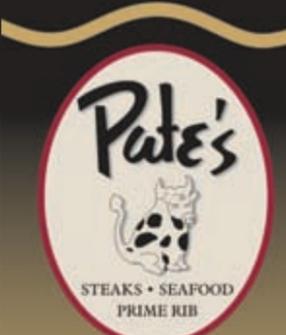
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Chicken Caesar Spring Roll	7.1
Tequila Roasted Oysters , chal-a-peño stuffing	7.9
Nectar Island Hot Wings add Ghost Chile (and waiver!)	6.3 9.3
Tuna 3 Way : Tataki, Poke, Sushi	11.6
3 Crab - Lobster Cake , Palm Island remoulade	11.9
Crunchy Calamari , sweet and sour citrus sauce	9.2
Morning After Mussels , bloody mary broth, jalapeño - citrus spiced vodka	9.5
Coconut Shrimp in a Basket	7.1
Homemade Tortilla Chips , fresh tomato salsa	3.7

SUSHI

Spicy Tuna Roll	7.1
California Roll	7.6
Tempura Hamachi Roll , with Tuna Volcano	9.2

COCKTAILS

Gulf Shrimp - 21 each 51-60ct (count to a pound)	7.5
Panama Whites - Large, 8 each 21-25ct shrimp	9.1
Classic Combo - 2 oysters, 2 clams, 3 each (21-25ct) shrimp	9.5
King Crab Cocktail , yuzu mustard sauce	11.9
Little Neck Clams (6), lemon, cocktail sauce additional clams add 1.5	7.1
Ultimate - king crab, snow crab, shrimp cocktail, oysters, clams and mussels (min. 2 people) each	14.5

OYSTERS

Moonstone (Rhode Island)	2.2
Onset Inlet (Washington State)	2.0
Penobscot Bay (Maine)	1.8
Deer Creek (Washington State)	1.8
Leavins Oyster Box (Florida)	1.2
Kumamoto (Humbolt Bay, CA)	2.3
Blue Point (Connecticut)	1.4

SOUPS

Soup of the Day	cup 3.9	bowl 4.6
Crab and Corn Chowder	cup 4.4	bowl 5.1
Key West Conch	cup 3.9	bowl 4.6

SALADS

Big Green Summer Salad - choice of dressing	4.7
Apple, Walnut, Romaine , blue cheese dressing black pepper and prosciutto	5.5
Bistro Salad , mixed greens, watermelon, pecans, sunflower seeds, chevre cheese, raspberry -yuzu dressing as entree	13.4 6.3
Classic Caesar , grana padana cheese, homemade croutons	4.7
The Big Ugly - iceberg, heirloom tomatoes, bacon, carrots, blue cheese dressing, berry balsamic	5.5
Blackened Salmon - mixed greens, arugula, cucumber, bacon, tomato, maple - miso dressing	12.7

SIDES 3.9

Steamed Broccoli	Ugly Tomato EXVO
Wild Mushroom Risotto add 1.2	Onion Rings
Roasted Sweet Potato	Fresh Zucchini Pomodoro
Sea Salt Baked Potato	Roasted Butternut Squash
Loaded Baked Potato add .60	Roasted Corn and Parmesan Cous Cous
French Fries	3 Cheese Au Gratin Potatoes
Coconut Sticky Rice	Cheesy Lobster Baked Potato add 1.2

PASTAS

Chicken Shanghai - pulled chicken, spicy peanut infused soy, noodles, Thai basil, broccoli	13.5
Shrimp Vodka Penne - crispy prosciutto, hearts of artichoke, vodka tomato sauce, basil, pesto	14.0
Spaghetti and Crab - pasta with jalapeño, blue and king crab, red pepper, parmesan	14.3
King Crab Alfredo - cracked crab legs, fettucine, black pepper - parmesan cream	15.6

