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Lilly De Jesus

Blood drive will help child stricken with rare cancer

BY LAURA TICHY-SMITH
Special to Florida Weekly

Lilly De Jesus awoke as a seemingly healthy, vibrant 5-year-old on Friday, Aug. 27. Saturday night she went to bed critically ill as a stage 4 cancer patient.

The stunning diagnosis came as the result of a stomachache Friday evening that would not go away. A trip to the emergency room revealed tumors in many of Lilly's major organs. Doctors told her family she had neuroblastoma, an extremely rare cancer affecting only one in every 100,000 children.

Lilly would need a long and slow treatment of radiation and chemotherapy, during which she would require extensive blood and platelet transfusions.

As the family reeled in shock from the news, Lilly's cousin, Brianna Pool, decided she had to do something about the situation. A member of the Student Government Association at Edison State College-Collier Campus, Ms. Pool asked the organization to sponsor a blood donation drive for Lilly's treatment. Although Ms. Pool has avidly campaigned to raise awareness about numerous social issues, she never imagined she would be spreading the word that September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month by organizing a blood drive for a youngster in her own family.

Ms. Pool describes Lilly as an intelligent child full of life and energy. "To talk to her, you wouldn't think she was 5 years old," she says. "When Lilly is in the room, you can't help but smile."

The Community Blood Center bloodmobile will be at ESC, 7007

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THE REAL STATE OF OUR REAL ESTATE

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JUAN CARLOS LINARES may not represent the second coming of a robust real estate market in Southwest Florida, but he's a first step in the right direction.

That fact is both ironic and beautiful. Mr. Linares, who turned 26 last week, bought a condominium in Fort Myers on his birthday for \$50,000. His new home stands near the emerging Boston Red Sox spring training complex, the \$80 million baseball confection scheduled for completion in February, in Lee County. Which is fortuitous, because Mr. Linares, a Cuban who can't speak English, was just recruited by the Red Sox from one of the world's last

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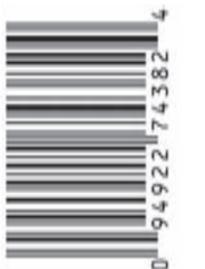
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COMMENTARY

He's baaaaaack

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Like a troublesome cold sore, Dick Cheney has returned.

The grumpy, quarrelsome former vice president is hawking a book billed as "a personal and political memoir" and has been a constant presence on television news and chat shows.

Never one to be subtle, Mr. Cheney promised in advance of publication that his tome would cause "heads to explode," which is an interesting and unsettling observation, I think, to come from a man who unloaded a round of birdshot into the face of a companion during a quail hunt in Texas in 2006. (Tellingly, Harry Whittington — the victim in this incident — says Mr. Cheney never bothered to apologize for shooting him.) By the way, has anyone ever pointed out that Mr. Cheney and Aaron Burr are the only two sitting vice presidents to shoot someone? At least Burr gave his target, Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton, a sporting chance before he shot him, seeing as how it was a duel.

I confess that I have read only snippets of the memoir, and I haven't seen every interview, but from what I gather, the book confirms what we long have known: Dick Cheney is one scary dude.

Mr. Cheney was not only content to demolish Iraq for reasons that still remain

a mystery. It turns out he also wanted to bomb Syria in 2007. The only thing that prevented him from pursuing this misadventure was the fact that no other senior official in the Bush administration thought that reducing Damascus to rubble was an especially good idea.

Per usual, Mr. Cheney believes that he was right and everyone else was either wrong or too fainthearted to do the much-needed dirty work of protecting the United States.

It seems that Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice really got under Mr. Cheney's skin. In the book, Mr. Cheney trashes the former secretaries of state in a highly personal fashion, depicting Mr. Powell as duplicitous and untrustworthy, and portraying Ms. Rice as a weepy lightweight playing way out of her league.

Mr. Cheney and Donald Rumsfeld, who was defense secretary for a while, liked to do things their way, and they didn't take kindly to dissenting opinions. When necessary, Mr. Cheney and Rummy might run something by George W. Bush (he was president, after all), but for the most part they wished to be left alone to do things like invading Iraq for no credible reason.

All White Houses are boiler rooms, but the Bush White House must have been a particularly nasty place to hang your hat.

Mr. Cheney professes to believe that the Iraq fiasco was a good idea, and the world is a better place for it. But you may recall he was wrong on every major statement he made about that war. He said Americans would be hailed as liberators, that flowers would be tossed in the direction of GIs. There was nary a mention of the possibility of improvised exploding devices and a protracted insurgency. He also predicted that we could wrap that Iraq mess up in about six months. That was in 2003, and here we are now, in 2011, still trying to figure out how to salvage this atrocious and unnecessary use of military force.

Mr. Cheney seems to be much better at waging war from behind a desk than from the front lines. He sought and received five deferments to avoid going to Vietnam. He thought Vietnam to be a noble cause, but he certainly did not want to go there and fight.

In his recent interviews, Mr. Cheney has, as one would expect, defended vigorously his advocacy of "enhanced interrogation techniques," which in other parts of the civilized world are referred to simply as "torture." The former vice president makes waterboarding sound like little more than what you would encounter at a

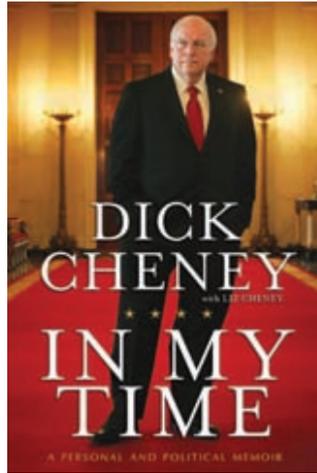
fraternity hazing.

In a funny way, though, the return of Dick Cheney might be a bright spot for President Obama. Mr. Cheney is so compellingly unpleasant that he is interesting in the way, say, that Vlad the Impaler was interesting. Because of this, the public tends to actually tune in when he has something to say. His book tour has attracted oodles of publicity as a result.

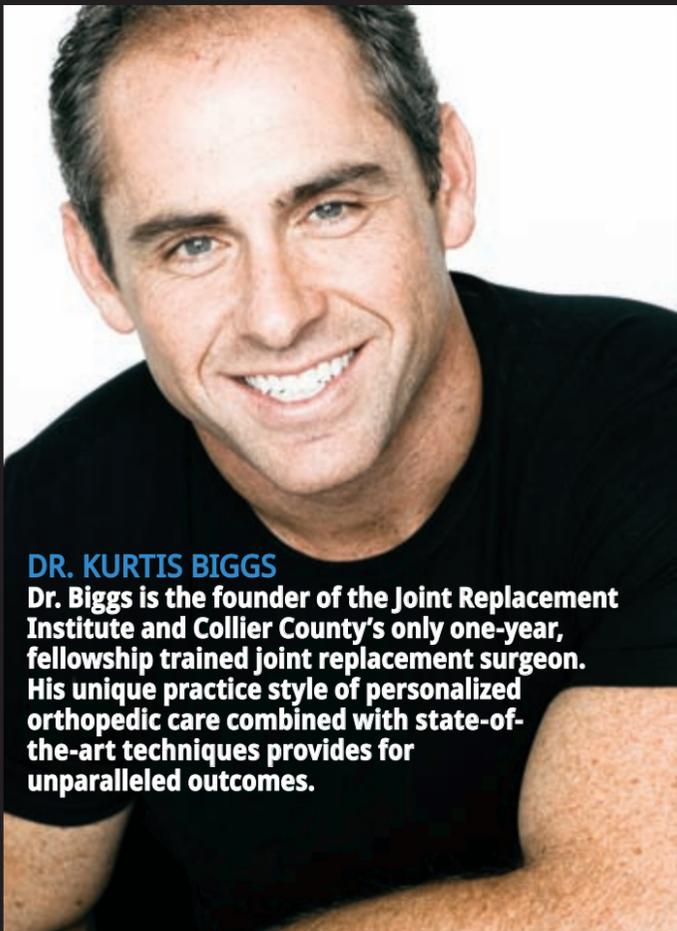
Now, I realize fully that Mr. Obama has become a disappointment to even some of his earliest and strongest supporters and, yes, it is true that the president's approval rating is dropping so hard and so fast that he could collide with Rick Scott at any moment. And how in the world does a president win re-election with an unemployment rate that hovers at 9 percent? That's going to be a tough slog for Mr. Obama, who increasingly comes across as not only ineffectual but weirdly passive as well.

But Mr. Cheney has handed the president a rare gift: perspective. We may not like how Mr. Obama has handled his multiple crises, but Mr. Cheney provides a full and fast flashback as to how we ended up in such dire straits to begin with.

It is said that Mr. Obama will raise close to \$1 billion for the 2012 election. If I were his campaign manager, I'd take a chunk of that change and buy several million copies of Mr. Cheney's book. Then I'd mail the copies out to every independent voter I could identify. As a final touch, I would slap a Post-it on the cover of each and every copy. And on that Post-it I would write one word: "Remember?" ■



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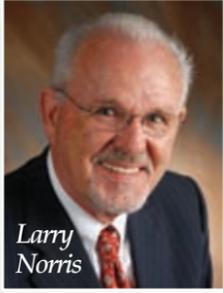
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OPINION**Civility for thee, not me****richLOWRY**

Special to Florida Weekly

President Barack Obama delivered his loviest speech as president in Tucson, Ariz., after the shooting of Rep. Gabby Giffords. It was moving, pitch perfect and — in its key passages calling for civility in our political discourse — brazenly insincere.

Obama said we should be sure that “we are talking with each other in a way that heals, not a way that wounds.” He framed his call as a way to honor the victims of the Tucson tragedy: “Only a more civil and honest public discourse can help us face up to our challenges as a nation, in a way that would make them proud.”

Teamster President Jimmy Hoffa must have been too busy watching old episodes of “The Sopranos” that night. In a warm-up act for the president’s rally in Detroit, Hoffa unloosed a witless, stereotypically crude tirade standing at a podium about to be affixed with a presidential seal.

Hoffa told the rally that the tea party had declared “war on workers,” but told his listeners that organized labor likes “a good fight.” He thundered: “They got a war with us, and there’s only going to be one winner.” He assured President Obama that “this is your army,” and urged the crowd to vote: “Let’s take these son of a bitches out and give America back to an America where we belong (sic).”

This passage is so hot in tone and freighted with martial imagery that had Sarah Palin uttered it, MSNBC would pre-empt its usual prison documentaries to do 24-hour coverage. But President Obama took the stage with nary a word about Hoffa’s rant, and the White House has refused to condemn it. Perhaps the president gave the unions a secret waiver from his injunctions to civility?

When he extolled civility nine months ago, President Obama didn’t count on his political base becoming more enraged than ever, or on his own desperation as president of a country with 9.1 percent unemployment.

The most elemental act of civility is assuming the sincerity and patriotism of your opposition. President Obama’s

latest theme is that Republicans are putting party before country in opposing his program, an argument that implicitly rules out the possibility that they genuinely think his policies are foolhardy and worthy of opposition.

Unless the economy rebounds suddenly, President Obama will be left with only one option next year — winning ugly. He will have to make his opponent even more unacceptable than he is, and if the past is any guide, he’ll do it without scruple. Obama jettisoned his support for the public funding of campaigns in 2008 as soon as it became clear he could raise \$750 million. He sloughed off “post-partisanship” when he had the congressional majorities necessary to ram through major legislation on a partisan basis. And now he’s saying goodbye to civility, too.

So be it. If civility is a good in its own right, the functioning of our big, unruly democracy has never depended on it. It will survive Hoffa’s ham-handed metaphors and Obama’s hypocrisy.

But next time, Mr. President, please spare us the pose and the lectures. ■

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**9/11 victim 0001:
Father Mychal’s message****amyGOODMAN**

Special to Florida Weekly

The body bag marked “Victim 0001” on Sept. 11, 2001, contained the corpse of Father Mychal Judge, a Catholic chaplain with the Fire Department of New York. When he heard about the disaster at the World Trade Center, he donned his Catholic collar and firefighter garb and raced downtown. He saw people jump to their deaths to avoid the inferno more than 1,000 feet above. At 9:59 a.m., the South Tower collapsed, and the force and debris from that mass of steel, concrete, glass and humanity as it hit the ground is likely what killed Father Mychal. His was the first recorded death from the attacks that morning.

One of the first vigils held this year as part of the 10th anniversary commemorations of the terrorist attacks was in honor of Father Mychal and his life’s work toward peace, tolerance and reconciliation. About 300 people gathered Sunday, Sept. 4, in front of the St. Francis Church where Father Mychal lived and worked, just down the block from the Ladder 24/Engine 1 Firehouse. The march followed Father Mychal’s final path to ground zero. The man behind the annual remembrance is Steven McDonald, the former New York police detective who was shot in 1986. He was questioning 15-year-old Shavod Jones in Central Park. Jones shot McDonald, leaving him paralyzed for life.

I caught up with McDonald as he led the procession, rolling down Seventh Avenue in his wheelchair. He talked about what Father Mychal meant to him:

“He, more than anything... reaffirmed my faith in God, and that it was important to me to forgive the boy who shot me. And I’m alive today because of that.”

Father Mychal had managed to get Jones on the phone with McDonald and his wife. He apologized from prison. Taking the lessons of reconciliation, McDonald joined Judge in a trip to Northern Ireland, where they worked together to try to help end the violence there.

Father Mychal was well known to the poor and afflicted of New York City and New Jersey. He helped the homeless and people with HIV/AIDS. As a member of the Franciscan order, he would often wear the traditional brown robe and sandals. But there was a half-known secret about him: He was gay. In his private diaries, the revered Catholic priest wrote, “I thought of my gay self and how the people I meet never get to know me fully.” The diaries were given to journalist Michael Daly by Father Mychal’s twin sister, Dymna, and appear in Daly’s book “The Book of Mychal: The Surprising Life and Heroic Death of Father Mychal Judge.”

Brendan Fay is a longtime Irish-American gay activist who was a friend of Father Mychal’s. He produced a film about the Franciscan friar in 2006 called “Saint of 9/11” and is finishing up another one called “Remembering Mychal.” Fay told me last week: “He was one of the priests at Dignity New York, an organization for gay and lesbian Catholics. ...He ministered to (us) during the AIDS crisis, when there were few priests available to our community.”

I first interviewed Fay in October 2001, after an Associated Press photo appeared showing a U.S. bomb before

being dropped on Afghanistan, with the words scrawled in chalk, “High Jack This, Fags.” The offensive slogan forced the military to order its sailors to pen more “positive” messages on their bombs.

On Sept. 20, 2001, President George W. Bush addressed a joint session of Congress. He declared, famously, “They hate our freedoms.” He welcomed Lisa Beamer to the Capitol, the widow of Todd Beamer, the passenger on board United Flight 93 who was heard to say, “Let’s roll” before attacking the hijackers. Beamer’s fellow passenger, Mark Bingham, a rugby player and public-relations consultant who also joined in the fight to prevent the hijackers from using the plane as a weapon, was openly gay. As was David Charlebois, the copilot of American Airlines Flight 77, which hit the Pentagon.

A decade later, Brendan Fay reflected on the life of his friend: “On 9/11, the one thing we can take from Mychal Judge is, in the midst of this hell and war and evil and violence, here is this man who directs us to another possible path as human beings: We can choose the path of compassion and nonviolence and reconciliation. Mychal Judge had a heart as big as New York. There was room for everybody. And I think that’s the lesson.” ■

— Denis Moynihan contributed research to this column. Amy Goodman is the host of “Democracy Now!,” a daily international TV/radio news hour airing on more than 900 stations in North America. She is the author of “Breaking the Sound Barrier,” recently released in paperback and now a *New York Times* best seller.



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REMEMBERING 9/11

From Naples to Ground Zero, Brotherhood Ride comes full circle

BY SANDY REED

Special to Florida Weekly

"Never forget" has one meaning. Millions of people worldwide watched numerous commemorative tributes this past weekend paid in homage to those who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Wanting to honor the emergency first responders who died at the World Trade Center 10 years ago, members of the local Brotherhood Ride team — firefighters, law enforcement agents and emergency medical services personnel from Collier and Lee counties — took the act of recognition one step further, bicycling 1,734 miles to Ground Zero in just 22 days. Departing from the North Naples Fire Station 45 off Immokalee Road, the riders pedaled an average of

80 miles per day and connected with New York City emergency responders during Ground Zero's memorial ceremony.

Elks Lodges at every overnight stop along the way provided meals, accommodations and support.

North Naples Firefighter Paul Manguso recalled highlights of the trip that included a visit to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial in Emmitsburg, Md. "It's bittersweet," he lamented about being back home. "I'm glad to be here but sorry (for it) to be over."

Bruce Cordivari reported directly back to work at the Collier County Sheriff's Office in Golden Gate. His CCSO partner, Cpl. David Butler, said, "He's in good spirits and I'm really proud of him. I'm glad to have him back."

The Brotherhood Ride separated Naples newlyweds Erin and Buddy Bonollo, a Naples police officer.

The ride to Ground Zero was Buddy's fourth Brotherhood Ride, and his bride understands his passion for the ride. "They are making the sacrifice for those who made the ultimate sacrifice," she said. "I know what they go through every day; I've seen it first-hand."

A swarm of supporters crowded in the Skyplex Commercial Center parking lot at Southwest Florida International Airport to greet the riders upon their return Monday morning, Sept. 12. Dozens of first responders from Collier and Lee counties joined the crowd, and the Guns and Hoses Pipers & Drummers filled the air with music.

Community support played a huge role in the effort. JetBlue, the host of the welcoming ceremony, flew all the team members back to their hometowns. "What better way to give back than to our everyday heroes that selflessly serve our communities?" said Tracy Morgan, general manager for JetBlue at RSW. "At JetBlue, our number one value is safety," she added. "When one thinks of safety, our first responders are the first ones that come to mind."

As part of the ceremony, JetBlue presented a check for \$5,000 to Brotherhood Ride. The nonprofit was founded four years ago by longtime Elks member and North Naples Firefighter Jeff Morse.

Jason's Deli served a special luncheon for the riders and their families back



Brotherhood Riders from Collier County, left to right, Jeff VanNortwick and Jack Bills of the North Naples Fire Department, Buddy Bonollo of the Naples Police Department, Bruce Cordivari of the Collier County Sheriff's Office and Bob Salvaggio of the Collier County Fire Code Office.

to where it began, at North Naples Fire Station 45.

While this was the longest Brotherhood Ride to date, the team continuously trains and raises funds throughout the year to assist families that have lost a loved one in the line of duty.

The Brotherhood Riders collaborate next with the Fort Myers Police Department for the Fort Myers Police Cops & Joggers 5K Run, setting out at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at Centennial Park in downtown Fort Myers. All proceeds will benefit the Brotherhood Ride and the Fallen Officers Memorial Fund.

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

— Sandy Reed is a broadcast producer and Brotherhood Ride supporter from Naples.



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See photos from a 9/11 remembrance on Marco Island on page B8.

1. Dylan Hagins
2. Justin Meijer, Johnny Klevanosky and Logan Bartley
3. Firefighter Dana McGregor of the North Naples Fire Control and Rescue District gives kids the high five.
4. Ella Domain
5. Maximilian Kirk leads the gathering in prayer.
6. Katie Salluan and Christian Bazley help lower the flag to half staff.
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On the lower end of the housing market, Realtors in Southwest Florida are struggling to find talent like Mr. Linares'. Not the talent to hit a baseball, necessarily, but the talent to buy a home.

"Everybody is apprehensive about what's going to happen next in the economy, and they're holding off buying even if they can," says Fern Davis, head of Century 21 Birchwood, whose agents sold the home to the young ballplayer.

Not so on the high end, according to Brad Nelson, vice president of marketing for Premier Sotheby's International Realty, based in Naples.

"Business is fantastic. We're selling more homes than last year. People are tired of sitting on the fence. Our average sales price is over \$1.3 million, so foreclosures and short sales don't affect us. In terms of total sales, our volume is up 12.4 percent over a year ago. To date this year in Collier and Lee counties, we've closed on \$992 million in sales."

Mr. Linares is probably not worried about that world and that high-end market just yet. On the day he bought his condo (Sept. 8), he also decided to change his personal life. So after he signed the papers at his new home, he drove over to Mrs. Davis's real estate office with two of her bi-lingual Realtors, the married team of Pilar and Fernando Gaitan.

