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TEA PARTY BREWS INFLUENCE

Southwest Florida stands to make an impact on national politics

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FOR THE TEA PARTY THAT ISN'T, ACCORDING TO ITS champions, September in the Sunshine State marks a crossroads to the future, a key moment that will define Tea Party influence in national politics next year.

"We're not a party. We can't raise money as a party. We're a grassroots movement," explains Barry Willoughby, organizer of the influential Tea Party based in Naples, whose members come from Lee County as well as Collier — from a region with almost a million residents. A sister grassroots organization, The Naples 9-12 Project, has almost 900 members signed up and listed by name online, which suggests how pervasive the influence of grassroots conservatism is in Southwest Florida.

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Community remembers on 10th anniversary of 9/11

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In honor of those who died and those who came to the rescue during the terrorist attacks of 9/11/01, numerous community services and events are planned for Sunday, Sept. 11, among them:

■ **St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church** conducts a Mass of Remembrance beginning at 9 a.m. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the Mass and will be joined by retired members of the NYPD, PAPD and the FDNY,

as well as members of the North Naples Fire District and the Collier County Sheriff's Office. The Harp & Thistle Band of Southwest Florida and the United States Marine Corps League of Naples will also participate. Members of the Gulf Coast Retired Firefighters Association will have a piece of steel recovered from the World Trade Center on display as well as a model of the Freedom Memorial that is under construction in Collier County.

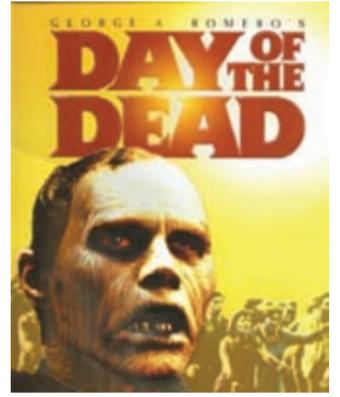
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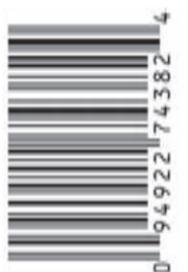


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COMMENTARY

Sussing out the biggest sin



I've always loved the notion of living in sin. Truth be told, I've lived in sin. I may be living in sin now, for all I know — I certainly hope so. After all, one person's sanctity is another person's sin, which means my chances are pretty good.

The phrase itself remains as sweeping as the broad prairie, but as bluntly prosaic as a jail cell: LIVING IN SIN.

Delicious. A condition that requires carrying on the game off the field while still hotly participating in it — with any luck unseen by the referee. Living in sin is like racing toward the goal line of the opposing team with the football, but out of bounds, hidden from view behind their bench. To do it well you have to score a “touchdown” of course, a word frequently employed as a euphemism for the rewards of sin.

Football is not a game of sin. It's a game of excess. If you can punch a man in the head or grab his facemask without being spotted by the referee, more power to you. If the referee sees you, though, you've merely committed a penalty. Not a sin. You're judged excessive, too rough, dirty. But you aren't a sinner. You might get 15 yards, but you sure as hell won't get the fiery lake.

Among the Western world's great aficionados of sin, some of my forbears rank near the top. The Puritans. (See Roger Williams, founder of Rhode Island. He was

kicked out of Massachusetts at gunpoint in the middle of a winter's night because he wasn't quite puritanical enough, apparently.) Although the Puritans have been gone now these 400 or so sin-filled years, they continue to cast a long, unsmiling shadow of disapproval across the wayward lives of contemporary Americans.

And their cultural offspring continue to fight their battles for them, presumably to save us all from living in sin. They must know a lot about it, because they seem to consider the legislating of morality not only their right, but their talent.

For example, the Puritanettes (if I may so describe the new Puritans) have righteously designed the war on “drugs,” that taxpayer funded, economically bankrupting, morally debilitating effort to make us straighten up and fly right.

They also created the current hypocrisy of alcohol, a drug like any other but one legitimized and taxed to the very dregs (like “drugs” should be).

Neither the Puritans nor the Puritanettes ever opposed profit, per se. In the name of profit, conveniently, they've created a massive commerce of DUI enforcement that puts huge sums of money into the pockets of law enforcement agencies, lawyers, and a variety of middlemen ranging from bail bondsmen to alcohol abuse counselors to traffic school teachers to court personnel. Bars and restaurants, of course, continue to employ vast hordes of smiling drug pushers, known euphemistically (there's a lot of euphemism in sin) as bartenders or cocktail servers. They dispense the drug to drivers from places of business that for all practical purposes can only be reached by

car or truck, an essential ingredient for the DUI enforcement industry.

But at least those drug houses pay taxes for the privilege of selling their delightful spirits. Unlike churches.

And how about Commerce on Sunday? In this regard, the devil has triumphed unequivocally. Or maybe it's profit that triumphed, a close friend of the devil's. If you're old enough to recall the days when stores closed on Sunday, then you're very old indeed, which means you can remember a world just a little less sin-filled than the current world.

The Puritanettes, God bless 'em, have fought the other great sins, as well. Gambling, for example. Or legal prostitution in Nevada —but that's not really a part of the United States except in name, any more than Key West is really a part of the United States.

More dangerously, there's that insidious, community-entrenched sin that (unlike alcohol) only dates back about 50 years, to the drug-infused, sex-laced 1960s.

I was there playing football as a teenager — a game of excess, not sin. So don't look to me for personal stories about “the '60s.” As an alert reader of contemporary American history, however, I've discovered that this very sinful and now very common business of cohabitation without marriage, aka LIVING IN SIN, began as a cultural phenomenon roughly about that time.

And it's come down to this in Florida: It's still against the law. Cohabitation is a second-degree misdemeanor that can get you a \$500 fine or as many as 60 days in the slammer, just like adultery. You touch

her, or him, before or after the Puritanettes decree, and you're a criminal. Not to mention a sinner.

When Rep. Ritch Workman, a Republican from Melbourne, introduced a House bill recently to have that law repealed, he was met with stony silence by fellow Republican and Gov. Rick Scott, among other “family values” Puritanettes, according to the *Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel*.

Why would Rep. Workman pick this time to side with sin? Nobody really knows. Maybe he fears his two children will become criminals by living in sin. Or maybe it's just a variation on his hobby, listed on his State House bio as “deep sea fishing.” Really deep and way, way out to sea.

Now the poor fool stands front and center in the crosshairs of the Puritanettes, led by Rep. Dennis Baxley, an Ocala Republican, career mortician and former leader of the Florida chapter of the Christian Coalition (his interests also include fishing, along with listening to gospel music). Gov. Scott didn't have to speak because he did. “I'm not ready to give up on monogamy and a cultural statement that marriage still matters,” he told the paper righteously.

Me either, especially now that I'm married. I'm in the game, I'm on the field of play, and I've got the ball. Of course, I've always been told that the sacrament of marriage relies on love, without which it ain't nothin' but a legal contract and a hound dog.

Oddly, I've never heard the Puritanettes talk about love (even they know you can't legislate that).

Maybe that's the biggest sin of all. ■

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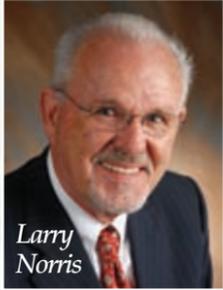
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OPINION**The cohabitation revolution****richLOWRY**

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The great divorce revolution of the 1960s and 1970s has faded. The great cohabitation revolution has begun.

The divorce rate for married couples with children is almost back to the levels of the early 1960s, before the run-up that crested in the early 1980s. Considering the decades of social turbulence buffeting the institution of marriage between then and now, this is a notable restoration.

But it only means that marriage is unraveling in a different way. According to a new study by the Institute for American Values and the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia, cohabitation has increased 14-fold since 1970. About 24 percent of children are born to cohabiting couples, more than are born to single mothers, while another 20 percent experience a cohabiting household at some time in their childhood.

On the face of it, this doesn't seem alarming. At least there are two adults there for the kids. Except the research

says it isn't enough. Children in cohabiting households tend to lag children in intact married families on key social indicators and are not much better off than children in single-parent families.

We want to believe that all relationships, so long as they are loving and well-intentioned, are equal. But as a general matter, compared with married couples, people across the gamut of cohabiting relationships report "more conflict, more violence, and lower levels of satisfaction and commitment," in the words of the National Marriage Project study. This basically holds true of unmarried biological parents who are living together. Cohabiting couples are more likely to be depressed and less likely to pool their income.

They are in altogether more tenuous relationships. Cohabiting couples with a child are more than twice as likely to break up as married parents. Only 24 percent of children of married parents experience a change in the relationship status of their mothers by age 12. The figure for the children of cohabiting couples is 65 percent.

This is especially consequential for the affected children. The study notes "an emerging scholarly consensus that family stability in and of itself is linked to positive child outcomes." Children

who experience a divorce or some other — to use the jargon — "maternal partnership transition" are more likely "to experience behavioral problems, drug use, problems in school, early sex, and loneliness."

Children turn out to benefit from the structure, rituals and identity that come with a lasting marriage between their parents. And the very act of committing to the norms of marriage makes adults better marital partners and parents. One of the more affecting pieces of data in this study is that fathers committed to marriage are more likely to hug their children than fathers who aren't. One of the more disturbing is that children in cohabiting households are more likely to be abused than children both in intact, married families and single-parent families.

The advantages of marriage run much deeper than merely having two adults in the house. It is an irreplaceable source of social capital. As we move away from it and social scientists study the consequences, we learn more about why it was such a timeless institution — once upon a time. ■

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

Cheney, Rumsfeld and the dark art of propaganda**amyGOODMAN**

Special to Florida Weekly

"When one lies, one should lie big, and stick to it," wrote Joseph Goebbels, Germany's Reich minister of propaganda, in 1941. Former Vice President Dick Cheney seems to have taken the famous Nazi's advice in his new book, "In My Time." Cheney remains staunch in his convictions on issues from the invasion of Iraq to the use of torture. Telling NBC News in an interview that "there are gonna be heads exploding all over Washington" as a result of the revelations in the book. Mr. Cheney's memoir follows one by his colleague and friend Donald Rumsfeld. As each promotes his own version of history, there are people challenging and confronting them.

Mr. Rumsfeld's book title, "Known and Unknown," is drawn from a notorious response he gave in one of his Pentagon press briefings as secretary of defense. On Feb. 12, 2002, attempting to explain the lack of evidence linking Iraq to weapons of mass destruction, Rumsfeld said: "[T]here are known knowns; there are things we know we know. We also know there are known unknowns; that is to say we know there are some things we do not know. But there are also unknown unknowns — the ones we don't know we don't know."

Mr. Rumsfeld's cryptic statement gained fame, emblematic of his disdain for reporters. It stands as a symbol of the lies and manipulations that propelled the U.S. into the disastrous invasion and occupation of Iraq.

One person convinced by Mr. Rumsfeld's rhetoric was Jared August Hagemann.

Mr. Hagemann enlisted in the Army to serve his country, to confront the threats repeated by Defense Secretary Rumsfeld. When the U.S. Army Ranger received the call for his most recent deployment (his wife can't recall if it was his seventh or eighth), the pressure became too much. On June 28, 2011, 25-year-old Jared Hagemann shot himself on the Joint Base Lewis-McChord, near Seattle. The Pentagon notes that Mr. Hagemann died of a "self-inflicted" gunshot wound, but has not yet called it a suicide.

Jared had threatened suicide several times before. He was not alone. Five soldiers reportedly committed suicide at Fort Lewis in July. It has been estimated that more than 300,000 returning troops suffer from PTSD or depression.

Mr. Hagemann's widow, Ashley Joppa-Hagemann, found out that Rumsfeld was doing a book signing on the base. On Friday, Aug. 26, she handed Rumsfeld a copy of the program from her late husband's memorial service. She recounted, "I told him that I wanted him to see my husband, and so he would know — he could put a face with at least one of the soldiers that had lost their lives because of his lies from 9/11."

I asked her about Rumsfeld's response: "All I remember is him saying, 'Oh, I heard about that.' And after that, all I remember is being bombarded with security personnel and being pushed out and told not to return." Unfortunately, it's Staff Sgt. Hagemann who will never return to his wife and two little children.

In his NBC interview, Mr. Cheney claimed to have played a role in the January 2005 resignation of then-Secretary of State Colin Powell. Mr. Powell's former chief of staff, Col. Lawrence Wilkerson, called the claim "utter nonsense." More importantly, though, is

Col. Wilkerson's unflinching call for accountability for those involved in leading the nation to war in Iraq — including punishment for himself. A central pillar of the invasion of Iraq was Mr. Powell's Feb. 5, 2003, speech before the United Nations, which laid out the case of weapons of mass destruction. Col. Wilkerson, who takes full responsibility for coordinating Mr. Powell's address, told me: "It was probably the biggest mistake of my life. I regret it to this day. I regret not having resigned over it."

The Center for Constitutional Rights and lawyer/blogger Glenn Greenwald are among those who have long called for criminal prosecution of Mr. Cheney, Mr. Rumsfeld and other Bush administration officials. Said Col. Wilkerson, "I'd be willing to testify, and I'd be willing to take any punishment I'm due."

Col. Wilkerson says Mr. Cheney's book is "written out of fear, fear that one day someone will 'Pinochet' Dick Cheney," referring to the former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet, who was arrested in Britain and held for a year before being released. A Spanish judge had wanted him extradited to be tried for crimes against humanity.

As we approach the 10th anniversary of 9/11, and the casualties mount on all sides, the books by Mr. Rumsfeld and Mr. Cheney remind us once again of war's first casualty: truth. ■

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Cost is \$30 per person. For reservations or more information, call Dianna Dohm at 331-0908.

■ Naples Harley-Davidson hosts **"Ride & Remember"** with activities beginning at noon at the dealership at 3645 Gateway Lane. Opening ceremonies will include an honor color guard and marching band, and presenters will include Marco Island Police Chief Don Hunter as well as several firemen who were at the World Trade Center 10 years ago. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and live music will be provided by Smokin' Bill.

At 4 p.m., area residents and visitors are invited to join an escorted ride with members of the Collier County Sheriff's Office, Naples Police Department and the Collier County Fire Department to St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, for a remembrance service.

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■ The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, led by James Cochran, presents **"In Re-**



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Light beams glow at the site in memory of the World Trade Center destroyed on Sept. 11, 2001.

membrance: A Concert to Honor the Victims of the 9/11 Attacks" at 4 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. The Fort Myers Mastersingers, led by Jeff Faux, will join the orchestra, as will the Philharmonic Center Chorale and Youth Chorale.

The program will include Mozart's Requiem as well as patriotic favorites such as "America the Beautiful," "Salute to the Armed Forces" and "My Country 'Tis of Thee." The youth chorale will perform "We Will Stand as Strong Tall Towers," which was written and dedicated to the memory of the attacks.

Tickets start at \$30 for adults and \$15 for students. Call 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

■ **"White Wings Over America,"** a simultaneous release of white doves at locations around the country, takes flight locally at 3 p.m. at Lowdermilk Park. For more information, visit www.whitewings-

overamerica.com.

■ The Choir Project vocal ensemble Lumina, conducted by Marian Dolan, performs **"Voices of Courage"** at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, and Sunday, Sept. 11, at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. The performance of readings and music is free and open to the public.

Stories will include: From Naples and New York, the pastor who embodied his faith in downtown Manhattan on 9/11 and the days following. From Havana to Cape Coral, the vision of one family's freedom journey starting on 9/11. From Canada, the town of 10,000 that sheltered nearly 7,000 airborne 9/11 "refugees." From Atlanta to Naples, the Sept. 11 birthday gift from daughter to father. And from Washington, D.C., to the world, the gift of compassionate vision for Sept. 12 and beyond.

The program of music by living composers from America, Spain and Norway

includes a newly commissioned piece by New York-based Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo dedicated "to those who were voices of courage on Sept. 11, 2001, in America and on July 22, 2011, in Norway." Naples singer/songwriter Tim McGeary, who was part of the Southwest Florida Disaster Medical Assistance Team that worked at Ground Zero in New York City, will sing "God Will Wipe Away Every Tear." As is traditional at Choir Project concerts, attendees will join in singing, and this will include a new hymn text written specifically for 9-11-2011.

A free-will offering will be taken. For more information, visit www.thechoir-project.org.

■ Emergency first responders in Collier County who adopt a pet from **Humane Society Naples** on Sept. 11 will be able to do so for reduced fees, thanks to an anonymous donation made to honor the first responders and fallen heroes of 9/11.

Pets who have been at the shelter longer than 30 days will have a special adoption fee of \$10 (to mark the 10th anniversary of 9/11). Fees for pets who have been at the shelter less than 30 days will be half-off.

The special offering is strictly for emergency first responders in Collier County. The shelter will be open for adoptions from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"We also want to take this opportunity to thank the K9 units who assisted during the recovery efforts of 9/11 in New York, as well as K9 units who are on call every day for emergency situations in our local area," says Michael Simonik, HSN executive director.

A K9 unit representing the Collier County Sheriff's Office will be at HSN headquarters to meet the public from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The shelter is at 370 Airport-Pulling Road. For more information, call 643-1555. ■

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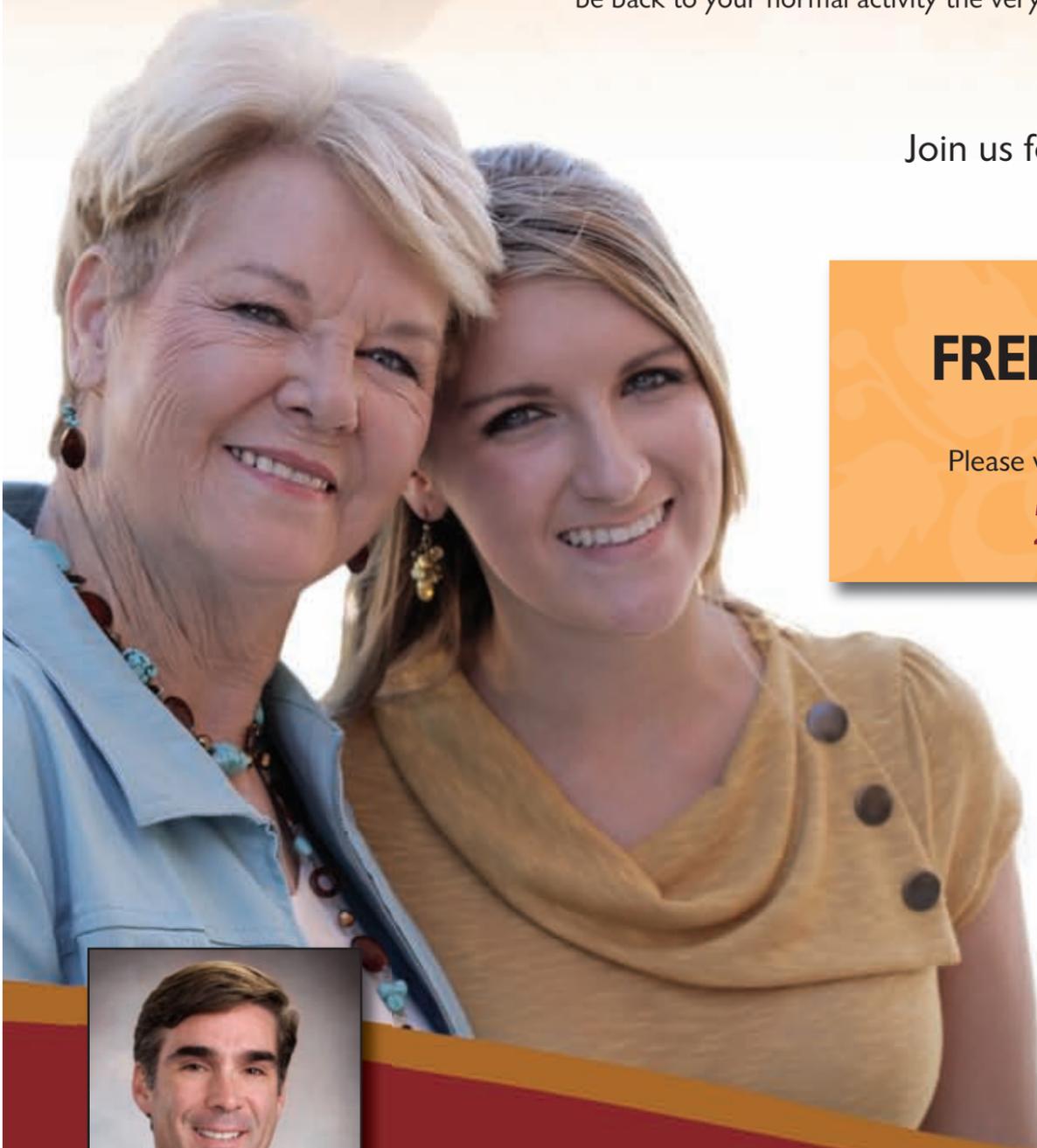
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TEA PARTY

From page 1

Since Florida remains one of four or five must-win states for the next U.S. President, Tea Partiers across the state — and especially along the very vocal Southwest coast — may carry a powerful voice in national politics through the 2012 election, now only 14 months away.

Here, *Florida Weekly* lends an ear to their voices and to the voices of those who may seek their support as the important ninth month unfolds.