COMBOS

Fried - hand breaded shrimp, scallops, calamari, fresh haddock, slaw	15.6
Broiled - fresh Atlantic flounder, large dry pack scallops, little neck clams, shrimp scampi, slaw	16.3
Grilled - Maine lobster tail, skewered shrimp, flounder, large dry pack scallops and slaw	20.4
Shrimp - hand breaded shrimp, shrimp scampi, Gulf shrimp cocktail, slaw	14.8
Paradise - Maine lobster tail, snow crab, shrimp scampi, fried shrimp	20.7

SURF AND TURF

Steak and Shrimp - 12oz. center cut NY strip steak or 7oz. filet, shrimp scampi, sea salt baked potato	20.4
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SPECIALTIES

Fresh Grouper Scampi - black grouper, gulf shrimp, sun dried tomato - white wine sauce, linguini	19.9
Seared Tuna - No. 1 quality - coconut - pineapple rice, togarashi butter sauce, ponzu, wasabi, ginger	21.8
The Great Fish Sandwich - beer battered, lettuce, tomato, onion, on brioche bun, "Bistro" slaw and fries	12.7
Chipotle Baby Back Ribs - with bistro slaw and choice of fries, sea salt baked or roasted sweet potato	18.0
Mahi Mac - macadamian encrusted mahi mahi, grilled pineapple - togarashi sauce, island rice	18.2
Captain's Cut - miso glazed sea bass, wasabi crumb, carrot miso-soy, Asian stir fry	23.1
Classic Snow Crab dinner - with bistro slaw and choice of fries, sea salt baked or roasted sweet potato	14.3
Blackened Salmon - bourbon brown sugar glaze, jalapeño - pecan butter, spinach, parmesan cous cous	15.9
Bistro Veg Plate - pick 7 sides	11.9

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NY Strip Steak (12oz.)	19.6
Filet of Beef (7oz.)	20.3
Chicken Chop (12oz.) Chipotle BBQ on request	12.7

BURGERS

Classic - ½ lb bistro burger, lettuce, tomato and onion	8.7
Black & Blue - black peppercorn seared, gorgonzola and American blue cheese	9.5
Triple Cheese & Bacon - American, jack and cheddar cheese with peppered bacon on a brioche bun	9.5
Black Jack - black Angus burger, jack cheese, jalapeños, red tomato salsa, guacamole, cilantro and red onion	9.5
Cowboy - chipotle BBQ, applewood smoked bacon, hand cut onion rings and "better" cheddar	9.5

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The casting call is out for two fall productions by The Naples Players. Tryouts for "Always, Patsy Cline" will take place Saturday, Aug. 6 and for "Later Life" on Saturday, Aug. 16. All auditions are at the Sugden Community Theatre.

"Always, Patsy Cline" is a two-person salute to the famed country singer and her enduring friendship with Louise, a Texas housewife and staunch fan. Audition appointments are required and can be made by calling 263-7990.

The actress in the title role must be able to sing in Ms. Cline's signature style and be between the ages of 25-30. The role of Louise calls for a woman between the ages of 40-60; singing is not required. Those auditioning for Louise should prepare a short monologue to deliver in a Texan accent. The monologue does not need to be memorized and can be chosen from sides that are posted online or marked in scripts that are available at the box office.

John McKerrow will direct

"Always, Patsy Cline," with musical direction by Charles Fornara. Rehearsals begin Sept. 1, and performances on the main stage are set for Oct. 5-29.



'Later Life'

Open auditions for "Later Life" will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13. The insightful comedy by A.R. Gurney calls for a cast of two middle-aged men and two middle-aged women. At a Boston cocktail party, Austin, a stoic banker type,

is reintroduced to Ruth, an early love and a warm-hearted, multiple divorcee. All the other party guests — 10 different characters who continually interrupt the tentative reunion of Ruth and Austin — are played by the other two actors.

Paul Graffy will direct "Later Life." Rehearsals begin Sept. 12, and performances are set for Oct. 26-Nov. 19 in the Sugden's Tobye Studio.