He had become friends with the Gaitans after hearing about them from somebody he knew, even trusting them to help him buy furniture and make out a check in English, which he could then sign, Mr. Gaitan says.

Once back at the Century 21 office, Mr. Linares got down to personal business: he wed his bride, 21-year-old Yeny Perez, who doesn't speak English either.

Relying on Mr. Gaitan to translate, Mrs. Davis, a veteran of 39 years in the business, performed the ceremony for the starry-eyed young couple. She is both a Realtor and a notary public, and thus empowered by the state of Florida to officiate in legal ceremonies of love as well as purchases of the American dream (a home of one's own).

"It was just beautiful," she says, describing the romantic story on which she placed the state stamp of approval. "He was so nervous."

American dreamin'

And it was another sale, after all, beautiful in its own right even though it had been made possible by a foreclosure — just one among many, especially in the lower end of the economic market.

Result?

"The market is a little better this year, especially in the Hispanic market, and most of that is in the low to median income range in Lee and Collier counties," says Mr. Gaitan, who has sold homes as a Realtor for nine years.

A Colombian immigrant himself, along with his wife, Pilar, he flew out to Chicago with their son the day after he sold Mr. Linares the condo, to help the young man move into one of the nation's best universities — Northwestern, in Evanston, Ill.

That's an American dream in itself, he says. And it will become an easier American dream — more affordable for the Gaitans, at least — if the market picks up.

"When you have this kind of market, when prices are low, many of these families with both the husband and wife working can afford to buy," explains Mr. Gaitan. "So this (lower end) market is not wonderful in terms of the prices, but if you count in the volume amount, we've



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Left: Yeny and Juan Carlos Linares were married in the offices of Century 21 Birchwood.

Below: Mr. Linares purchased a condo for \$50,000 at Cobblestone by the Lake.



sold about 20 percent more than last year at this time."

There's a hidden benefit in those extra albeit low-money sales, too, one that plays a significant role in the close-knit Hispanic community, where buys are not made without exchanging many stories and sometimes entire family histories, Mr. Gaitan adds.

That benefit is known as word-of-mouth.

"Juan Carlos told me, 'Fernando? I'm going to tell all my friends they need to come to you.' That's important to us."

The view from the top

Back at Premier Sotheby's International, meanwhile, everything looks about as rosy as it can anywhere in the United States.

Of the 480 homes the company has sold for more than \$1 million this year so far, only seven were in foreclosure, Mr. Nelson reports.

That suggests a huge dichotomy between the wealthy and less wealthy. Or more precisely, it suggests at least two markets, not just one, in the region.

The difference, perhaps, can only partially be defined in a famous exchange anecdotally attributed to two American writers who thought a lot about wealth, Ernest Hemingway and F. Scott Fitzgerald.

"The rich are different than you and me," Fitzgerald allegedly observed.

"Yes," replied Hemingway. "They have more money."

Having more money doesn't mean high-end buyers were not affected by recession and economic collapse, says Mr. Nelson. But obviously they weren't affected the same way.

"Everyone felt the impact of the crisis, but I would say Wall Street more than Washington had an impact on our market," he explains. "Our clients are business owners, they have significant investment portfolios. The uncertainty of the economic climate certainly had an impact on their decisions. But Naples is insulated from the high unemployment figures, so that's not a direct metric for us."

Gene Foster, who heads the Foster team with Amerivest Realty, offers a big-picture echo of Mr. Nelson's thoughts. His business in the \$200,000 to \$2 million range has fared slightly better this year than last, no thanks to government policies, he says.

"The government has not helped at all, with their 'out of touch with business' policies, and their head-in-the-sand handling of the Freddie Mac and Fanny Mae messes. Our government has created the current confidence crisis. This is a main factor in making the real property market recovery more difficult."

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New rules, new headaches

All of which suggests a reality that

rules out the old rules, says Jim Green, an independent Realtor who does a significant business in the foreclosure and short-sale markets.

"Market generalizations seldom apply today. There are a plethora of submarkets within Lee and Collier real estate, each with its own dynamics. Many submarkets reflect appreciation, others are still declining. Studying what is occurring (instead of making predictions about the future) is necessary to best assist buyers and sellers," he concludes.

In Mr. Green's case, a lot of studying is required, since a significant portion of his business has come in the foreclosure and short-sales market.

Although some Realtors have tried to avoid that market "because of the length of time to closing, the additional documentation required, the uncertainty of closing, and the frustration level that the process can bring to all involved, particularly the buyer," in Mr. Foster's unequivocal words, Mr. Green has embraced it.

"We assist under-water homeowners making short sales to help them avoid onerous deficiency judgments, foreclosures and bankruptcies," he explains.

Using government-sponsored programs such as the Home Affordable Foreclosure Alternatives program, or HAFSA, with its 50-page manual of procedure (a guaranteed headache producer but a benefit to many, he notes), Mr. Green can get some homeowners out of their homes without penalty, and with \$3,000 in cash to start anew.

That means, he explains, that if a homeowner bought a home for \$300,000 now worth only \$200,000 on the open market, but is unable to pay the mortgage and stay in the home, he or she can make the sale anyway, assured of being free of debt.

The remaining debt is forgiven under this program, and the government even kicks in the \$3,000 for a new start, plus some additional monies: \$1,500 for mortgage servicers to pay for service costs, and a maximum of \$2,000 more for mortgage investors, which helps them, too.

There are a multitude of fine-print rules and requirements of qualification for the program to work, but it's helped many, Mr. Green says.

For Todd Tooley at VIP Realty, a market that is slowly re-energizing either with or without government help, and on any end of the market, high or low, has consequences for both buyers and sellers.

"My business has changed dramatically from last year to this year," he notes.

"My price points, about \$250,000 up to a \$1 million or so, weren't moving at all last year. Because of the lower-end market, people were concentrating on all the deals, and things under \$200,000 were flying off the shelves, so to speak.

"But now a lot of that inexpensive inventory has evaporated. That pushes buyers toward the \$250,000 to \$300,000 minimum. Bottom line is, everybody wants a deal, but those are going away. And in the higher end, could you still get a million-dollar house for \$750,000 now? I don't think so. There were some great deals along the water in Palmetto Point (in Fort Myers) and some other places last year, but I don't think the deals on the higher end homes are still out there. It's dried up."

Anchor dragging and optimism

One of the major problems, as he sees it — a problem that would apply up and

down the Southwest coast — is the counterproductive gravity of bank bailouts by the government that profoundly affect the market in short sales, and as a consequence the free market itself.

That's because short sales get added to the lists of properties analyzed by property appraisers to determine market value.

As an ultimate result, banks are much less willing to lend money to prospective buyers, since they don't have to — and that, says Mr. Tooley, is one of the most significant hurdles preventing the market from escaping the ball-and-chain of recession to become robust.

"Banks unloading these homes get bailed out by the government," explains Mr. Tooley, who worked as a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch before becoming a Realtor.

"So Joe Smith can't sell his home because it isn't appraised at a high enough value." But he might have to in order to avoid foreclosure, a process embraced by some banks because they get reimbursed for their losses.

"So why are we using short sales or foreclosure sales as part of the appraisal process?" asks Mr. Tooley.

In this not uncommon scenario, he says, the bank gets bailed out by American taxpayers like Joe Smith, who as a seller then has to take a beating.

"If an appraiser comes back and says a property is worth \$500,000, and the buyer agrees on the price, and Joe Smith the seller agrees on the price, and the bank decides it's only worth \$400,000, now somebody is going to have to beat up Joe Smith. And it makes lending a lot more difficult."

Meanwhile, everybody except Mr. Green (who no longer makes predictions, he says) is predicting a better coming season than last year's, from low end to high end.

But especially on the high end, where life remains rosy.

"In terms of what we're predicting this year, our biggest concern is an inventory problem," says Mr. Nelson of Premier Sotheby's International.

So many homes sold last season, we had such a great year, that there are considerably fewer homes on the market. And many of the homes on the market are overpriced."

He has some advice, or at least an observation or two from on high, both for buyer and seller.

"A property that's overpriced isn't going to sell, period," exclaims Mr. Nelson. "Because no one's going to pay more than it's worth. So if your home is priced appropriately and in mint condition, it will sell quickly if you need to sell it."

OK. But is this a buyer's market?

"A buyer's market?" he replies.

"We're in a shifting market. We have seen small appreciations in a shifting market, but we could not paint that brush across the entire market, yet.

"For buyers: This is your last window of opportunity (for the 'good deal'). Inventories are starting to fall."

As for everybody else, says Jim Green, "the American entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well in real estate here. Adaptation has occurred. Many prior builders are now renovators. Investors are back seeking bargains and cash flow. The remaining Realtors have accepted the market challenges and complexities. We continue to educate ourselves and adapt to the changes."

And if he won't predict a future, Mrs. Davis, seller of the American dream and conjoiner of the wedded heart, will.

"We know real estate is cyclical, but what's going on with the world economy is nothing I've seen, and I'm 71 years old," she says. "I wasn't here for the Great Depression, but I'm unsettled by what's happened."

Nevertheless, she concludes, "In the next two or three years, this market has to go up, across the board." ■



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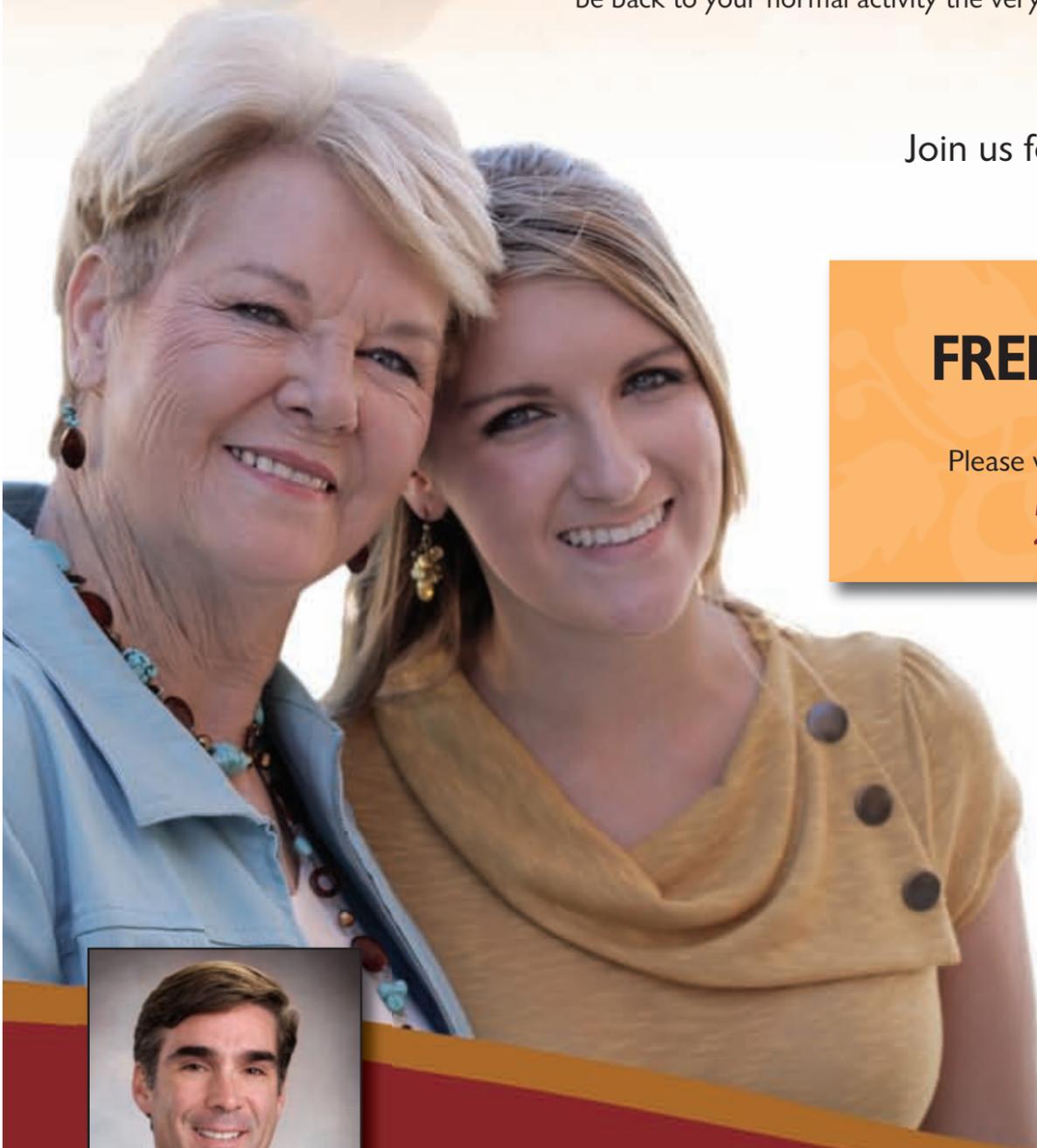
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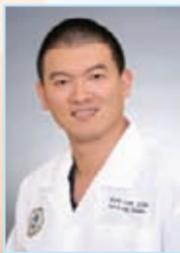
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9/11 'Singing Policeman' to perform in Naples

Retired NYPD Officer Daniel Rodriguez, the tenor who rose to fame as the "Singing Policeman" following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, will perform a free concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Covenant Church of Naples/PCA.

After 9/11, Officer Rodriguez studied with Placido Domingo for 18 months and then performed at the 2002 Winter Olympics, the PBS Memorial Day concert in Washington, D.C., the Tournament of Roses Parade and the 2004 Republican National Convention, as well as during numerous television appearances. He has also recorded three albums.

He retired from the NYPD in 2004.

"Officer Rodriguez inspired and comforted the nation in the weeks following 9/11 with his magnificent voice," said Bob Petterson, pastor of Covenant

Church. "We are so pleased to bring him to Naples, shortly after he performs during a 10th anniversary service at the Postcards Memorial on Staten Island."

The program will include sacred hymns, classical pieces and patriotic songs.

Covenant Church of Naples/PCA is at 6926 Trail Blvd., on the east side of U.S. 41 in North Naples. Reservations for the concert are required and can be made by calling 597-3464. ■



Rodriguez

U.S. Marine Band concert at capacity

As part of its 2011 national concert tour, "The President's Own" United States Marine Band will perform at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. The free concert, sponsored by the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, has reached capacity, and ticket requests can no longer be filled.

There is a possibility that seats will be unclaimed on the night of the performance, however, and the Phil will release those seats 15 minutes prior to the concert. Anyone who would

like to take a chance on obtaining any unclaimed seats should be at the box office no later than 7:45 p.m.

Overwhelming response to the concert has prompted the Phil to offer a special price on tickets to the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra's "Patriotic Pops" concerts planned for May 25-26. To receive the special rate of \$27 for seats, visit the box office and mention this offer, which is good while seats are available. Box office hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday. ■

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Royal and working

“When I get to Africa, I have to worship him,” said Elizabeth Osei, part-time first lady of the Akwamu people of eastern Ghana, speaking of her husband Isaac, who is the Akwamu chief. “When I get back, he has to worship me” (because Elizabeth is the president of the couple’s New York City taxi company, where they work 12-hour days when they’re not Ghanaian royalty). Isaac’s reign, according to an August *New York Times* report, covers several months a year and requires divine-like wisdom

in adjudicating his people’s disputes. Another New Yorker with a prestigious double life is Mohamed Mohamed, a state transportation bureaucrat, who recently returned to his cubicle in Buffalo, N.Y., after nine months as prime minister of Somalia. The *Buffalo News* reported that the Somali native, though shocked by the level of the country’s dysfunction, at least got to stand up to “terrorists, pirates and warlords” and “address dignitaries from the United Nations.”

Cultural diversity

► The convenient Russian myth that “beer” (up to 10 percent alcohol by volume) is a “soft drink” will end shortly, following the enactment of restrictions signed by President Dmitry Medvedev in July. Beer had been rapidly replacing vodka as the country’s primary alcoholic beverage, as people drank it with impunity around the clock in public places (since they pretended they were consuming nothing more powerful than a “cola”).

► Until recently, impoverished Indonesians sought to cure various illnesses (such as diabetes and high blood pressure) by lying on railroad tracks as trains approached, thus allowing electrical charges from the tracks to course therapeutically through their bodies. A

combination of anecdotal successes and dissatisfaction with the state-operated health care system led to the instances in which hundreds at a time lay on the tracks, according to an August Associated Press dispatch.

► In February, 12 villagers from a South African shantytown allegedly burned down a pastor’s home and killed him out of anger and fear that he was using an “invisible penis” to seduce women. The accused, who are due to answer for their superstition in court in September, according to African Eye News Service, became ill in May when one of the men died mysteriously, and those ill are now terrified that the pastor’s family has placed an active curse on them.

Latest religious messages

► The Aug. 6 revival spectacular in Houston, billed as a day of prayer and attended by 30,000 people at Reliant Stadium, was also billed as a day of fasting, which apparently took at least a few worshipers by surprise, and Reliant’s concession stands (which were open all day) only added to the temptation to ignore the fast. One otherwise-devout man from San Angelo, Texas, told the *Texas Tribune* that it was OK for him to

eat because of an “agreement” he “made with God earlier.”

► Fed up with the theft of Bibles from the Basilica of San Salvatore al Monte in Florence, Italy, the Franciscan priests in charge posted signs and spoke prayers urging the pilferer to repent. In the event that he does not, reported London’s *Daily Telegraph* in August, the prayer asked that the thief be afflicted with “a strong bout of the (runs).”

Questionable judgments

► John and Kristine Cushing married and raised two daughters, but Kristine became mentally ill and in 1991 killed the girls as they slept. She was hospitalized for four years and eventually monitored for 10 more. Meanwhile, John divorced her and married Trisha, and they raised two sons, but eventually divorced and reached a shared-custody agreement. By 2005, Kristine had been approved by California doctors to return to society, and soon she and John reconnected. Understandably, Trisha became horrified at the prospect that Kristine might relapse, in which case her and John’s two sons would be at risk. In August, a judge in Seattle (where John and Kris-

tine once again cohabit), influenced by Kristine’s clean record since her release, turned down Trisha’s request for sole custody.

► German Paz, 33, was sentenced in Orlando to 15 years in federal prison in June for sexual exploitation of a minor via the Internet. He had begun contacting a 13-year-old girl and was using the screen name The Delightful Deviant.

► Gareth Shand, 6, was welcomed into the first grade in San Antonio in August with an immediate in-school suspension. He is growing his hair long for a cancer-support organization, but that puts him in violation of his school’s dress code.

America in decline

► A U.S. military investigation disclosed (according to a July *Washington Post* report) that at least four of the eight Afghan trucking firms involved in a \$2.16 billion Pentagon contract designed to ferry supplies to American troops are likely to have employed subcontractors with direct ties to the Afghan Taliban.

► United Nations investigators

revealed (according to an August *New York Times* report) that about half of the U.S.-supplied weapons for Ugandan and Burundian troops to battle the Somali terror group al-Shabab have ultimately wound up in al-Shabab’s hands. (The poorly paid Ugandan and Burundian troops apparently found arms sales more profitable than fighting terrorists.)

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CHS Healthcare embraces concept of Patient Centered Medical Home

BY CONNIE DILLON
Special to Florida Weekly

A new concept of how to deliver better health care is sweeping the nation, and CHS Healthcare is bringing it to Collier County. Unlike the fragmented care that most people receive, the Patient Centered Medical Home approach provides comprehensive "whole person" health care to all age groups.

But is this model really all that new?

In 1967, the American Academy of Pediatrics introduced the PCMH concept and years later published a statement defining it in more detail. Since that time, there have been a growing number of studies based on PCMH and the services associated with it. These studies are now showing verifiable improved health outcomes using the model.

So, while PCMH is not exactly new, it is growing in popularity across the

nation and among professional health organizations, large employers and other health-care stakeholders.

PCMH calls for a primary care team to assist patients in care coordination and navigating through the complex health-care system. Medicaid, Medicare and many private insurers such as Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida have recognized the value of and encourage this approach.

At CHS, the PCMH team will consist of physicians specializing in pediatric, family and internal medicine, along with an extensive support staff. Utilizing telephone and electronic communication as

well as face-to-face visits, patients will have expanded access to the team. The program will encompass preventative care, chronic disease management and assistance in connecting with other health services in the community. Services that fall outside of traditional primary care specialty will also be part of the coordination effort.