On Sept. 8, for example, President Barack Obama must deliver a state of the union address likely to leave him exposed in the eyes of many — even some within his own party — as the architect of a failed economic policy, with national unemployment holding at 9.1 percent and a net gain of zero jobs in the last 11 months — the first time the jobs economy has remained motionless for that length of time since 1945.

Three days later, on Sept. 11, the nation mourns the losses of its most tragic day in recent history, 10 years ago. The next day, on Sept. 12, CNN hosts a nationally televised Tea Party forum in which eight Republican presidential candidates will take hard questions from Tea Partiers in Tampa. And on Sept. 24, the powerful Florida GOP will hold a “Presidency 5” straw poll in Orlando to determine which Republican should receive the party’s nomination for President.

Tea Partiers including Mr. Willoughby will be prominent at that event. On three other occasions when state Republicans held such a straw poll, their choices ultimately became party nominees, leading the Republican bid for the White House (Ronald Reagan in 1979, George H.W. Bush in 1987, and Bob Dole in 1995).

A thriving movement

It may not be a party, insist the most vocal Tea Party apologists in Southwest Florida, but it’s a robust movement, a ship of politically conservative principles and proposals with everybody and nobody at the helm.

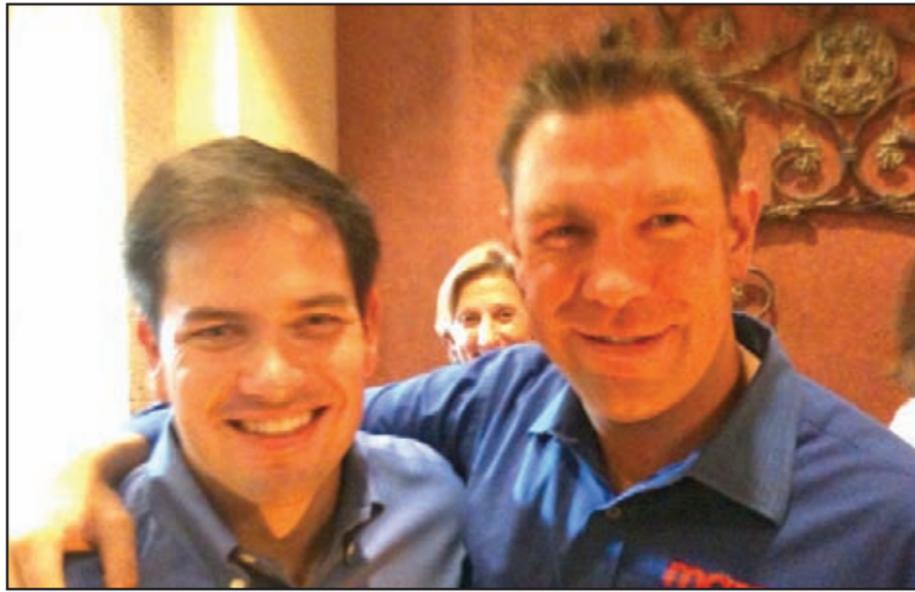
“I don’t know a Tea Party leader, quote unquote, and I don’t consider myself by any means a Tea Party spokesman,” says Trey Radel, the host of a popular conservative morning talk show and ad fest airing each weekday from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. on 92.5 Fox FM radio and TV-6 — the kick-off for a lineup that later includes Rush Limbaugh, Glenn Beck and Mark Levin.

“But I am happy and proud of the support I receive to be a conservative voice in Southwest Florida,” he adds.

Using himself as a model and pointing to an autobiographical online summary of experiences that reads more like a political candidate’s than a journalist’s or a media advocate’s (www.treyradel.com) resume, the effervescent Mr. Radel insists that Tea Partiers and other conservatives both here and elsewhere are trivialized and stereotyped in most media characterizations.

Under a banner that says, “Let’s get the job done,” the website describes Mr. Radel as “fiscal conservative, free market advocate, patriot,” and notes that he is “tri-lingual (Spanish and Italian, as well as English), well-traveled (he studied in Rome for a year and backpacked “from Colombia to Cambodia”), owner of Trey Communications LLC, “a media relations company that focuses on advancing conservative causes,” and founder of the new nonprofit U.S. Forces Fund to help soldiers wounded abroad and returning home.

“When I’ve helped emcee Tea Party events, or been there, I’ve seen not only a diverse age group and a diverse ethnic and racial makeup, but it’s mostly people



COURTESY PHOTO

Sen. Marco Rubio with conservative radio talk show host Trey Radel.

with, if I can lay a little sarcasm on you, radical ideas like, ‘Let’s return to the Constitution.’ Or, ‘Get your hands out of my pocket,’” he says.

That was not the case, however, at a recent Town Hall meeting in Fort Myers when U.S. Rep. Connie Mack IV, a favorite of many Tea Partiers and a strong advocate of their most significant political positions, took questions from a crowd of several hundred mostly older, mostly white supporters.

The event was energetically hosted by Mr. Radel, but it was not a Tea Party event, in name. It was a Republican event.

Nevertheless, Rep. Mack vigorously promoted the Tea Party agenda, described this way on a Tea Party website for Lee County:

“Organizing to limit and eventually stop the excesses and corruption in government by demanding the government operate in compliance with the United States Constitution, balance the federal budget, simplify the tax system, audit federal government agencies, repeal the health-care legislation passed on March 23, 2010, modify the energy policy, reduce earmarks and ban the use of Corexit in the Gulf of Mexico.”



MACK

The specter of a third party

But that agenda is being pushed from the grassroots by Tea Partiers, not from the cozy offices of Washington’s political elite, the beneficiaries of the two-party system with its big-money influences.

Unlike Rep. Mack’s Republican Party (to whom many or perhaps most of its members belong, partiers say), the Tea Party is neither registered as a third party, nor authorized to raise money for candidates, as a third party would — the Green Party, for example.

That party championed Ralph Nader and thus cost Democratic candidate Al Gore the presidential election in 2000, according to some pundits.

But Tea Party ideas and their tea partiers arguably carry more weight than those of any officially sanctioned third party in memory.

“I don’t know of any Tea Party member who would like to see the Tea Party become a third party,” says Mr. Willoughby, a Minnesotan and business owner who retired to Naples several years ago.

The organizer of the Naples Tea Party, Mr. Willoughby began “partying” on the corner of U.S. 41 and Pine Ridge Road in 2009 when he became fed up with big government, he says. Affable, thoughtful and unpretentious in conversation, he’s the most prominent private citizen championing Tea Party causes in the region.

He also knows personally two Tea Par-

ty darlings in state or national office, Gov. Rick Scott and U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio.

Although he favors Sen. Rubio over any other national politicians and wishes he would run for president next year, he says, nobody in the GOP is getting any slack.

“Mitt Romney is too much ‘big government’ and the old way of doing things,” he says. As for Rick Perry, “Do we really need another Texan?” he asks rhetorically?

Presumably the unspoken answer is no.

“So in saying none of us wants to see a third party, it’s still true that the Republicans have just as much to fear from the Tea Party as the Democrats,” Mr. Willoughby insists.

A cautious alliance

Others agree — Mr. Radel, for example, who like Mr. Willoughby, is quick to put distance between his style of conservatism and former President George W. Bush’s style.

“The Tea Party sprang up simply because they didn’t like Barack Obama, and because people were so fed up with President Bush.

Bush was in favor of a big bailout, he grew the Department of Education, and he added a new department — the Department of Homeland Security. The Tea Party was

infuriated by many of the things he did,” says Mr. Radel.

As a result, “There are Republicans who are a little leery of the Tea Party,” Mr. Willoughby says.

“Members of the Republican Party are calling us hobbits. We stand more on the conservative side as far as social, and definitely in fiscal issues and not all Republicans like that. We are not progressive, we love the Constitution as it was written. We don’t think the text needs to be considered a living and breathing thing to be changed at the whim of whoever is in power at the time.”

And one more thing, Mr. Willoughby notes. “Our big push from day one has always been: individual freedom that comes with personal responsibility. That’s it.”

For Republicans such as Dr. Frank Schwerin, head of Collier County’s Republican Party, or Marilyn Stout, president of the Fort Myers Women’s Republican Club Federated, a wait-and-see attitude is best when it comes to the Tea Party.

“It worries me that too much emphasis is going to be put on the Tea Party,” says Mrs. Stout, who describes herself as a fiscal conservative but a social moderate.

“In New York, there was a special election where a Democrat won in a conservative district because there was a Tea Party candidate. The Republican Party sometimes has a tendency to lean so far to the right that it’s difficult to come back to the middle to appeal to fiscal, rather than social values.

“There are a lot of issues: The situation in Middle East with the wars, the budget disaster, the debt limit. Is the Tea Party going to affect local elections here? No, I don’t think so. I don’t think there’s anybody running against Connie Mack, either. I do think Marco Rubio did the correct thing by not joining their Tea Party caucus — he has a brilliant future in front of him if he makes the right moves at the right time.”

The fact that Sen. Rubio can appeal to more moderate Republicans as well as to Tea Party members makes sense to Dr. Schwerin, because the GOP is a “big tent,” he says — echoing not only the phrase used by other Republicans and conservatives such as Mr. Willoughby (a registered Republican), Mr. Radel and Mrs. Stout, but first hammered out by

the late Lee Atwater, then chairman of the Republican National Committee, during a Virginia political race in Nov., 1989.

“Our party is a big tent,” Mr. Atwater said. “We can house many views on many issues. Abortion is no exception.”

The comment remains almost eerily contemporary.

“Some of the Tea Party people are libertarians, some are Christian fundamentalists, there’s a whole band of them, they’re not all monolithic,” says Dr.

“The Tea Party sprang up simply because they didn’t like Barack Obama, and because people were so fed up with President Bush. Bush was in favor of a big bailout, he grew the Department of Education, and he added a new department — the Department of Homeland Security. The Tea Party was infuriated by many of the things he did.”

— Trey Radel

Schwerin. “Some of them are very pro choice. For example, they don’t believe the government should tell you who to marry or what to do. Left and right converge when you talk about getting rid of government.”

All of which leaves Dr. Schwerin deeply concerned about next year’s presidential race, and the influence of Tea Party members on it.

“They may give up on the Republicans, if the Republicans don’t heed their message,” he explains. “Their argument would be that the Democrats and the Republicans are the same.”

“A third party — what I’m terrified of is a Ross Perot kind of thing (Mr. Perot campaigned both as an Independent in 1992, when George H.W. Bush lost a second-term bid for the White House, and in 1996 as a Reform Party candidate). That may have been the predecessor to the Tea Party. They could easily come up with a candidate, and take away 8 or 10 percent of the vote (from the Republican candidate for president).

“But a force like that doesn’t help you if you can’t harness it in November — if you create a crackpot third party and ruin the Republican chances.”

But that’s a non-starter, insist both Barry Willoughby and Trey Radel.

“Will the Tea Party damage Republican chances? Absolutely not,” insists Mr. Radel. “It’s just part of what’s under the huge umbrella of what a Republican is all about — returning the country back to its roots.” ■

NONPROFIT NEWS

United Way campaign leader knows the language

BY MOLLIE PAGE
Special to Florida Weekly

Fresh into his first week as the newly assigned director of Collier County Public School's Adult & Community Education Department, Robert Breitbard understands what it takes to unite a community through education. Having attended Immokalee High School and Edison State College before pursuing further study, Mr. Breitbard has also been on the other side of the lectern as a teacher in Collier County. This vantage point provides him with dual perspective, something sure to be an asset during the next year as co-chair of United Way of Collier County's \$2.3 million campaign.

"Can I help you?" "¿Le puedo ayudar?" "Mwen ka ede ou?" he says (in English, Spanish and Haitian-Creole). The phrase opens the doors of communication and supports United Way's mission to educate residents from a variety of cultures on the services they can receive through the agency's 30 human service charity partners.



Brietbard

"Raising money starts with raising awareness, and this can't be done unless you can communicate the same message to both givers and receivers," he says.

Like many of United Way's partner agencies, Mr. Breitbard's department in the Collier County school system provides invaluable education to adult residents. In fact, even though two-thirds of Collier's registered voters don't have a child attending a local public school, almost 10,000 adults attend classes through his division each year.

Eighty percent of the future jobs in demand will require more than a high school diploma, but less than a bachelor's degree, he says, adding, "Through community classes and Career Technical Centers, we're helping the county improve its job force."

The school district supports United Way because they share an objective: to support initiatives that educate the community about needs both in and outside the school system. By funding vital human service programs through

its partner agencies, United Way reaches one in four residents, a high percentage of whom are children attending a public school or adults attending adult or community education classes.

Contributions to United Way of Collier County fund initiatives such as health care for the working poor, education for at-risk children, safety for the abused, therapy for the ill, food for the hungry and advocacy for those harmed.

Mr. Breitbard believes the only way to LIVE UNITED is to "talk the talk" and says Collier County residents can help educate the community about United Way by becoming a voice for those in need.

"Talk the talk" by joining the sixth annual Walk for the Way setting out at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at North Collier Regional Park. For \$10 adults or \$5 students, participants can stroll 2.5 miles along the park's nature trail and then enjoy festivities in the gymnasium including raffles, prizes, educational booths and appearances by local personalities and some former Miami Dolphin football players.

"Walk with me." "Camina conmigo." "Mache avè m," invites Mr. Breitbard. ■

— *The United Way of Collier County has raised funds to support human service agencies in Collier County since 1957. This year's \$2.3 million campaign will help more than 100,000 residents through 30 partner agencies. Contributions can be made at www.unitedwayofcolliercounty.org or mailed to United Way of Collier County, 848 First Ave. N., Suite 240, Naples, FL 34102.*

Workshop set to help nonprofits plan

The Community Foundation of Collier County presents "Understanding Collier County: Helping Nonprofits Plan for the Future" from 8:30 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, in the auditorium at the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve. The workshop will help Collier County nonprofit organizations visualize and plan for changes that could occur in the county within the next five years. Material will include statistics, trends, projections and expert opinion about several areas, including planning and growth, residents and visitors, legislative issues and the economy.

Guest speakers include Collier County Manager Leo Ochs, Tourism Director Jack Wert, EDC Chairman-elect Tim Cartwright and Norm Feder and Nick Casalanguida from the county's Growth Management Division.

Registration is \$25 per person. Light refreshments from Costco Naples will be served. To register, visit the Community Foundation website at www.cfcollier.org. ■

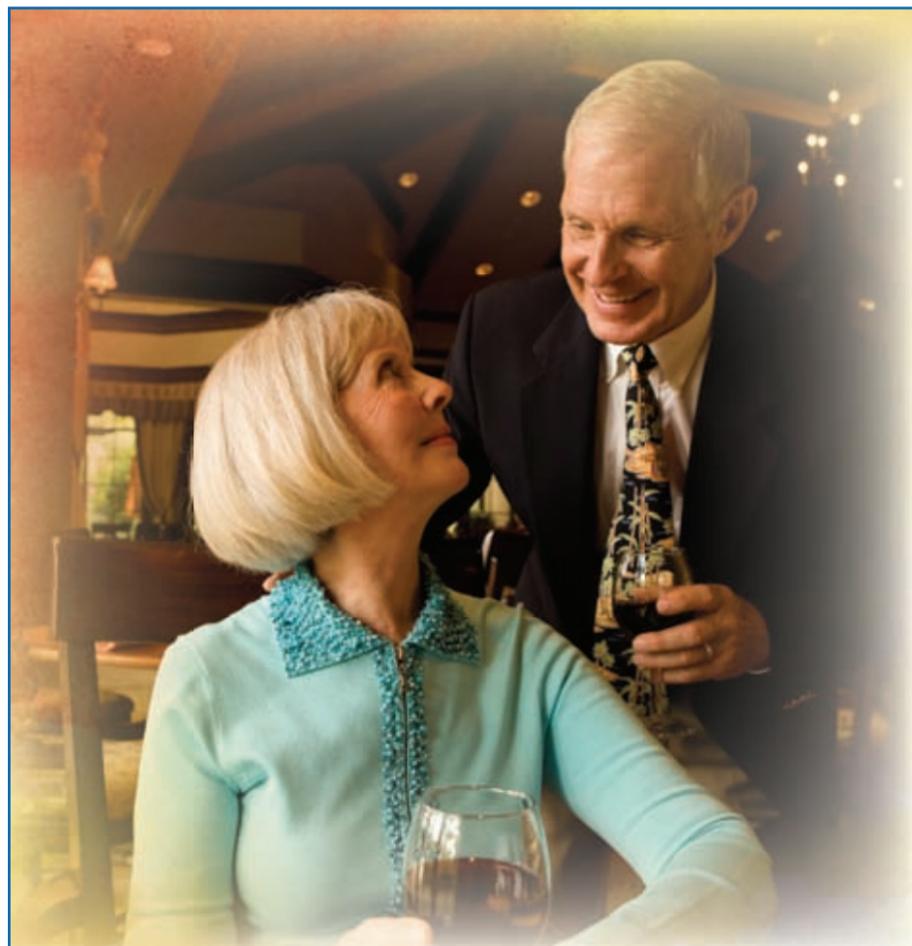
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Walk for the Way

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As such, Mr. Breitbard is helping to spread the phrase "LIVE UNITED" across the community along with co-chair Nancy Pelotte.

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Consul General of Israel plans Naples visit

Chaim Shacham, consul general of Israel to Florida and Puerto Rico, will discuss his "Vision for the Florida-Israel Business Relationship" from 9-10:30 a.m. Monday, Sept. 19, the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, 2390 Tamiami Trail N.

Previous to his appointment in Miami, Mr. Shacham served as director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Information and Internet Department, directing Israel's digital diplomacy program through Israel's official social media channels and the network of Israeli diplomatic mission Websites throughout the world. He has also served as Israel's representa-

tive in the Plenary of the annual United Nations General Assembly, as deputy consul general to the Midwest region in Chicago and as deputy chief of the Israel Embassy in Panama and Paraguay.

Mr. Shacham was born in the United States, grew up in Chicago and immigrated to Israel after completing high school. The widowed father of five, he holds a degree in international relations and political science from the State University of New York.

Attendance at the program is free, but space is limited and reservations are required. Call 403-2904 or e-mail Lori@NaplesChamber.org. ■

The Phil welcomes 'The President's Own'

As part of its 2011 national tour, "The President's Own" United States Marine Band will perform a free concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

Tickets can be reserved (limit four per request) by sending an SASE to: Philharmonic Center for the Arts Box Office, 5833 Pelican Bay Blvd., Naples, FL 34108. Indicate the number of tickets needed.

Tickets can also be picked up in person at the box office between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Ticket holders must be seated by 7:45 p.m.; non-ticket holders will be admitted at that time.

The program will include music

by Gustav Holst, Percy Fletcher and Michael Gandolfi. It will conclude with a Salute to the Armed Forces of the United States, featuring all of the military service songs.

By early November, the Marine Band will have performed a total of 29 concerts in 31 days on its 2011 tour.

The Marine Band is America's oldest continuously active professional musical organization. Founded in 1798, the band has performed for every U.S. president since John Adams. Known as "The President's Own" since the days of Thomas Jefferson, its primary mission is to provide music for the president of the United States and the commandant of the Marine Corps. ■

Leadership program designed to help Collier citizens become more involved

The 2011 Campaign for Leadership, a program designed for those who want to become more effectively engaged in local government, is set for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4-5, at the Naples Botanical Garden. Everyone is welcome to participate.

The nonpartisan program is designed to encourage citizen leaders to serve on boards and commissions and/or run for elected office. Speakers and panelists include U.S. Senators from Florida Bill Nelson (confirmed) and Marco Rubio (invited) and more than 25 elected and appointed leaders, campaign consultants, party officials, the media and policy experts.

Leadership Collier Foundation partners with the Collier Building Industry Association, Collier County Presidents Council, Economic Development Council of Collier County, Greater Naples Better Government Committee, the League of Women Voters of Collier County, the Naples Area Board of Realtors, the

Naples Daily News and the Naples Men's Discussion Group to present Campaign for Leadership 2011. The agenda begins with lunch on Friday, Nov. 4, and opening remarks by Sen. Nelson.

"Campaign for Leadership 2011 will spark civic engagement, foster political action and improve the quality of our community's future," says Michael Reagen, president and CEO of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and the Leadership Collier Foundation. "Participants will be charged with a vital task: to advocate and promote excellence at all levels of local government."

Registration is \$75 and includes lunch, refreshments, a networking mixer on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

To sign up or for more information, including a PDF brochure with agenda, visit tinyurl.com/campaignforleadership2011 or contact Lori Freiburg at the chamber by calling 403-2904 or e-mailing lori@napleschamber.org. ■

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The 11th annual Bingo Challenge organized by the Collier County Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired takes place Friday, Sept. 16, at First United Methodist Church in Naples. The date was chosen to coincide with National Assisted Living Week.

Teams from area nursing homes and assisted living facilities will compete at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., with the winners from each time period taking home the Gold Cup, which they will return next year to defend. The 2010 returning champion teams are from The Chateau at Moorings Park and Homewood Residence.

The public is invited to play for cash and prizes during open Bingo from 11 a.m.



to 2 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the Collier County Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired.

Members of the Collier County Sheriff's Department seniors services and crime prevention programs will be on the prize patrol, and members of the Greater Naples Delta Gammas will assist vision- and hearing-impaired attendees with playing the game. Members of the Naples Lions Club, the Naples Nites Lions Club and the Marco Island Lions Club will assist as hosts.

First United Methodist Church is at 388 First Ave. S. For more information, call 248-8455.

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The Garden will be closed for its "Fall Scrub" cleaning and maintenance from Sept. 19-30.