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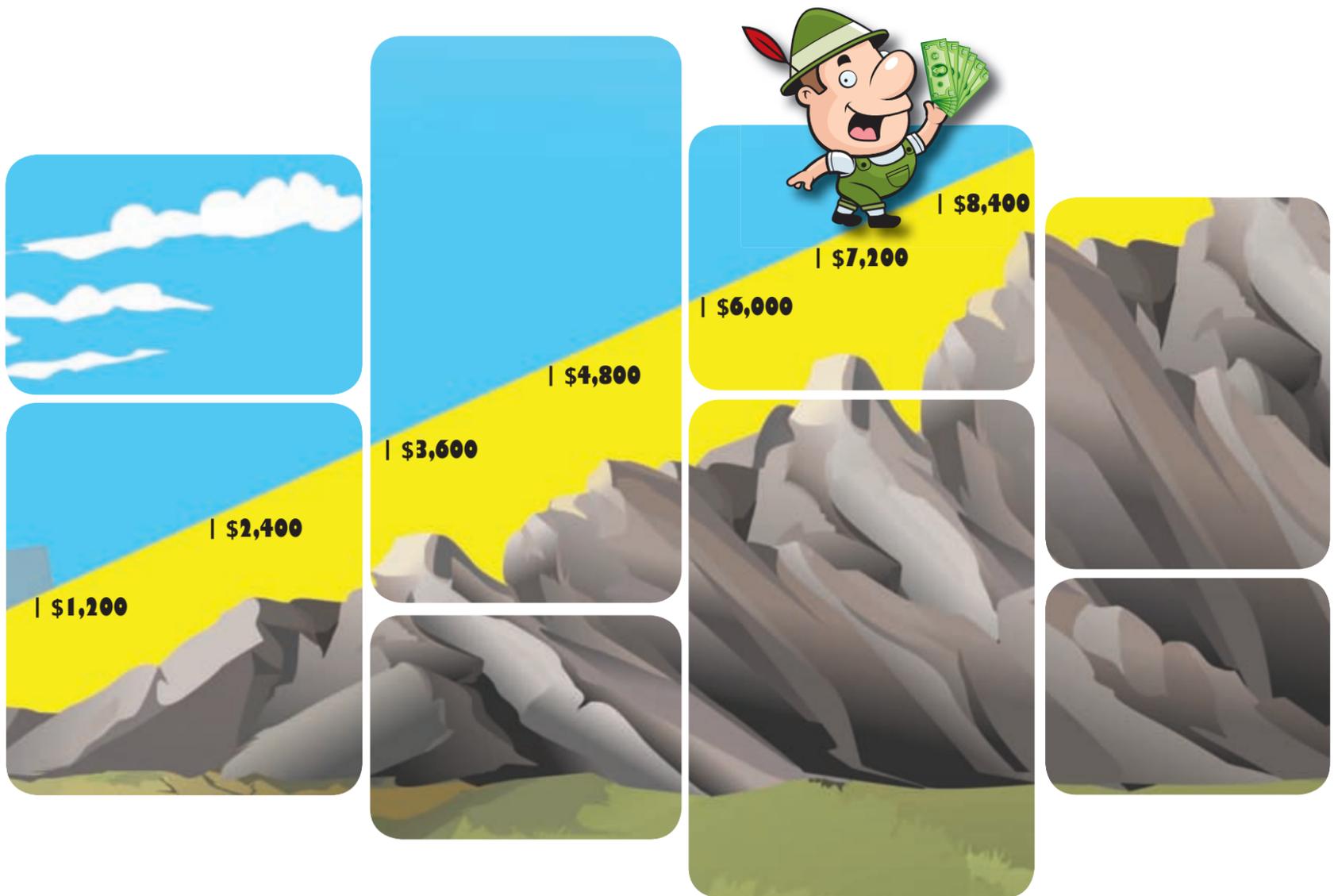
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A manly afternoon of cigars, beer, Shula's steaks and steel drums aboard the Naples Princess will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17.