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The Marion Fether Medical Center in Immokalee

Steven Weinman, CHS Healthcare executive vice president and COO, recently held a series of mandatory staff meetings to introduce the concept. He outlined plans to rapidly move CHS toward the PCMH model, which will take the organization from an already comprehensive approach to the next

level in the coordination of patient care.

In order to achieve PCMH accreditation, the CHS system will upgrade telephone, Internet and other key systems used to communicate with patients. In addition, expanded hours of operation and other service expansion will provide increased access to appropriate care for patients who choose CHS as their medical home.

"We have been working toward this for years," says Mr. Weinman. "The building blocks are falling into place. Anyone who has ever had a family member get sick in the middle of the night will understand. This is the way everyone will want to have their health care delivered." ■

— Connie Dillon is executive director of the CHS Healthcare Foundation.

CHS has provided multiple primary care specialties and dental care since 1977. CHS partners with the University of Florida, Florida State University and other organizations to provide 48,000 patients with health services each year. It operates 11 fixed locations throughout Collier County, as well as the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile. CHS's Creekside Family Practice will open in North Naples later this year. For more information, visit www.collier.org or www.chsHealthcareFoundation.org.



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Two years ago, Jeremy Price had a bright idea: He would design, produce and sell a "Student Driver, Your Patience is Appreciated" bumper sticker, with proceeds designated for the Salvation Army of Collier County. Now a senior at Community School of Naples, Jeremy recently presented a check for \$3,000 to the agency. He is shown above with Capt. Pierre Smith, area coordinator for the Salvation Army and Jacqueline McCormick, head of the upper house at Community School of Naples.

Humane society awards honor animal lovers

Each year, Humane Society Naples accepts public nominations and selects three outstanding individuals or families that go above and beyond in their service for animals through action or deed. The recipients are honored at HSN's annual Pet Lovers Gala. Themed "The Paw-skiers," the 2012 gala is set for Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. The awards are:

■ The Walter Turken Award, named in honor of the founder of the Walter Turken Training for Adoption Program, has honored animal champions since 2000 and is the premier distinction of service to pets awarded by HSN.

■ The James P. Dellas & Cheryl Deering Animalitarian Award, first awarded

in 2007, was established to recognize a community member or family that goes above and beyond in their compassion toward and service to companion animals.

■ The Animal Advocate Award, also initially awarded in 2007, recognizes those who "speak on behalf of those without voices" in our community and who promote the welfare of pets and other beloved animals.

To nominate someone for an award, submit nominee information and a description of their candidacy to events@hsnaples.org or mail to Humane Society Naples, 370 Airport-Pulling Road, Naples, FL 34104.

Deadline for submissions is Oct. 31.

Diamond Volunteer Award nominations sought

The Diamond Volunteer Program is accepting applications for the 2012 award series. Founder Kelly Capolino created the program as a way to honor volunteers at area nonprofits and as a way to raise awareness of the agencies' efforts to improve the quality of life for all in Collier County.



Each winning organization receives a cocktail reception for up to 25 people, a radio interview, media/press coverage and a framed award.

Previous winners are: Baby Basics of Collier County, the Penny Bear Company and the Make-A-Wish Foundation in 2010; and Hope for Haiti, Bedtime

Bundles, Sunlight Home and Senior Friendship Center in 2011.

Nominations for the 2012 Diamond Volunteer Award are being solicited now. Those who wish to be considered should prepare a short statement about the organization, which volunteers would be honored (i.e., board members, special events

volunteers, etc.) and why they would like to honor their volunteers in this way.

The case statement should be contained to one page and e-mailed to DiamondVolunteers@gmail.com by Oct. 15. Winners will be selected by a panel and notified on or before Nov. 10.

New Goodwill store coming to East Naples

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida will replace its small Marco Island boutique with a large new retail and donation center when a new store opens at the Freedom Square shopping center, 12683 Tamiami Trail E., in East Naples.

A grand opening ceremony will begin with a ribbon cutting at 8:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 23. The store will open to the public at 9 a.m.

With 7,500 square feet of retail sales space, Freedom Square Goodwill will be more than 10 times larger than the existing Marco Island store. Goodwill has hired 13 additional employees to work at the new location.

"Marco Island has been very good to us," says Kirsten O'Donnell, Goodwill's director of public Relations. "We'll miss being on the island, but we think our shoppers will be much happier with a larger selection and our donors will enjoy the convenience of a donation drive-thru."

The new store will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

The Marco Island store will close on Wednesday, Sept. 21. Goodwill will continue to accept donations at the Marco Recycling Center at 990 Chalmers Drive. ■

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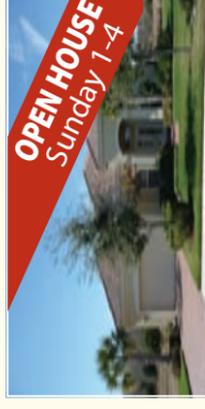
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powerful and are obstructed by tall buildings. Comparing this radar to others in our community would be like comparing a jet engine to a hair dryer. If you don't have this very sophisticated, very expensive, unobstructed technology, you have to rely on the National Weather Service NEXRAD data from Miami or Tampa; which means your information can be up to six minutes old and much less detailed.

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Most news and weather information providers in Southwest Florida do not have a Doppler radar; others are less powerful and are obstructed by tall buildings.

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Pitch in to keep canals clean

Keep Collier Beautiful is partnering with the Southwest Florida Water Management District's Big Cypress Basin to clean up Collier County's waterways by reviving the adopt-a-canal program.

Thousands of pounds of litter end up in the county's 400-plus miles of primary and secondary canals every year. This debris can restrict water flow, pollute the water with unhealthy chemicals, trap or otherwise harm wildlife, provide a breeding ground for mosquitoes and damage canal structures or equipment.

Residents can do their part to prevent this damage by adopting a section of Collier County's canal system. Clubs, associations, school or church groups sign up to clean up "their" canal at least four times a year and to participate in two countywide cleanup days. In return, they receive recognition with a sign at the site of their canal, a link from www.KeepCollierBeautiful.com and 10 T-shirts. KCB also provides safety vests, gloves, litter grabbers and garbage bags for each cleanup effort.

The next KCB countywide cleanup takes place Saturday, Sept. 17, as 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 can sign up by calling KCB at 580-8319 or e-mailing litternot@earthlink.net.

Individuals and smaller groups can simply show up at one of the following cleanup sites between 8 and 11 a.m. on cleanup day: 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.

Visit www.keepcollierbeautiful.com for more information. ■

Rookery Bay celebrates Estuaries Day

Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve celebrates National Estuaries Day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24. With discounted admission that day, visitors can enjoy a 30-minute boat tour of the reserve, try a half-hour kayak paddle, hop on a paddleboard for a demonstration, walk the nature trail with a guide, explore the science labs with the researchers, watch nature films, discover wildlife at the marine critter touch tank, and much more.

Activities will set out from the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center at 300 Tower Road. There will also be tours of science labs in the center as well as face painting and art projects, a food vendor, music, games and educational films.

For more information, call 417-6310 or visit www.rookerybay.org. ■

Garden closes for fall cleaning

Naples Botanical Garden will closed to the public Sept. 19-30 for its "fall scrub," during which staff will tend to some maintenance projects, plant relocations and minor construction.

The Garden will reopen Saturday, Oct. 1, with regular hours and programming, including the new WONDER Program in the Smith Children's Garden. In the meantime, keep up with photos, trivia questions and more at www.NaplesGarden.org as well as on Facebook and Twitter. ■



FAITH NOTES

Make a 'Midweek Connection' at Covenant Church

Covenant Church of Naples/PCA invites Neapolitans to Midweek Connection every Wednesday. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner and continues with Bible studies and workshops at 6:30 p.m. Childcare is provided.

The suggested donation is \$4 per adult and \$3 per child, with a maximum of \$15 per family.

In addition, small groups are being formed to meet for four weeks in homes and at the church. Participants will discuss the sermon series, "Reconnecting," that will begin Oct. 23. Church members, guests and friends are welcome.

The church is at 6926 Trail Blvd., next to U.S. 41 between Vanderbilt Beach and Pine Ridge roads. For more information, call 597-3464 or visit www.Covenant-Naples.com.

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.

A meeting for new members is set for 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.

Guest rabbi at Beth Tikvah for High Holidays

Rabbi Jeffrey Wohlberg will lead services for the High Holy Days at Beth Tikvah in Naples. Rosh Hashanah services commence at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, and continue the next two mornings at 9:30 a.m. Yom Kippur services begin with the Kol Nidre service

at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, and continue the next morning at 9:30 a.m. Worship resumes that afternoon at 5 p.m.

Rabbi Wohlberg served as senior rabbi of Adas Israel Congregation in Washington, D.C., for 22 years until his retirement in July 2008. In the months prior to becoming rabbi emeritus of the congregation, he assumed the presidency of the Rabbinical Assembly, an organization of 1,600 Conservative rabbis around the world.



WOHLBERG

He is active in the National Council of Synagogues and its ongoing dialogue with the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, a participant in the American Jewish Committee's dialogue with Muslims in the Washington area, part of its outreach efforts to the Presbyterian and Lutheran clergy regarding issues concerning Israel, and a member of a small group involved in a high-level dialogue among Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders at the National Cathedral in Washington.

Rabbi Wohlberg will be joined in the Beth Tikvah services by Cantor Zvi Adler.

Beth Tikvah is at 1459 Pine Ridge Road, just west of Mission Square Plaza. For information, call 434-1818 or email to bethtikvahnaples@aol.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 celebrate 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. ■

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CLUB NOTES

Ikebana meeting arranged for Oct. 5

Ikebana, the art of Japanese flower arranging, is as simple as 1-2-3. Find out at the next meeting of Ikebana International-Naples, beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Member Betty Magella will explain the basics of Shoka Shimputai, a style of Ikebana that can be easily achieved with a

few pieces from the garden and a bundle of flowers from the local grocer. The meeting is free and the public is welcome. Nonmembers can make a reservation by e-mailing ikebananaples@me.com. For more information about the local chapter, visit www.ikebananaples.com.

Orchid Society welcomes all on Oct. 6

“How to Kill Your Orchids” is the topic at the Naples Orchid Society meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Attendees will hear Linda Rolf of Woodland Orchids deliver an entertaining, educational presentation. Ms. Rolf is an accredited judge for the American Orchid Society, an AOS trustee and a recipient of the AOS certificate of education. An “orchid doctor” will be on hand

to answer questions and offer advice. Members will exhibit their blooming plants for first, second and third place ribbons and are reminded to bring plants to donate for the orchid sale coming up Saturday, Oct. 15. Annual membership in the Naples Orchid Society is \$40 for individuals and \$50 for families. For more information, call 403-7155 or visit www.naplesorchidsociety.org.

WCA planning Welcome Back Luncheon

Women’s Cultural Alliance invites new and returning members to the annual Welcome Back Luncheon on Friday, Nov. 11, at Grey Oaks Country Club. WCA has 650 members and more than 250 courses,

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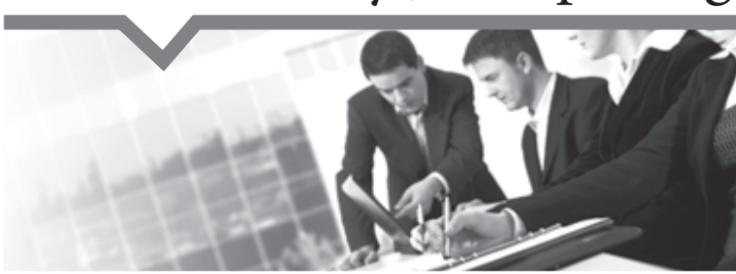
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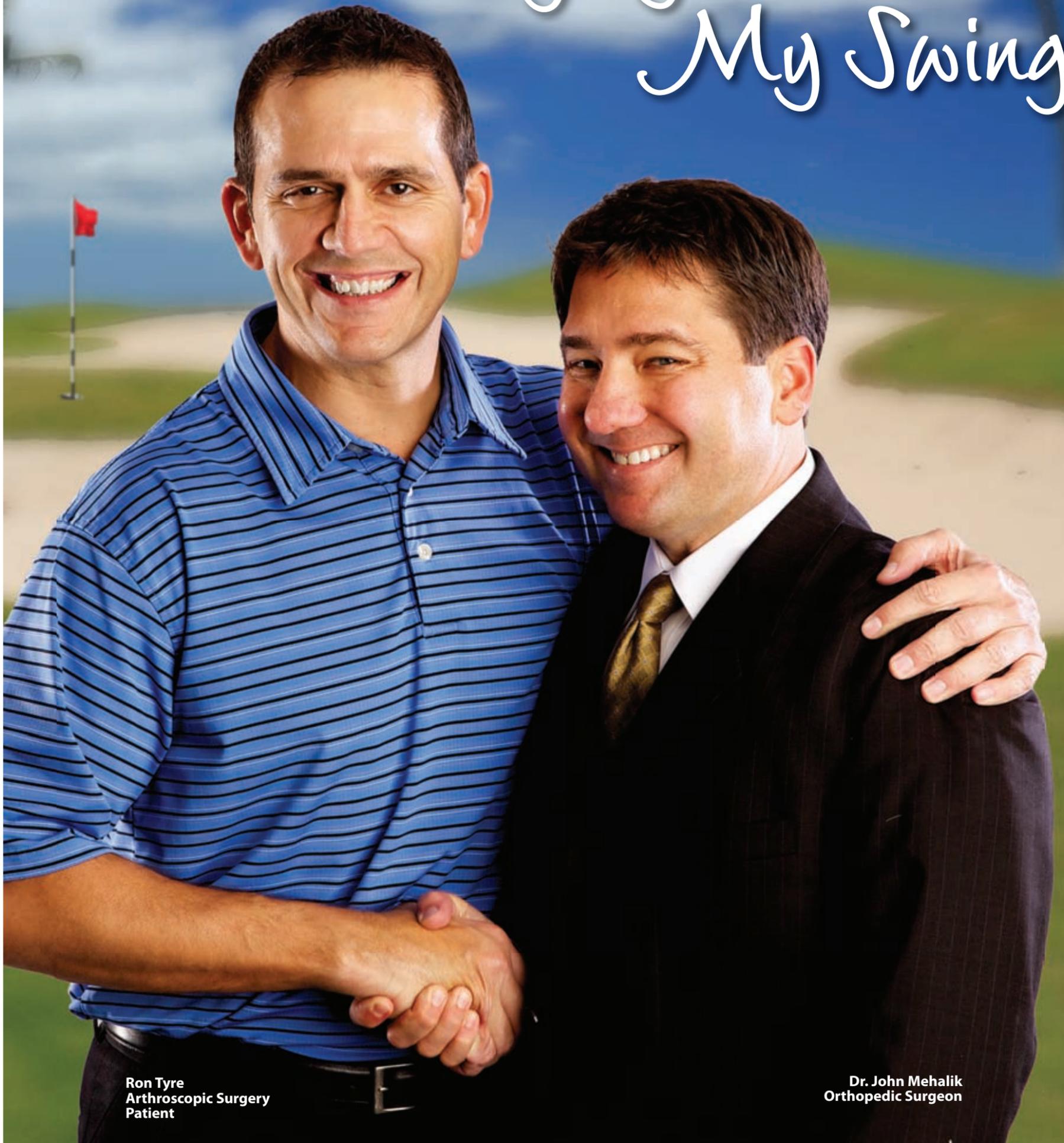
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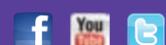
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■ Specialists in Urology hosts the inaugural **5K Prostate Cancer Awareness Run/Walk** beginning at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at Physicians Regional Pine Ridge. The route will wind through The Vineyards. For registration or more information, call 434-9786 or visit www.gcrunner.org.

■ The sixth annual **Walk for the Way** to benefit United Way of Collier County takes place Saturday, Sept. 24, at North Collier Regional Park. Registration begins at 8 a.m., and the 2-mile walk around the park's nature preserve sets out at 9 a.m. A shorter, 10- to 15-minute lakeside route is an option.

United Way will also have activities for all ages in the air-conditioned gymnasium, including an "agency village" with all 30 United Way partner agencies.

Entry is \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and free for ages 5 and younger. For more information, visit www.unitedwayofcolliercounty.org.

■ The Collier County **Walk to End Alzheimer's** steps out at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, from St. Ann School on Eighth Avenue South. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Sign up in advance at www.alz.org/flgulcoast. Click on "Walk" and then on "Choose a Walk Near You."

There is also a registration link on Facebook at Collier County Walk to End Alzheimer's 2011.

■ The eighth annual **Walk for Life** to benefit the Pregnancy Resource Center takes place Saturday, Oct. 15, at North Collier Regional Park. The 2-mile walk begins at 9 a.m. The Pregnancy Resource Center helps meet the physical and emotional needs of women facing crisis pregnancies.

To register as a walker or for more information, call 513-9775 or visit www.prcwalkforlife.org.

■ The third annual **Bulldog Dash 5K** race and 1-mile fun run to benefit the American Cancer Society-Relay For Life takes place Saturday, Oct. 22, at Oakridge Middle School and Indigo Lakes. The fun run begins at 7:15 a.m. and the 5K at 7:30 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Oakridge Middle School Builders Club and the Northside Naples Kiwanis Club.

Advance registration for the fun run is free, and for the 5K is \$15 for students and \$20 for adults. Sign up at www.bulldogdash.com. Race-day registration is an additional \$5.

■ The second annual **SWFL Walk the Talk for Epilepsy** sets out at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at North Collier Regional Park. Registration begins at 8 a.m. The walk started as the dream of Dan Rosenfeld, a 26-year-old Naples man who is one of tens of thousands who live every day with the challenges of epilepsy. For more information, to sign up or to volunteer on the day of the walk, contact Mr. Rosenfeld at 254-7710 or DBRosenfeld08@gmail.com.

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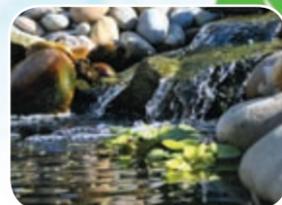
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Success is spreading in NCH efforts to reduce infections

An increasing challenge for every American hospital is the spread of hospital-acquired infections. At NCH, we are addressing this challenge in many tangible ways. One of our most significant efforts was the project to decrease and eliminate central line associated blood stream infections in the ICU.

The project started in January 2010, with Dr. Doug Harrington, chairman of critical care; Kathleen Kohut, RN, director of our infection prevention department; and the entire intensive care team.

Dr. Harrington recently shared this update: "There have been zero infections in cardiovascular recovery for 19 months, none in intensive care for 16 months, none in progressive care for 19 months, none in surgical intensive care for nine months and none in North Naples ICU for five months.

"To put this in perspective, the NCH system regularly had seven or eight central line associated blood stream infections (CLABSI) per month in the critical care units. We now have fewer than one each month and are rapidly approaching zero. We are saving lives, decreasing length of stay and lowering costs.

"The project has expanded outside the ICU with peripherally inserted central catheters (PICC lines) on the general wards."

To which I add, "Congratulations!"

In a related effort, Jon Kling, R.N. and director of our ICU microsystem, will lead a national webinar organized by Kim Streit, VP/health care research and information with the Florida Hospital Association, to share our use of the same CLABSI initiative on the telemetry/med-surg units or general floors, where we have experienced a 67 percent reduction in infections and a 100 percent reduction (no infections) in the critical care units. NCH is one of the few hospitals focused on central line infections outside of ICUs.

Yet another related community threat is Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) and multi-drug resistant organisms (MDRO), caused primarily by the overuse of antibiotics. We are vigilant in examining, tracking and sharing best practices in this area as well. More than half of our nursing units have had no MRSA transmission this year. Rates are higher in our three units with older patient populations (many of whom are admitted from nursing homes, where MRSA rates are high).

Eradicating MRSA and MDRO presents a continuing challenge.

We've also initiated an educational campaign to limit C. Difficile, an infection of the intestinal tract manifested by severe diarrhea and dehydration, caused by overuse of antibiotics and proton pump inhibitors such as Prilosec, Prevacid, Nexium, Protonix, etc. When an antibiotic or proton pump inhibitor is indicated, it should be prescribed and taken, but always with care about unforeseen side effects and discontinued when no longer needed.

Hand hygiene remains critically important. Our neonatal ICU, pediatrics and mother/baby areas are role models for the rest of us with exemplary compliance. We've introduced an improved foam product at nearly every doorpost, monitor more frequently and provide education and feedback in this key infection prevention (hygiene) area.