For more information, call 643-7275 or visit www.naplesgarden.org.

Humane society setting up at Coastland Center

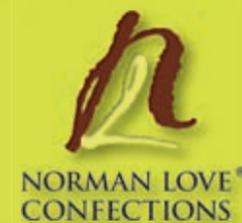
Humane Society Naples and Coastland Center have joined forces to have an HSN satellite adoption center near Sears at the busy mall. Set to open Thursday, Sept. 15, the center will house up to 50 cats and dogs — and likely the occasional rabbit, hamster, guinea pig or cockatoo — that need permanent, loving homes. Patricia Worcester will manage the center, and HSN staff and

volunteers will help with daily operations. Hours will be those of all stores in Coastland Center: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Those who would like to find out about volunteering at the satellite adoption center or at HSN headquarters on Airport-Pulling Road should call 643-1555 or visit www.HSNaples.org.

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FAITH NOTES

Chabad Naples partners with kosher market

Chabad Naples has teamed up with Aroma Markets and Catering to bring kosher food to Collier County residents. The kosher market based in Cooper City, Fla., provides meats, poultry, fish, fresh salads and baked goods. Individual orders placed directly with the market are delivered to Chabad Naples, 1789 Mandarin Road, for pick-up between 2 and 4:15 p.m. every Thursday.

Complimentary samples of hors d'oeuvres, pastries and challah from the market will be served at Chabad Naples from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8.

For more information, call 404-6993, e-mail kosher@chabadnaples.com or visit www.chabadnaples.com.

Marco Jewish congregation plans open house

The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island holds an open house for the community from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18. Visitors will meet Rabbi Edward Maline, cantorial soloist Hari Jacobsen and others who are involved in the leadership of the temple. Refreshments will be served.

JCMI members and guests will cel-

brate the High Holy Days with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, followed by the Selichot service. Cost is \$25 per person, and reservations are required by Sept. 19.

Tickets for Rosh Hashanah (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 28-30) and Yom Kippur services (Friday and Saturday, Oct. 7-8) are available now. Mail requests to JCMI, 991 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island, FL 34145, or call the JCMI office at 642-0800 for more information.

Children's troupe welcomes new members

Children in grades 1-6 are invited to join Son Stars, a drama and music troupe that meets at Faith Community Church. There is no participation fee, and membership and attendance at the church are not required.

In preparation for the fall production season, the group will hold a new membership meeting at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18. No audition is required. The group will be working on the Christmas musical production "Angel Alert."

All members will take part in the program; individual roles and solos are available through auditions to be held for members at a later date.

Faith Community Church is at 6455 Hidden Oak Lane, Naples. For more information, call 961-5057 or visit www.sonstars.com. ■

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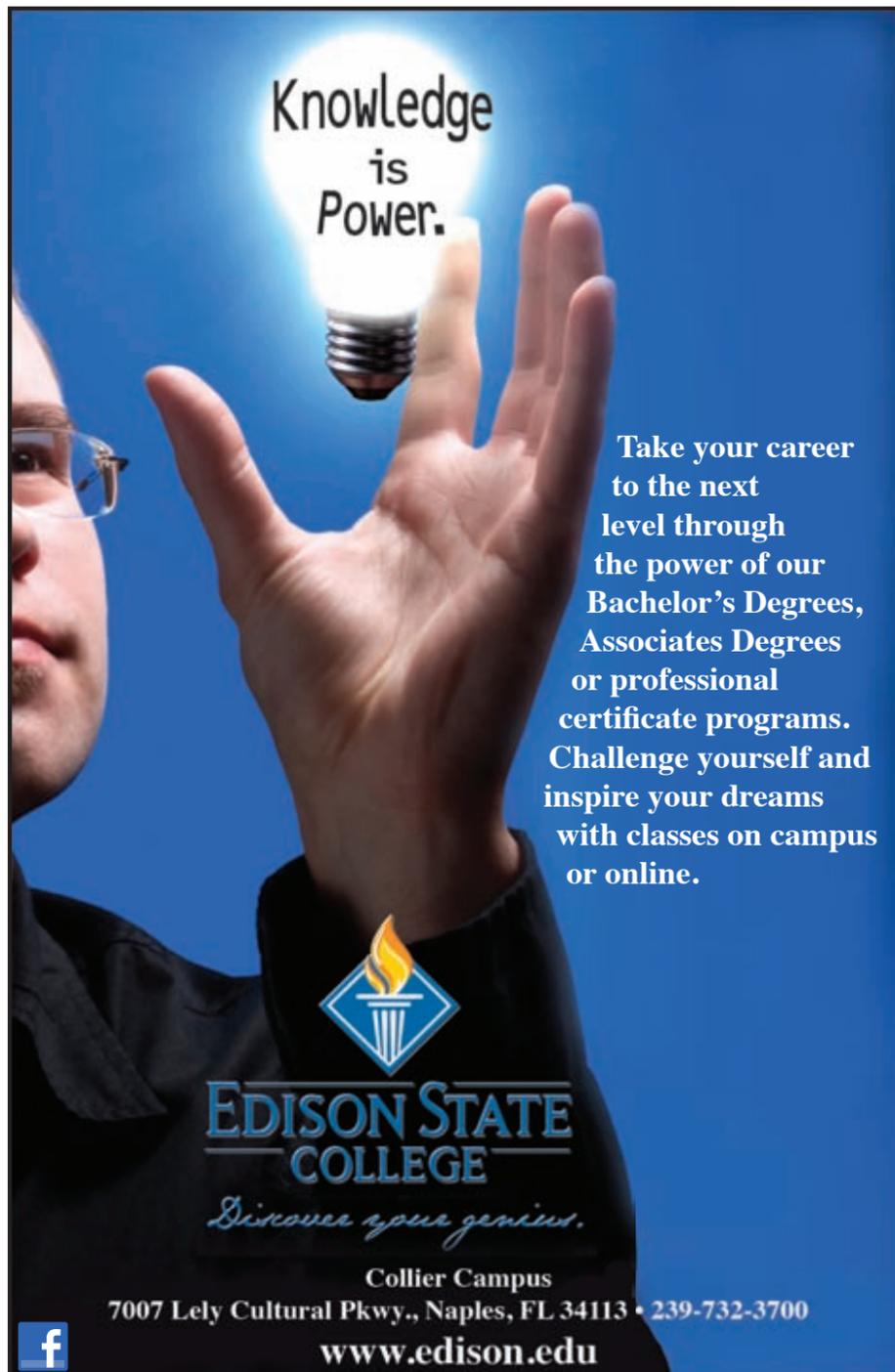
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CLUB NOTES

Republican club on Marco plans social, first meeting

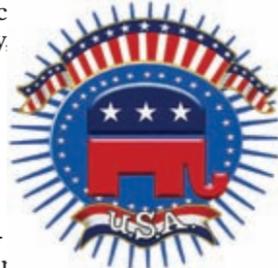
The new Caxambas Republican Club of SWF holds a club soc from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at CJs on the Bay on Marco Island. Anyone interested in learning more about the new club is welcome.

The first official meeting is set for 5-7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, at Mackle Par on Marco. Members will discuss overall club strategy and will meet the board of directors and advisory committee members. Future social and meeting

dates will be determined.

Guest speaker will be Chauncey Goss, former national security analyst for the President's Office of Management and Budget and deputy staff director for Paul Ryan's House Budget Committee. Mr. Goss is a resident of Sanibel Island.

For more information or to RSVP for the social or the inaugural meeting, contact Karen Hearn at 207-4574 or rahkrh@aol.com or Litha Berger at 594-4990 or lithasberger@gmail.com.



Federated Republican Women will host congressional candidate

The Southwest Florida Federated Republican Women will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, in the clubhouse at Arbor Trace on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples.

Guest speaker will be Kathleen Har-

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Art exhibit highlights scenes from Rookery Bay reserve

The third annual Family and Friends of the Estuary Exhibit at Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve highlights 33 works submitted by staff, members, volunteers and staff family members along the theme of "Where in the Reserve?"

The exhibition opens with a free reception from 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center, 300 Tower Road. The show is on view through Nov. 11.

In conjunction with the United Arts Council of Collier County, Rookery Bay is accepting submissions for the joint Painting Annual, which will be on view Nov. 15-Jan. 28. The deadline to enter is Oct. 7, and the prospectus is online at www.rookerybay.org. The two groups will also mount the Photography Annual from Feb. 1-March 31. Clyde Butcher serves as juror, and the prospectus will be online soon. ■

Pitch in for 2011 Coastal Cleanup

Every September for the past 15 years, thousands of Collier County volunteers have pitched in for Coastal Cleanup. Organized by Keep Collier Beautiful, it's part of the Ocean Conservancy's annual International Coastal Cleanup during which volunteers around the world remove trash and debris from waterways that lead to our oceans.

Volunteer groups with more than 10 members are asked to sign up for Coastal Cleanup by calling Keep Collier Beautiful at 580-8319 or e-mailing litternot@earthlink.net.

Individuals and smaller groups are asked to meet at one of the following cleanup sites between 8 and 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17: Barefoot Beach Preserve, Bayview Park, Clam Pass, Cocohatchee Canal, Collier Boulevard-Golden Gate Canal Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, Gulf Shores Marina, Lowdermilk Park, Naples Bay, Naples Pier, Rookery Bay, Tigertail Beach or Vanderbilt Beach.

Volunteers will be given trash bags, gloves and a Coastal Cleanup T-shirt (while supplies last). ■

Anglers can still get on the hook

A few spots remain for amateur anglers to sign up for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida 2011 RedSnook Catch and Release Charity Tournament that kicks off at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at the Naples Yacht Club. The competition launches from locations in Naples, Goodland and Chokoloskee on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 22-23. The awards ceremony takes place Sunday evening at Northern Trust.

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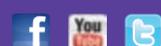
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Airport authority plans public workshop

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Public comment is welcome. The agenda will be posted on the airport's website, www.FlyNaples.com, on Friday, Sept. 9.

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The Joint Commission survey, Part 2

I am proud to present Part 2 of my report on the first Joint Commission survey of the NCH Healthcare Group. Let me begin by saying how rare such an audit is. Most medical offices in America are reluctant to volunteer to undergo this rigorous review that complies with the Joint Commission's high standards. I must admit that when I had a solo practice in rheumatology, internal medicine and geriatrics, my two colleagues and I never even considered the option of accreditation. That reality adds to the importance of the following audit results.

■ **Sleep Center**, Cheryl Attree, manager — Ms. Attree and sleep tech Michelle McDougall clearly recounted each step of a sleep center patient's experience and shared performance data and a quality questionnaire to underscore our care and concern for patients.

■ **Edison Village Lab**, Mat Treganza, manager — Phlebotomist Luis Trujillo deftly explained the process, from checking patients in utilizing patient identifiers and hand hygiene, to extracting correct orders out of NextGen EMR, to drawing and processing specimens. Surveyors were impressed with Mr. Trujillo's knowledge of Joint Commission standards.

■ **Edison Village**, Sue LaCount, practice manager — Paramedic Valerie Ouillette detailed how she cares for her patients, documents in NextGen EMR, draws blood and runs lab tests — all while she was caring for several patients! Theresa Holland, LPN, and pediatrician Dulce Dudley demonstrated applications in the NextGen EMR that allow this busy pediatric office to easily graph a child's growth and document giving vaccine information to parents. The surveyor was duly impressed.

■ **Commons Building**, Karen Judd, Zulma Garcia and Earl Robinson, practice managers — Equally impressive were Diane Bogner, radiology PSR, and Rosy Gorrostieta, physical therapy PSR/team leader, who demonstrated outstanding customer service skills in helping patients register for treatment.

■ **Commons Building Anticoagulation Clinic**, Miriam Means, practice manager — Jean Harvey, a recent addition to the group, expertly demonstrated how the clinic uses established protocols to ensure safe administration of anticoagulation therapy. Her skill underscored NCH Healthcare Group's commitment to effective orientation and training for new employees.

■ **Orthopedics**, Barbara Ann Gaetzi, practice manager — Jennifer Cruz detailed her role in caring for orthopedic patients, reviewing medication management, showing the locked sample cabinet and going over the process she uses to log in medications and track who is given which sample (critical information in the event of a medication recall).

Having a credible, independent, knowledgeable third party — like the Joint Commission — review, educate, motivate and generally validate is invaluable for our institution and our community's health. Clearly, we're not perfect. But the strides we've made toward making NCH a world-class hospital are a credit to everyone who works here. ■

— Allen Weiss is the president and CEO of NCH Healthcare Systems

Common antibiotic helps lung disease victims

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Adding a common antibiotic to the usual daily treatment regimen for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, commonly called COPD, can reduce the occurrence of acute exacerbations and improve quality of life, reports new results from a clinical trial funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health.

The study appeared in the Aug. 25 issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

"Acute exacerbations account for a significant part of COPD's health burden," said Susan B. Shurin, acting director of the NHLBI. "These promising results with azithromycin may help us reduce that burden and improve the lives of patients at risk."

COPD exacerbations are sudden onsets of worsened cough, wheeze, and labored breathing, which are typically induced by bacterial and/or viral infection. Azithromycin is already prescribed for a wide variety of bacterial infections including pneumonia and strep throat. Previous research suggested that this antibiotic might work for COPD exacerbations, but this study was the first to enroll a large number of COPD patients and treat exacerbations with this drug over a long time. Participants had a history of exacerbations in the previous year or needed oxygen therapy.

Eighty percent of the study participants were already taking other medications normally used to manage COPD, including inhaled steroids and long-acting bronchodilators.

"This study suggests that azithromycin's benefits extend



beyond those of other therapies," noted James Kiley, Ph.D., director of the NHLBI's division of lung diseases. Dr. Kiley added that more research is needed to determine the long-term effects of azithromycin treatment and to identify which group of patients would benefit the most.

COPD is a progressive disease of the lungs that affects more than 12 million people in the United States and is now the third leading cause of death in this country. There is currently no cure, though a combination of drugs and lifestyle changes can help manage the symptoms. The term COPD includes two main conditions — emphysema and chronic bronchitis. Most of the time, COPD is diagnosed in middle-aged or older people. The disease isn't passed from person to person—you can't catch it from someone else. It is common in smokers or past-smokers.

To learn more about the study, visit <http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT00325897>. ■

TO YOUR HEALTH

Bend and stretch at Salutation Nation

Local yoga practitioners of all abilities can roll out their mats and bend, stretch and breathe as part of Salutation Nation, an international celebration of yoga, from 9-10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Cambier Park.

Instruction will be by staff from Love Yoga Center and Bala Vinyasa Yoga.

Local yoga studios, representatives from LuluLemon Athletica and others will distribute information about their programs. The LuluLemon boutique will host an after party.

Participation is free. Bring your mat and water.

Parkinson's group hosts lunch, numerous programs

The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida holds exercise, speech, dance and art therapy classes at multiple locations in Naples, Marco Island and Bonita Springs for those who have a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease.

A monthly "Lunch Bunch" social gathering as well as support programs for families and caregivers are also offered, and various opportunities are available for volunteers at PASFi headquarters in the Hibiscus Center, 2950

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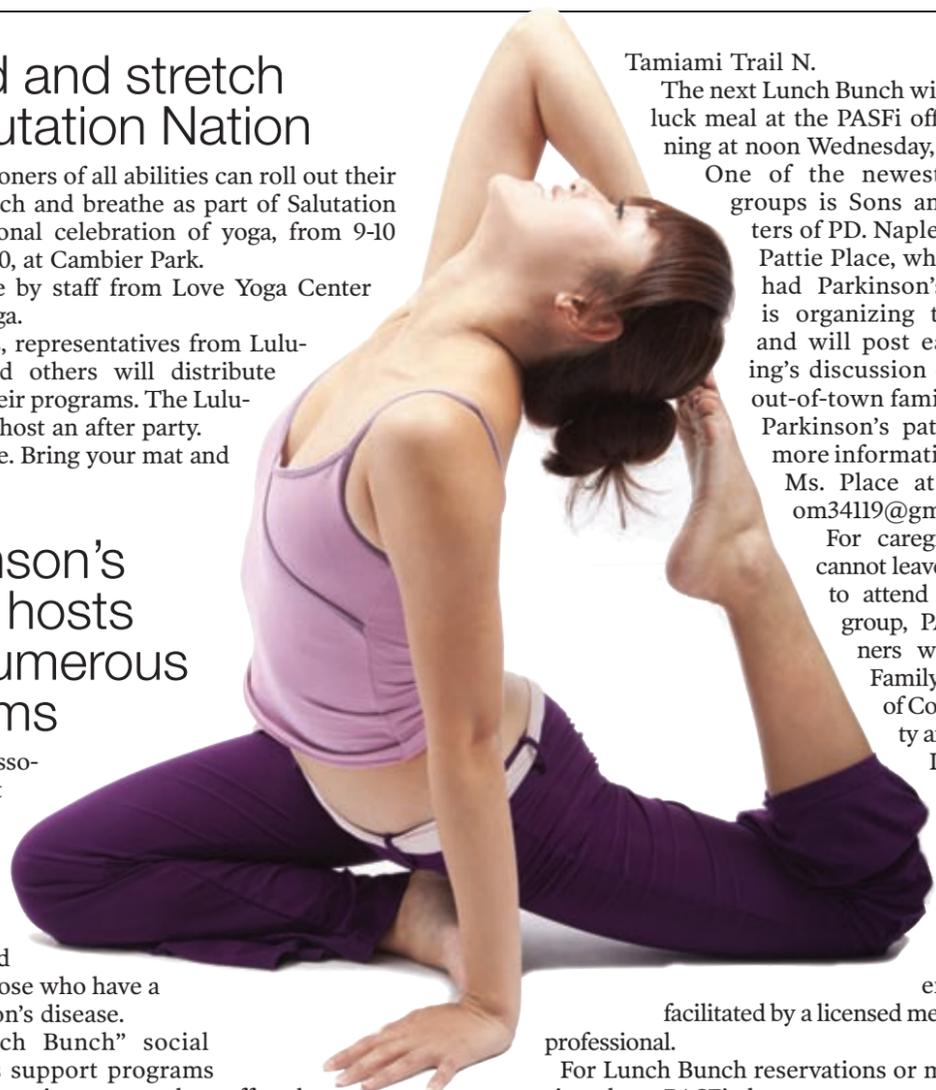
The next Lunch Bunch will be a potluck meal at the PASFi office beginning at noon Wednesday, Sept. 14.

One of the newest support groups is Sons and Daughters of PD. Naples resident Pattie Place, whose father had Parkinson's disease, is organizing the group and will post each meeting's discussion online for out-of-town family of local Parkinson's patients. For more information, e-mail Ms. Place at bubbamom34119@gmail.com.

For caregivers who cannot leave the home to attend a support group, PASFi partners with Jewish Family Services of Collier County and the Heil Luthringer Foundation for MS to provide a telephone conference call

facilitated by a licensed mental health professional.

For Lunch Bunch reservations or more information about PASFi classes, programs and volunteer jobs, call Executive Director Ruth Hubing at 417-3465, e-mail pasfied@aol.com or visit www.PASFi.org. ■



TO YOUR HEALTH

Program about diagnosing and treating dementia

The Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida presents Naples psychiatrist Daniel Deutschman with a lecture about "Delirium/Dementia Diagnosis and Treatment" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at MHA headquarters at 2335 Tamiami Trail N. Mental health professionals can earn one CEU.

Attendance is free. Registration is required and can be completed by calling Brian Follweiler at 261-5405 or e-mailing bfollweiler@mhaswfl.org.

Support group for those suffering pregnancy loss

Avow Hospice is starting support group for those who have suffered pregnancy loss or infant loss. Sessions led by a bereavement specialist will be held for eight weeks beginning Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Avow Hospice, 1095 Whipoorwill Lane. Attendance is free.

For registration or more information, call Loren Whipple at 649-3693.

Help replenish blood supplies

Community Blood Center has experienced a bigger than usual drop in summertime supplies, and donors are urged to give.

Blood types O+ and A+ are especially needed.

All donors become eligible to win the summer grand prize of four adult, two-day passes to Busch Gardens and an overnight stay at Wingate by Windham, Tampa.

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.

Free car seat safety inspections to be conducted

In honor of National Child Passenger Safety Week, the Children's Advocacy Center of Collier County and The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida will conduct free child car seat safety checks from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 24, at Twinkle Twinkle Little Store in Naples.

Families are welcome to come and

enjoy a bounce house, play area, refreshments and giveaways for the kids while certified safety technicians assist parents at their vehicles.

Studies show that up to 80 percent of car seats are installed incorrectly. Many children also ride in car seats that do not meet current standards or that are not appropriate for the child's size.

Twinkle Twinkle Little Store is in the Outback Steakhouse plaza at 4910 Tamiami Trail N., one block south of Pine Ridge Road. For more information, call 262-5904.

FGCU conference on children's mental health

The Florida Gulf Coast University Florida Institute of Government and College of Education hosts a children's mental health conference from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at FGCU.

The program will address problems associated with mental health disorders in children and youth, and will provide insight about what the community can do to make a difference in their lives. Topics will include diagnosis and treatment in adolescent psychiatry, including bipolar disorder.

Mental health professionals will be able to earn five contact hours.