Tickets are \$125 per person. RSVP to Lesley Colantonio at 992-9474 or lcolantonio@sflawish.org.

Hispanic business council plans gala

The Council for Hispanic Business Professionals will hold its third annual gala on Saturday, Oct. 8, at Kensington Golf & Country Club.

School on Wheels, an outreach of Guadalupe Society Services/Catholic Charities, has been chosen as the beneficiary of this year's event. School on Wheels helps migrant women in Immokalee learn basic English skills.

All are invited to enjoy the evening of Hispanic-style food and entertainment. For information about tickets and sponsorships, e-mail events@CHBPnaples.org or visit www.CHBPnaples.org.

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The second annual Stiletto Sprint to benefit the Garden of Hope and Courage and Susan G. Komen for the Cure-Southwest Florida takes off at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, along 500 yards of Fifth Avenue South. Runners, walkers and all styles of footwear are welcome, but only those in heels at least 2 inches high will qualify for the first-place prize.

Registration is \$25 for adults and \$10 for kids younger than 15. Participants who raise \$50 for the cause will receive a Stiletto Sprint T-shirt, and those who raise \$250 will be invited to the VIP cool-down party at Café & Bar Lurcat.

Sign up in advance at www.komen-swfl.org or beginning at 5 p.m. on the day of sprint.

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The patients, staff, volunteers, donors

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Tickets are \$475 per person. Proceeds will help create 64 Smart Rooms at the NCH North Naples hospital.

For tickets or more information, call Cynthia Bennett at the NCH Healthcare Foundation, 436-4511, or e-mail foundation@nchmd.org.

Step out and dance for Sunlight Home

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A number of prominent Neapolitans are paired with professional dancers to perform. Prizes are awarded based on dancing ability as well as the amount of money dancers raise for LVCC.

For tickets or more information, call LVCC at 262-4448 or visit www.collier-literacy.org.

Saddle up for 'Bootstrap Boogie'

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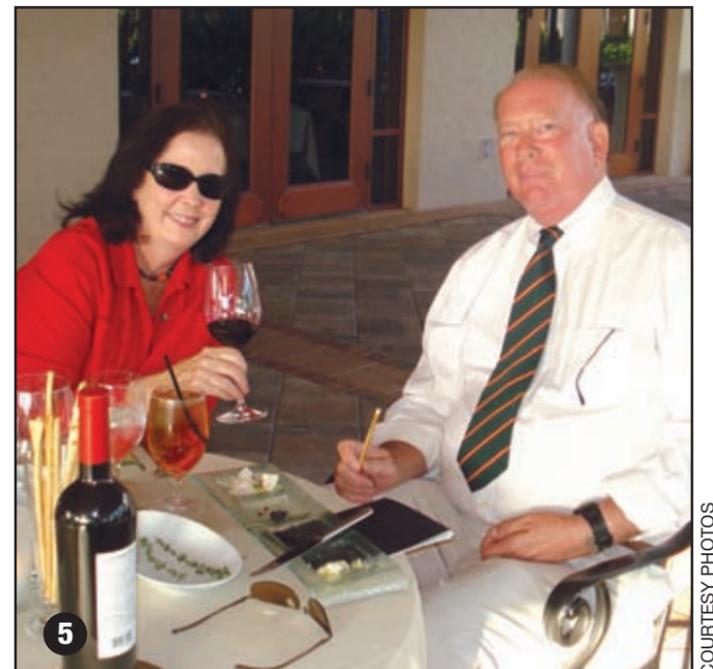
Jon Kukuk with Suzanne and Mark Klym

COURTESY PHOTOS

Summer fun for residents of Fiddler's Creek



1. Deborah Turner with sous chef David Robbins at a cooking class
2. Robert Prince at a wine and cheese class at Caxambas
3. Torben and Inga Christensen and Richard and Elizabeth O'Rourke at a martini tasting
4. The cooking class
5. Jim and Eileen Robertson at the wine and cheese class



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VINO

Chat with a winemaker: David Ready Jr., Murphy-Goode Winery



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realized that my palate could memorize wine. We did a blind tasting... I said, 'That's our new merlot,' and Dad looked at me strangely, like, 'Shut up!' I said, 'No, I'm pretty sure it is. We just tried that last week.'"