There have been no hip or knee infections in 2011 and only one in a cardiac bypass patient. Finally, urinary infections in patients with catheters also continue to be low, with zero noted in the ICUs downtown over the last five months.

None of us will be satisfied until we have no hospital-acquired infections at NCH. But we are making clear progress in many key areas.

As I have said so many times, we are in this together. So let's all wash our hands, participate in best practices and keep putting the patient at the center of all we do. ■

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

Tuning in to telemedicine

Pilot program proves effective for David Lawrence Center's Immokalee clients

BY TRISTA MEISTER
Special to Florida Weekly

In June 2010, the David Lawrence Center partnered with ValueOptions, the independent behavioral health-care company that manages the Collier County pre-paid Medicaid contract, to launch a pilot project in telemedicine. The goal: to determine whether bringing doctors, therapists and clients together via high-definition video conferencing could effectively provide more timely access and cost-effective mental health and psychiatric services in rural communities.

The David Lawrence Center, which is the only comprehensive, nonprofit community mental health and substance abuse treatment center in Collier County, has been using the technology for psychiatric medical visits and therapy appointments between the center's main campus in Naples and its satellite office in Immokalee. ValueOptions chose the Immokalee location because nearly half the residents of Immokalee live below the poverty line and many face struggles including language and travel barriers in their attempts to access adequate health care.

One year later, the results are "high def" clear. The technology has increased doctor availability from twice a month to four days a week, and the small satellite office can now access clinical staff with a variety of specialties. The system has also helped overcome language barriers by increasing access to multilingual staff.



In this photo illustration from the David Lawrence Center, psychiatrist Eddy Benoit looks into the camera and Henry Braga and Emily Castillo are shown on the video monitor. The high-resolution screen provides a full- or split-screen view, while an interface to the center's electronic medical records system on a nearby desktop computer enables the psychiatrist to update patient records, make progress notes or e-prescribe.

The center's numbers show the volume of clients and the number of services provided have increased dramatically, and the citizens of Immokalee are getting the help they need.

Satisfaction was demonstrated through client and provider surveys, with 99 percent of clients completing surveys reporting they felt safe and comfortable using the telemedicine equipment, and 98 percent reporting that using telemedicine helped them with transportation problems.

"The equipment is easy to use, and patients have been very receptive," says Dr. Eddy Benoit, a David

Lawrence Center psychiatrist who has been seeing patients in Immokalee for many years. "This is helpful in allowing us to see patients who are having significant issues with medications with greater frequency," he adds.

In one survey, the parent of a client commented, "I feel that telepsychiatry helped my visit a great deal today because I was able to talk with the doctor concerning my child's situation and was also able to get additional information without having to wait for another appointment."

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TO YOUR HEALTH

Physicians Regional has free seminars

Physicians Regional Healthcare System presents the following programs at its two area hospitals, Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge, 6101 Pine Ridge Rd, and Physicians Regional-Collier Blvd, 8300 Collier Blvd.:

■ "Incisionless Surgery for Severe Heartburn" - Presented by Dr. Thomas Bass at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Physicians Regional-Collier Boulevard.

■ "Weight Loss Surgery Options" - Presented by Dr. Thomas Bass at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, at the Collier Boulevard location.

■ "Robotic Knee Resurfacing and Hip Replacement" - Presented by orthopedic surgeon Frederick Buechel Jr. at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge.

■ "New Vein Treatment Options" presented by cardiologist Richard Gelb at 4 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Pine Ridge location.

Although the programs are free, registration is requested. Call 348-4180 or visit www.physiciansregional.com/events.

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, please call Loren Whipple at 649-3693.

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.

Neuro-spine surgeon on back, neck pain

Neuro-spine surgeon Ara Deukmedjian will present a free seminar on "Treatment of Back and Neck Pain" from 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, 280 Vanderbilt Road. Dr. "Deuk" discusses common conditions including sciatica and herniated discs as well as the treatment options on the market, including laser spine surgery.

Breakfast will be served. RSVP by calling (800) 724-6349 or visiting www.deukspine.com.

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.

Free classes help blind, visually impaired

Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss and the Florida Division of Blind Services offer programs to help blind and visually impaired be independent in Collier.

A daily living skills class meets from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday from Sept. 20 through Oct. 27. Another session will be held Nov. 8 through Dec. 22. Classes focus on skills for independent navigation at home, work and in the community as well as money identification, cooking, grooming and the use of assistive technology.

A class in coping with vision loss is offered by appointment.

Classes take place at Lighthouse of Collier headquarters, 424 Bayfront Place. To register or for more information, call 430-3934 or visit www.lighthouseofcollier.org.

Avow hosts son of hospice pioneer

Avow Hospice welcomes Ken Ross, son of Hospice pioneer the late Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, for a program open to the public at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14.

Dr. Kubler-Ross, a Swiss-born psychiatrist and author, shared a universal message that each moment of a patient's life matters, especially when facing life-limiting illness. She transformed age-old taboos about end-of-life discussions and challenged the world to think about what it means to be alive.

Mr. Ross will lecture about his mother's life and legacy; his presentation will be followed by a cocktail reception sponsored by Fuller Funeral Homes.

Attendance is free. Reservations are required. Call 649-3683 by Oct. 12.

Conference focuses 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. 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 breakfast and lunch. To sign up or for more information, call Joanne Hartke at FGCU, 425-3273.

Theater director takes on fitness dance class

Kristen Coury, the founding producer and artistic director for Gulfshore Playhouse, has joined the staff at Beyond Motion Fitness to instruct a cardio-dance class in the nia technique. Classes meet from 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays at the fitness center in North Naples.

Nia combines Latin, jazz and modern dance with elements of martial arts and yoga. Ms. Coury earned her white belt certification from France-Laude Godard at L'Ecole de Danse de Paris.

For more information, call Beyond Motion at 254-9300.

Pharmacy tech class at Edison

Edison State College-Collier Campus, in partnership with the University of Florida, is offering a 14-week pharmacy technician training program with an internship.

Students learn the skills needed to assist a pharmacist in packaging and mixing prescriptions, maintaining client records and controlling and purchasing inventory. The course also includes an 80-hour internship.

Registration is underway and enrollment is limited to 10 students. Tuition is \$3,900 and includes text books. Classes will meet Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings Oct. 6 through Jan. 21.

To register or for more information, call 732-3128 or visit edison.edu/collier/ce.

TUNE IN

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Community support for the telemedicine program has been overwhelming. The telemedicine equipment has recently been purchased, and children's psychiatric medical services have been funded in part through a grant from the Naples Children and Education Foundation. A new vehicle was purchased through a grant from The League Club so that a newly hired case manager in Immokalee could drive the increased volume of clients to their telemedicine appointments, further eliminating treatment barriers. And community referral sources and partnerships have increased as a result of the improved responsiveness to client needs and their successes.

"We are honored to have been selected by ValueOptions on this pilot project," says David Schimmell, CEO of the David Lawrence Center. "But most importantly, we are overjoyed that through these strategic collaborations more children, adults and families in Immokalee are getting the help they need to lead happy, fulfilled, productive lives."

ValueOptions used the pilot outcome data to demonstrate to the Agency for Healthcare Administration that telemedicine is a valid, proven treatment delivery method that should be reimbursable through Medicaid nationwide. The change will be written into the next Medicaid handbook.

One family's story

Leo Mendoza's life was becoming unmanageable. The teenager was experimenting with drugs, lying to his parents, skipping school, hanging with the wrong crowd and getting into trouble with the law.

He became very aggressive at home and his mother, Norma Hernandez, couldn't control his truancy. She tried her best to get him to school, but she worked all day in the fields during picking season and was rarely home to monitor him.

"We try our best as parents, but they spend more time in school, with their friends, and by themselves because we have to work," Ms. Hernandez says "I tried to help him, but I knew I couldn't do it myself."

Leo was referred to the David Lawrence Center's Immokalee office for psychiatric medical services utilizing the new telemedicine technology where he worked closely and routinely with a psychiatrist on the right medications for his symptoms. Because driving to Naples for weekly appointments wasn't an option for his working parents, telemedicine gave Leo's family more convenient access to the doctor. This meant better communication on dosage, symptoms and mood, making it easier for him to manage his depression and stay sober.

"When we first brought him to David Lawrence Center, he was suicidal and felt he didn't have a reason to be alive," Ms. Hernandez says about Leo.

"Things are very different now at home. We can all see the change in Leo. He communicates better, doesn't fight and scream, and laughs and plays more with his sisters." ■

— Trista Meister is the communications director for the David Lawrence Center & Foundation. For more information about the center's programs and services, call 455-8500 or visit www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org.

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LILLY

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Lely Cultural Parkway, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19.

The public is encouraged to donate alongside Edison students. While walk-ups are welcome, donors are encouraged to sign up ahead of time by visiting www.givebloodcbc.org (click "calendar and locations" on the right side of the screen, scroll down and click the Edison event) or by calling Mandria Moore at 436-4547.

Those unable to participate in the ESC blood drive can give at any other location on the list and specify the donation is for Lilly De Jesus.

People with all blood types can donate for Lilly, as the CBC functions similar to a bank providing foreign currency exchange. Blood units donated in Lilly's name go into the general pool for all patients. Then the CBC takes those deposits and uses the ones that specifically match Lilly's needs. Lilly's blood type is O-positive, so donors with O-positive and O-negative blood are those most needed.

Platelets donors are also needed for Lilly's treatment.

Blood donors need to eat and hydrate prior to their visit. Cruise Naples is providing gift cards to thank all September donors.

"By becoming a donor, you make sure every patient in need has life-saving resources, including Lilly," says Laura Rosen, community relations manager for the CBC. Someone in Collier County needs and receives blood products every 20 minutes, Ms. Rosen adds, yet only 3 percent of the county's popula-



Lilly De Jesus and a special visitor at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

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tion donates blood.

Because of the tight economy, many people no longer can afford to give money to charities. However, everyone has blood, and it only takes a short time to give. Compared to what Lilly will be going through with her medical treatments, blood donation is quick and easy. ■

— Laura Tichy-Smith is a student at Edison State College-Collier Campus.

in the know

Blood drive for Lilly De Jesus

>> **Who:** Community Blood Center and the Student Government Association at Edison State College

>> **When:** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19

>> **Where:** ESC-Collier Campus, 7007 Lely Cultural Parkway

>> **Info:** 436-4547 or www.givebloodcbc.org

>> **More:** Lilly will also need blood platelets in the course of her treatment for a rare form of childhood cancer. Call the CBC at 436-5455 for details about platelet donation.



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When I look around the waiting room at one of the two Idaho veterinary hospitals where I practice, I too often see something that concerns me.

Where are the cats?

Cats have long been the most popular of pets. At the nation's veterinary hospitals, though, dogs take most of the appointment slots and get most of the wellness care. The biggest reason cats are shortchanged when it comes to their health is that people don't like catching them, putting them in carriers and dealing with the difficult behavior of fearful cats. So what can be done?

The lack of preventive care for cats means making these pets happier has become a high priority for many veterinarians. Veterinary behaviorists have been helping veterinarians design facilities and protocols to make cat visits less stressful for all, including dogs, pet owners and hospital staff. You'll see a lot of changes in the years to come, as veterinary clinics and hospitals begin to handle feline patients with greater knowledge of feline behavior.

The use of pheromones is one such change. When I'm practicing, I wear so much of the synthetic cat pheromone called Feliway (a version of feline facial pheromones, which relax cats) that it's



Cats routinely miss out on the benefits of preventive care because of the difficulty of getting them to the veterinarian.

more like aftershave to me.

As veterinarians work to make their practices fear-free and feline-friendly, there's a lot you can do to help your cat relax when it's time to see the doctor. The American Academy of Feline Practitioners offers new guidelines at CatVets.com. Here are the main points:

- Get your cat used to being handled. Be patient and build up your cat's tolerance for handling. Make sessions short and reward your cat with treats or the kind of petting she enjoys, such as under the chin.

- Choose a cat-friendly carrier. Find a carrier that opens from the front and top, or that opens from the front and unclips easily to allow the entire top to come off so the cat can remain on her bedding in the bottom part.

- Make your cat's carrier part of the

furniture. If the only time your cat sees a carrier is when he's headed to the vet, he can't relax inside. Leave the carrier out and place soft bedding inside. If your cat likes treats, give them to him inside the carrier. Spray Feliway liberally in the carrier. It's "Kumbaya" in a can.

- Locate your cat the day before a veterinary visit and don't let him outside to disappear. Let the vet's office know in advance that your cat is uncomfortable with veterinary visits so they can prepare. If your cat has freaked out at the veterinary office before, ask your veterinarian for medication to calm your cat's anxiety. If your cat becomes car sick, discuss a medication for that as well.

- Make sure the carrier is belted safely into your car to minimize movement, and put a towel over the carrier to block the view.

- Try to remain calm and positive. Your anxiety will make your cat's worse.

If you have more than one cat, prevent post-visit aggression by leaving the cat who's been to the veterinarian in his carrier when you get home. Watch for problems. If all seems well, open the door to the carrier, but don't force your cat out and don't force the cats to interact. Let time — and more Feliway — ease the stress of reintroduction. ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Calua** is an extremely friendly, 1-year-old, spayed Russian blue mix. Whatever you're doing, she wants to see.



>> **Cromwell** is a 2-year-old, neutered beagle/spaniel mix. He's a great guy who weighs about 35 pounds.



>> **Edwina** is a 2-year-old, spayed Blue Lacy/Labrador Retriever mix. She's super sweet girl and has very unusual, deep blue coloring.



>> **Mandalay** is a 1-year-old, spayed Great Dane/mastiff mix who's about 60 pounds of sweetness. She breezes on the scene with a good-natured "Woof!" and is well behaved in the house and is also crate trained.

To adopt a pet

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

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“Resolved! That druggists are legalized robbers; they sell you soda and candy to make you ill, then they sell you medicine to make you worse.” — Buster Brown, in the comic by the same name

“Do not trust the horse, Trojans! Whatever it is, I fear Greeks, even those bearing gifts.”

— Laocoon, in Virgil, “The Aeneid, Book II”

“Oh, what a tangled web we weave...”
— Sir Walter Scott, “Marmion”

In 1902, Richard Felton Outcault created the comic strip character Buster Brown. The name “Buster” he took from Buster Keaton, the alarmingly pretty, great stone face vaudeville actor, filmmaker, writer and producer. Buster Brown’s physical appearance, including the blonde page boy hair cut, Mr. Outcault got from a real boy who lived near him in Flushing, N.Y. This boy, Granville Hamilton Fisher, later moved to Amityville. There Granville opened a shop in which he sold and repaired radios and phonographs until he died in 1936.

The Buster Brown character and his sister Mary Jane had a dog Tige, a pit

bull, who is reputed to be the first talking pet in American comics. Adults were unable to hear Tige, but his master had no problem hearing him. Buster Brown, dog whisperer and the son of wealthy city-dwelling parents, was the epitome of sweet and cute. But his behavior was extraordinarily mischievous. He loved to trade clothes with little neighbor girls. Then he would induce them, clothed as himself, to break a window with his slingshot or play a well placed prank.

The Brown Shoe Company purchased the right to the Buster Brown name, and in 1904 the company introduced its shoes, so named, at the St. Louis World’s Fair. It hired midgets to play Tige at the fair. In 1905, “Buster Brown” was a play on Broadway. A 21-year-old dwarf quite convincingly played Buster Brown. I don’t know who played Tige.

But I do have this memory. That memory has been, until this moment, a hidden and unknown but nonetheless vital and compelling element in the Buster Brown saga.

In a land far away and at a time long ago, when my feet were tinier than those of Chinese princesses, there was a Buster Brown shoe store. And there I was taken, taken in, hand held and arm pulled toward the ritual of shoe shopping. But I was also quite taken with the horses.

In the midst of the sight of infinite boxes of shoes in which I had no interest and the smell of leather and sweat, which did not delight me, there were the

horses. Right next to each other, as tall as the shop itself, there were the two wooden horses. One was black and one was white. Their eyes were huge, kind, beautiful. A ladder had to be brought out for the climb up their bodies. I loved them so much that I was embarrassed. “Do you want to ride the horses? Try the shoes on, and you can ride.”

I rolled my eyes. No one could know the vast desire in me, how I longed to ride them, how I knew that soon, very soon, they would break free of shoes.

They would run out into worlds completely unimaginable before being created by their horse feet. In the night I would meet them again, unencumbered by coaxing or leather. Their influence became like a secret Everglades: a sea of grass, a vast marsh broad and shallow, a flooded river that stretched across my state of mind.

There they flew on the wind that is continuous breathing, in and out, coarse and fine, deep and shallow, contrived yet utterly simple.

Today I talked with people who want to die by their own hand. And to people unwillingly dying in the unfolding of their own built in obsolescence. In the



face of it all, I seem to be what has been referred to as a cheap date. I am simply taken with the unwitting miracle of a memory that connects an artifact of ancient Troy and an androgynous, compounded troublemaker. Who could ask for anything more? ■

— 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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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE INDUSTRIES

“The recruiters are aware the students are in school but want an internship to learn more about the job. They are willing to work around their schedule.”

— Liz Loredo, FGCU marketing and events coordinator



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Target is just one of several companies recruiting students for paid internships.

Paid to learn

BY NANCI THEORET

Special to Florida Weekly

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA'S JOBLESS RATE MAY continue in the doldrums, but there is a glimmer of hope for one very specific demographic pool: college students. Though not exactly of immediate benefit to any of us in the over 25 and unemployed category, Florida Gulf Coast University's annual fall jobs fair showed encouraging signs for the job market in general. More companies attended this year's fair than in 2010 and 2009, in search of student part-timers and paid and unpaid interns.

Liz Loredo, marketing and events coordinator for the university's career

Internships a bright spot in SWFL job market

development services, says 53 companies were represented at the Sept. 7 fair – compared to 44 in 2010 and 31 in 2009. Many of the companies had multiple offerings.

“We were really excited about the turnout,” says Ms. Loredo. “Just as the economy has seen a dip, we’ve seen a dip in the number of employers recruiting. Attendance started to decline in 2008.”

This year's job fair attracted 517 students hoping to land positions ranging

from part-time help at nonprofit agencies and retail stores to career-specific internships in accounting, engineering, sales and marketing departments. Ms. Loredo says companies were offering hourly wages of \$7.25 to \$15.

The fair is designed to link local employers with college students in search of a part-time job or an internship in their field of study while attending classes. “The recruiters are aware the students are in school but want an internship to learn more about the job,” says Ms. Loredo. “They are willing to work around their schedule.”

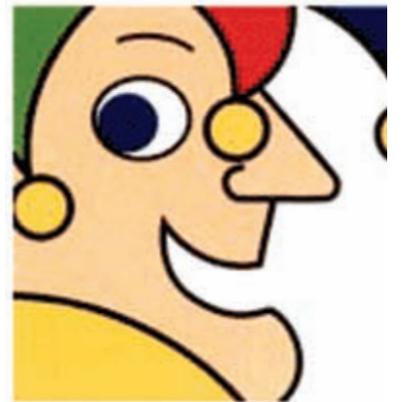
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Golden Image Awards

Florida public relations pros Gather in Naples, and more. **B8** ►



Ask the Fool

What happens to shareholders when a company goes bankrupt? **B6** ►



Living the high life

New model in Esperia is 21 floors above Estero Bay. **B9** ►

PRSA panelists will discuss reaching multicultural audiences

In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, the Public Relations Society of America-Gulf Coast Chapter presents “Reaching Multicultural Audiences” at its lunch meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the Hilton Naples.

The Selig Center for Economic Growth at the University of Georgia projects that the purchasing power of Hispanics in the United States will reach \$1.2 trillion by 2012, nearly three times the growth of the overall national rate. PRSA guest speakers who will address the importance of this market will be:

■ Carmen Rey-Gomez, director of the Hispanic Institute at Hodges University;

■ Mayela Rosales, vice president of Media Vista Group and executive editor of D' Latinos magazine; and

■ Carlos Zapata, Program host, news director and anchor of “Azteca America D' Latinos al Dia.”

Cost of the lunch meeting is \$24 for PRSA members and \$29 for others. Reservations are required by Friday, Sept. 23. Visit www.gulfcoastprsa.org. ■

ABWA invites public to program about common business mistakes

The Neapolitan Chapter of the American Business Women's Association invites the public to “Avoiding the Six BusinessKillers,” a seminar presented by Richard Lange, on Tuesday, Sept. 27.