Registration is \$25 (\$40 with contact hours) and includes continental breakfast and a box lunch. To sign up or for more information, call Joanne Hartke, director of the FGCU Florida Institute of Government, at 425-3273. ■

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\$20,000 gift makes a splash for children's water safety program

21st Century Oncology is diving into a water safety initiative in Collier County with a donation of \$20,000 to support drowning prevention programs through the Safe and Healthy Children's Coalition of Collier County.

Drowning is the leading cause of injury-related death among children under age 4 in Florida, and every year thousands of children are treated in emergency rooms for drowning-related incidents.

In Collier County, the NCH Healthcare System emergency rooms treated 70 water-related incidents involving infants and children in 2010. Nineteen children were admitted to the Pediatric Intensive Care or Pediatric Step Down Unit, with six of them requiring intubation.

Physicians Regional Healthcare System saw seven water-related incidents involving infants and children that required treatment at their emergency room between 2009-2010.

21st Century Oncology's contribution will help 500 disadvantaged children in Collier County learn water safety through the SWIM Central program offered by the Safe & Healthy Children's Coalition, according to Dr. Todd Vedder, chairman of the coalition and chief of pediatrics at NCH.

"Surrounded as we are by water, it is



COURTESY PHOTO
Dr. Daniel Dosoretz of 21st Century Oncology, Paula DiGrigoli of the Safe & Healthy Children's Coalition of Collier County and Dr. Allen Weiss of NCH Healthcare System.

critical that every child growing up in Southwest Florida has a basic understanding of water safety and what they can do to keep themselves safe," says Dr. Daniel Dosoretz of 21st Century Oncology, adding, "Our physicians and staff are proud to be a part of this water safety initiative."

Through the SWIM Central program, certified water safety instructors and lifeguards provide 10, 30-minute swim lessons over a two-week period. Curriculum-based lessons focus on floating, calling for help and being able to jump, kick and return to the pool wall.

For information about the Safe and Healthy Children's Coalition of Collier County, call Paula DiGrigoli at 252-5361 or visit the coalition on Facebook. ■

Communication: The first line of defense against drugs

The back-to-school transition can bring a change in a child's attitudes about tobacco, alcohol and other drugs. Here are some tips from Drug Free Collier that can help parents and other caring adults helps the youngsters in their lives stay safe and succeed in school.

- **Communicate before a problem starts.** Have important discussions now, before there's blame, anger or punishment. Agree on a time to start talking with your child about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, prescription pills and other drugs.
- **Discuss rules and consequences.** Explain how you expect your son or daughter to act, and why. Tell your child plainly that you don't want him drinking or using drugs. Agree on consequences of broken rules.
- **Enforce consequences consistently.** If your child breaks the rules, stay calm and enforce the consequences.
- **Show you care.** Show affection. Tell your child you love them and want them to be healthy and safe. Explain that's why you need to talk together about the dangers of underage drinking and drug use.
- **Pay attention.** Even when life gets hectic, take time out to listen to your child. Monitor where your child is and what she is doing.
- **Share family activities.** Have dinner together at least three times a week.
- **Give and get respect.** When your child talks to you, listen and reply respectfully. Insist that your child treat you with respect, too.



- **Sign the pledge.** Show your child that you are committed to their well being and encourage them to do the same. Visit www.drugfreecollier.org and download youth, parent and sibling pledges that can be signed as a commitment to live a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. Keep the pledges on your refrigerator as a reminder. Find more tips and resources at the website as well. ■

in the know

"The Truth About Drugs"

- **What:** A community awareness meeting hosted by Drug Free Collier
- **Who:** Guest speaker Bob Stutman, retired special agent with the U.S. drug Enforcement Administration
- **When:** 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14
- **Where:** The exhibit hall at North Collier Regional Park, 15000 Livingstoppn Road
- **Cost:** Free
- **RSVP:** afrazier@drugfreecollier.org or 377-0535

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PET TALES

Out of reach

Preventing pet poisoning means putting the bad stuff away

BY DR. MARTY BECKER & GINA SPADAFORI
Special to Florida Weekly

The best way to save your pet from an accidental poisoning is to know which items are poisonous and to keep those out of your pet's reach.

What do you need to know? We touched base with Dr. Steven Hansen of the ASPCA's Animal Poison Control Center to find out.

Some poisonings are a result of something an animal gets into, like a household product. But a surprising number of cases come from something intentionally given to an animal by an owner who's trying to help. The classic example of the latter is when an elderly cat is given an extra-strength acetaminophen for arthritis. The owner is trying to help, but unfortunately, even one capsule of this common human medicine can kill a cat.

Dogs can figure out their way into trouble that their owners never envisioned. This includes opening cabinets to get cleaning products and counter-surfing to reach food items and pill vials. You need to realize that pets are basically like toddlers who can open any child-proof container, and you should take similar precautions:

- ↪ Keep products such as medications, harmful foods and cleaning products in a secure cabinet above countertop height.
- ↪ Use a kitchen garbage can with a lid.
- ↪ Always read labels, especially on flea and tick products, and on lawn and garden



Many pets are accidentally poisoned when prescription medications are left where they can be grabbed.

products. Store out of reach in a high cupboard, not under the sink.

- ↪ Be familiar with the plants in and around your home, and have only nontoxic plants.

- ↪ Never give any medication or supplement to your pet unless recommended or approved by your veterinarian.

Many toxic substances aren't well-known to dog owners. For example, don't let your dog have significant amounts of raisins or grapes, macadamia nuts, moldy cheese, chocolate, onions, garlic or anything made with xylitol, which is a deadly ingredient for pets. If xylitol is in something in your home, your dog needs to be protected from it.

Once the preventive measures are in place, you need to know the signs of poisoning. Many (but not all) substances first cause stomach upset, including vomiting

and diarrhea. It's not fun, but vomit must be examined for evidence of chewed packaging, plants, food, pills or other important clues.

Many poisonings progress to weakness and depression or nervous stimulation, including tremors and seizures. Pets may stop eating and drinking, or may drink excessive amounts, which could suggest liver or kidney involvement. Rapid or slow breathing, with changes in tongue and gum color — from pink to white, blue or brown — is an important symptom.

If you suspect poisoning, stay calm. Panicking will not help your pet and may waste precious time. If your pet is not showing any serious signs of illness described above, contact your regular veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center (888-426-4435) to determine if your pet needs to be seen, or if treatment needs to be given at home before you head to the veterinarian.

If your pet is having difficulty breathing, is having seizures, is bleeding or is unconscious, go to your regular veterinarian or an emergency clinic immediately. Take any evidence including chewed containers and labels and even vomit. This information is key to helping your veterinarian save your pet.

Be sure to always have the numbers of your pet's regular veterinarian, your local veterinary emergency clinic and the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center. It could save your pet's life. ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Flopsy** is a 4-month-old little guy who seems to be the socialite of the shelter's kitten room.



>> **Neytiri** is a 2-year-old male Chihuahua mix with personality plus.



>> **Princess** is a darling Chihuahua mix. She's about a year old and loves to go for walks in the rain.



>> **Roller** is a funny little guy who's about 2 months old. He's part pit bull, part something else and all love and cuddles.



>> **Tabby** is 8 years old. She doesn't understand why she's at a shelter, and she wants a permanent home.

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"I shall now therefore humbly propose my own thoughts, which I hope will not be liable to the least objection... I profess, in the sincerity of my heart, that I have not the least personal interest in endeavoring to promote this necessary work..."

— Jonathan Swift, "A Modest Proposal"

They were gathered all around me, begging for the ultimate pourquoi story. And all I could think of was my own child-time reading of Jonathan Swift's "A Modest Proposal." This essay was my first encounter with formal, gentlemanly and literate writing that called for clear exegesis affirming that what you see is not what you get. It was just the beginning of the rewiring of the passionate enchantment that is the ever-emerging structure of my meta-whirling.

Does anyone mean what they say? Is that possible?

"How did you become a pirate? Please tell us..."

Oh, they be just so much whining to me. And me: just wanting to brush it all away like untimely hair, wind blown into eyes. But like all great myth-makers, this one cannot let go of the chance to create

that origin story. So, thus have I said:

We made a tree house, my friend and I. It wasn't really a house and it wasn't really in a tree. But there was a sturdily large blanket, propped up with a broomstick and decorated with a crescent moon. The moon was my idea. My friend chose to ignore its presence.

He was more interested in what he brought under the blanket. First the flashlight, bulky and infamously bright. And then, the collection. The Marvel Universe. Comics. My wet dream was the ads in the back:

Devices to see through clothes, powders to cause itching, eye glass mirrors to see around corners, plastic poo. It was endless speculative pleasure.

For him it was clearer, crisper: It was X-Men and Spider Man and Iron Man. It was the Fantastic Four.

It was Doctor Doom, foot planted on the hapless back of the Silver Surfer.

For him, the key was the endless treasure of the text. And the history of the text. All the Marvel inhabitants and their changing forms. When they were created. Who they fought and when and why.

I listened to every word, to every sharing of what had been and what is now and what will be and what is not.

And I had thoughts in between: I liked the concept of the speech bubbles versus the thought bubbles. In and out: How amazing it seemed, to show it all, just like that. And the characters who leapt from one frame to the next. Such defi-

ance of which I only dreamt every night.

And then the paper: Not like the lined and holed loose leaf I wrote on at school. This paper was like the surface of the moon herself, infinitely bumpy and coarse. Terrain worth exploring. And explore it I did, under the ululation of his story voice. Under that voice I noted how this paper could not be tamed by ink. There was no clear sounding of the depths of infinite corrugation.

And I saw the light shining inside the blanket darkness, a clear path for dancing dust mote chaos.

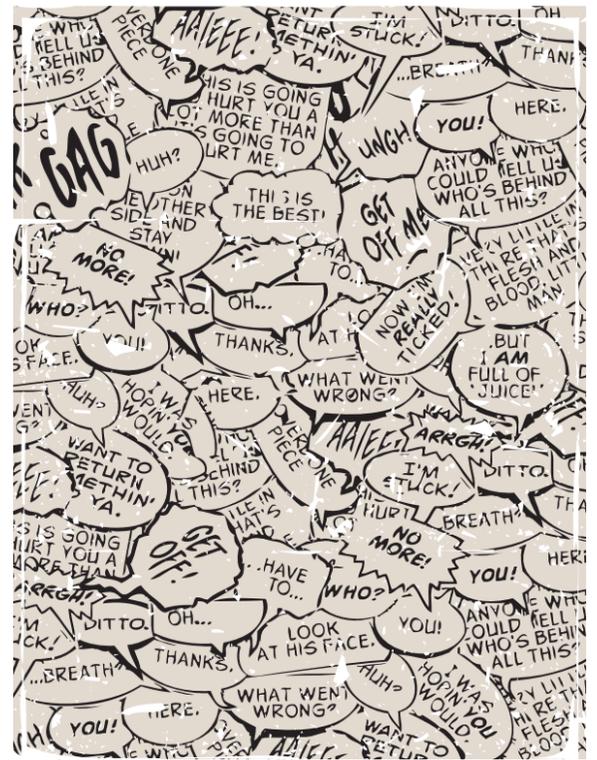
I was un-locatable.

I asked him: "Will we always be friends?" He flashed a look that both squelched the dawning of the meaning of the inquiry and pacified it. "Absolutely." His stories continued.

He was bigger than me. But he never beat me up.

The next week, walking down the school corridor, I saw him coming toward me. He was with others, his size. They all looked like super heroes. I smiled, so big that my face hurt. Either he didn't see me or he pretended not to see me.

It was a different world. With different rules.



But he never beat me up. ■

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

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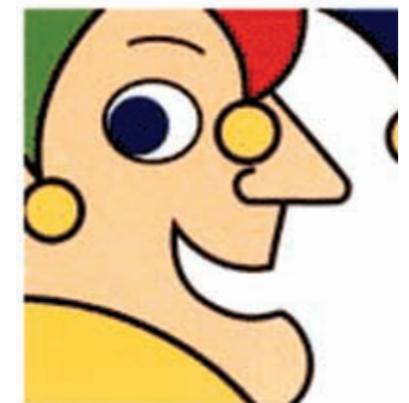
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The IBM 5150 and the APPLE II were among the first PCs.

First loves

BY NANCI THEORET

Special to Florida Weekly

DAN CREIGHTON REMEMBERS TWO COMPUTER geniuses standing over him as they provided step-by-step instructions for using the new-fangled machine on his desk. Unfortunately, they weren't around the next day when a lengthy letter he was about to finish typing disappeared with a push of a button. The screen went blank and Mr. Creighton's document was never seen again, sucked into the technology black hole birthed by the inception of the personal computer in the 1980s.

"Even though I had that computer, I kept going back to the typewriter," admits Mr. Creighton, then working as a money manager in California. "I was more comfortable with it."

Ah, the early days of computing — before clouds, recovery programs and

Business leaders recall complicated affairs with early computers

save buttons ensured a version of a document was stored somewhere. Local business owners remember those neophyte days of technology gone amok, of lost or misplaced files, user and ID10T errors, and those darn bomb messages that sent many early Mac users into panic mode. One could only reboot and hope most of the document had magically survived.

Michael Wynn, president of Sunshine Ace Hardware, is still haunted by an upgrade gone awry five years ago. "I mistakenly listened to the software developer who said it would take just

four to six hours for the conversion. It took 18 hours and there was nothing we could do except watch the screen kick through its progressive percentage of completion. It was one of the few times a technology problem was visible to our customers."

Wynn's six-store franchise now has multiple back-ups in place, including those old manual credit card swipes.

Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Co., a CPA firm with offices in Naples and Fort Myers, has always invested in state-of-the-art equipment, says partner Gail Markham.

"We made the big technology leap 20 years ago when our first IBMs were huge with very little capacity, not to mention very expensive," she says, adding those early machines didn't always live up to their hype. "I still remember the prom-

SEE FIRST, B7 ▶

Junior Achievement plans business laureate dinner

Tickets and sponsorships for Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida's 2011 Business Hall of Fame, Collier County are available at www.jaswfl.org. This year's title sponsor is IberiaBank.

Junior Achievement will honor George Beasley of Beasley Broadcast Group Inc. and Theo Etzel of Conditioned Air Corporation of Naples Inc. as the newest Business Hall of Fame laureates at a dinner ceremony Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the Naples Grande. The award recognizes

outstanding entrepreneurs who serve as role models for youth through their professional accomplishments and commitment to the community.

Tables of 10, which include two reserved seats for Junior Achievement students, are \$1,800. Tables of five are \$900 and include a reserved seat for one student. Individual seats are also available for \$250, and half-page advertisements in the program are \$500.

For more information, call 225-2590 or visit www.JASWFL.org. ■

Hunger walk needs corporate sponsors

The fourth annual WINK News Feeds Families Hunger Walk, a major fundraiser for the Harry Chapin Food Bank, needs business sponsors in order to ensure its success. The walk takes place Saturday, Jan. 21, at Miromar Outlets in Estero.

Presenting sponsor of the 2012 walk is Panera Bread. Sandy Robinson of Northern Trust Bank and Dr. Brian Schwartz of 21st Century Oncology are co-chairs.

For every dollar donated, about \$6 in food value goes back to the community. This

year's goal is \$250,000, which will result in \$1,500,000 in food being distributed through the food bank's 186 participating agencies in Collier, Lee, Hendry, Charlotte and Glades counties. In the past fiscal year, the food bank distributed more than 12.5 million pounds of food and other grocery products.

Businesses interested in sponsoring or otherwise providing support for the hunger walk should call Marta Hodson at 334-7007, ext. 132, or e-mail martahodson@harrychapinfoodbank.org. ■

MONEY & INVESTING

Unemployment is our problem, and ours to solve



The average Joe is trying to pay bills, keep a job or get a job, make payments on a home severely under water or, failing to have done so for any of a host of reasons, is facing eviction as a foreclosure process is under way. The thought of retirement funds other than Social Security is beyond his mental reach. The thought of funding his children's college education is not on the front burner — actually it is nowhere in the kitchen. For many wanting and needing work, the recent passage of Labor Day 2011 was not the happiest of times.

The intellectual part of understanding the world in which we live and the movements in the global financial markets can hypnotically fixate eyes and ears. Keeping abreast of such factoids is part of my profession and usually the focus of this column. It sometimes diverts my (and possibly your) attention away from the truly critical issues of U.S. employment, that is, underemployment, underemployment and those who have given up on being employed.

For many, myself included, employment problems are viewed at arm's length until the problems morph into the faces of those you know. Sometimes, to our surprise, it's our own face in the mirror.

The current unemployment problem of some 9 percent is not all to be laid at this

president's feet, nor fingers pointed to the prior Oval Office occupant. Some hail back to Jimmy Carter and Lyndon Johnson; others believe, "But for Roosevelt and creation of Social Security..." You can add or subtract names until you get to an acceptable political party affiliation depending on how you lean.

The problems are not all corporate leadership's either; they can't change the fact that other countries offer: labor at 50 cents an hour; lower corporate tax rates and certain corporate tax policy; factories where there are no concerns for product and environmental liability suits; no health care mandates for employees, and plenty more. Because the overseas environment is more competitive than much of the U.S., the overseas profits have very much remained there or been redeployed there. Approximately half of the trillions of corporate cash is held overseas; it might well stay there until U.S. tax policy is conducive to bringing it back home.

However, equally true is that CEO compensation packages have robbed the non-senior management (often the middle class/middle management) of their fair share of "trickle down" corporate wealth; the profit distribution never seemed to break the executive floor.

Enter the consumer, all consumers. There's a little blame to go there too. Did we really need all those things? Were minimal savings, maximum spending, and retirement money stored as homeowner equity a strategy that we so willingly should have embraced? And if blame could be properly apportioned among government, business

and the consumer, would that right the ship? No.

The focus needs to be on jobs. Infrastructure projects are the buzz. Though it seems that everything the government manages has deficit, losses and wacky accounting, infrastructure is needed and the only entity that can undertake it is the government. (Albeit, not to the exclusion of partnering with private enterprises.)

Maybe, beyond infrastructure, jobs can be created in those industries that cannot be or should not be exported.

For instance, put money into natural resource development; this is critical. Any lowering of U.S. gasoline prices would have a significant impact on the average Joe. It is just about as important as mortgage rates, except it impacts an even broader cross-section of the population.

The U.S. needs to protect its competitive edge in the few industries where it needs to keep its secret formulas within the confines of the 50 states, such as our pharmaceutical or aeronautics industries. I accept the reality that the world wants our pharmaceutical and aviation secrets, formulas, advancements, etc.

Everyone wants our crops. Granted we have the most well-developed farming community in the world. But maybe there are ways to make output even greater.

And what do we do with technology? I view it as creative destruction: creating new jobs and destroying others. Even if there is an even exchange, there is always a dislocation.

But some thoughts come to mind about

things that ordinary citizens can do to help the employment problem. And this is suggestive, and not intended to be preachy — just ideas that might trigger readers to creatively think about employment issues.

- Consider paying a little more to employ a U.S. person or paying a little more to buy a U.S. product.

- Do not send web development overseas to India, Russia, etc.

- Offer your professional services for free to friends and colleagues who are undertaking a new business venture.

- Mentor and encourage an unemployed college grad until place in a job: personal encouragement, helping network and make introductions, keeping them accountable to a job search disciplines; etc.

- Undertake some expansion of your business during the trough with an expectation of a multiple fold payoff when the economy does turn.

It is not that protectionism is being embraced. It is "taking care of our own"... in a highly competitive world that does not care one bit about U.S. employment issues.

One can point to politicians' failings all day long. But it does not excuse us from doing all we can on a daily basis to help others to get back on their feet or start a new dream of financial stability. Buying American and hiring American is of great value; buying and hiring from your own backyard, even more so. ■

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ON THE MOVE

Awards and recognition

Scott Carpenter of Bonita Springs Utilities Inc. has received the 2011 Dr. A.P. Black Award from the Florida Water and Pollution Control Operators Association in recognition of outstanding personal performance. A licensed operator in water and wastewater, he was nominated for his work in improving the efficiency of BSU's plant operations.

Banking

Jadira Hoptry has been named vice president and community reinvestment act manager at fifth Third Bank. She began her career with Fifth Third Bank in 1998 in the Central Indiana affiliate and joined the South Florida affiliate as director of emerging markets in 2009. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Florida.

Board Appointments

Dale Klaus of the marital and family law firm Klaus Doupé PA has joined the board of directors of the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida. He holds a bachelor's degree in liberal studies from the University of Central Florida and earned his juris doctorate from Mercer University, Walter F. George School of Law, in Macon, Ga. He has been licensed with the Florida Bar since 1997 and with the United States District Court, Middle District of Florida, since 1999. He is a member of the Collier County Bar Association, where he is a past chair of the Family Law Section and is currently a director of the Trial Lawyers Section. He is a barrister of the Thomas S. Biggs Chapter of the American Inns of Court.

Jeanne Seewald, managing partner of the Southwest Florida offices of Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, has been named president of the board of directors of the Collier County Bar Foundation. Ms. Seewald also was named president-elect of the board of directors of the Collier County Bar Association. She has been a board member since 2005, and most recently served as treasurer. Ms. Seewald received her J.D., with honors, from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock School of Law in 1992, an MBA from the University of Central Arkansas in 1984 and a bachelor's degree from Hendrix College in 1980.

Construction

Greg Brisson has been promoted to vice president and partner of BCB Homes Inc. and will be responsible for operations of the company's remodeling and renovations division. He will also work on new construction projects from Marco Island to Sarasota. Mr. Brisson has more than 18 years of residential construction and design experience. He earned a bachelor's degree in architecture from the Rhode Island School of Design.