Q. If you could make wines somewhere else, where would that be?

A. I'd go back to Australia. I worked for a while at Wirra-Wirra in McLaren Vale. I had the practical knowledge of doing the cellar work that the University of California-Davis winemakers there did not yet have. I learned new ways of making wine, like submerged cap fermentation (it raises the fruit level and concentrate the flavors), that we still use today."

Q. What challenges do you see ahead of you?

A. A big challenge is keeping up with the market. I enjoy going out on the road and meeting the people who sell the wines for us and also the customers who drink them. It helps me stay up on trends, which helps give direction to the wines. One trend involved renaming our Fume Blanc to Sauvignon Blanc. About five years ago, we noticed that the sales had dropped a lot... and I went out in the market talking to distributors looking for answers. They told me the fume was not selling, but they were selling lots of sauvignon blanc. This was when New Zealand wine was becoming popular, and I think that drove the market back to the sauvignon blanc name."

Q. What gets you excited about winemaking?

A. Wine is a lifestyle experience... It creates experiences that people love and enjoy, and that is the reward. Winemaking is about passion and sharing that passion by sharing the wine. Also, in the last five years, wine has become more accessible, mostly because the mentality used to be, 'I don't know enough about this to drink it.' Young people are not intimidated by this, so they're trying wine and liking the experience."

Murphy-Goode wines from the wine dinner (tasting notes are mine unless noted):

■ **Fume Sauvignon Blanc 2009 (\$15):** Light straw color with a pear bouquet, opening up to flavors of pear with a touch of melon and grapefruit. The medium body finishes dry with a touch of crisp mineral at the end.

"The Fume in '85 was our first wine," says Mr. Ready, "and the reason we are in existence is because we built our winery on that wine. Drink this by the pool."

■ **Island Block Chardonnay 2007 (\$22):** Big, ripe apple and spice nose with

rich layers of green apple and orchard fruit flavors, and a long, smooth, balanced finish.

"Smooth apple bouquet and flavors with nutmeg, clove and a light toast from the oak," says Mr. Ready. "This is a great food wine or sunset-drinking wine."

■ **Sarah Block Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 (\$30):** Classic Alexander Valley style with blueberries, cherries and a hint of violet. This wine is rich in flavor with a smooth finish, no noticeable tannins, but great fruit structure.

■ **Snake Eyes Zinfandel 2006 (\$40):** Dark and rich, with jammy red and black fruit and spice followed by a smooth, integrated finish. This is a big-bodied wine, good for grilled meats and lamb dishes. ■



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Buffalo Chips' rustic exterior hides a kitchen that knows its stuff



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If you judge a restaurant by its cover, it's extremely unlikely that you've ever patronized Buffalo Chips Restaurant.

Situated on Old 41 Road, a collection of tired mobile homes framing its parking lot and the vintage Ranch House Motel attached to its northern flank, the 30-year-old restaurant doesn't look like much from the outside.

The interior is what founder/owner Al Greenwood has described as "an upscale dive," and I think he's at least half-right. It's covered, stem to stern, with knickknacks and memorabilia — license plates from various states, countless sports trophies, photos and paintings and a framed and mounted round, brown mound with "Buffalo Chip The Real Thing" printed above it.

It would be easy to discount this place as a neighborhood dive where folks go to drink — the kind of place where food is a secondary, and second-rate, commodity. But that's far from the case. Everything we ate here was good and some of it was better than that.

Take the chicken wings, which are the genuine article. So says Mr. Greenwood, who hails from Buffalo, N.Y., as well as a former colleague of mine who grew up there. I tasted these little delicacies at the Anchor Bar in Buffalo, where they are said to originate, and have to say they taste just the way I remember them.