Mr. Lange will discuss the six common mistakes business owners make that can jeopardize what they've worked a lifetime to create.

A central tool in Mr. Langes' work helping business owners create a financial firewall around their business and

personal assets, the seminar is built around short video vignettes that illustrate real-life situations on how to strengthen and maintain a healthy, prosperous business.

The dinner meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Hilton Naples. Cost is \$26 for ABWA members and member-paid guests, and \$30 for others. Register at www.abwaneapolitan.org. No walk-ins will be permitted. The deadline to register is Thursday, Sept. 22. ■

MONEY & INVESTING

Be prepared for European crisis



It is increasingly probable that Greece will default on its sovereign debt, possibly resulting in all sorts of contagion in international banking, trade and currencies. It's not a certainty, but certainly a widely held opinion and affirmed by the markets, which trade Greek bonds as if they have already defaulted.

In mythology, upon opening Pandora's Box unspeakable evils are released generating all sorts of destruction. If you can't get a few horses back into the barn, how do you all the evils of the world back into the box? And that means contagion.

To avert world catastrophic events, there is often the last-minute bailout. So where is it? Are we not at the last minute?

Of course, there could be a cooperative deal struck within the ECU and the bailout would come largely from Germany. But the EU negotiators and their citizenry seem frailer in their humanity as fear, pain, anger, frustration and exhaustion fill the Euro air. Alas, there are no impartial Vulcans to negotiate a solution to this mess.

A Greek sovereign debt default entails great pain. The alternative, a Greek bail-out, also entails great pain. Most probably the Germans, the EU power

brokers, are trying to figure out which path is least painful.

Who outside the EU members can come to the rescue? The U.S.? Sending money to the EU might not sit well with scores of U.S. citizens who have lost their homes and are unemployed and soon go to the primary polls.

Is there a world power with: a keen interest in keeping the Euro intact (as an alternative to the U.S. dollar in international trade); a need to keep EU as a strong importer of its exported goods; and rich with \$3 trillion in foreign reserves? Will China come to the rescue? That could happen, but at a price. Let's not forget that the Mandarin written word for crisis (and certainly the EU is in crisis) is comprised of two words: danger and opportunity.

Case in point: Last June, when Premier Wen Jiabao visited the EU, the press noted all sorts of supportive statements for the EU. While all that was vague, there was clarity in that the premier left Germany with scores of big trade agreements.

As with the Finnish loans to Greece, China could extend collateralized loans. The easiest collateral would seem to be gold and it might be the best as only 1.5 percent of China's reserves are in gold. If not the yellow metal, maybe trade deals in China's favor are on the horizon. Acquisition of trading ports and canals is a high priority not just for securing ports for Chinese trade but as extensions of their "string of pearls," a reference to the long string of ports

where the Chinese have acquired rights to harbor their expanding naval fleet.

Since nothing is known with any certainty and danger abounds, what have the financial markets been doing? The international equity markets, U.S. included, have plummeted as cash is being raised and as risk lowers valuations. There has been a flight into gold and safe haven currencies and a flight out of unsafe currencies and their banks. Might these trends continue? In my opinion, very likely. The best EU scenario, a bailout, is still a very harsh reality for the EU and international trade and banking.

The Euro is down 7 percent in the past two weeks of trading. The Swiss Franc and the Yen surged during August. With the recent announcement that the Swiss Central Bank is pegging the Franc to the Euro, there might be more appreciation in the Yen and in other alternatives, such as Australian and Canadian dollars.

Could the U.S. dollar continue to rise? Sure, it could be a rally within a very long-term devaluation trend, in place since 1985. You might recall that there was huge demand for U.S. dollars in the 2007-2008 crises, in part due to European corporate borrowers, fearful of an EU credit crunch or failure of their lending bank, raced to draw down their letters of credit denominated in U.S. dollars. They just wanted to get as many billions of dollars as they could and then move them to a safe bank.

And in this upside down world, gold is looking more and more like a currency

and collateral of choice for sovereign loans.

Traditional portfolios of bonds and equities generally fare very poorly in volatile times, as it often means portfolio losses. But there are forms of money management that thrive on volatility and can do exceedingly well in rapidly depreciating markets. August was a disaster for many traditional portfolios; August was a phenomenally great month for portfolios that were long — the Swiss franc and the Yen, short crude and long gold.

The paradigms for investor safety have radically changed over the past 11 years. If your portfolio allocation to asset classes is the same as in the 1990s, you might want to have more discussion with your adviser and discussions with more and alternative advisers as well. ■

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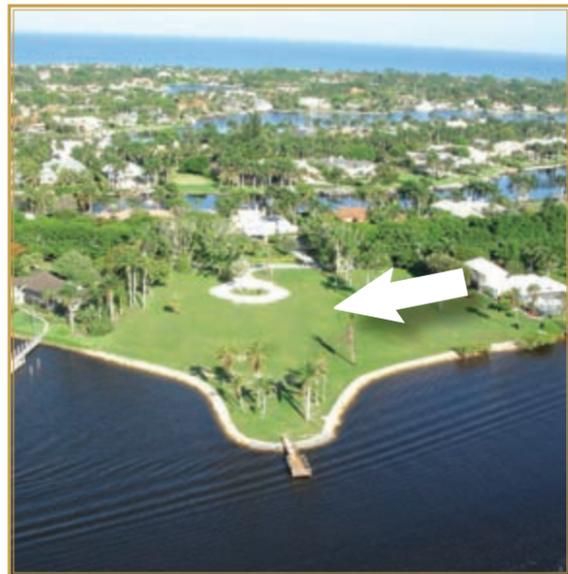
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Construction

Travis Brown has been promoted to senior project manager of BCB Homes Inc. An honors graduate with a bachelor of science degree in building construction from the University of Florida, he joined BCB Homes in 2004 and has since built more than 20 homes and managed three remodeling projects from Marco Island to Sarasota. He was certified as a Florida general contractor in 2009 and also carries a 30-hour OSHA certification in safety. He also sits on the board of directors of the Remodelers Council of the Collier Building Industry Association.

Fashion

Adolfo Sanchez has joined the Naples-based plus-size fashion company, Queen Grace, as creative director. Mr. Sanchez has worked in retail at fashion houses including Gucci and Versace before developing a women's ready-to-wear line in 2006. He says most of his inspiration comes from experiences in his life, music, architecture or simply taking in his surroundings and allowing his mind to develop an idea. He also cites designers such as Cristobal Balenciaga, Jean Paul



SANCHEZ

Gaultier, Thierry Mugler and Alexander McQueen as sources of motivation.

Finance

Schwartz Investment Counsel Inc., the investment adviser for the Ave Maria Mutual Funds, has opened a branch office in the town of Ave Maria. **Michael Schwartz**, vice president and national sales manager, will manage the office. Joining him are **Tim Schwartz**, vice president and portfolio manager; and **Christopher O'Rourke**, account representative.

Insurance

Danette Stiggleman has joined Ted Todd Insurance Agency in Bonita Springs as its private, in-house claims specialist. Ms. Stiggleman has 23 years of experience managing auto and homeowners' claims for nine Allstate offices in Florida. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Troy University in Alabama.



STIGGLEMAN

Law

Shawn Seliger has established the Law Office of Shawn Seliger in Bonita Springs. Previously with the firm of

Bergermann & Seliger in Fort Myers, he will continue practicing primarily in family and marital law, criminal defense and real estate law. Mr. Seliger graduated from the University of California-Davis and taught at an inner-city high school in Los Angeles before earning his law degree in 2001 from Southern Illinois University School of Law. He is a member of the Florida Bar, the Lee County Bar Association and the Association of Family Law Professionals.

Travel

Claudia Gordon of Naples Luxury Travel Advisors Inc. has been named to the A-List of Top Travel Agents list as selected by the editors of Travel + Leisure. This is the third year Ms. Gordon has been on the list. She specializes in special-interest cruises and space tourism.

For the 10th consecutive year, **Mary Ann Ramsey**, president and owner of Betty Maclean Travel Inc. has been named to the A-List of Top Travel Agents as selected by the editors of Travel + Leisure. She was also named as a Super-Agent.

Wealth Management

Tamara Surratt, CEO and president of Legacy Family Office, announces the firm has moved to a new office at 23160 Fashion Drive in Coconut Point, Estero. ■



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2011-12 board members and officers for the Membership Directors' Association of Southwest Florida are, left to right: **Melody Kappauf**, president; **Max Passino**, vice president; **Claire Pera**, treasurer; **Debbie Lohan**, secretary; **Francine Cavaseno**, assistant treasurer; **Kimberly Doerseln**, public relations; **Sandy Cotter**, assistant secretary; and **Joan Bilson**, past president. Association members are marketing and membership professionals in the private club industry in Collier and Lee counties.

Naples chamber welcomes 41 new members

The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce welcomed the following 41 new members in July and August:

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struction Inc. (Fort Myers); Home-Tech; How & Associates LLC; The Humane Society of Collier County Inc.; Island Coast Dentistry; Lake San Marino; Lifestyle Exterior Products (Fort Myers); Marco Escapes Inc.; MarineMax; Miami Magazine (Miami); Patrick Hamlin; Pearl Vision; Pei Wei Asian Diner; Radiology Regional Center; ReliTech IT Services; Restaurant Latitude & Piano Bar; Ridgway Bar & Grill; Seasons 52; Southwest Florida Business Advisors LLC; Southwest Florida Outdoor

Photography; Sweethartz Confectionery; The Bob Harden Show; The Trail Professionals; Tine World of SWFlorida; Tony's Off Third; Transworld Systems (Bonita Springs); and White Gloves Cleaning Services Inc.

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PORT ROYAL - KINGS TOWN DRIVE

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PORT ROYAL - FORT CHARLES DRIVE

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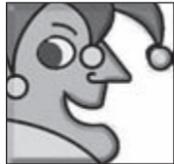
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■ Keep emergency money separate. Stocks are only for money you won't need for at least five or more years. (There's a penalty on 401(k) withdrawals before age 59 1/2.)

■ Over the long run, stocks beat most other investments. Unfortunately, much 401(k) money is invested in low-yielding bond or money-market funds, where it grows very slowly. The farther away your retirement is, the more you can have in stocks.

■ Look for an S&P 500 index fund in your 401(k) offerings, as it beats the vast majority of mutual funds over the long run and has lower annual fees, to boot. If your 401(k) plan doesn't include an index fund based on the S&P 500 or the broader U.S. or global stock market, ask if one can be added.

■ Leave your money in the plan for as long as possible. This delays the ultimate tax bite and permits maximum growth. Don't borrow from your account unless it's an emergency.

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My Dumbest Investment

Sell on Rumors

I bought into the Belgian-Cypriot shipping company ACLN before its scandal erupted and held it until it was worthless. There were actually rumors beforehand that something was wrong with the company — that the financials might not be up to snuff. This was pre-Enron, so I wasn't jaded enough yet.

I ended up learning that if there's ever a rumor of bad financials or that a company isn't on the up-and-up, sell and walk away. Even if the rumor is not true, the stock is sure to fall. Had I sold on the first rumors about ACLN, I may have suffered only a 10 percent or 20 percent loss.

— P.M. Santa Maria, Calif.

The Fool Responds: Plenty of rumors may be baseless and the companies involved may survive and prosper, but since many actual disasters start with rumors, it's not crazy to play it safe and sell. Or at least to start looking harder at the company. The SEC found, among other things, that the company had falsely claimed to have more than \$100 million in cash and that insiders had been selling stock without making required disclosures. ■



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

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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? ■ (Answer: Koch Industries)



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Bankruptcy and Stocks

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— S.D., Kankakee, Ill.

A You won't necessarily lose everything, but you'll probably take a big hit. Some companies file for bankruptcy protection and then turn themselves around, as Texaco and Delta Air Lines did.

Even if a firm ultimately fails, it's sometimes still worth something. Its assets (such as buildings or equipment or business units) may be sold off. The whole company may be bought by another company, too.

When these sales occur, you as a common-stock shareholder are in line to receive some of the proceeds. Unfortunately, though, you're last in line. Creditors (banks, bondholders, suppliers, etc.) are paid first, followed by preferred stockholders. If there's anything left, holders of common stock may receive something. Don't count on it, though.

It's best to keep an eye on your stocks and their progress, so that you don't end up holding a failed company. At a minimum, read quarterly or annual reports.

Q What is FDIC insurance?

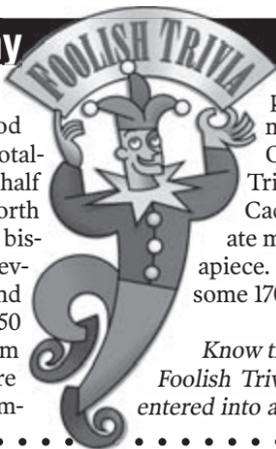
— B.C., Syracuse, N.Y.

A The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) was created in 1933 to protect investors against bank failures. It insures checking, savings and money market accounts (and CDs) for up to \$250,000 per depositor at each bank and thrift. It does not cover stocks, bonds, mutual funds, life insurance policies, annuities and the like, though. For these, check with your financial service company to see what kind of protections may be provided. Learn more about the FDIC at www.fdic.gov, and more about your short-term savings options at www.fool.com/how-to-invest and www.bankrate.com. (You do have three to six months of expenses socked away in an emergency fund, right?) ■

Got a question for the Fool? Send it in — see *Write to Us*.

Name That Company

Headquartered in Illinois, I'm the world's second-largest food company, with annual revenue totaling roughly \$50 billion, more than half of which is generated outside North America. My offerings include biscuits, cookies, confectioneries, beverages, cheese, grocery products and convenience meals. More than 50 percent of my revenue comes from categories where my market share is twice the size of the nearest com-



petitor's share. Twelve of my brands, including Oreo, Oscar Meyer, Philadelphia, Trident, Tang, Maxwell House, Cadbury and Nabisco, generate more than \$1 billion annually, apiece. You'll find my products in some 170 countries. Who am I? ■

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The Motley Fool Take

Solar Shakeout

Solar industry observers have seen this train coming for months. As prices fall, partly due to high supply levels, and profit margins are squeezed, there's bound to be a shakeout of solar manufacturers. And the first domino has fallen.

Evergreen Solar recently filed for bankruptcy protection, citing Chinese competition it just couldn't overcome. Evergreen's technology was supposed to lead to lower costs than the competition, and a move to China was supposed to be the final cost-cutting step the company needed. All of the things that were "supposed to" happen never did.

Which other companies may be in trouble? Energy Conversion Devices is one pos-

sibility. The pictures of its products are very impressive, as are some of its projects. But losses keep mounting, sales are falling, and there's a large debt burden hanging over the company. Ascent Solar is another one to watch.

Sticking with solar leaders with high profit margins, such as Trina Solar and First Solar, or manufacturers such as SunPower that have project development pipelines, is much smarter than betting on a risky solar technology.

Stocks might still trade after a bankruptcy filing, but that doesn't mean the shares are actually worth anything. It's probably smartest to cash them in and seek more promising investments.

(First Solar is a "Motley Fool Rule Breakers" recommendation.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

■ **The Collier Building Industry Association** holds 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.cbina.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 Com-

pany, 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.

■ **The Collier County Medical Society** holds its next general membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 22, at Kensington Golf & Country Club. Guest speaker will be neurosurgeon Eric Eskioglu, medical director of the Neuro Vascular and Stroke Institute at Physicians Regional Medical Center. RSVP at www.ccmsonline.org.

■ **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.

■ **The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** hosts a welcome reception for new members at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at chamber headquarters, 25071 Chamber of Commerce Drive in Bonita. Sign up at www.bonitaspringschamber.com. ■

INTERNS

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It was at the fall fair that FGCU graduate and Estero resident Dawn Jezik landed a paid internship with Associates and Bruce L. Scheiner law firm in Fort Myers. Nearly five years later and now a third-year law student at Ave Maria, Ms. Jezik is still interning in the office and preparing for a legal career in personal injury.

"I went to the job fair because I knew the law firm was going to be there," she says. "I was interested in the Scheiners because I'd see their advertisements all the time and they had a great reputation. I threw myself out there in hope of getting the internship."

Ms. Jezik met firm matriarch Cheryl Scheiner and the director of human relationships at the fair. She later interviewed at the law offices and was hired.

"The experience has been spectacular," says Ms. Jezik, whose FGCU undergraduate degree is in legal studies. "I started as a file clerk and moved up. They've trained me in all different aspects of the law. Anyone who wants to go to law school should really work at a law office. The Scheiners have been great."

This past summer she also helped research and prepare the attorneys for a major civil trial.

The internship has provided real-life experience that often differs dramatically from the classroom. "Studying from a textbook is different than the hands-on experience," says Ms. Jezik. "I was able to use what I learned from the case this summer in my school work. Five years later and I'm still training and learning different aspects of the job."

Associates and Bruce L. Scheiner has participated in the FGCU job fair for several years, writes Richard Guin, an interrogator coordinator, via e-mail. The university, he notes, provides "wonderful talent ... We are all fortunate to have such a dynamic school here in Southwest Florida. Students do not need to be in law-related majors to apply. Each candidate is assessed as to his or her abilities and compensated appropriately."

Mr. Guin says the firm is always interested in candidates who excel in math, writing, graphics, physics, economics and those who love the law. Many FGCU graduates have become Scheiner employees; some pursuing law because of their internships at the firm.

Ms. Jezik has dreamed about being an attorney since elementary school, and she's now hoping to follow in those footsteps when she graduates this spring. "I'd love to be an attorney there."

For Source Interlink, a Bonita Springs-



COURTESY PHOTO

A scene from last year's internship fair at Florida Gulf Coast University. Employers often consider internships a step to full-time employment.

based magazine publishing and distribution company, the Sept. 7 fair was its inaugural recruitment visit to the Estero campus. "We attend other career fairs but this was our first at FGCU," says Carolann Lyons, a human resources generalist. "There was a great turnout. I received about 20-plus resumes and many look promising."

The company will hire two paid student interns: one for the corporate communications department; the other to help with marketing business development. The corporate communications intern will work directly with the chief administrative officer and help improve Source Interlink's public relations efforts using new software and social media and developing a new website. The second position will entail market support and research and other duties. Ms. Lyons expects the positions will pay about \$10 an hour and offer between 15 to 20 hours a week.

"Both will provide great experience and exposure for students in communications, marketing or other business concentrations," says Ms. Lyons.

Paul Burke, who owns the upstart online ticketing agency TicketDerby, was also a first-timer to the fair. The growing Naples business, which Mr. Burke founded in California in 2007, is the small-guys version of TicketMaster — without the high add-on costs to customers, venues

and event organizers. He was at the fair looking for a part-time intern to fulfill orders and handle customer service inquiries and ultimately a full-time, front-end web developer.

"I had some great conversations with students," says Mr. Burke. "My goal is to hire one intern per semester, and I'd really love to find a local web developer."

Mr. Burke is also launching the OnSite iPhone app, which will allow users to sign for tickets using their finger on the touch screen. The app will be demoed at the Swamp Buggy Races, which TicketDerby is representing.

A student intern will not only be on the ground floor of a revolutionary new app but also gain business and technology experience, says Mr. Burke.

FGCU was also represented at the job fair. John Van Hook, a program coordinator at the Punta Gorda campus, was in search of a part-time intern to help with clerical needs. He was also curious about the companies the fair attracting, noting almost all were local. The university was recruiting student assistants for its continuing education programs at its Naples, Fort Myers and Punta Gorda campuses.

For Ms. Jezik the time and effort she spent preparing a resume and attending that job fair was a smart career move, one that could land her a full-time job

come graduation.

"I'm a huge advocate for the job fair," she says. "I highly suggest any student at FGCU attend it." ■

in the know

Hiring Hope for Older Workers

Not a student? No problem. A number of local companies say they're looking for employees of all ages.

Carolann Lyons, a human resources generalist at Source Interlink, recently attended a career workshop at Southwest Florida College. "We're beginning to develop a strong recruiting relationship with older employers," she says, noting many of the program attendees represented "all walks of life," including those in search of a part-time position, others new to the job market or ready for a career change, and former stay-at-home mothers.

"Associates and Bruce L. Scheiner is always looking for new talent of all ages to join our unique and caring law firm of 40 years and counting," says Richard Guin, an interrogator coordinator. "We enjoy training new team members to have a variety of skills that offer exposure to legal issues."