Golf

Lesley Baker has been named tournament director for the ACE Group Classic annual Champions Tour in Naples. The 2012 tournament is set for Feb. 13-19 at The TwinEagles Club. During her five years with Octagon Global Events, Ms. Baker's responsibilities included managing sponsor and hospitality services at LPGA Tour events. She also managed logistics for professional air shows across the country and worked as a sponsor services manager with the Toyota Texas Bass Classic. She holds a degree in advertising and public relations from the University of Arkansas.

Kyler O'Shea has been named tournament assistant for the 2012 ACE Group Classic annual Champions Tour in Naples. She will manage volunteer recruitment and organization, player hospitality and pro-am administrative duties. Ms. O'Shea most recently worked at Octagon Global Events, where she served as tournament assistant for the Sybase Match Play Championship on the LPGA Tour and coordinated special projects for the division.

Health Care

Vascular surgeon **Paul Vieta Jr.** has joined Gulfcoast Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgeons and The Vein Center at Gulfcoast Surgeons. Dr. Vieta will see patients at the practice's NCH Medical Plaza office. He earned dual undergraduate degrees from the University of Notre Dame and his medical degree from Wake Forest University School of Medicine. He completed his residency in surgery at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City and a fellowship in vascular and endovascular surgery at the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore. He is an associate member of the American College of Surgeons and the Society for Vascular Surgery.

Naples esthetician **Susan Watts** has completed certification in clinical oncology esthetics and will extend her practice to service individuals with or recovering from cancer. She will offer the specialized treatments through her company, Simply Faces, at NCH's Whitaker Wellness Center and Briggs Wellness Center.



WATTS

a bachelor's degree from Portland State University and a master's and Ph.D. from Florida State University. She previously was dean of the Bower-Suhrheinrich College of Education and Human Services and a professor of educational leadership at the University of Southern Indiana.

Hospitality

Colleen Dunavan has been named managing partner of the Naples location of Seasons 52, a new restaurant coming to Mercato this fall. She will focus on hiring service personnel and the culinary team members. Ms. Dunavan previously spent 10 years at Roy's Restaurant in Sarasota and before that was the manager at Houston's in Irvine, Calif. ■



DUNAVAN

Higher Education

Julie Edmister has been named campus dean at Edison State College-Collier. She will oversee academic operations, including compliance with academic and administrative policies, and will work closely with faculty and staff in creating and leading programs to help students develop academic and professional proficiencies. Dr. Edmister earned

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PORT ROYAL - GALEON 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 Limpinkin Cove with ample green space for gardening and outdoor entertaining. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$3,950,000



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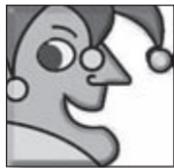
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Inventory ABCs

A glance at a company's inventory levels can help you assess it as a possible investment.

Inventory refers to everything in a company's pipeline. There are three main categories of inventory: raw materials, work in progress and finished goods. Imagine Home Surgery Kits Inc. (ticker: OUCHH). Making its products involves ordering, receiving, storing and using materials, which are assembled into finished products. Inventory is likely to include half-assembled kits, finished boxes waiting to be shipped, and products returned from retailers.

Having too little inventory will hold up production when shortages occur. Having too much will generate high storage costs and tie up money that could be used elsewhere. Finished goods sitting on shelves a long time also risk not being sold.

Many American companies have adopted "just-in-time" inventory systems, pioneered by Ford and then the Japanese. These systems have firms holding precisely the minimum necessary inventory, replenish-

ing supplies continually, as needed. This can increase efficiency and profitability, but can be problematic if demand spikes.

When evaluating inventory on a firm's balance sheet, compare it with year-ago levels and with revenue growth. If inventory is rising faster than revenue, it could signal a sales slowdown. If inventory growth lags sales, either the company is not meeting demand or it's successfully tightening controls on production processes and distribution.

To get a sense of how quickly products are moving, calculate the "inventory turnover." From the company's income statement, find the last year's "cost of goods sold." Divide that by the average value of inventory (from the balance sheet) between the beginning and end of the year. (Or, call the company's investor relations department and ask for the number, or look it up online at sites such as <http://moneycentral.msn.com>.)

High and growing turnover numbers reflect well-managed companies freeing up funds for other uses. Compare a company's results with those of its competitors. ■

My Dumbest Investment Sold Google Early

My dumbest mistake was to sell my Google shares. I had only about six and they were priced way below \$100. I instead bought shares of a Canadian search-engine company, due to its low price. Now I am kicking myself for the stupid move, as Google went way up and the other company tanked. Lesson learned.

— O.L., online

The Fool Responds: You may have made the common mistake of thinking that a \$100 stock is more "expensive" than, say, a \$50 stock. Never evaluate a stock price just on its own. You need to compare it to earnings, or revenue, or some other numbers, to get some meaning out of it.

That Google price, for instance, has proven to have been cheap, as shares trade above \$500 now. You might look for a low price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio, or better still, a low P/E paired with strong revenue and earnings growth rates. The more factors you evaluate, the better. And be sure to assess a company's competitive advantages and growth potential, too. Some stocks are really cheap because the company is in trouble. ■



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Ask the Fool

Doing the splits

Q What does "split-adjusted" mean?

— N.H., Santa Maria, Calif.

A It reflects a stock price that has been changed to account for stock splits that have occurred over time.

Consider Coca-Cola. It went public in 1919 at \$40 per share and has split its stock 10 times since then. Its stock price has recently been trading for around \$67 per share. So have the shares appreciated by only \$25 since 1919? Far from it. Remember the effects of splitting. With each split, you end up with more shares, worth proportionately less. (A 2-for-1 split, for example, gives you twice as many shares, each worth half as much.) Thanks to splits, one 1919 \$40 share of Coca-Cola has now become 4,608 shares. If the stock had never split, each share would be worth around \$300,000, and few people could afford to buy even one! (That price reflects dividends that were paid regularly over the years.)

You'll see the term "split-adjusted" when reviewing historical stock prices. For example, in August 1970, Coke's stock price was roughly \$0.49, adjusted for splits and dividends. The price was actually around \$72 per share then, but to compare it with today's price, you need to adjust the price for splits that occurred between then and now. That way, you can tell at a glance that Coke's shares haven't fallen from \$72 to \$67 since 1970, but instead have risen from the equivalent of roughly \$0.49 to \$65 — a 130-fold increase.

Q What's business "shrinkage"?

— T.R., Hickory, N.C.

A It's the routine loss of inventory, such as through accidental breakage or theft. Shoplifting, for example, shrinks many retailers' profits significantly, and retailers make allowances for shrinkage in their plans and reports. ■

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Name That Company

Based in Kansas, I trace my roots back to the 1920s, when my founders were developing technologies for the oil industry. Today I'm one of the two largest private companies in America, with annual revenue topping \$100 billion. I'm a conglomerate, engaged in oil, chemicals, fertilizer, commodities and other industrial areas. I bought Georgia-Pacific in 2005, and my offerings now include its Quilted Northern, Angel Soft,



Brawny, Sparkle, Soft 'n Gentle, Mardi Gras, Vanity Fair and Dixie brands. The brothers who run me have contributed heavily to conservative causes and the GOP, drawing fire and praise. Who am I? ■

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The Motley Fool Take

GM's Plan for World Domination

Things have been changing in a big way at General Motors (NYSE: GM). CEO Dan Akerson and his team have been paying attention to how Ford has turned itself around, and that's a good thing.

GM is aiming to reduce its number of models sold around the world and build them on the smallest possible number of "platforms," industry-speak for a set of common dimensions and parts that can be shared among different models to lower costs and streamline production. Mary Barra, GM's new product chief, expects that by 2018, the company will be building 90 percent of its vehicles on just 14 global

platforms, down from today's 30 or so.

That should result in better, more competitive products, which can be sold at higher prices with fewer of those margin-killing "cash back" incentive campaigns. And that means strong sales and greater margins. Add in strict cost controls, and the result is solid, sustainable profits.

The trick will be in the execution. It's one thing for GM managers to lay out a sensible plan and another to get GM's cumbersome bureaucracy to play along. It'll take some time before we know how well this revamp is going to work out in practice, and continued skepticism may well be warranted. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Ford, and its newsletter services have recommended General Motors and Ford.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

► **Wake Up Naples** with the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, at the Hilton Naples. Cost is \$20 in advance, \$25 for non-members and members on the day of the event. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

► KeyBank presents **Key4Women: A Breakfast Club Lesson** from 7:30-9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Guest speaker Lisa Adams will discuss "Social Media for Time-Starved Businesswomen." RSVP by calling Barbara Crowe at 659-8802 or e-mailing barbara_a_crowe@keybank.com by Sept. 13.

► **Public Relations, Marketing and Advertising Professionals of Col-**

lier County (PRACC) meets at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at McCormick & Schmick's. Guest speakers will be Executive Director Shannon Franklin and Program Director Ellen Goldberg of the Naples International Film Festival. An independent short film will also be shown. Cost is \$25 for PRACC members, \$30 for others. RSVP by calling 436-2105 or visiting www.pracc.org.

► The **Collier Building Industry Association** holds a members mixer from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at Ferguson Bath and Kitchen Gallery, 3406 Domestic Ave. Call 436-6100 or visit www.cbia.net to sign up.

► The next **Business After 5** with the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce

takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, at Real Seafood Company, 8960 Fontana Del Sol Way. Cost is \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door, \$25 for non-members. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

► **AM Blend**, a new monthly networking meeting sponsored by the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, meets at 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Royal Palm Academy. Cost is \$5. Attendance is limited to the first 25 who sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

► The **Bonita Springs Area 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.

► The **Marco Island Chamber of Commerce** invites members and guests to Business After 5 from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, at Capt. Brien's Seafood and Raw Bar, 599 S. Collier Blvd., on Marco. Sign up by calling 394-7549 or visiting www.marcoislandchamber.org.

► The **Leadership Collier Foundation** hosts a kickoff reception for the Class of 2012 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, in the Telford Center at NCH Healthcare System, 350 Seventh St. N. Cost is \$27. Register by Sept. 19 at www.napleschamber.org/events. ■

FIRST

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ises made and not delivered by the IBM and Lanier sales reps: that the systems were integrated and would ‘talk to each other.’”

Sometimes being the first to test drive cutting-edge technology can backfire. Karen Mosteller, Ms. Markham’s partner, remembers jumping at the chance to convert to the new Citrix system “before the software companies had worked out all the kinks. We experienced a lot of instability until the software caught up to the technology,” she says. “At that point we were ‘bleeding edge.’”

Even IT experts have their duh moments. Michael Tarabokija, the tech whiz at the CPA firm, has become so attached to his smartphone, “I swam with it once in my swimming shorts.”

Eventually, most have come to love computers and technology. Now an integral part of the modern office and business, computers weren’t always the savvy, almost intuitive machines they are today. They were slow, cumbersome and less than engaging with nothing but a DOS prompt. Some required multiple program diskettes and a kid-glove treatment, or a little manipulating, as was the case of Naples Airport Authority’s executive director Ted Soliday who back in the 1980s finagled his Apple2E to run an IBM spell check program.

“The IBM program had more applications and was quicker and better than AppleWorks,” he recalls. “All it took was a touch of silver solder to get the Apple to accept the IBM programs.

When the computer crashed, as all eventually do, even the Apple dealer was stunned by the transformation. “He asked, ‘How did you do that?’” says Mr. Soliday.

Despite the problems — or maybe because of them — many of us remember our first computer as we do our first love.

Tom Uhler, a principal of Uhler and Vertick Financial Planners, says he’s revealing his age when he points to the Apple2+ as his first computer. “It had no hard drive, just an external floppy drive. I had to load the program off of the floppy, then take out the accounting program and put in a data disk. I eventually sprung for a second floppy drive. All it had was a DOS prompt. There was no graphical user interface.”

Floppy drives were the bane of Mr. Soliday’s earliest experiences with a computer, an Apple2E that had two external hard drives. The top drive was dedicated to the main program; the bottom for a spreadsheet or whatever project he was working on. “If you wanted to do spell check, you had to take out

the main program and keep the lower disk in,” he recalls. “You were changing floppy drives all the time, but it was better than a typewriter.”

Networking those individual desk computers was the looming mainframe, a computer so large it often required its own air-conditioned room.

“No one was allowed within 10 feet of the mainframe room,” says Mr. Creighton.

Some veteran users got a jumpstart into the computer realm, introduced during childhood or school years. Others were already working real jobs in the real world when these desktop devices suddenly invaded their worlds.

Robert Fay, vice president of Seminole Gulf Railway, was a mere babe of 3 or 4 when he decided to play with a stack of program cards his father, a transportation consultant, was converting to reel-to-reel.

“I got it good,” he remembers. “In spite of my age I had to sort them back to the proper order”

The family’s first home computer was an Apple clone, a Franklin. During high school Mr. Fay used an IBM PC, and as a college junior a Mac. “It wasn’t a single-box Mac. This one behaved more like an IBM PC. It had a monitor separate from the computer.”

Mr. Wynn’s first computer was an Apple2E he begged his parents for in the early ‘80s. “It had a five-and-a-quarter floppy drive and a monochromatic screen. I used it for homework, reports and, at that point, a lot of games. It was a great machine, but it was slow. You had to load everything into the memory.”

Mr. Soliday was introduced to computers aboard the aircraft he flew while serving as a Marine pilot in Vietnam. After a medical discharge, he returned to college and enrolled in computer classes. “I could program four or five different

languages on the big old IBM mainframe,” he says. “That was back when you had to punch a punch card. I had 2,000 cards for one program, and I hated having to find the stupid card that had an error if I made an error. But I really got into computers.”

Collier County Tax Collector Larry Ray was also introduced to computers in the military and took graduate classes in programming during college in the 1970s. “We used an IBM mainframe and you had to get your results from the guys in the computer room.”

Navigating the early days of the computer world also meant learning the lingo — hardware, software, diskettes — and frequent calls to the predecessor of the “IT guy.”

“During my training, I’m thinking, ‘What are you talking about?’” recalls Mr. Creighton, president of the eponymous Cape Coral-based commercial development and construction firm. “We had a software guy and a hardware guy and none of us knew what software or hardware was.”

Today, computers and technology are a necessity in the business environment.

“There aren’t too many things we do that don’t involve a computer one way or another,” says Mr. Wynn. “We have a separate data server that collects a mirror image of point of sales and inventory. We use the data to learn more about merchandising assortment changes and can even measure the speed of check-out.”

“I learned to love the organization and accountability of a computer,” says Mr. Creighton. “The applications today are pretty amazing. I can track everything.”

Even old letters. “Now, I can pull up a letter or correspondence sent to me six months ago,” he says.

Mr. Uhler jokes that he’s a whiz on Excel. “I get teased because I know

every Excel shortcut,” he says. “I’m not the first to adapt to things but once I do I really embrace them.”

“We have instant access to research, whether it be for tax, litigation, consulting or continuing education,” says Ms. Markham. “We also have 24/7 access to each other, our clients, our friends, families and our networks.”

Today, smartphones and iPads are the two technological tools these business people say they can’t live without.

“I’m in love with my iPad. I love getting instant information no matter where I am,” says Mr. Creighton. “I have a BlackBerry and I’m about to switch to an iPhone to coordinate it with my iPad.”

The connectivity and instant communication — what businesspeople love most about technology — is also what they dislike. Sometimes it’s just hard to unplug, says Mr. Soliday.

“Computers today are half of my day,” he says. “I can’t get past e-mail. I carry a BlackBerry. It’s always there and hard to get away from.”

Mr. Uhler has an iPhone and is eyeing an iPad — a move he hopes will reduce the physical clutter of file folders and loose-leaf notebooks. He’s also looking to the ‘cloud,’ hoping to one day access all of those former paper files from either device.

“It’s funny because there’s almost a pecking order to computers and technology,” he says. “The older guys I’ve worked with thought I was a genius because I could help with minor computer problems. I think my partner’s a genius because he can help me, and he thinks his younger brother is a genius because he is a genius. I’ve learned there’s always someone who knows less than you and always someone who knows more.”

“And if you need something explained, find a 14-year-old.” ■



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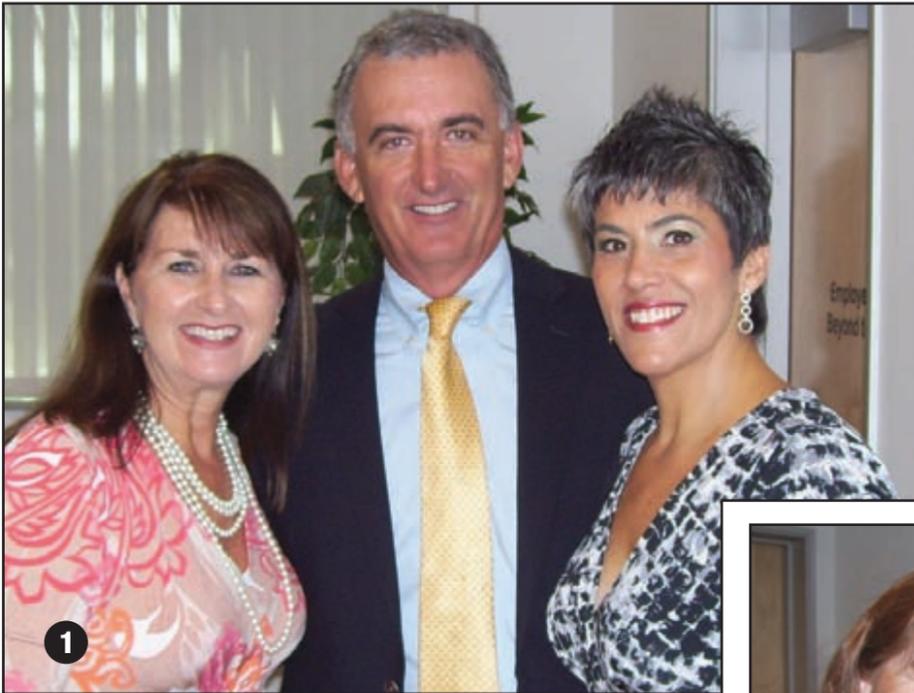
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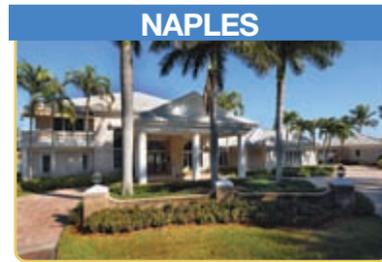


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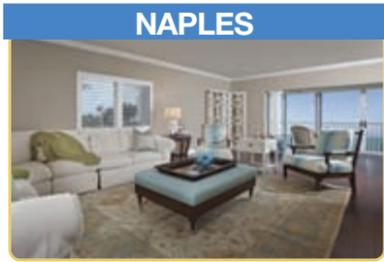
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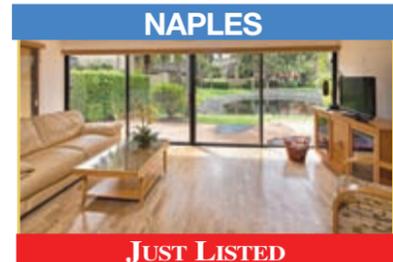
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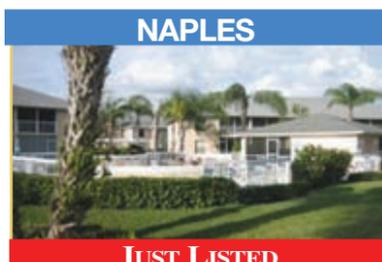
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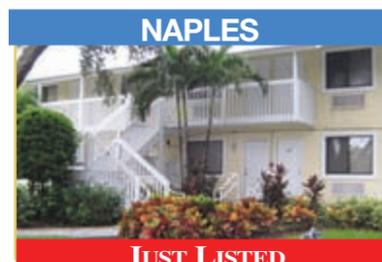


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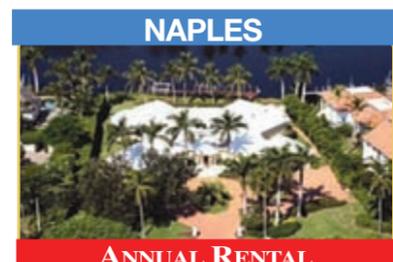


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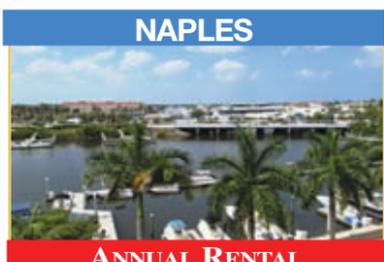


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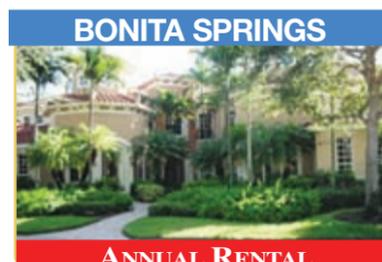


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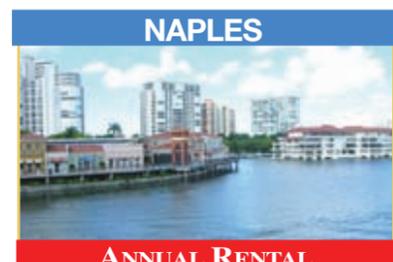


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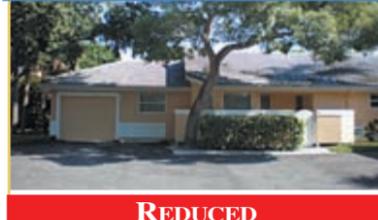


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An estate home in Mediterra by London Bay Homes

COURTESY PHOTO

Mediterra sales on course to top 2010

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The luxury golf course community of Mediterra is closing in on its sales total for all of 2010. Named Community of the Year with homes priced above \$2 million by the Collier Building Industry Association in 2010, Mediterra reports 54 sales and pending transactions through the first six months of 2011. By comparison, the 64 sales were recorded in all of 2010.