The wings at Buffalo Chips are about as authentic as you can get outside the Anchor, the wings themselves crisp and well cooked, dressed in tangy-hot red sauce — or at least that's what you get when you order them medium or hot. Other options include mild, suicide, zippy Cajun, killer death, oriental, barbecue or garlic. Another plus: They come with a generous side of celery and blue cheese dressing, meant for cooling the palate. (Be suspicious of any establishment in which these accompaniments cost extra. They are a key part of this dish.) I ordered 10 for \$9.20, but for larger parties there are 20 wings for \$17.67, and 50 wings for \$42.22.

Another highlight of the meal was an order of fried green tomatoes (\$3.95). Slices of green tomato were covered in a light cornmeal batter, seasoned, then fried to a golden brown and served with a creamy pink "special sauce" that tasted like mild Thousand Island dressing. They were light and refreshing, a great starter on a steamy summer afternoon.



Crisp, hot Buffalo chicken wings, served with the requisite celery and blue cheese dressing, are among the specialties of the house at Buffalo Chips.



A classic Southern dish, fried green tomatoes are coated in a cornmeal batter and lightly fried then served with the restaurant's "special sauce."

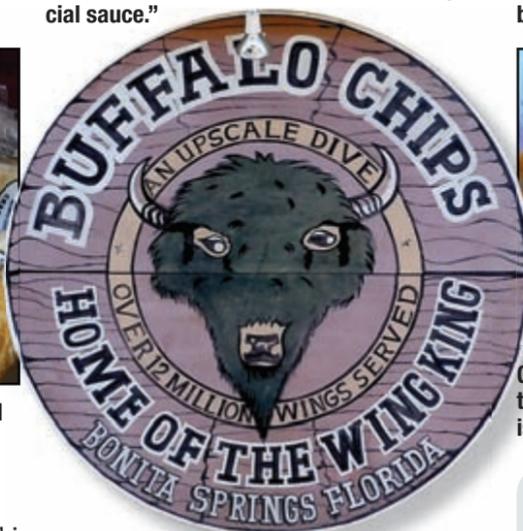


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Sure, you can get a beef burger, but at Buffalo Chips, you can also order the leaner buffalo burger with cheese.



Smoked fish dip, a combination of mahi and tuna, comes with bread and crackers plus condiments such as jalapenos, capers, red onion and lemon.



A dip of smoked tuna and mahi-mahi (\$7.95) wasn't quite smoked enough for my companions, but I liked it just fine, especially with all the goodies that accompanied it, including sliced jalapenos, chopped red onion, capers, pimento and lemons along with bread and crackers. The dip had a fine, creamy consistency and a subtle smoked flavor that blended well with all the condiments.

A grouper sandwich (\$13.95) began with a large fillet of fish that was ordered dusted — a light breading, our server explained — but that appeared to have been beer battered, as the crisp coating was quite thick. The fish is also available grilled.

The whole-wheat bun (25 cents extra) couldn't quite stand up to the fish, lettuce, tomato, onion and pickle with which it came. The fish was tasty, however, and not overcooked. Straight-cut fries (\$2) that came with it were crisp and had good potato flavor.

The buffalo burger (\$8.95) contained a ½-pound patty of buffalo meat, topped with cheddar cheese, lettuce, tomato, onion and pickles. It, too, was flavorful, tasting not much different from a beef burger but containing less fat and cholesterol. We ordered this one with curly fries (\$2.50) and found the seasonings on them

obscured the flavor of the potatoes. For purists, the straight fries are the better choice.

Buffalo Chips offers a surprising range of items, but clearly understands that it's a bar and its mission is bar food. To that end, there are baby back ribs, fried chicken, pizzas, salads, nachos, sandwiches and chili, allowing for plenty of choice without attempting to get too fancy.

Service throughout the meal was friendly and efficient. Our server knew the menu well, readily made suggestions when we requested them, kept us well stocked in beverages and seemed genuinely happy to have us there. You can't ask for a whole lot more than that.