Naples-based Ticket Derby would prefer to hire a local for its most important opening: a full-time front-end web developer, says founder Paul Burke. "Ideally we'd like to find someone here in the area before we contract it out remotely."

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NAR to host housing summit in Washington

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The National Association of Realtors is planning a summit of policy makers, industry leaders and government stakeholders to develop strategies to help stabilize and revitalize the nation's housing market and economy.

"Homeownership is an investment in your future, strengthens our communities and is integral to our nation's economy," says NAR President Ron Phipps. "Our goal is to develop solutions and recommendations for Congress and the administration so that they can develop strong housing policies to... lead the country out of today's economic struggles."

The summit will take place in early October in Washington, D.C. While planning is still under way, NAR expects that Realtor leaders will join legislators, government officials, business leaders, top industry executives and economists to design a housing recovery plan that

will address today's homeownership, mortgage finance and real estate investment challenges.

The NAR wants to make sure that any proposed legislation and regulatory rules or changes to current programs and incentives help address industry issues and don't further exacerbate problems within the fragile real estate industry.

"There needs to be a broad discussion among all stakeholders about what needs to be done to reshape real estate in America and put the country back on the right track," Mr. Phipps says. "We look forward to delivering valuable recommendations and solutions to promote home ownership."

For more information as the summit takes shape, visit www.realtor.org. ■



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Inspired by a recent visit to the new Trump Tower Hotel in Chicago, Barbara Rooch, of Barbara Rooch Interior Environments Inc. outfitted Residence 2101 at Esperia South in Bonita Bay with "the perfect balance of masculine and feminine — refined, elegant, simple."

She loved the luxury hotel's rich colors and contrasts. "The purple orchid was the perfect complement to the design signature," she says. "Orchids are ...symbolic of rare and delicate beauty and their graceful appearance immediately draws attention. The flower communicates a sense of refinement and innocence. In other words, simple beauty," she adds.

Color psychology also played a sig-

nificant role in the design process to appeal to today's homebuyer.

"I wanted to create a rich and supple interior while making the potential buyer feel confident in their decision to buy in this market," Ms. Rooch explains.

On the tower's 21st floor, the three-bedroom, three-bath residence has 2,530 square feet of interior living area and a total of 2,869 square feet. Rooms and terraces enjoy multidirectional views of the surrounding preserves, Estero Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. As furnished, the home is listed at \$994,000.

Owners in the 28-story Esperia South enjoy a heated lagoon-style pool with lap lane, health club with steam and massage rooms, theater/media room, game room, four suites for overnight

guests, club room with bar and catering kitchen. Two-car garages are available on select residences.

In addition, Bonita Bay has a member-owned club with five championship golf courses, tennis and swim center, walking and cycling paths, three waterfront parks within the community and a private beach park on the Gulf of Mexico. The Marina Club has a full-service marina with storage, seasonal dining facilities and gulf egress via the Imperial River and Estero Bay.

Premier Sotheby's International Realty, the real estate division of The Lutgert Companies, is the exclusive representative for The High-Rises at Bonita Bay. Models are open daily. Call 495-1105 or visit www.BonitaBay.com for more information. ■

New construction firm has solid foundation

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Barry Connor and Craig Gaskins have launched Connor & Gaskins Unlimited. Former partners at Boran Craig Barber Engel Construction Company Inc., Mr. Connor and Mr. Gaskins have a combined 26 years of experience at BCBE, spearheading condominium projects, government facilities, office buildings, custom homes and medical centers.

"We have the ability to tackle a wide variety of construction projects, hence the term unlimited," says Mr. Connor, the new company's CEO. Mr. Gaskins is the firm's COO.

The company is at work managing projects in Florida and a 60-story multi-use tower in Kentucky. One of its first projects is the refurbishment of Hillcrest Manor Apartments, near NCH in Naples. Owned by Lorcar Inc., a Naples-based corporation specializing in real estate investment, the

apartments provide housing for traveling nurses.

Other Southwest Florida projects include interior renovations of a 9,900-square-foot sales center for Fusion Industries in Naples along with renovations at a surgery center, condominium and commercial tenant improvements and a custom beachfront home.

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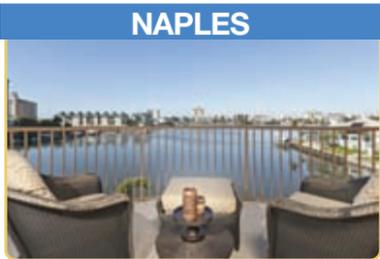
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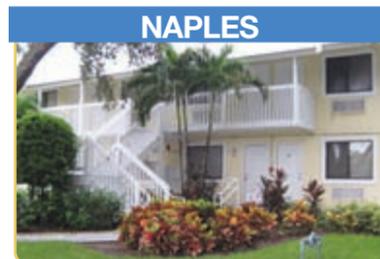
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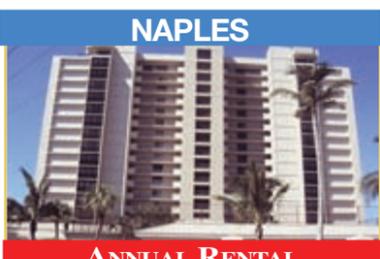
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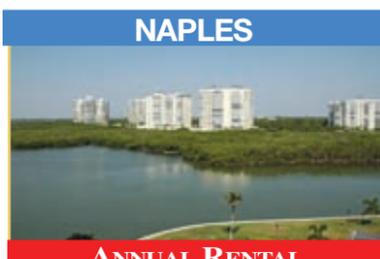


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VANDERBILT GULFSIDE

- 2 Bedrooms, 2-Baths
- Awesome Gulf and Beach Views
- Convenient Split Floor Plan
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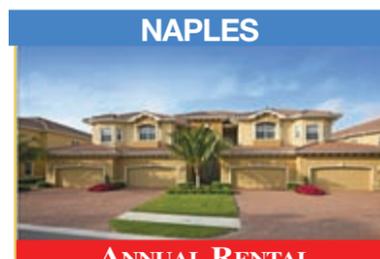


NAPLES

ANNUAL RENTAL

VANDERBILT BEACH

- 2 Bedrooms, 2-Baths
- New Paint and Carpet Throughout
- Gorgeous Gulf and Bay Views
- Spacious Lanai
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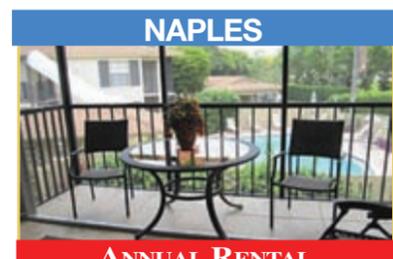


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ANNUAL RENTAL

LEMURIA

- 4 Bedrooms, 3-Baths
- Beautiful Coach Home
- Plantation Shutters
- Great Community Amenities
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SOMERSET AT MOORINGS

- 2 Bedrooms, 2-Baths
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- Spacious Master Suite
- Private Beach Privileges
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- Stunning Views From Every Room
- Game Room & Private Study
- Huge Pool, Spa & Summer Kitchen
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- Over 1,700 S.F. of Living Space
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NAPLES



BEAR'S PAW VILLAS

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- Beautifully Remodeled
- Stone Fireplace
- Gorgeous Hardwood Flooring
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NAPLES



BEAR'S PAW VILLAS

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3.5-Baths
- Sweeping Lake Views
- Immaculate, Spacious Home
- 2 Master Suites
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- Beautiful Golf Course Views
- Beautifully Appointed Kitchen
- Remodel Just Completed
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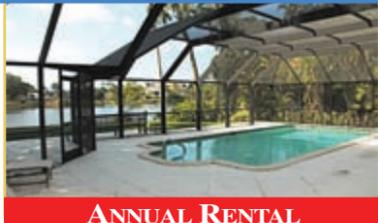
BONITA SPRINGS



HUNTERS RIDGE

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 2-Baths
- Over 1,800 S.F. of Living Space
- Screened Lanai & Pool
- Exceptional Community Amenities
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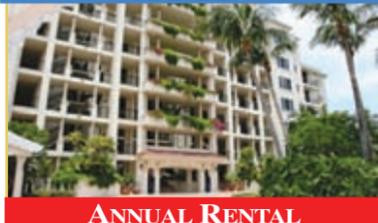


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WONDERFUL LAKE FRONT HOME

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- 2,500 S.F. of Living Space
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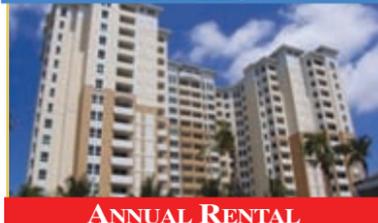


ANNUAL RENTAL

BAY COLONY

- 3 Bedrooms, 3-Baths
- Walk out your Door to the Beach
- Beautifully Furnished
- Fabulous Resort Amenities
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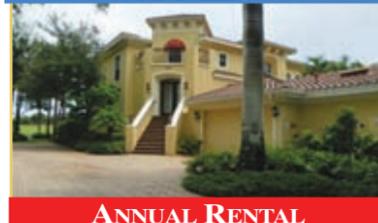


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ULTIMATE LUXURY

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- Fine Appointments Throughout
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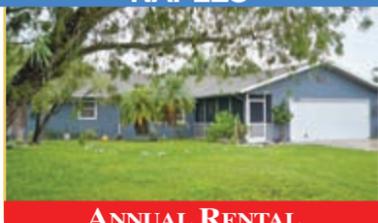


ANNUAL RENTAL

MONTEROSSO AT MEDITERRA

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3-Baths
- Luxury Gated Community
- Beautiful Lake & Golf Course Views
- Professionally Decorated
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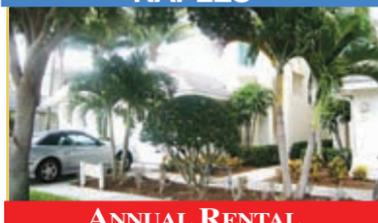


ANNUAL RENTAL

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- Wraparound Golf & Creek Views
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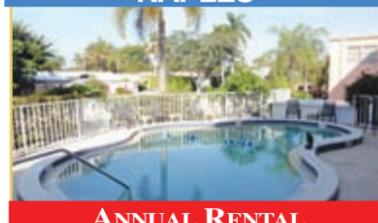


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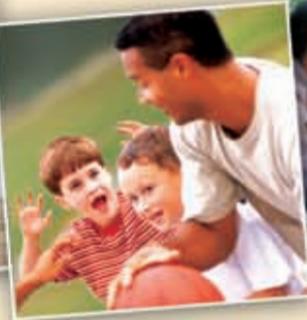
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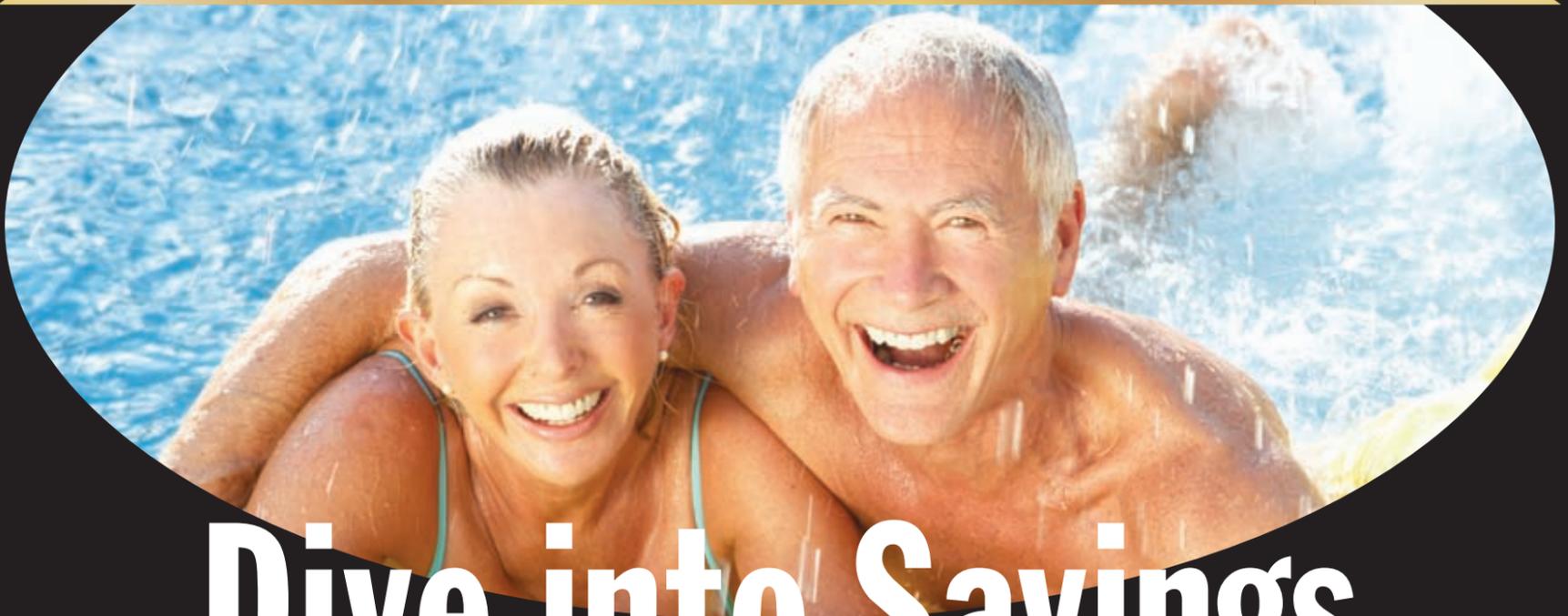
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Furnished 3BR/3BA beachfront condominium with glorious Gulf views and surrounded by 8 acres of park-like setting.
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\$654,500 | Cindy Thompson | 860-6513



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VANDERBILT BEACH - REGATTA III Furnished 3BR/2BA end residence, W. exposure, deck with private access to pool. Good rental history! Walk to beach.
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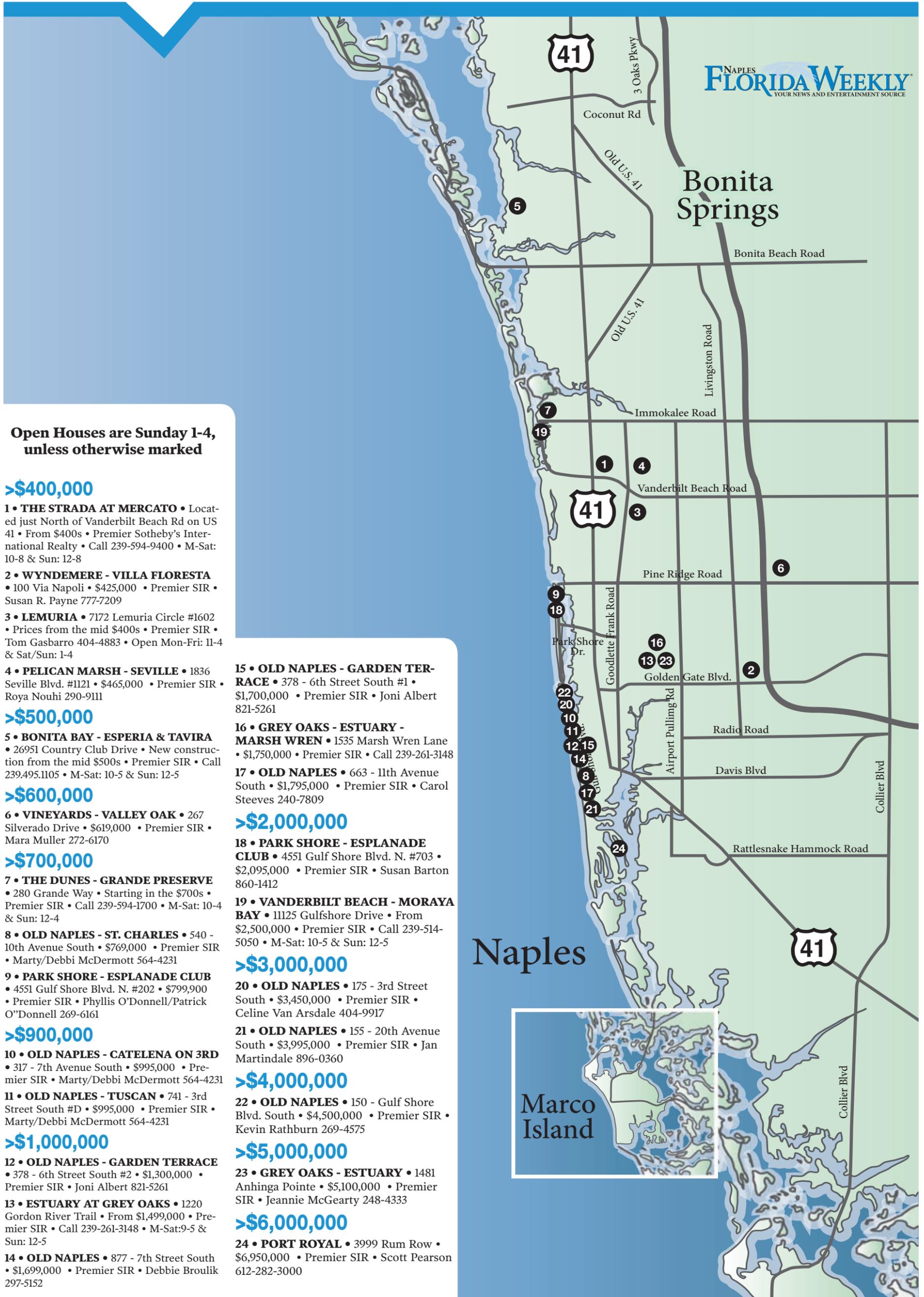
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 \$1,275,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222



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



VERNON PLACE
 Old Florida style home w/quick direct access & 160 ft of waterfront, large wraparound verandas, new floors & paint.
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GULFVIEW #1808
 Magnificent beach & Gulf views from this lovely 2BR/2BA beachfront condominium. Professionally furnished, turnkey.
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MOON COURT
 Super value for this custom 4BR/3BA waterfront home with nearly 3,000 sq. ft. A/C. Boat house with indirect access. \$699,900
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BARFIELD DRIVE SOUTH
 Beautiful inland home in the desirable Estate Area with bay views! Lush landscaping, open lanai with pool & spa. \$698,500
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HIDEAWAY BEACH - ROYAL MARCO POINT III #256 Spacious 2BR+den with many upgrades. Great Gulf/River views! Steps to beach, Clubhouse, pool, tennis, golf.
 \$620,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

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

919 Caxambas Drive - Secluded residence on Barfield Bay. Custom-built in 2010, 5BR, 5 full & 2 half BA. Rooftop terrace, pool/spa.
 \$4,500,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

881 Eubanks Court - Unparalleled luxury of over 1/2 acre. Tip-lot location with 287' of direct access water frontage, bay views & 5BR.
 \$4,295,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

589 Inlet Drive - Nestled 23' above Barfield Bay! Old Florida charm meets modern-day elegance. 5BR/4.5BA+den. Heated pool/spa. Views!
 \$3,985,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

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

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

160 Peach Court - Magnificent bay views, tip cul-de-sac lot with 171' of waterfront. Expansive lanai/pool. Deep, quick river access.
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1816 Woodbine Court - Gorgeous, direct access, River-area 3BR/3.5BA pool home completely remodeled in 2008. Expansive waterway views.
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OLD MARCO VILLAGE 1064 Gayer Way - Immediate, direct Gulf access custom-built 3BR/2BA Florida cottage. Manicured grounds and spectacular water views.
 \$999,900 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

HIDEAWAY BEACH 831 Hideaway Circle East - Exceptional home, location & price! Meticulously maintained 3BR/2.5BA + den home. Heated pool/spa, preserve views.
 \$1,000,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

1109 Bond Court - Two-story custom-built 5BR+den/4BA home. Coffered/tray ceilings and loft bonus room. Southern exposure; pool/spa.
 \$949,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

1389 Bayport Avenue - Built in 2006 and remodeled in 2009. FURNISHED 4BR/3BA, 3,000+ A/C SF. AMAZING upgrades! Three-car garage.
 \$825,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

1955 Sheffield Avenue - Builder's home in a private setting with walk out lower level & views of Barfield Bay. Three-story, 5BR, pool/spa.
 \$747,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