The closed and pending sales through the first half of 2011 totaled just under \$70 million, compared to sales of \$97 million last year and \$47 million in 2009.

“People shopping for a new luxury

home are realizing that inventory is being depleted and prices are starting to rise,” says Mark Wilson, president of London Bay Homes, which is responsible for all sales and marketing activity at Mediterra, which straddles the Lee/Collier county line. For homes priced between \$1 million and \$2 million in the Naples area, Mr. Wilson adds, prices have risen for 10 consecutive months.

Local real estate analyst Michael Timmerman, a senior associate with Fishkind & Associates, believes the trend will continue through 2011.

“The luxury market continues to show improvement as we move through 2011, and it’s my opinion that improvement

will continue through this upcoming season,” Mr. Timmerman says. “Potential buyers are continuing to see an opportunity to purchase residential real estate in the best locations in Florida.”

Along Livingston Road in North Naples, Mediterra encompasses 1,700 acres and will have a maximum of 950 homes. More than 1,000 acres are dedicated to golf, parks and nature preserves. Community amenities — including two 18-hole championship golf courses, a private beach club with dining and a pool overlooking the Gulf of Mexico, tennis, fitness and spa facilities, and more than eight miles of bicycle and walking paths — are membership-owned. ■

CBIA prepares for 21st annual Sand Dollar celebration

The Collier Building Industry Association received 165 entries in its 21st annual Sand Dollar Awards competition. The winners will be announced at a gala event Saturday, Sept. 17, at the Naples Grande.

The highest accolades given by CBIA’s Sales & Marketing Council, the Sand Dollar Awards are presented each year to member builders, developers, architects, remodelers, interior design firms, landscape architects, trades and marketing, sales and advertising professionals. Homes, communities, building projects and marketing campaigns are eligible to enter the competition.

For information about gala tickets and sponsorship opportunities, call Carrie Horner at 436-6100 or visit www.cbiana.net. ■

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Adonai Learning Center has leased 2,600 square feet of office space at 10904 Winterview Drive from Roy Marshall. Patrick Fraley of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

Ben Jones has purchased .92 acres of industrial zoned vacant land at 1055 Power St. for \$201,000 from Everbank. William Gonnering of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

Countryside Commons SWF LLC has purchased a 44,248-square-foot office park at 6400 Davis Blvd. for \$6.5 million from C-B Associates. Adam Palmer of LandQwest Commercial Office Division represented the seller.

Fifth Avenue Advisors LLC has leased 3,684 square feet of office space at 3003

Tamiami Trail N. from DMP Tamiami LLC. Patrick Fraley of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

G&B Enterprises of Collier LLC has leased 1,693 square feet of retail space at 13040 Livingston Road from Livingston and Pine Ridge LLC. Clint Sherwood of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

Huntington National Bank has renewed its lease of 2,582 square feet of retail space at The Colonnade on Fifth, 600 Fifth Ave. S., from CRF Building 600 Limited Partnership. Mike Concilla and Chandler Converse of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples brokered the transaction.

My Naples Sunshine LLC, Killer Cooke

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TRANSACTIONS

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LLC and Queeny Bee LLC have purchased the 12,480-square-foot Trinity Plaza at 933 Third Ave. N. for \$1,876,000 from MB Reo-FL Retail Inc. David Stevens of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

Naples Kayak Company has leased 3,526 square feet of retail space at 183 10th St. S. from Elwood Properties Inc. Paige Eber of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

Naples Private Financial Group LLC has purchased 20,000 square feet of industrial

flex space at 28720 S. Diesel Drive, Bonita Springs, for \$630,000 from Everbank. William Gonnering and David Stevens of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

Ophthalmic Facial Plastic Surgery Specialists PA and Collins Vision have leased 3,200 square feet of retail space at 850 11th Ave. N., Suite 1, from Commercial Development Company. Clint Sherwood of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

P-Train Investments LLC has purchased Torino Townhome Apartments, an eight-unit property at 4633 24th Place SW, for \$315,000 from HCP Properties Inc. Jonathan Richards of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples represented the seller. ■

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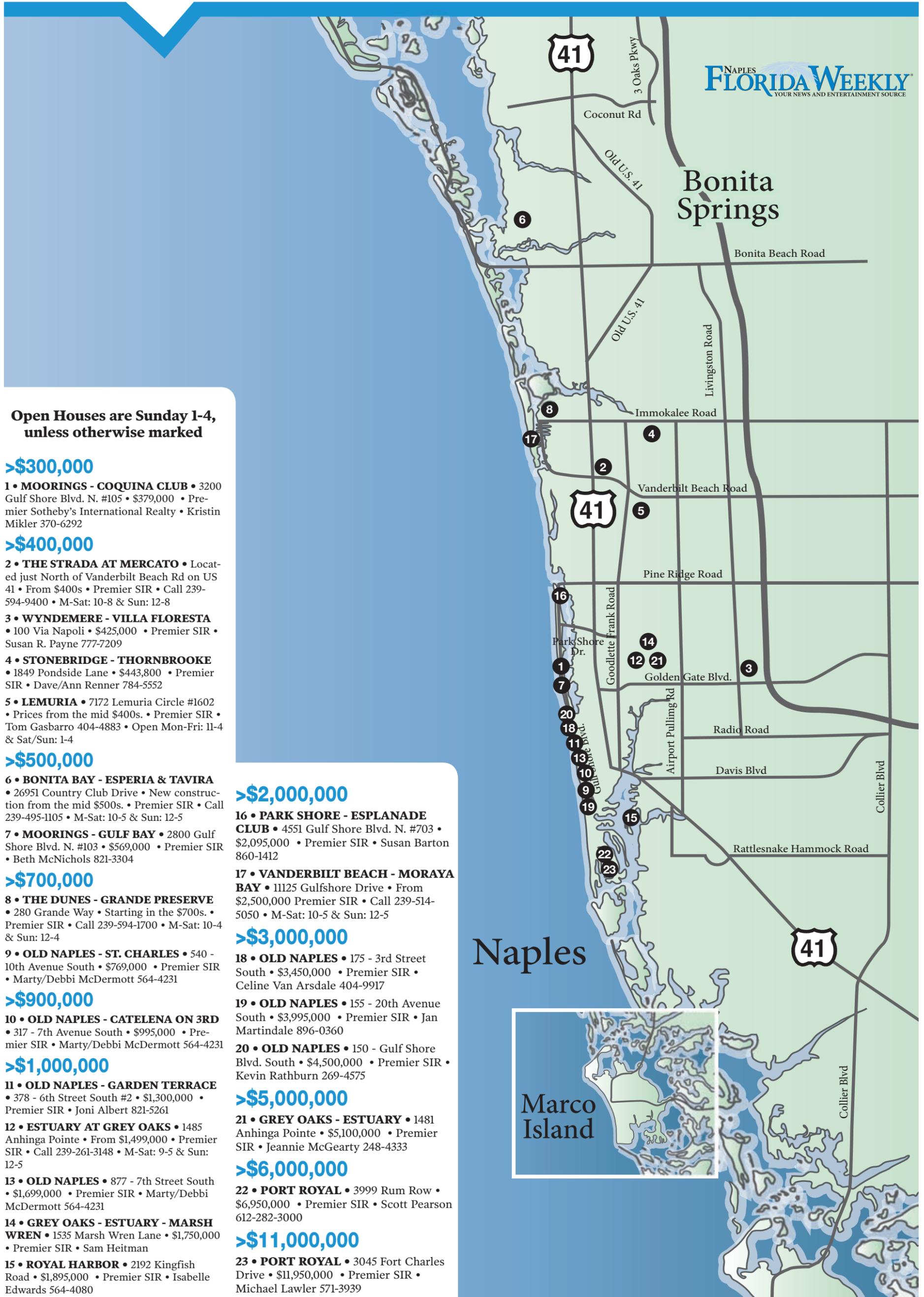
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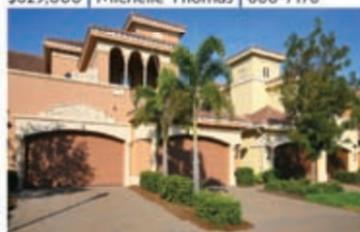
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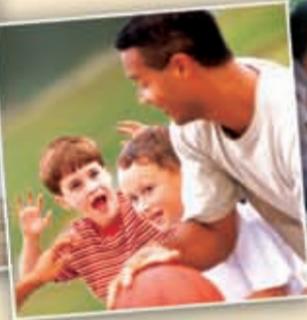
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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

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DAY OF THE DEAD

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THERE'S A SPECIAL THRILL THAT COMES WITH SEEING your hometown in a movie.

All those familiar sights and sites, up there on the big screen: Look, there's downtown! There's the beach! There's the courthouse!

Maybe it's the satisfaction of knowing firsthand what's behind the scenes and around the corner.

Or perhaps it's the sneaking suspicion that if your locale is good enough to be featured in a film, maybe you could be movie material, too.

It's an odd experience, where you focus on the background, and wish the actors would move out of the way because they're blocking a familiar view.

While it's far from a thriving movie destination like New York City, a number of films have been shot locally, on what the Collier County Film Commission calls "the Paradise Coast." From the Everglades to Fort Myers, directors have captured our beaches, islands, palm trees, sun and small towns on celluloid and digital video.

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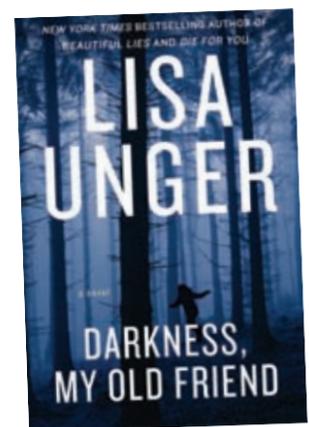
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Three exhibits, one opening reception launch a new season at The von Liebig

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center starts the fall season with three exhibitions: the fourth annual Non-Juried All Artist Member Show of Shows Exhibition, "Inner Worlds of Domestic Violence II" and "The Collection."

A preview reception takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, at the art center. Guests will be able to vote for the Shows of Shows coveted People's Choice and first place awards. Admission to the reception, which is sponsored by Whole Foods Market, is free for NAA members and \$10 for others.

The Show of Shows attracted a record number of submissions this year, with nearly 120 artists entering mixed media, pastels, watercolor, fiber art, photographs, clay, wood sculpture, bronze and more. Included are works by

instructors of NAA adult and ARTScool classes, among them José Maria Castillo, Judy Chinski, Julieta de Palacios, Don Gilmore, Patty Kane, Jan Krasowski, Sam Platt, Mary Parkman Rowe and Donna Torrance.

Four pieces in the Show of Shows are by students who participated in the most recent ARTScool intern program. They are Naples high schoolers Grace Black, Eryn Graefe and Veronica Rabanal and Ringling College of Art and Design freshman John Treanor.

The Show of Shows will be on display until Oct. 1. All entries are available for purchase.

'Inner Worlds'

The NAA partnered with The Shelter for Abused Women & Children for "Inner Worlds of Domestic Violence II," which takes a powerful look at how art therapy can help those cope with physi-



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Bicycle in Heaven by Elsa Victorios

cal, sexual and mental abuse.

"It's hard for the public to confront this type of reality, but it was harder for the person that suffered the violation of boundaries to endure it," says

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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Disaster's common denominator



We were standing in front of the hotel, a handful of men and women, gearing up for a night out. Everyone was dressed up: The women wore skirts and heels, the men tucked in their shirts. One man even had on a blazer. Inevitably, someone brought out a bottle.

"Shots all around," the guy in the blazer said.

There was a scramble for paper cups. A woman disappeared into the hotel lobby, her high heels clicking, and returned with wax-coated Dixie cups, the kind your grandmother kept by the bathroom sink. For mouthwash, maybe, or a late-night sip of water.

The cups made their way around the circle and the man in the blazer poured two fingers of liquor in each. We raised our makeshift glasses in a toast.

"To good friends," he said.

"To good friends," we repeated. The cups tilted back in unison. Everyone closed his or her eyes in a collective grimace while I discreetly dumped my cup into the bushes. Down the hatch.

I'm no teetotaler — I'll have a glass of wine with dinner or a beer at the bar. But I try not to drink hard, especially not in mixed company, and especially not on nights where booze and boys can get me

in trouble.

My friend Sarah recently told me about an after-hours drinking session with colleagues from work. The night ended calamitously: booze-infused nuzzling, drunken handholding and a new level of intimacy with an office associate.

All followed by awkward moments in the company canteen the next morning.

"I should never have had so much to drink," she said. "Alcohol is disaster's common denominator."

Booze does crazy things to people, especially when it comes to the opposite sex. We tread paths we never intended to walk, and in the dark forest of drinking's influence we discover doorways to recklessness and carelessness, like a secret garden of bad behavior. Sometimes booze provides an excuse to do the things our upstanding, sober selves would never allow.

There was a story going around recently about college women at a fraternity event. Instead of filling the kegs with typical frat party fair — Natty Ice and the like — the young men substituted non-alcoholic beer. The response from the young women? The same as if they were falling-down drunk.

"I am so drunk," one girl said. "I just want to make out with some-



"Alcohol is disaster's common denominator."

one. Anyone. I don't care who."

Alcohol and its excuses — the ability to wave a drunken, dismissive hand over our regrettable actions — often take us down dangerous roads. We let down our guard, intentional or otherwise, and all our good behavior dissolves in an intoxicated haze.

At the end of the recent night out, I made my sober way back to the hotel in time to stumble over one of the women who had joined us for shots, crouched in the hallway outside my room. She looked up over her shoulder at me and smiled weakly as she dabbed at the carpet with a paper towel. The smell of vomit filled the hall.

When the evening starts with hard drinking, the night often ends with some form of disaster. Puking on the hotel carpet is only one of many lowbrow offenses. ■

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Deborah Martin, painter

What is your medium of choice? I paint in oils and I also draw, but my current medium of choice is encaustics. It's an archaic medium that combines melted beeswax with pigment and dammar varnish. Paints are applied onto a stable surface such as wooden panels. Each layer is fused with a heat gun. The result is a durable surface that hardens and becomes translucent... By scraping wax away, the process turns into an excavation, discovering colors, textures and images. I try to preserve what's underneath, while creating something new with each layer.

What is your work-space like? My studio is set up with all my encaustic equipment plus lots of visual stimulation... stuff I find on my daily walks, bird feathers, shells, nests... and also stuff from Mexico; I spend February and March in San Miguel de Allende.

When did you discover your creative talents? I knew I was an artist in the third grade.

What inspires you? Nature. Right now I especially love birds and their nests and use them as themes.

How do you feel your art contributes to our community? I hope my work enlightens people's views about the fragility of our environment.

Other than your art, what are you passionate about? Bird watching. And



tennis; I play on several 4.0 USTA teams.

What are you reading? Eric Larsen's "In the Garden of Beasts, Love, Terror."

Who have you studied with? I have an MFA from the State University of New York at Albany, where I studied painting and printmaking. I also studied at Haystack and The Women's Studio Workshop.

Any guilty pleasures? Chocolate!

Hometown: Lynn, Mass.

Website: www.gallery100-deborahmartin.com

Studio: 5760 Shirley St., #14 (tours on the third Thursday of every month)

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Ivette Gomez, the shelter's art therapy instructor. "Over time, our program provides an environment in which the women gain self-respect, dignity, self-esteem, assertiveness, mindfulness, and become acquainted again with their own strong presence," she adds.

"Inner Worlds of Domestic Violence II" will be on display in the Janet and Bill Cuthbert Studio at The von Liebig through Oct. 12. Pieces are shown anonymously.

'The Collection'

"The Collection" exhibit is comprised of a small selection of paintings, sculpture, works on paper, photography and mixed media created after 1950 from artists who have had a connection to Florida. Sponsored by Jean Deine, "The Collection" will be on display on the second floor of the art center until Oct. 1.

The von Liebig Art Center at 585 Park St. is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Admission is free. For more information, call 262-6517 or visit www.naplesart.org. ■

The Message by D'Ann McCann



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Mermaid 2 by Bruce Gandy

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STARRING

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great art. On a scale of one to 10 (with 10 being excellent), many of them rate only twos or threes on the online site IMDb (The Internet Movie Data Base.) One even had its notoriety officially confirmed by being featured in the documentary "The 50 Worst Films of All Time."

Perhaps the most famous Southwest Florida movie is George A. Romero's 1985 "Day of the Dead," which was shot in downtown Fort Myers. A cult favorite and the last of Mr. Romero's zombie trilogy, it follows the undead who roam the earth while a group of survivors hunker down in underground bunkers.

Scenes shot along Main and Hendry streets and Edwards Drive show the former Fort Myers post office/federal building (now the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center) and the old Edison Theatre (which maintained the marquee but now houses lawyers).

The cinematic apocalypse comes to life every October when the city hosts Zombicon (coming up for the fifth year Saturday, Oct. 11).

With perhaps unintended humor, www.deadplaces.net compares scenes from "Day of the Dead" to how the

same locations look today.

"We traveled to this location in the sweltering Summer of 2004, expecting to find many changes since 1985. What we found, however (and we think you'll agree) is shockingly unmistakable," write the anonymous posters.

A few you probably missed

Fort Myers' downtown can be seen in the background as actor Woody Harrelson crosses a street in the 1998 film "Palmetto."

"Terror Inside," a 2008 film starring Corey Feldman and Tanya Memme, has scenes set in Fort Myers and Cape Coral. According to IMDb, the crew was composed of 37 film students from Valencia Community College in Orlando and 10 professional filmmakers.

"Coupe de Ville," a 1990 film starring Patrick Dempsey, Daniel Stern and Annabeth Gish, also contains scenes shot in Fort Myers and Cape Coral.

"Escape from Cuba," a 2003 movie that went directly to video, was shot in Cape Coral. The lone user review on IMDb says, "Might appeal to some women, but expect that nearly all male and female audiences will skip this film."

Local filmmaker John Biffar wrote and directed "Captiva Island," an 85-minute indie film set on Captiva and starring Ernest Borgnine, Arte Johnson (of TV's "Laugh-In" fame) and Bill Cobbs (who recently starred in "Low

Down" and hosted this year's Arts for ACT auction in Fort Myers).

"Night Moves," a 1975 movie featuring Gene Hackman as a private detective pursuing a missing persons case, has scenes of Sanibel Island in it. The late Arthur Penn, who also made classics such as "Bonnie and Clyde," "The Miracle Worker," "Alice's Restaurant" and "Little Big Man," directed.

The 1995 mystery "Just Cause," with Sean Connery, Lawrence Fishburne and Kate Capshaw, was shot on location in Fort Myers, Bonita Springs and Collier County.

"Gone Fishin'," a 1997 buddy movie starring Danny Glover and Joe Pesci, was filmed in various places around Southwest Florida, including Fort Myers, Estero, Marco Island and Everglades National Park.

And according to the official site of Fort Myers & Sanibel Florida Travel & Vacation Information, "Blue Sky," starring Jessica Lange and Tommy Lee Jones, was shot in part in Fort Myers and North Captiva Island. Ms. Lange won an Academy Award for Best Actress for her role in this movie.

So bad, they're...horrible

"The Cotton Pickin' Chicken Pluckers" is a serious contender for the corniest, most-redneck movie ever made. Shot in 1967 in Lehigh Acres, the movie features "Hee-Haw"-esque country songs and lazy hillbillies who drink moonshine out of jugs.

It sets back the image of the South at least 50 years, reinforcing almost every stereotype.

The movie's tagline — "It's a swamp romp" — isn't exactly appealing either, unless you're a frog.

But the 1966 movie "The Fat Spy," filmed in Cape Coral, surely takes the prize as oddest Southwest Florida flick. This is the aforementioned film whose claim to fame is that it was featured in "The 50 Worst Films of All Time."

Directed by Joseph Cates, "The Fat Spy" stars Phyllis Diller (who wields a riding crop throughout most of the movie), Jack E. Leonard (playing identical twins) and Jayne Mansfield (who at one point slowly leans over directly in front of the camera lens, her cleavage filling the screen).

It's difficult to determine whether the makers of "The Fat Spy" were attempting to replicate the teen beach movies

of the time, or spoof them.

Young people in bathing suits sing and dance on the sands of Cape Coral, which is presented as a nearly deserted island that contains the Fountain of Youth. One teen couple is making out on the beach when the boy bursts into song. Then all of a sudden, he's dressed in a dark three-piece suit and tie, and seated on a horse. (And this predates the ingenious Old Spice commercials by more than three decades.) The couple also winds up singing by the Iwo Jima replica monument.

Sample dialogue: "I dig this barren wastin' blazing sun!"

There's also this witty repartee with Mr. Leonard and Ms. Diller:

Mr. Leonard: "Your eyes! They're so beautiful! Where did you get these eyes?"

Ms. Diller: "They came with the head."