The clientele that shared the place with us was relatively sparse. I suspect that's because we were eating lunch in the middle of summer. This is the sort of place you want to unwind with friends and a cold brew after work.

While the name might not be the most appetizing and the look of the place may prompt caution, I heartily recommend ignoring such concerns and checking it out. It has, after all, been in business for close to 30 years under the same family ownership. You don't achieve that sort of longevity without doing something right. ■



Grouper comes grilled, dusted or beer battered on a sandwich. A generic fish sandwich is also available at a lesser price.

In the know

Buffalo Chips Restaurant
26620 Old 41 Road N., Bonita Springs;
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Ratings:
Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★½

>> **Hours:** 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday
>> **Reservations:** No
>> **Credit cards:** Visa and MasterCard accepted
>> **Price range:** Appetizers, \$3.50-\$7.95; entrees, \$3.95-\$13.95
>> **Beverages:** Full bar
>> **Seating:** At the bar, booths, high tops and conventional tables
>> **Specialties of the house:** Buffalo-style chicken wings, smoked fish dip, fried green tomatoes, fish tacos, grouper sandwich, buffalo burger, bacon, lettuce and fried green tomato sandwich, baby back ribs, barbecued pork sandwich, nachos
>> **Volume:** Moderate to high
>> **Parking:** Free lot
>> **Web site:** www.buffalochipsrestaurant.tv

★★★★★ **Superb**
★★★★ **Noteworthy**
★★★ **Good**
★★ **Fair**
★ **Poor**

food & wine CALENDAR

> **Friday, Aug. 5, 6-8 p.m., Whole Foods:** On the first Friday of each month, samples wines and a variety of cheese; \$10, with proceeds benefitting Freedom Waters; Mercato; 552-5100.

> **Saturday, Aug. 6, 3-5 p.m., Whole Foods:** Taste a variety of wines every Saturday in August; South Africa is the featured country this week; free, Mercato; 552-5100.

> **Tuesday, Aug. 9, 6-8 p.m., The Good Life of Naples:** This cooking class features delicacies from the south of France; \$50, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663. Reservations required.

> **Thursday, Aug. 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m., ABC Fine Wine & Spirits:** Taste doz-

ens of wines along with hors d'oeuvres, receive a complimentary wine glass, chat with the store's wine experts and sample a cigar (outdoors); \$10, 2755 Tamiami Trail E.; 775-6411.

> **Thursday, Aug. 11, 6-7 p.m., Whole Foods:** Enjoy light refreshments while discussing the elements of sake and sake cocktails, including the history of Japanese sake, info about premium imported Japanese sake, how it's produced and its terminology and classifications; \$5, Mercato; 552-5100. Register online at www.aceva.com/go/lifestylecenter.

> **Friday, Aug. 12, 6-7 p.m., Whole Foods:** Start the school year by learning how to make the best of children's school lunches as well as how to save money

and the environment by packing lunch for school or work; \$5, Mercato; 552-5100. Register online at www.aceva.com/go/lifestylecenter.

> **Saturday, Aug. 13, 9-11 a.m., Ridgeway Bar & Grill:** Chef/owner Tony Ridgeway guides participants through the process of smelling and tasting morsels of cheese, discusses flavor profiles and assists in pairing them with champagne, wine, beer and condiments; \$55, 1300 Third St. S.; 262-5500 or visit www.ridgewaynaples.com.

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Farmers markets

■ **Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.,** the Collier County Government Complex, 3335 U.S. 41 E.

■ **Saturday, 7:30-11:30 a.m.,** Third Street South, behind Tommy Bahama's between Third Street and Gordon Drive.

■ **Saturday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.,** North Naples Green Market, in the Fright Factory at Olympic Plaza, 2320 Vanderbilt Beach Road behind Liberty Bank.

■ **Saturday, 7 a.m.-noon,** the Bonita Springs Lions Club farm market, The Promenade, 26851 South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs.

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