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

HIDEAWAY BEACH 871 Sea Dune Lane - Open plan 3BR/3BA, loft with summer kitchen. Pool/spa, new A/C in 2010, exterior painted 2011. Resort amenities.
 \$659,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

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

767 Plantation Court - A boater's delight, 3BR/2BA pool home offers quick, deep direct Gulf access & 136 feet of waterfront for dockage.
 \$649,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

931 Heron Court - Fantastic boater's location, deep-water dockage, quick direct access, 177 ft. of waterfront. Scenic views. 3BR/2BA.
 \$599,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

1562 Jamaica Court - Amazing long & lush fairway views! Spacious 1,200 SF lanai with heated pool. Custom-built 3BR/2BA plus loft home.
 \$545,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

755 Nautilus Court - Great Value! Direct access 3BR/3BA home w/waterway views. SE exposure, floating dock, room for a pool. Near beach.
 \$515,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

362 Bald Eagle Drive - Captivating SW bay views & sunsets. Well-maintained 3BR/2.5BA home. Upgraded kitchen. Expansive lanai & pool area.
 \$495,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

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

159 Shorecrest Court - Delightful 3BR custom built waterfront home. Split floor plan & large covered/screened lanai with sparkling pool.
 \$489,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

1243 Mulberry Court - Recently renovated 3BR/2BA home. Southern exposure homesite, deep-water dock with quick, direct Gulf access.
 \$449,000 | Dave Flowers | 404-0493

620 Diplomat Court - Delightful southern bay views, 3BR tropical retreat. On a quiet street, close to beach, shops & dining. Pool/lanai.
 \$425,600 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

1370 Bayport Avenue - Outstanding golf course views! Quiet location, well-maintained 4BR/3BA + den home. Expansive screened lanai/pool.
 \$375,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

394 North Collier Blvd. - Large 3BR home in mint condition! All Thermopane windows provide a quiet spot. Heated pool, disability accessible.
 \$329,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

ISLAND VILLAGE 1195 Sunbird Avenue - Recently renovated 3BR/2BA home. Travertine floors, new kitchen, birds, roof & appliances. Bonus room, pool.
 \$269,000 | Dave Flowers | 404-0493

MADEIRA 350 South Collier Blvd. #704 - On a most desirable floor height, 3BR/3.5BA beachfront condominium. Elegantly appointed and turnkey furnished.
 \$2,750,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

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

CAPE MARCO - BELIZE 970 Cape Marco Drive #2105 - Beautiful "Designer Ready" 21st floor, 3BR-den. Marble floors, 11 ft. ceilings, crown mouldings, over 3,600 A/C SF. \$1,975,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

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

MADEIRA 350 South Collier Blvd. #906 - Beautifully turnkey furnished and designer decorated, beachfront 3BR, 2.5BA, 2,631 A/C SF and 2,974 total SF.
 \$1,575,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

MADEIRA 350 South Collier Blvd. #806 - Beautifully finished, luxury 3BR/2.5BA beachfront residence. Great Gulf & Island views. Superb building amenities.
 \$1,325,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

MARCO COURTYARD TOWERS 1131 Swallow Avenue #PH-2 - Beautifully decorated, turnkey furnished 3BR/3.5BA top floor penthouse. Incredible Gulf, Bay/City views. \$1,199,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

CAPE MARCO - MONTERREY 980 Cape Marco Drive #805 - Views of the Gulf from this furnished 3 bedroom, 3 bath with wood floors, 9' ceilings, and double door entry. \$820,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685

SOMERSET 780 South Collier Blvd. #510 - Wonderfully decorated beachfront 2BR/2BA with magnificent views! Great rental history, gated community has 2 pools.
 \$769,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685

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

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

ESPLANADE I 720 North Collier Blvd. #303 - Gorgeous bay views, 3BR/3BA condominium. Pool, rooftop terrace & fitness room. Boat docks for lease or purchase.
 \$619,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ROYAL MARCO POINT III 6000 Royal Marco Way #246 - Stunning views of Gulf & Marco River, 600 SF glassed-in lanai, upgraded 2BR/2BA+den. Beach, golf, tennis & more! \$539,500 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

SUSSEX 270 N. Collier Blvd. #501 - Inviting, immaculately maintained 3BR/2BA corner residence with views of Gulf and Bay. Newer waterfront complex.
 \$429,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

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

SUSSEX 270 North Collier Blvd. #603 - Enchanting views of Clam Bay! Top floor 2BR+family room, updated kitchen. Tennis, pool, close to beach. Furnished.
 \$399,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

SHIPPS LANDING III 1100 South Collier Blvd. #1121 - Magnificent views of the Gulf of Mexico! SW exposure, 2BR/2BA condominium. Community pool/spa, BBQ area & tennis. \$399,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685

WATERS EDGE 931 Collier Court #A103 - Pristine, updated 3BR/3BA direct access condominium with 1,800+ A/C SF. Walk to beach. Tennis, pool and boat slips.
 \$395,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

SOUTH SEAS TOWER III 380 Seaview Court #1705 - Stunning SW views! Delightful beachfront 2BR/2BA condominium, weekly rentals. Resort amenities, docks for lease. \$355,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

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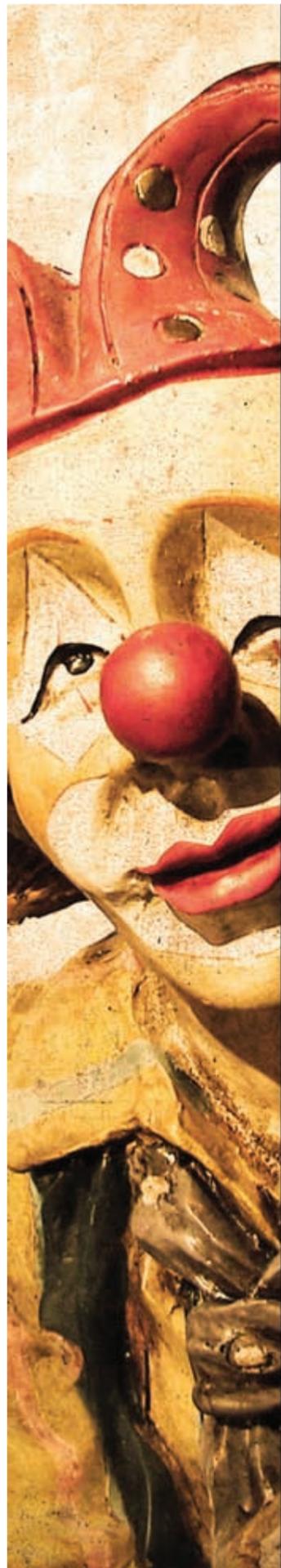
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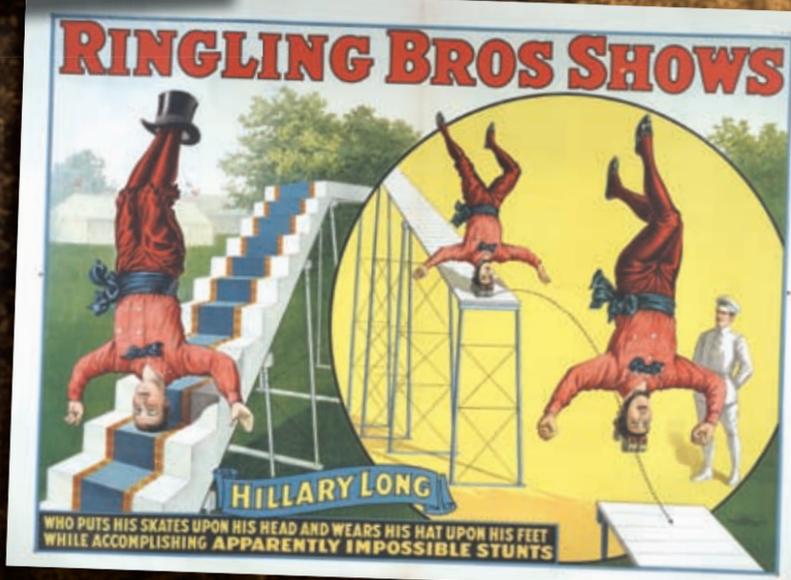
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CIRCUS POSTERS COME TO TOWN

BY NANCY STETSON

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WHEN THE CIRCUS CAME TO TOWN, everything stopped.

Stores locked their doors, businesses closed and schools gave children the day off.

"Circus Day was (comparable) with Christmas and the Fourth of July," says Deborah Walk, circus historian and curator of the Tibbals Learning Center at The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota. "It was a community event that brought people from almost 50 miles around. It caused gridlock."

She describes the scene that played out in small town after small town: "A miles-long circus street parade held the town hostage. They couldn't keep the shops open. There were thousands of people trying to get a glimpse of a lion, the high-stepping horses, beautiful ladies, gilded wagons, cavalcades of clowns.

"And at the end, you had the callopio that was belching out music as well as steam. It was a pied piper to the circus lot, to draw people there so they could buy that ticket."

And in the late 1880s and early

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Seventeen of the country's most lauded celebrity chefs will participate in the 2012 Naples Winter Wine Festival set for Jan. 27-29. Once-in-a-lifetime vintner and chef dinners will take place in the homes of Naples Children & Education Foundation trustees on the first night of the festival. The celebrated NWWF wine auction takes place the next day at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, and the festivities conclude on the third day with a celebratory brunch.

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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

The turnip takes over



I wandered through the bookstore on a recent weekday evening, imagining I might explore a highbrow topic, something to expand my cultural horizons. Instead I ended up paging through a fashion advice book, one with two exclamation marks in the title: "I Have Nothing to Wear! A Painless 12-Step Program to Declutter Your Life So You Never Have to Say This Again!"

The book's authors offer a handful of user-friendly tips. They encourage readers to find a fashion sponsor, someone who will honestly evaluate their existing outfits, and they suggest pinpointing a personal style.

All of their advice is centered around the wise but difficult to implement theme that every outfit should be a 10, i.e., the sort of ensemble you wouldn't be ashamed to be wearing if you bumped into your old flame. Or worse, your old flame's new flame.

"Every outfit?" I asked aloud.

Who can manage that?

Sure, we might have a going-out dress that feels

like a 10. We might even have a pair of jeans that when matched with a special top — the top that we keep at the back of the closet and treat to dry cleaning and special handling — that looks like a 10. But every single outfit?

Every single outfit, the authors say. That includes weekend wear, gym wear and, yes, loungewear.

Here's the thing about lounge wear: When I'm home, I go for optimal comfort. Bulky sweat pants. Hooded sweat-shirts. T-shirts. Socks. I own an arsenal

of anti-sex apparel.

If I took this recent bit of fashion advice, my for-private-viewing-only outfits would have to go, replaced by sweaters that haven't pilled, shirts that are nicely pressed and pants that fit just right. Clothes, in essence, that have not been lived in.

In fact, this balance between living and looking nice is one of the elements of long-term relationships I find most perplexing. The best relationships are performance art, but how do we constantly perform with no time away from the lights?

When I'm home alone, without a man to impress, I like to burrow down, to surrender all efforts at prettiness. In brighter moments, I think of myself as a flower bulb — a tulip, perhaps, or a lily — some blossom that's taking the season off, hibernating until the next appearance. In my darker moments, I think of myself as a turnip.

But either way, bulb or root vegetable, I'm a firm believer that we need these restorative moments, swaddled in sweatpants. The problem is that when we're cohabitating, we never

"When I'm home alone, without a man to impress, I like to burrow down, to surrender all efforts at prettiness."

have a down moment. There's little time to slip into our grubby at-home selves. If every outfit in our closet is a 10, then we spend most of our mental energy making sure we don't dump dinner in our laps. Which is why many couples abandon the pretense of at-home good looks and settle instead into a routine of beat-up undershirts and holed socks. But this is not the solution, either.

Surely there is a middle ground between a perfect 10 and a zero-effort approach. The trick is finding that style, even if it means never revealing our turnip selves. ■



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ARTISTS AMONG US

Inish, a traditional Celtic band

■ **Who makes up the group?**

Roy Fairweather on guitar and vocals; Susanna Haslett on concertina and tin whistle; and Stephen Stadler on the fiddle and vocal harmonies.

■ **How do you describe your style?**

Traditional Celtic music. We do a mix of vocals and instrumentals. The vocals are mainly Celtic folk songs, including pub songs. The instrumentals are predominantly Irish dance music and airs.

■ **What made you choose this style?**

Susanna chose this style because of a life-long passion for this type of music. Roy's choice of this style of music was a result of his involvement and attachment to the Irish/Celtic community in Boston and his strong Celtic roots to Canada, Scotland and Ireland. After Stephen started hearing Celtic instrumental music while on his travels, he really liked it and wanted to play it. Already an accomplished fiddler, he learned the tunes and the style of playing Celtic.

■ **How did the three of you meet?**

New to the area, Susanna was looking to play Irish dance tunes with someone and heard about Stephen, who was also new to the area. She looked him up and they began their musical collaboration. Roy showed up at one of the informal sessions that Susanna started. Susanna also saw Roy play at a local acoustic music venue with some mutual friends. Impressed with his amazing voice, Susanna and Stephen asked Roy to join them when they needed a new singer.

■ **How long have you been performing together?**

Stephen and Susanna have been performing together since the summer of 2005. Roy joined the band in 2010.

■ **Where did each of you grow up?**

Susanna: I was born in Michigan and grew up there, then to Connecticut, Illinois and Ohio. I went to Ireland at age 18 and lived abroad for two years in both Ireland and Germany. I spent most of my adult life in Chicago.

Roy: I was born in the heart of Boston and grew up within walking distance to Norumbega Park on the Charles River.

Stephen: I grew up in Buffalo, N.Y. and attended Syracuse University. I moved to St. Petersburg, Fla., after college and lived there for several years before moving to Naples.

■ **How do audiences in Naples receive your music?**



Countless people say it makes them happy and they feel like dancing. The vocals are always a big hit; people are more familiar with them and have their favorites. This music appeals to all ages, so we have the whole spectrum — from toddlers to older folks — expressing joy in listening to our music.

■ **How has the local music scene changed?**

Our band members came here some years ago and have been witness to an influx of wonderful musicians of all music genres. The Irish/Celtic music scene once consisted of just a few. As a community, we now enjoy an array of talented musicians that perform Irish music. Our band is proud to be one of the better-known authentic Celtic music bands in the area.

■ **Do you have other jobs?**

Stephen is a full-time musician. Susanna works part-time at a cat sanctuary. Roy describes his career as a musician as "a supplement to retirement."

■ **Tell us about your involvement in Irish folk dance.**

Susanna teaches Irish set dancing and organizes ceilis (Irish dance parties) during season here. We get together with other local musicians as The Royal Palm Ceili Band to play for the dances. It's great fun for all involved.

■ **Website:** www.royscelticmusic.com/inish

■ **Performances:** Check the calendar of events at www.CollierArts.com.

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CIRCUS

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1900s — before the Internet, before television, before radio — circus posters spread the word that the show was on its way. To build anticipation, the posters would appear in advance in store windows, on fences and sides of buildings.

The promoters had to fill “colossal canvas cities” that held up to 12,000 people, Ms. Walk explains.

“Months before the arrival of the circus, you would get these waves of the bill posters coming in to announce: ‘The circus is coming to town! The circus is coming to town! And these are the wonders you’re going to see!’

“The circus was the traveling zoo,” she adds. “It brought the wonders of the four corners of the globe to America’s doorstep.”

The circus also introduced various inventions to small-town America: hot-air balloons, bicycles, skates, automobiles.

“So many people saw electricity at the circus before they ever saw it on the streets of their town,” Ms. Walk says.

Colorful historical documents

P.T. Barnum once said: “Advertise freely and without fear. Never attempt to catch a whale with a minnow.”

Circus posters were the key advertising tool for the circus owner. “This colorful, bombastic lithographic poster was critical to ensuring a capacity crowd,” Ms. Walk says. “Every available space in a town could be covered.”

A single sheet measured 28-by-24 inches, and posters could consist of just one sheet or dozens, which would very easily cover the side of a barn.

Prior to the 1870s, a circus poster was basically a black and white piece, heavy with type. Lithographs came into use in the 1870s.

“Put the two next to each other, and it shows you the importance of color, the arching line. There’s much more drama than your typeset broadside that had been traditionally used,” Ms. Walk says.

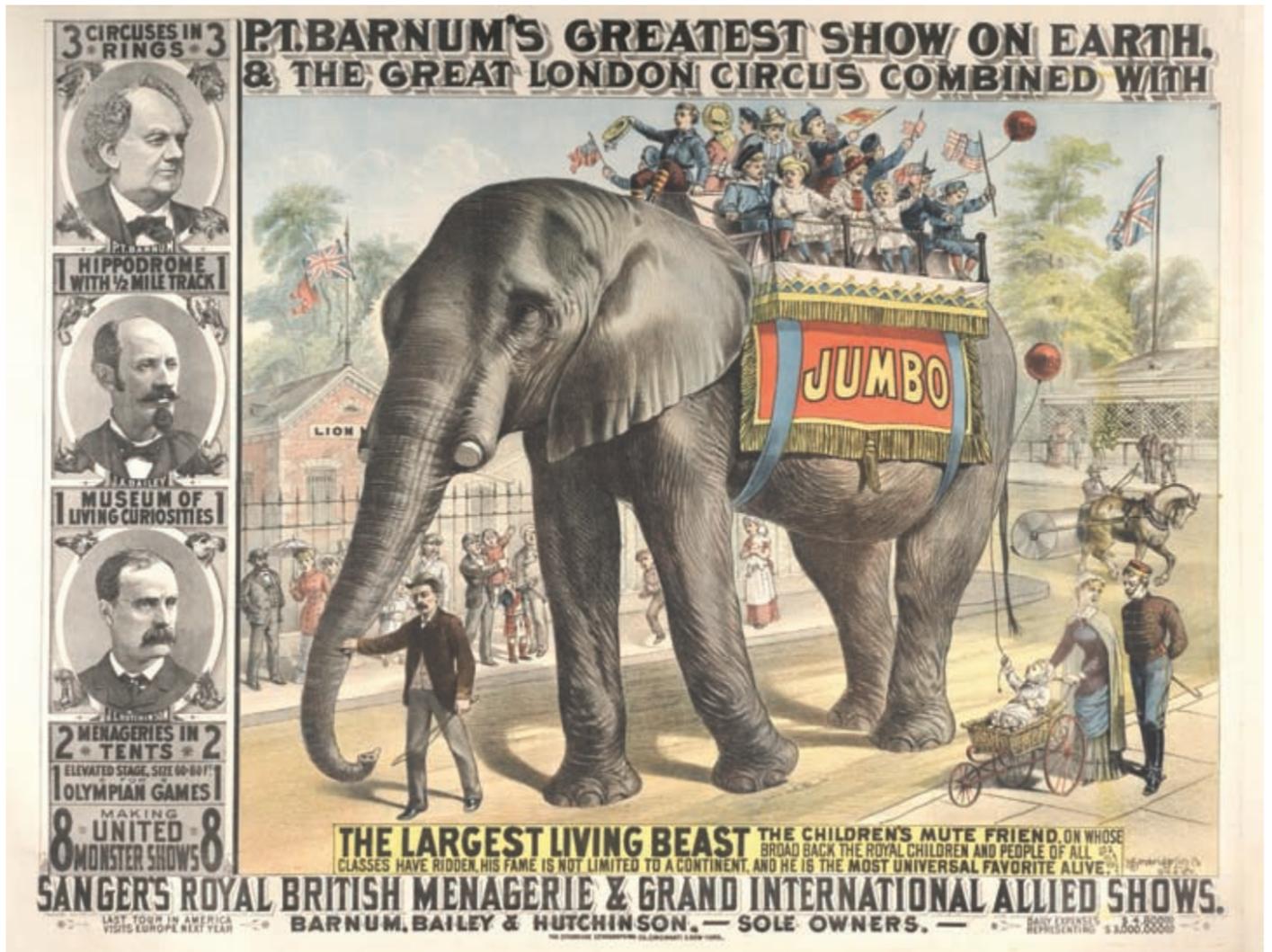
Considered valuable collectibles and works of art, many of these posters will be on exhibit in “The Amazing American Circus Poster: The Strobridge Lithographing Company, 1878-1939” at The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art from Sept. 17-Jan. 29.