And according to IMDb: "Perhaps because the production had run out of money, a final portion of this movie was never actually shot; instead, the camera simply pans over the script pages describing what occurred in the missing scenes."

Some might say this is a perfect reflection of the area, but others might argue that the quintessential Southwest Floridian film has yet to be made. In the meantime, we can enjoy our spectacular gulf sunsets in real life, unencumbered by wooden acting, bad dialogue and implausible plots. ■

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Arte Johnson, Ernest Borgnine and John Biffar on the set of "Captiva Island."

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■ **Sept. 9-11:** Original Oils: Tara O'Neill. Marco Island Library. 394-3272 or www.taraogallery.com.

■ **Sept. 10:** Naples Botanical Garden Field Trip. Young Birders/Collier Audubon Society. 643-7822 or www.collieraudubon.org.

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Theater

■ **'S Wonderful** - At the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers, through Oct. 1. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

■ **Auditions** - Tryouts begin at 2 p.m. Sept. 10 for The Naples Players production of "Sherlock Homes, The Final Adventure" at the Sugden Community Theatre. Perusal scripts are available for 72 hours, with a \$20 deposit, at the box office, 701 Fifth Ave. S. 263-7990, ext. 10.

Thursday, Sept. 8

■ **Downward Dog** - There might be still be room for canines and their companions to take part in a yoga class at Humane Society of Naples beginning at 6 p.m. \$15 donation to the shelter. 643-1555.

■ **A Stand-Up Guy** - Mike Britt performs at the Off The Hook Comedy Club tonight through Sunday. 599 S. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 389-6900.

■ **Trunk Show** - Marissa Collections hosts an Alexis Bittar Jewelry Trunk Show today and Friday. 1167 Third St. S. 687-1148 or www.marisacollections.com.



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The Art League Marco Island's Center for the Arts hosts "Fins, Fur, and Feathers," a juried art exhibit, during the month of September. A reception and art social are set for 5:30-7 p.m. Sept. 13 at the Center for the Arts, 1010 Winterberry Drive. Pictured is *Egret Ballet*, a photo by Len Messineo. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.org.

Friday, Sept. 9

■ **College Theater** - The FGCU Theatre Lab presents its 24-Hour Festival today and Saturday at the FGCU Arts Complex. The theme and elements announcement is set for 6 p.m. tonight; competition entries are revealed at 8 p.m. Saturday. 590-7238.

■ **Art Opening** - The opening reception for three exhibits at The von Liebig Art Center takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free for Naples Art Association members; \$10 for non-members. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org. See story on page C1.

■ **Film Fest** - The Peace River Film Festival runs today through Sunday at the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center and Edison State College-Charlotte Campus. (941) 639-8810.

■ **Pickin' and Grinnin'** - Frontline Bluegrass performs from 7-10 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. For reservations: 431-7928.

Saturday, Sept. 10

■ **Foreign Film** - South County Regional Library presents "Alamar (To the Sea)" at 2 p.m. 21100 Three Oaks



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"Group Exhibition: Variations in Clay," featuring recent works by Gabrielle Nappo and Richard Rosen in 2-D, pottery and sculpture, runs through Oct. 2 at Rosen Gallery & Studios, North Line Plaza, 2172 J&C Blvd. Pictured is *Beehive Series No. 3*. 821-1061.

Parkway, Estero. 533-4440 or 533-4415.

■ **Strike!** - Dollars for FGCU Scholars runs from 6:30-9 p.m. at Beacon Bowl, 5400 Tamiami Trail N. Join the FGCU Alumni Association for a night of glow

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■ **Sing Along** - Flamingo Island Flea Market in Bonita Springs offers karaoke at Bahama Momma's Tiki Bar from noon to 4 p.m. 948-7799 or www.flamingoisland.com.

■ **Free Concert** - The Drunk Monkeys perform acoustic rock from 8-10 p.m. outdoors in Market Plaza at Gulf Coast Town Center. 267-0783 or www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

Sunday, Sept. 11

■ **Making Waves** - A free show by the Southern Extreme Water-Ski Team begins at 4 p.m. on the lake at Miromar Outlets. www.miromaroutlets.com.

Monday, Sept. 12

■ **A Film for Lovers** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents "The Lives of Others" as part of its Films for Film Lovers series at 7 p.m. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay, 26811 S. Bay Dr. \$8. Enjoy the film, plus a lively discussion afterward. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org

■ **More Movies** - It's TGIM for the Fort Myers Film Festival at 6:30 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers. Learn how films are selected for the event and intellectualize with the indie film community, assorted guests and host Eric Raddatz. 810-6323.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

■ **Pick Your Seat** - The Film Society of the Naples International Film Festival and SilverSpot Cinema present a screening and discussion of "Names of Love." Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. \$25. www.silver-spotcinema.com.

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■ **Story Hour** - A Children's Story Time runs from noon-1 p.m. in the children's section at Book Warehouse in Miromar Outlets. www.miromaroutlets.com.

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Actors are asked to prepare 32 bars of a song; sides will be provided. Especially needed are female singers who dance.

To arrange an audition appointment, call 963-9050.

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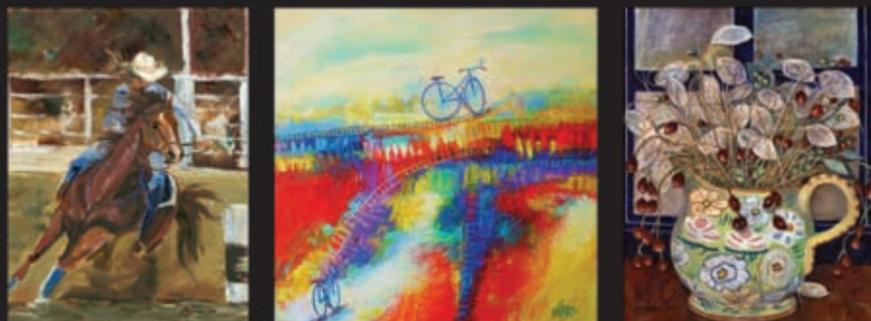
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ARTS COMMENTARY

How I spent my summer vacation: The apocalypse

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I don't always have the best sense of timing.

I was born too late for the golden age of newspapers.

I was way too young to attend Woodstock.

And I inevitably pick the checkout line that takes the longest, even when it looks the shortest.

So I guess I shouldn't have been surprised that I picked the wrong week to go on vacation to Maine, Connecticut and New York.

Sometimes it seems difficult to wrench myself out of here.

Not only do I not want to miss anything important happening in the arts, but there are the typical logistical issues of taking a vacation: choosing the best time, juggling everything, coordinating schedules, making sure the bills are paid and the cat will be taken care of, returning library books, putting the mail and the *New York Times* on hold, getting to the airport on time...

I knew a hurricane was brewing when I was leaving, and I was concerned we'd be hit with one while I was gone. So imagine my relief when it became clear that Irene wouldn't affect Southwest Florida.

Obviously, I was too happy too soon.

I was riding on a highway when the 5.9 earthquake hit, so I really didn't feel it.

My New England brother told me that for his area, it really wasn't much of anything; he was grocery shopping, and thought he had just lost his balance for a second. It really wasn't a big deal, he said. The ground didn't ripple or tremble or split apart.

In New York City I saw groups of people standing outside their apartment houses, but nothing major. (I learned later that that's exactly the wrong thing to do: The windows can shatter and slice and dice you when they fall. Experts say the best thing is to stay inside, in your apartment.)

Then I saw movie trailers in side streets and a smashed-up red car in a closed-off street, and realized they were shooting a movie or a TV episode. Perhaps that was why so many more people were outside, looking around, I reasoned.

By Lincoln Center and Times Square,

life seemed to be going on as usual.

I admit, it was strange to find out there had been an earthquake of such magnitude — in Virginia, of all places — and that it had traveled up the east coast.

I was even more surprised to discover, later that week, that although Hurricane Irene had avoided Florida, she was traveling right up the east coast and threatening to wreak havoc on many states. Particularly, she seemed to have her eye on New York City.

And so, rather than hitting museums or going to Broadway shows, I found myself seated in front of the TV, once again watching those too-familiar swirling colors superimposed on a map, looking at that horrible Cone of Possibility that widens like an all-consuming mouth.

I'd been in that place many times before, watching the weather reporters, trying to figure out what was happening and what I should do.

But I'd always been in Florida doing so, not in the middle of New York City, seated on my nephew's couch.

It was a very odd experience and it felt surrealistic.

I have a love/hate relationship with The Weather Channel and all the other

weather reporters. I watch them to try to determine what's happening and what precautions I should take. I want to be informed. But sometimes, they just seem to be fear mongers, painting worst-case scenarios and making it seem as if the end of the world is coming.

Sometimes they seemed to be making mountains out of molehills.

These guys make Chicken Little look absolutely calm in comparison.

Not all, but many of them, seem to be adrenaline junkies, thrilled that Disaster Is Just Around The Corner!!!!

I rolled my eyes at one reporter who pointed to a fallen traffic sign and an antenna that was barely moving in the wind as signs of drastic weather.

I felt as if I was wasting precious vacation time, inside, seated in front of the TV, trying to determine what was going on.

But once they announced the evacuation of Battery Park in lower Manhattan because of potential 11-foot storm surges, and once they announced that they'd be shutting down the entire subway system — an unprecedented event — I knew things were serious and started making plans to get out.

(Mayor Bloomberg's attempt at giving

instructions in Spanish were hilarious, a welcome bit of levity. Despite his horrible pronunciation, I give him points for trying.)

The folks at Delta, the airline that had ripped a handle off of my suitcase on the flight up and refused to do anything about it, were just as unhelpful when I tried to book an earlier flight home to Southwest Florida. The woman I finally spoke with was slow and plodding, and despite announcements that the airlines were rebooking flights at no extra cost, she was insistent I'd have to pay \$150 to change my ticket, plus any difference in the cost of the tickets.

I was flying out of Hartford, Conn., and she didn't seem to think it was directly in the path of Hurricane Irene.

"I'm looking right at a map on The Weather Channel as we speak," I told her, "and the center line of the hurricane is going right through the center of Connecticut. That's Hartford."

This was not helping my anxiety any.

It wasn't until she actually checked the tickets that she agreed there wouldn't be any extra charges or fees. It was like a revelation to her. Surely I wasn't the only person calling to rebook my flight to try to avoid the hurricane.

Flight finally changed, I got out of New York and headed back to Connecticut as quickly as I could.

The subway had many more people with suitcases than I can ever recall seeing.

I cut my vacation short, flying out a few days earlier than planned.

But I made it out, on a flight that probably was one of the last to take off from Hartford before the storm. I had to suffer in a dreaded middle seat, but I made it out. And was glad I did.

I don't like hurricanes much. My friends will tell you that that's an understatement.

If you'd ever told me that I'd leave New York City before I'd planned, and would return to Florida to escape a hurricane, I would've said you were crazy.

An earthquake and a hurricane in the same week can make you do crazy things, though.

What was next? I wondered. Frogs and locusts?

I didn't stick around to find out. ■

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BY COLLEEN MURPHY
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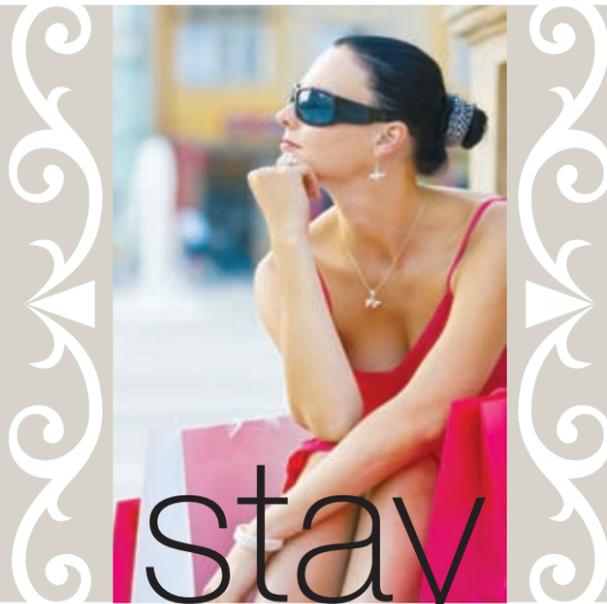
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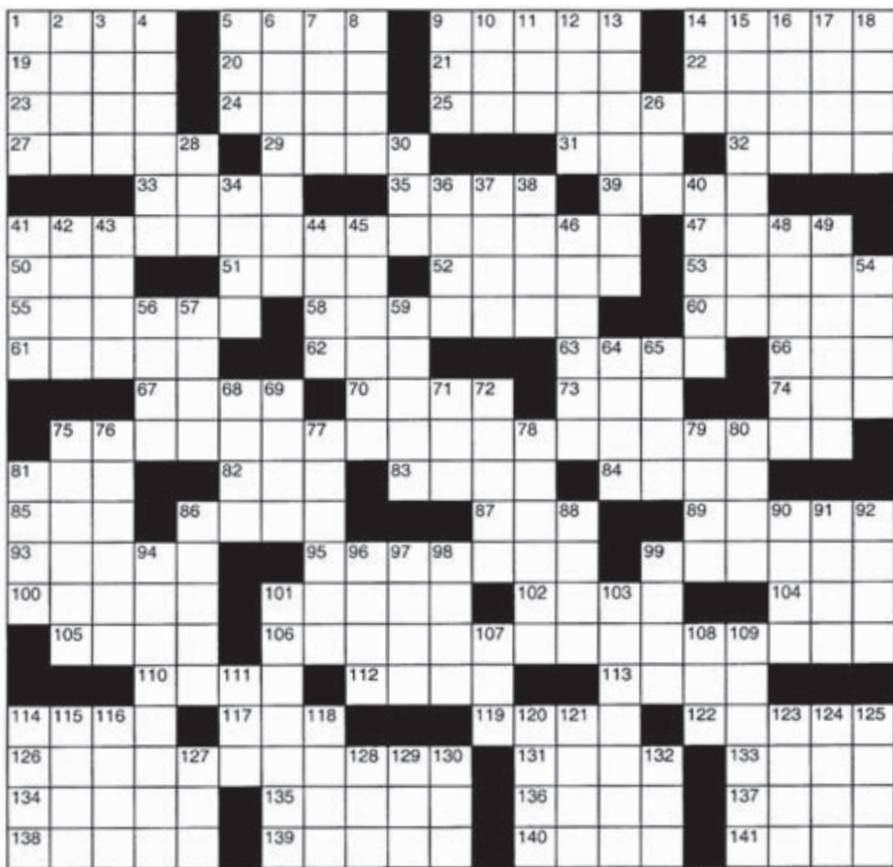


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HOROSCOPES

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** This is a good time to get away for some much-needed rest and relaxation. You'll return refreshed and ready to take on the workplace challenge that awaits you.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Confidence grows as you work your way through some knotty situations. Watch out for distractions from well-meaning supporters that could slow things down.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Consider spending more time contemplating the possibilities of an offer before opting to accept or reject it. But once you make a decision, act on it.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** You're in a very strong position this week to tie up loose ends in as many areas as possible. Someone close to you has advice you might want to heed.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Congratulations. This is the week you've been waiting for: After a period of sudden stops and fitful starts, your plans can move ahead with no significant disruptions.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** You're in an exceptionally strong position this week to make decisions on many still-unresolved matters, especially those involving close personal relationships.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** The new moon starts this week off with some positive movement

in several areas. A special person becomes a partner in at least one of the major plans you'll be working on.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** After much traveling this year, you're due for some settled time with family and friends. Use this period to check out situations that soon will require a lot of serious decision-making.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Keep that keen Bovine mind focused on your financial situation as it begins to undergo some changes. Consider your money moves carefully. Avoid impulsive investments.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You'll need to adjust some of your financial plans now that things are changing more quickly than you expected. All the facts you need have not emerged, so move cautiously.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Personal and professional relationships dominate this period. Try to keep things uncomplicated to avoid misunderstandings that can cause problems down the line.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** That elusive goal you'd been hoping to claim is still just out of reach. But something else has come along that could prove just as desirable, if only you would take the time to check it out.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You work hard and get things done. You also inspire others to do their best. You would do well heading up a major corporation.

By Linda Thistle

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LATEST FILMS

Summer movie recap 2011



Looking back on the summer movies, I smile. Not because they were all that good — certainly not — but because as a whole they gave us pleasure and supreme entertainment, even with so much bad mixed in with the good. Here's a lighthearted look back at the last four months.

■ **Most Satisfying:** "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" - Arguably the most important literary saga of this generation went out with a bang, and while the entire package had its ups and downs, this last film was as rewarding as it could be. Kudos to producer Dan Heyman and his team for making it happen.

■ **What Happened (Part 1):** "Cowboys & Aliens" - Somewhere along the line director Jon Favreau should've told Daniel Craig and Harrison Ford to have a little fun in their silly sci-fi western. Instead they both looked constipated.

■ **Best Movie Nobody Saw:** "The Guard" - Brendan Gleeson's performance deserves an Oscar nomination. Remember this title when it comes out on video in a few months.

■ **Most Thought Provoking:** The documentaries "How To Live Forever" and "Forks Over Knives" - Each will prompt you to question your mortality and think about ways to improve your health and lifestyle.

■ **Most Disappointing:** Green Lantern - After a four-minute extended trailer got us all excited, the film arrived limp and remained flaccid. It went in too many directions at once, the 3D looked horrible, and the effects were cheesy. Ryan Reynolds might be a hunk among men, but this movie had issues much bigger than his muscles.

■ **What Happened (Part 2):** "Crazy, Stupid, Love" - The incredible cast included Steve Carell, Julianne Moore, Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone. Too bad they included a love angle with Mr. Carell and Ms. Moore's teenage son and his older pedophile babysitter. Eww to the ending especially.

■ **Funniest Film:** "Horrible Bosses" - Come on, we've all thought about killing our bosses, haven't we? OK, we've at least wanted something bad to happen to them, no? If nothing else, maybe we've wished a horrible case of hemorrhoids on him/her (they won't die, but they'll be miserable).

■ **Biggest Surprise:** There's no way "Thor" should have been as good as it was. It even got us super-excited for "The Avengers" next summer, albeit an enthusiasm that was dimmed by the disappointing "Captain America: The First Avenger" (speaking of which, for a movie with so much red, white and blue it was remarkably drab).

■ **Worst Sequel:** "Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides" - Could this franchise end already? Please?

■ **They Were Famous Once:** "Larry Crowne," starring Tom Hanks and Julie Roberts, opened July 1 and earned a whopping \$35.6 million during its run. By comparison, "Transformers: Dark of the Moon" opened June 29 and earned \$37.7 million *that day alone*.

■ **What Happened (Part 3):** "Super 8" - This was supposed to be epic. This generation's "E.T." A movie that would remind us of early '80s nostalgia that we'd never forget. Instead, it registered nothing but a shoulder-shrugging "meh" and a profound sense of disappointment.

■ **Worst Summer Movie:** "Spy Kids: All The Time In The World" - Everything Robert Rodriguez has done since "Sin City" has felt completely half-assed (though admittedly, that was partially the point with "Planet Terror" and "Machete"). Still, MR. Rodriguez isn't living up to his abilities as a filmmaker because everything feels cheap. Let's give him a decent budget and really see what he can do — as long as he promises to try.

■ **Best Summer Movie:** "X-Men: First Class" - Great casting, great story, superb production design and masterful direction from Matthew Vaughn ("Stardust"). ■

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CAPSULES

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Colombiana ★★

(Zoe Saldana, Michael Vartan, Cliff Curtis) Cataleya (Ms. Saldana) witnesses her parents' murder as a child, so of course her uncle (Mr. Curtis) raises her to be an assassin. It's supposed to be sexy, action-packed fun, but it's really just average and uninspired. Rated PG-13.

Our Idiot Brother ★★★

(Paul Rudd, Elizabeth Banks, Rashida Jones) Mellow and loveable hippie Ned (Mr. Rudd) lives with his three sisters

(Ms. Banks, Emily Mortimer and Zoey Deschanel) after getting out of jail for selling marijuana to a uniformed cop. The story is a bit cookie-cutter predictable, but it's all so sweet and funny that it's worth it. Rated R.

Don't Be Afraid Of The Dark ★★★

(Guy Pearce, Katie Holmes, Bailee Madison) Creepy things start happening inside a renovated old mansion when a young girl (Ms. Madison) moves in with her father (Mr. Pearce) and his girlfriend (Ms. Holmes). The dark, eerie tone is appropriately ominous, and there's good suspense throughout. Rated R. ■

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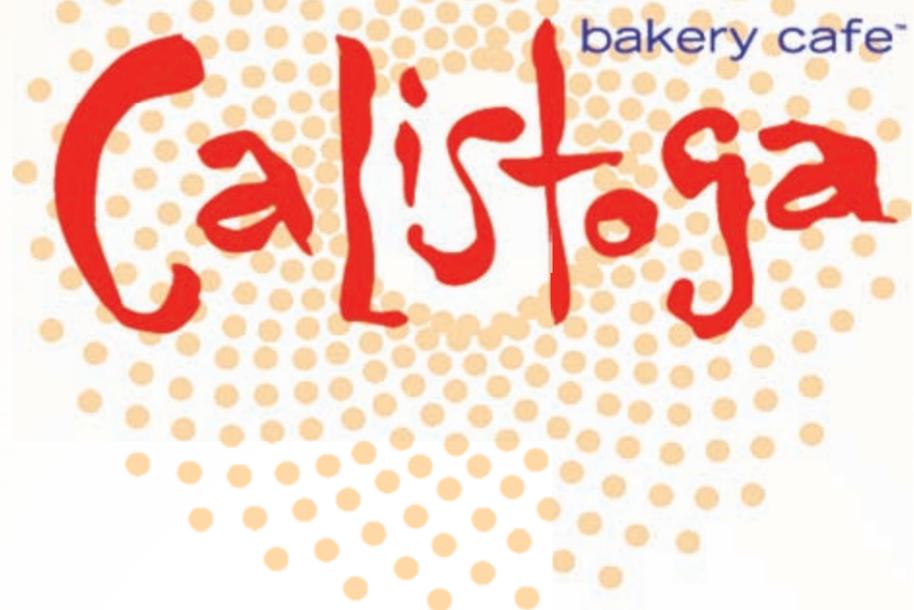
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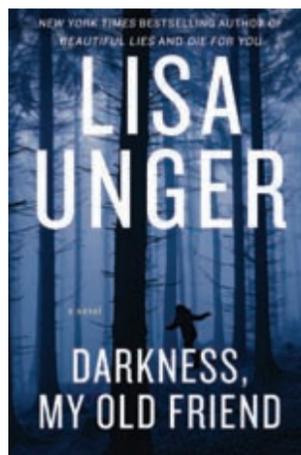
Lisa Unger's latest novel takes us back to The Hollows, an ordinary yet somewhat eerie suburb of New York City first probed in Ms. Unger's "Fragile" (2010, now in paperback).

Familiar to readers of "Fragile" will be Jones Cooper and his psychologist wife, Dr. Maggie Cooper. Jones is a retired police officer who has been staying around the house and doing odd jobs for neighbors. "Fragile" recorded the unfortunate events that led to his retirement, which left Jones somewhat unsettled. Though he had no plans to become a private detective, people are coming his way with problems that lure him in that direction.

The other characters in "Darkness, My Old Friend" are new. Bethany Graves

has only recently moved to The Hollows after a somewhat bitter divorce. She left the city in order to protect her daughter, Willow, from its evils. But teenagers always find trouble, and Willow is a classic example of a young girl filled with resentment and overcompensating for low self-esteem. She is uncooperative at school, skips classes and has one good friend, Jolie, who's even more of a troublemaker.

Both girls are drawn to darkness and danger. Together, they witness mysterious and suspicious behavior in the heavily wooded area that borders one of the town's older neighborhoods. Some-one seems to be digging something up — or trying to.



Bethany is near her wit's end in dealing with Willow, who has become Maggie Cooper's patient. Eloise Montgomery, a psychic (for lack of a better term), has been feeling the presence of danger involving townspeople past and present.

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and her family to escape her life's tedium. Marla's son Michael has recently returned to the family's home after the death of his father, Mack. Michael, who is the person the girls found digging, has unfinished business. He engages Eloise and PI Ray Muldune to find out what happened to his mother.

Another failing marriage involves Paula and Kevin Carr. Kevin has been a controlling, abusive husband whom Paula fears. She has agreed to add to their household young Cole, Kevin's son by his first wife, Robin. Kevin claims that Robin is unable to raise Cole properly. Paula soon learns that Robin is missing, and she engages Jones Cooper to find him. Meanwhile, Cole attracts both Willow and Jolie, becoming part of a rather unhealthy teen triangle. Before long, Paula is missing as well, and Jones sets out to find her.

As the three-headed plot of "Darkness, My Old Friend" unfolds regarding three missing women (the teenagers are missing for a while as well), readers will find themselves drawn to the author's mastery of characterization and her psychological penetration.

As in "Fragile," Ms. Unger is especially adept at delineating the emotionally troubled depths of rebellious adolescents. Frustrated, desponded parents are drawn equally well. The recovery from a kind of safe paralysis to dangerous action that brings Jones Cooper back to his essential self is handled with insight and skill. The author makes Eloise Montgomery's uncanny talents vivid and credible, while she handles the control-freak psyche of Kevin Carr with a sure hand.

Even relatively minor characters, like Willow's teacher and the school principal who was once smitten by Marla Holt, are sharply individualized and convincingly shaded.



Lisa Unger

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On top of all this is Ms. Unger's evocation of The Hollows itself, a place at once absolutely ordinary and laced with a magnetic, evocative darkness waiting to lure those who are emotionally fragile or potentially self-destructive into its shadowy, secret places.

"Darkness, My Old Friend": It's not just a phrase from a Simon & Garfunkel song anymore. ■

— Fans who can't wait for this *Clearwater, Fla.*, author to come out with her next titles will be glad to learn that Broadway Books (another part of Random House's Crown Publishing Group) is re-releasing four early novels first published under Lisa Unger's maiden name, Lisa Miscione. Find out more at www.lisaunger.com.

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War gardens sowed seeds of victory



on the White House grounds. It was patriotic to work in a garden. It made the cost of food lower and saved money to be used for the war. Leaflets and posters with slogans and interesting graphics were sent out by the government and private food companies.

Vegetable gardens in backyards, schools and public spaces are not a new idea, and a small group of collectors like memorabilia from this forgotten part of the war effort. In 1917, during World War I, the government asked citizens to grow more food because the war was creating extra needs. That was not the only reason for the gardens. They were morale boosters, making gardeners and their helpers feel they were helping in the war effort. Charles Lathrop Pack organized the national War Garden Commission and started the war garden idea. Food production was down because many farmers were in military service. Small gardens planted on unused land increased the food supply in areas near customers, so little transportation was needed. It is said that \$1.2 billion in foodstuffs was produced by the end of the war.

Collectors today like the posters because of their slogans, like "Sow the Seeds of Victory," or their colorful graphics, which often included flags or patriotic figures. An old "school garden" poster reads "Helping Hoover in our U.S. School Garden," reminding everyone that Herbert Hoover was appointed head of the U.S. Food Administration during World War I. His famous slogan was "Food Will Win the War." World War I garden posters have been selling well at recent auctions. One picturing a schoolboy and a basket of food had the slogan, "I raised 'em myself in my U.S. School Garden." It sold for \$575.

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Q: Do you have any information on Sarah Coventry jewelry? I sold it many years ago and still have some of pieces.

A: Sarah Coventry was the first company to sell costume jewelry through home parties. The company didn't make jewelry. It bought designs and had the jewelry made by other companies. The founder, Charles H. Stuart, started Emmons Jewelers, Inc., in 1949. In 1950, Stuart started Sarah Coventry, which was named after his granddaughter. The business was so successful that Sarah Coventry became the largest U.S. distributor of costume jewelry in the 1970s. Home parties were discontinued in 1984 and the company went out of business. Later, the rights to the name "Sarah Coventry" were bought by a Canadian company. The jewelry is still inexpensive.

Q: I inherited a desk marked "Landstrom Furniture 1879, Rockford, Ill." Can you tell me something about the company?

A: Landstrom Furniture Corp. traced its founding back to 1879 and was in business in Rockford until 1958. During the 1920s, it made furniture in many different Revival styles, including Queen Anne, Sheraton and Chippendale. ■



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This smiling schoolboy worked in a school victory garden during World War I. The 20-by-30-inch poster brought \$575 at a Stein Co. auction in 2011.

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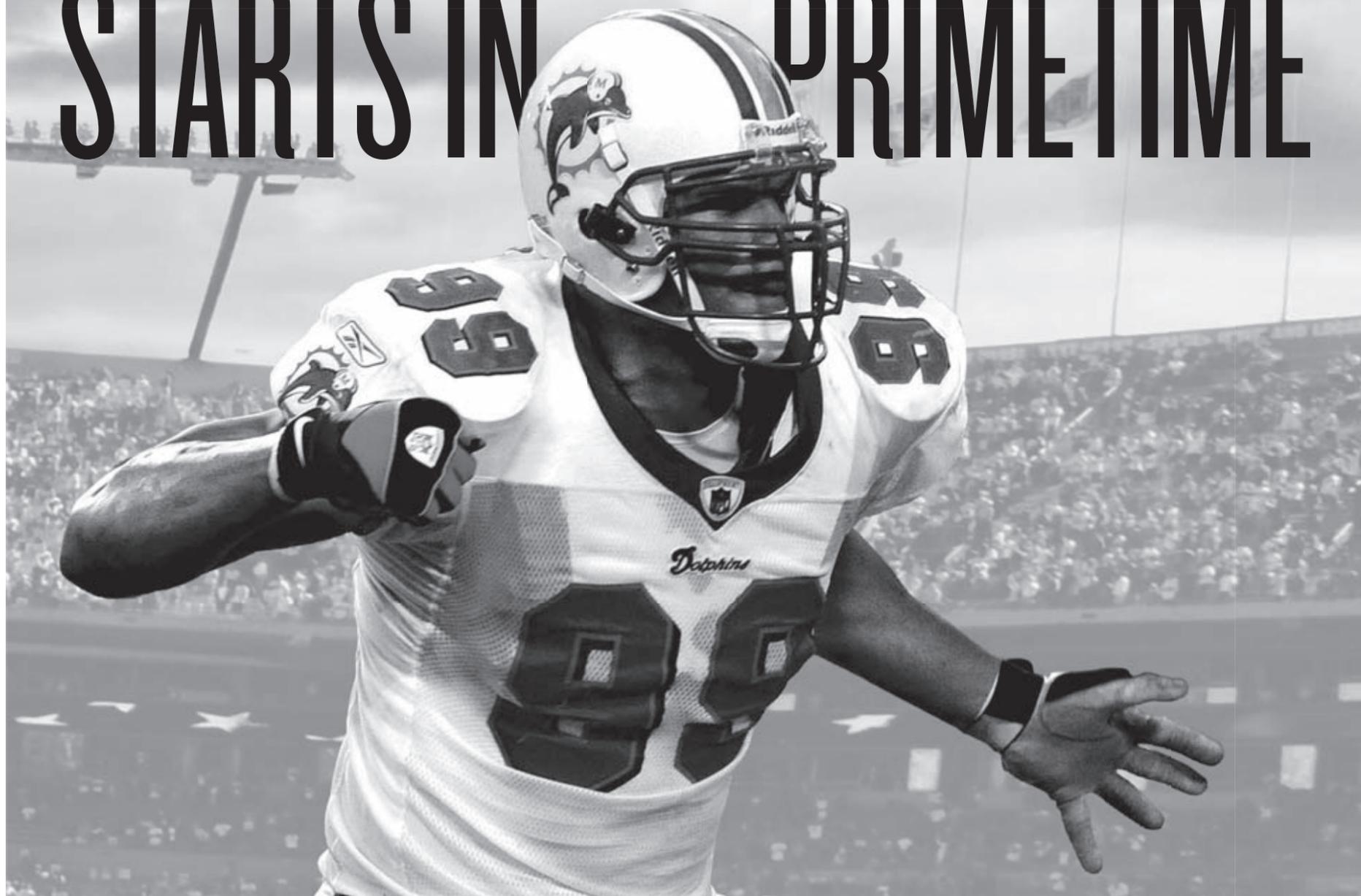
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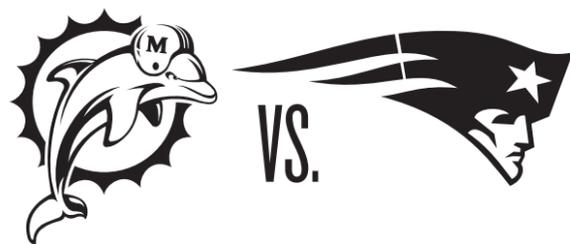
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209 in Punta Gorda and Yanos in Fort Myers, offer close to two dozen wines by the glass. At Naples Tomato, wines by the glass star in the Enomatic wine-serving system.

“By-the-glass selections are absolutely essential,” says Jeff Gately, managing partner of Rumrunners in Cape Coral. “Not everyone is going to desire, consume or necessarily want to pay for an entire bottle at every sitting. Also, four guests at a table are very likely to have different preferences in terms of varietal.” With wines by the glass, he adds, “A pinot noir lover can enjoy his/her glass while the person next to them has a big hearty glass of cabernet.”

Getting the right wines onto the list doesn't happen by accident.

“Our by-the-glass program is selected based on the season, availability and items on the menu,” says Aleks Stepanovich, manager/sommelier at Sea Salt in Naples. “The summer lighter fare calls for fresh wines — rosés, (white) pinots, Torrontes, Riesling, gruners — all of which pair perfectly with the salads and garden-inspired menu selections. The heartier winter menu calls for richer and more expressive varietals — cabernet, sangiovese-based super Tuscans, brunello and syrah, just to name a few.”

Management pays close attention to customer preferences.

“We receive feedback from our guests, our wine managers and our sales numbers,” says Ms. Pesquera. “In addition, wineries and trade publications are a wealth of information for new wines.

We taste through hundreds of wines to make the final selections.” In the end, she explains, the list should be balanced with wines from a variety of places

lovers gives restaurants the ability to offer a wider range of prices and quality.

“Guests are much more informed than they were 10 or 20 years ago,” says Ms. Pesquera. “They expect to see wines they recognize and know to be of good quality, in a range of prices, as well as wines they have not heard of before but they know to be tasty because they are on the Fleming's list — they rely on us picking great wines.”

By-the-glass selections at Fleming's include well-known brands like Duckhorn Cabernet Sauvignon and Carpe Diem by Dominus, as well as newcomers Craggy Range Cab-Merlot blends from New Zealand and Evening Borealis Northern White blends from Oregon.

At Sea Salt, the wine team strives to find distinctive wines that meet discerning customers' expectations.

“Through close partnerships with winery owners and representatives, we are proud to offer our clientele wines by the glass that are rarely, if ever, seen,” says Mr. Stepanovich. Glass selections have included Domaine Serene Pinot Noir, Patz and Hall Chardonnay, Paul Hobbs Cabernet Sauvignon and Ornellaia and Gaja Tuscan wines, brands generally sold by the bottle.

Ms. Pesquera only sees things getting better.

“The wine lists will keep evolving,” she says. “People will continue to be more adventurous in their choices (wines from unknown places and/or lesser known varietals), and they will tell each other about them.” ■



COURTESY PHOTO
Sea Salt's Aleks Stepanovich

and in a range of taste profiles, varietals and price.

Savvy restaurateurs also take trends into consideration.

“From time to time, something will trigger a spike in desire for a particular grape varietal and you have to go with it,” Mr. Gately says. “Last season we couldn't offer or stock enough malbec. During the time the movie ‘Sideways’ was in theaters, pinot noir was all people were drinking.”

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CUISINE

Years later, Café Lurcat still charming diners on Fifth

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When I first visited Café Lurcat on Fifth Avenue South some years ago, I was struck by the scale of the place. Vaulted ceilings and oversize pendant lampshades give the first-floor lounge and dining area an expansive feel. The second-floor dining room features a 30-foot-high ceiling with a Marc Chagall-inspired mural. The restaurant spills out onto the street with ample terrace seating as well as a balcony overlooking the tony avenue.

Despite its grand size, Lurcat exudes warmth in many ways. The color palette is simple and earthy, with white and honey Venetian plaster, light woods and leather, white tablecloths and white slipcovers on chairs. Silk pillows and leather banquettes add coziness.

It's the kind of place where you want to slow down and savor several courses of food and wine while enjoying the posh parade of Neapolitans.

The parade was fairly sparse on the night we revisited — which, frankly, was rather a relief. When it's going full tilt during season, Lurcat can be intimidatingly crowded and loud. Arriving early on an offseason weeknight, we were able to enjoy a more peaceful atmosphere and our choice of table. Piano jazz and chill-out beats alternated on the sound system, providing a relaxed rhythm for dinner service.

Soon after we were seated and served water, a basket of bread and butter



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Above: Pork tenderloin paired with spiced cherries and couscous.



Left: Shrimp and lobster meat tossed with fresh pasta and tomatoes.

tender pillows of pasta were stuffed with ricotta and napped in a lush green sauce crafted from roasted corn and poblano chilies. The sauce struck a balance between sweet and spicy and did not drown the ravioli.

Dishes were cleared away quickly and water glasses refilled silently and frequently throughout the meal. The maître' d checked on us and other nearby tables to make sure things were running smoothly. Overall, the service was unobtrusive and efficient on this quiet evening.

When it comes to the main course at Lurcat, options are fairly evenly split between meat and seafood. There are a pair of "sub 500" dishes, which refers to their calorie counts, and a pair of pasta specialties. Vegetables are served ala carte, which again adds up when the bill comes.

We ordered a side that sounded delightful and was. A mélange of English peas, sugarsnap peas and fresh fava beans lightly sautéed in butter was like a bowl of verdant nourishment — wholesome, simple, pure.

The seafood pasta was equally delicious. The wide, short noodles tasted freshly made and were cooked just right. They were laced with a rich, buttery sauce that also complemented the copious amounts of shrimp and lobster meat they were tossed with. Fresh tarragon — such a perfect partner for seafood — added a lovely note of anise to the dish.

Our other entrée of choice was pork

arrived. The butter was covered with wax paper bearing the Lurcat logo — a charming little touch.

We quickly settled on wines to sip while considering the menu. By the glass, there are some interesting selections, including my Mohua Sauvignon Blanc, a mildly tart white from the Marlborough region of New Zealand. My companion allowed me a sip of his plummy Achaval Ferrer Malbec, which was very good (but overpriced at \$17 for a 6-ounce pour; an Internet search proved that bottles of the Argentine wine sell for about \$20-\$25).

Starters here range from raw to cold to hot. These last seemed the most interesting to us, so we ordered the crab cake and a plate of ravioli that sounded intriguing.

Again, there was some perplexing pricing at play here: \$14.50 for a single crab cake? Granted, this cake was practically all crabmeat and it was perfectly grilled, but still. Not only was it overpriced, but there was so little holding the meat together that the cake crumbled apart on the plate as soon as the fork cut into it. Hard to say if this was just an aberration rather than the rule, but the kitchen needs to spend some time perfecting this item.

We fared better with the ravioli. Four

tenderloin — a very reasonable \$24, I should mention out of fairness. It was a little more complex than the seafood pasta and equally well executed. The meat was grilled just enough to create a crust without overcooking the interior, which had a slight blush in the middle and was perfectly moist. I couldn't quite distinguish the spices it was rubbed with, but there was no mistaking the smokiness of chipotle chilies in the cherry relish that accompanied it — an inspired pairing of flavors. The couscous it was served with also had a creative touch, with toasted pumpkin seeds adding a contrasting crunch to the tender pasta.

No dinner at Café Lurcat would be complete without dessert, so save room. The freshly made cinnamon-sugar donuts are a popular signature offering, and I've enjoyed them in the past. This time, we opted for the fried huckleberry pie and a creamy panna cotta, both of which were delicious.

The former was the hand-held sort of rectangular pie, stuffed with sweet berries, crisply fried and dusted with sugar. In a clever twist on tradition, the panna cotta was infused with coconut and served with a scoop of tart passion fruit sorbet and a colorful garnish of diced strawberries and other fruit.

Despite some issues we have with pricing, years later it's nice to know that Café Lurcat's charms are still intact. ■

in the know

Meet Mr. Cuisine

Life is what happens while you're making plans.

I don't know who first said that, but he or she spoke the truth.

Which brings me to the point of this column: I'll be on hiatus much of the next few months to attend to an unscheduled medical condition. I'll be contributing as I can, but the restaurant reviewing will be done by my good friend and talented colleague Drew Sterwald.

He's too modest to tell you this, but I can say it: He's an excellent writer and accomplished cook with many years of food reporting and restaurant reviewing under his belt.

Your taste buds will be in good hands while I'm gone, and that's something that gives me great peace of mind as I turn my attention to getting well.

— Karen Feldman

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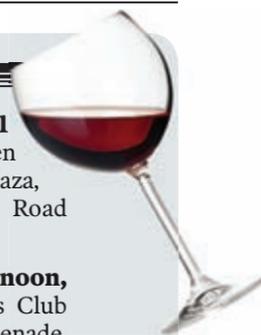
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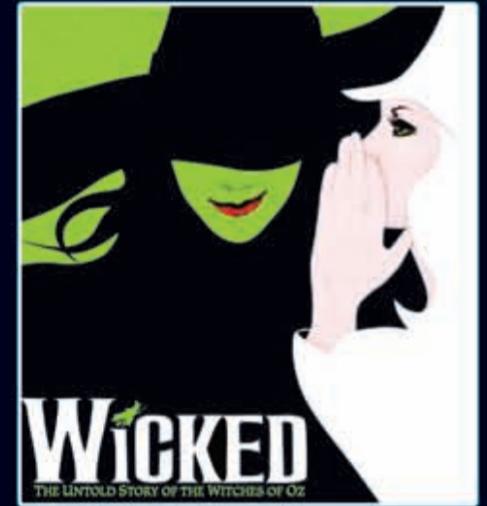
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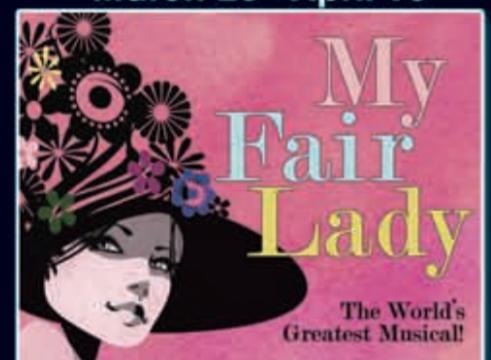
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