“These are the original artifacts of the time, and they’re outrageous, just wonderfully outrageous,” Ms. Walk says.

“They’re all based on the circus promoter’s vocabulary: ‘The best, the largest, the most grand... The greatest show on earth.’”

Ringling and the Cincinnati Museum of Art received a joint grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for this exhibit. (Strobridge Lithographing Company was based in Cincinnati, where the exhibit first showed at the Cincinnati Museum of Art before coming to Sarasota.)

“What fascinated the reviewers of the grant was that we were looking



RINGLING MUSEUM AND HOWARD TIBBALS COLLECTION/COURTESY IMAGES

Above: P.T. Barnum’s Greatest Show on Earth & The Great London Circus featuring Jumbo, the largest elephant ever seen by mortal man, wild or in captivity.

Left: Dainty Miss Leitzel, World’s Most Marvellous Lady Gymnast, 1920.

in the know

>> “The Amazing American Circus Poster: The Strobridge Lithographing Company, 1878-1939”

>> **When:** Sept. 17-Jan. 29

>> **Where:** The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, 5401 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota

>> **Cost:** \$25 (\$20 for senior citizens 65 and older, \$10 for children 6-17)

>> **Info:** (941) 358-3180 or www.ringling.org

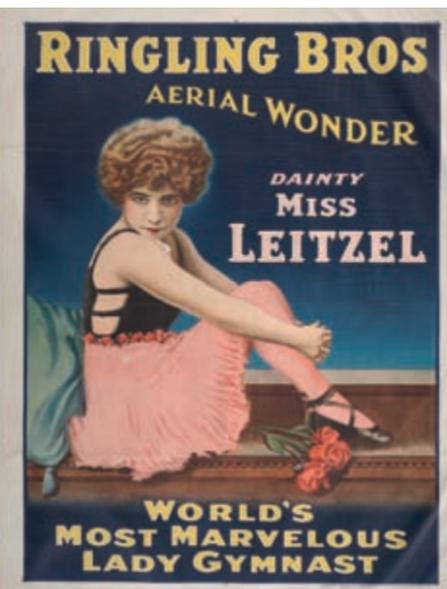
at posters not just within the circus context, but in a cultural context,” Ms. Walk says. “What do these posters tell us about the country at the time? It moves the poster from this ephemeral advertising to a really important historical document.”

The posters reflect the advancement in transportation; earlier posters had more words and more complex images for pedestrians to peruse. Later ones had bigger, bolder, simpler images that could be easily comprehended when glimpsed from a moving trolley or car.

The history of the women’s movement can also be tracked in the posters.

“Women were not part of the performance until the 1880s,” Ms. Walk says. “All of a sudden, you can see women being pulled out as the stars in these posters.” She mentions a beautiful poster of the acrobat Lillian Leitzel, “looking straight at you with a sultry look.”

In 1895, the year the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus had a woman ringmaster as well as Evetta, the only lady clown, “A newspaper article said, ‘Women are taking over the ring!’” Ms. Walk says. “Women moved



very quickly into performance,” she adds. “Women performers were very supportive of suffragettes and getting women to vote.”

Circus posters promoted everything from daredevil acts to animals and people from all over the world. They made the shows so appealing that people just had to go — either for the first time, or again and again.

“John Ringling said (the circus) allowed people to be a child again, or see the world through a child’s eyes,” says Ms. Walk.

Sideshow acts

The exhibit includes sideshow posters of people who possessed unusual talents, such as swallowing swords, or unusual characteristics, such as multiple tattoos or extreme height.

“We have an incredible poster of the snake charmer,” Ms. Walk says.

“Then there’s Charles the First, the Marvelous Chimpanzee. That’s an interesting one, because of the Scopes Trial and Darwinism. Here this chimpanzee is dressed in a tuxedo, blurring that line. One newspaper article said, ‘There is the spark of the divine’ (in him.)”

Also included in the exhibit are posters of aerialists.

“What the poster was able to do (was) freeze action, so you have these wonderful arching bodies twisting in this wonderful 12-sheet poster. Then there are the human butterflies — the iron jaw acts, who (dangle and) hold themselves up by their teeth.

“There are a lot of daredevils... Zazel, the Beautiful Human Cannonball, soared for more than 97 feet in the air and was paid the high sum of \$300 a week in the 1880s.”

Then there’s the poster everyone seems intrigued by: the one advertising Hillary Long.

“He roller skated on his head, as well as walked down stairs on his head,” Ms. Walk says. “He’d bounce down the stairs on his head. How did he ever come up with that act? How do you think of something like that?”

“Only at the circus.” ■

The Circus Museum gets bigger and better

BY NANCY STETSON
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The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art’s Circus Museum in Sarasota is about to have 24,475 more square feet of fun, in a \$7.5 million addition set to open Saturday, Sept. 24. Admission to the Circus Museum is free that day.

The addition adjoins the Tibbals Learning Center, which houses the

world’s largest miniature circus, created by Howard Tibbals.

The new section looks at the history of performers and those who have “electrified the center ring,” says circus historian Deborah Walk, curator of the Tibbals Learning Center. Performers such as high-wire walker Karl Wallenda and aerialist Dolly Jacobs, “Queen of the Air,” are highlighted in photos and video clips.

One interactive exhibit will let visi-

tors to see whether they can squeeze into the 2-by-3-foot space of a miniature car. Clown Lou Jacobs, who was over 6 feet tall, somehow could fold his body into the car.

“He was a front bender,” says Ms. Walk, explaining that contortionists are either front benders or back benders, meaning they can bend forwards or backwards.

Another exhibit will allow people to

try walking on a tightrope just inches off the ground. “But when you look down, it looks as if you’re 30 feet up in the air,” Ms. Walk says.

Visitors will also be able to superimpose their faces onto replicas of circus posters.

“It’s a lot of fun,” Ms. Walk adds. “And there’s a lot of information about the people who have created the magic of the circus.” ■

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■ **Sept. 16-18:** Inner Worlds of Domestic Violence Survivors II. Naples Art Association/von Liebig. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

■ **Sept. 16-18:** Fins, Fur & Feathers. Marco Island Center for the Arts. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.org.

■ **Sept. 17:** Film: Lodge McKee. Naples Historical Society. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.com

■ **Sept. 17-18:** Family Fun: Stormy Weather & Mangroves. Naples Botanical Garden. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org

Theater

■ **'S Wonderful** – At the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers, through Oct. 1. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com. See review on page C8.

Symphony

■ **Chamber Music** – The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra Chamber Ensemble presents the first program in the season's Chamber Series at 3 p.m. Sept. 18 and 8 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. \$34 for adults, \$14 for students. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

Thursday, Sept. 15

■ **In Style** – Marissa Collections presents a Style Session devoted to the Top 10 Fall Essentials. 1167 Third St. S. 687-1148 or www.marisacollections.com.

■ **Book Talk** – “Online Resources for Book Discussions” starts at 2 p.m. at Headquarters Regional Library, 2385 Orange Blossom Dr. 593-0177.

■ **Creative Evening** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs hosts Alla Prima, Alla Fun (Martini on the Edge) from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at 26100 Old 41 Road. Learn to paint and enjoy a meal while you're there. \$42 includes canvas, paint, brushes, wine dinner and guidance. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **That's Entertainment** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs' “Live at the Promenade!” features singer/songwriter Kelvin Fischer at 7 p.m. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. \$15 members, \$20 non-members. 495-8989.

■ **Lotta Laughs** – Faizon Love performs tonight through Sunday at the Off The Hook Comedy Club, 599 S. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 389-6900.



Shannon and Heather Slaughter, with the Country Clare Band, perform from 5-8 p.m. Sept. 24 in the band shell at Cambier Park. Bring a chair or blanket. \$12. 213-3058.

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Friday, Sept. 16

■ **Bird Cruise** – The Young Birders and Collier County Audubon Society host an ABC Islands cruise field trip. 643-7822 or www.collieraudubon.org.

■ **Craft Time** – A “Make & Take” craft event for preschoolers goes on all day at Naples Regional Library. 262-6853 or www.collier-lib.com.

■ **Pickin' and Grinnin'** – The Bean Pickers take the stage from 7-10 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. \$5 cover for the band; \$10 bluegrass menu available. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

Saturday, Sept. 17

■ **Pups 'n' Books** – Read to a dog or just pet one at 1:30 p.m. at Headquarters Regional Library, 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. Register at 593-0870.

■ **Psychic Event** – Petunias of Naples hosts psychic Candyce Strafford from 1-9 p.m. 852 Fifth Ave. S. 403-3550.

■ **Jazz Tunes** – The Naples Jazzmasters perform from 2-4 p.m. at The Norris Center. 213-3058.

■ **Here She Is** – The Miss Estero Pageant runs from 4-6 p.m. at the fountain near Bloomingdale's at Miromar Outlets. 822-4661.

■ **A Good Bet** – One Night Rodeo takes the stage at 8:30 p.m. at the Seminole Casino Immokalee. (800) 218-0007.

■ **Fashion & Music** – Riddim Run way, an showcase of Caribbean music and fashion, takes place during Music Walk from 6-10 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers. www.RiddimRunway.com or www.sdbac.com.

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■ **Free Concert** – Gulf Coast Town Center present acoustic rock by High Tide from 8-10 p.m. 267-0783 or www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

Sunday, Sept. 18

■ **Making Waves** – The Southern Extreme Water-Ski Team puts on a show at 4 p.m. on the lake at Miromar Outlets. www.miromaroutlets.com.

Monday, Sept. 19

■ **Film Night** – 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.

Wednesday, Sept. 21

■ **Foreign Film** – A free screening of “Mao's Last Dancer” (Australia, 2009) begins at 2 p.m. at the Marco Island Branch Library, 210 S. Heathwood Dr. www.colliergov.net/library.

■ **Diva Time** – Fleming's Prime Steakhouse hosts “Diva Wine Away Wednesdays” today and Oct. 19 in support of the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Get your pink on and enjoy a night of fall fashion, cosmetics, cocktails, wine and appetizers. www.putonyourpinkbra.com/naples or 598-2424.

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

Coming up

■ **Rogues in History** – “Chaos and Invasion: The Second Spanish Colonial Period 1783-1819” is presented at 10 a.m. Sept. 22 at the South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Blvd. www.colliergov.net/library.

■ **Book Talk** – A discussion of “Dreams of Joy” by Lisa See starts at 2 p.m. Sept. 22 at Headquarters Regional Library, 2385 Orange Blossom Dr. www.colliergov.net/library.

■ **More Book Talk** – A discussion of “The Paris Wife” by Paula McClain starts at 2 p.m. Sept. 22 at South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Blvd. www.colliergov.net/library.

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■ **Just a Sec** – Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits hosts Naples' first-ever “Minute to Win It” tournament at 8 and 10 p.m. Sept. 22. \$10 per two-person team with \$100 going to the winner. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

■ **SummerJazz Finale** – The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club presents Blue Dice from 7-10 p.m. Sept. 24 on the lawn overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. 261-2222 or www.naplesbeachhotel.com.

■ **All Classics** – The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra performs “All-Time Top-10 Classics” at 8 p.m. Sept. 24 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Foreign Film** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents “Good Bye Lenin!” at 7 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay, 26811 S. Bay Dr. \$8. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Abracadabra** – “Magic, Magic, Magic!” starts at 6 p.m. Sept. 27 at the South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy. Cesar Domico presents his family show in English and Spanish. Register at www.colliergov.net/library.

■ **Marco Art** – Wednesday ArtWalk runs from 5-8 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Artist Colony at the Esplanade, 760 N. Collier Ave., Marco Island. Get a sneak peek at the “Bras for Life” creations by participating Colony artists. <http://marcoislandartistcolony.com/>.

■ **Rib It** – The Marco Island Brewery sponsors its inaugural rib cook-off at 3 p.m. Oct. 1 to benefit the Marco Island Police Foundation Scholarship and Emergency Fund. \$25 donation. <http://marcoislandbrewery.com/>.

■ **Always** – The Naples Players present “Always... Patsy Cline” Oct. 5-29 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Free Symphony** – The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra performs a free concert at 3 p.m. Oct. 16 in Cambier Park. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

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WRITING CHALLENGE

Winner will go to Sanibel Writers Conference

One winner of *Florida Weekly's* 2011 Writing Challenge will attend the Sanibel Writers Conference Friday through Sunday, Nov. 3-6, at BIG ARTS and the Sanibel Public Library.

Over the next weeks, we'll provide photographic prompts to get the creative juices flowing, and we'll print our favorite submissions from week to week.

A panel of editors will choose one winner from all the entries that have been printed. The winner will be notified in time to make plans to attend the conference and will be announced in our Nov. 3 edition.

Cost of the conference is \$350 (\$280 for BIG ARTS members and \$250 for students). For more information, visit www.fgc.edu/siwc/.

For our newest Writing Challenge, we invite you to use the accompanying photo as a starting point for creating fic-



tional prose or a poem of no more than 1,000 words.

We'll consider submissions based on this photo — in Word format or pasted into the body of an e-mail — until Saturday, Sept 17. E-mail to writing@floridaweekly.com. Include name, address and contact information. Feel free to attach a headshot of yourself as well. Thanks for writing, and good luck. ■

'Options'

BY CHRISTINE KOURAPIS, ENGLEWOOD

"It didn't have to be this way," she thought. That dreaded phone call had thrown her for a loop.

"Mom, I am going to hang up, and don't you dare beg me to come back home," her daughter had screeched. "I have this one chance to start again. Loucas is so much better off with you, so don't try to find me, and for heaven's sake, don't keep calling."

"Carrie," she had pleaded, "At least let's talk about it. Try to understand that Dad and I can't do this, especially now." Next came the SLAM, and a mean, buzzing tone.

Moved to tears, she stifled the impulse to sob openly. "Not in front of the boy. must gather my wits about me because what other choice do I have?" She headed for the cupboard. At least planning her grandson's lunch was a snap, as Loucas refused to eat anything but peanut butter sandwiches for lunch or dinner. Her attempts to introduce anything new resulted in fits of uncontrollable temper tantrums. Giving in restored peace, albeit temporarily.

Nothing had turned out as planned. Nathan had lost his job when the construction company closed, resulting in their having to move into a tiny rental house. To top things off, Carrie had arrived with Loucas without any warning. Ugly, venomous scenes in their household became routine, and she was forced to quit her job as a cashier in order to care for her grandson when Nathan and Carrie searched for work.

"We were so happy," Nathan reminded her more than once during the months that followed. "Just the three of us. You, Duke, and I. That kid is out of control, and the sooner they go, the better. I wouldn't blame that dog if he decided to take a great big bite out of him when he's being kicked or stomped upon. If I had to choose between keeping a gentle golden retriever or a hyper 3-year-old, I'd choose Duke in a heartbeat," he ranted.

Without much coaxing, Carrie found an excuse to move out of her parent's house. She had friends who understood

her, she announced, and a "wonderful guy." She would be leaving Loucas behind temporarily. Eventually, however, Carrie forgot about the temporary part, and her mother became caught in the middle. Actually she distrusted Carrie's ability to care for her son. A few inquiries as to the boyfriend's reputation had confirmed her fears. No surprise that Carrie had once again entered into a relationship with the wrong type.

She had telephoned Carrie immediately after Nathan stormed out of the house declaring that she would have to choose between caring for Loucas or living with him. If she continued to cater to the needs of her hyperactive grandson, he complained, he would leave, for good. "You choose," he had said before storming out of the house.

"What's the next step?" she murmured to herself as she approached Loucas who had begun playing outside. The boy appeared angelic, bathed in sunlight, tumbling around the tiny, fenced area. She reached to give him a hug, but he struggled out of her arms.

Then along came Duke, eager for attention. She stroked his velvety ears, receiving in return sloppy kisses that rinsed the salt from her cheeks.

After lunch came naptime, and comfort at last. An hour later she awoke lazily, forgetting for an instant what had happened that morning, but hearing a car in the driveway she came her to her senses. It was Nathan, and she bristled.

Thankfully, Nathan, in a contrite mood, attempted an apology. He had been offered a temporary part-time job. She was, of course, relieved. "Why bring up any of the unpleasantness of the day? What good would that do for her, for Nathan, or for Loucas?" she thought.

To lighten the mood, she suggested that they send out for pizza. Nathan agreed. "Sure is better than trying to go out with you-know-who," he exclaimed, pointing to Loucas, who had awakened with a blood-curdling scream. "Do something," Nathan ordered, "or I will." ■

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ARTS COMMENTARY

"S Wonderful": Not quite as wonderful as you'd expect

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"S Wonderful," the Gershwin revue playing at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, isn't as marvelous as one would hope.

It's OK, but doesn't leave you wanting's more.

Perhaps we've overdosed on musical revues in this town.

While this production of "S Wonderful" is head and shoulders above many revues put on locally, it lacks a certain spark, that ineffable thing that makes you sit up and take notice.

The musical features five singers/dancers: Katie Mitchell, Matthew Rickard, Kimberly Thomas, Cassandra Nuss and Jake Delaney.

In this revue conceived by Ray Roderick, the quintet performs five mini-musicals in which the famous songs of George and Ira Gershwin are given fresh interpretations.

Some of those interpretations are quite a stretch, however. For example, "Of Thee I Sing" is now sung by two friends to each other, and "Funny Face" is sung by a Hollywood make-up artist to the actors whose faces she's powdering.

Sometimes it works, but sometimes it's just plain silly.

The five are good singers; there's not a weak one in the bunch. But the way the show is constructed — Mr. Roderick ties the odd mini-musicals together as a series of songs a grandmother downloads on her grandson's iPod — forces the singers to concentrate on the mini-scenes rather than putting the songs across.

Mr. Roderick might be attempting to use classic songs in new ways, but those who have seen "Of Thee I Sing," "An American in Paris" or "Funny Face" will be very surprised at some of the songs performed under those headings. They're certainly not the ones in the original musicals.

In fact, songs in the "Of Thee I Sing" portion of the program include "There's a Boat Dat's Leavin' Soon for New York," "Summertime" and "It Ain't Necessarily So," which are all from "Porgy and Bess."

While these performers are competent singers and harmonize well together, they never quite knocked me out. Ms. Thomas has an opportunity when she sings "The Man I Love" and "Summertime,"



COURTESY PHOTO

The cast of "S Wonderful" delivers fresh interpretations of the music of George and Ira Gershwin.

orful raincoats.

Director/choreographer Vince Pesce does a good job with the material and performers he has at hand. His staging and choreography are especially inventive.

Mr. Pesce comes with high credentials; he's performed in a number of Broadway shows, including "Beauty and the Beast," "Victor, Victoria," "Wonderful Town," "Kiss Me Kate" and the 1992 revival of "Guys and Dolls." And he learned from the best: He was Kathleen Marshall's associate choreographer on the Broadway productions of "Anything Goes," "The Pajama Game," "Little Shop of Horrors" and "Wonderful Town." He also recently choreographed "Dancing With Abandon" for the New York Fringe Festival and "Abraham Lincoln's Big Gay Dance Party" for off-Broadway. (I'm betting those two were more lively than "S Wonderful.")

I'd love to see more work by Mr. Pesce. "S Wonderful" has its moments, but as a whole, it fails to ignite or inspire. ■

but she ultimately chooses to stay on safe ground.

Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Delaney have some graceful moments of dancing in "An American in Paris," and Mr. Rickard shows some good comic timing with his Harold Lloyd-like antics in "Nice Work." And Ms. Nuss is simply effervescent as a star-struck make-up artist in "He Loves and She Loves."

But this production just doesn't hold together.

It seems to do odd things with time, too; while the performers manically rush through the songs, paradoxically, the show drags — probably because we're not having enough fun.

Gershwin classics such as "Someone to Watch Over Me," "They Can't Take That Away From Me" and "Embraceable You" get short shrift at the end, almost as an afterthought. It's as though Mr. Roderick

couldn't figure out how to fit them into his scenarios, so he just threw them in at the finale.

The minimalist set by Lewis Folden consists of a few steps, a grand piano and some basic props that are carried on- and off-stage. The backdrop is put to good use with superimposed images, such as white lace during a bridal shop scene, and a street and trolley video during a trolley ride.

Pianist Loren Strickland is on stage for the entire time, seated at the piano. His playing received the most enthusiastic applause of the evening, and it was well deserved. Occasionally supplemented with pre-recorded music, his piano accompaniment is perfect and fitting for the show.

Barbara Anderson provided simple but outstanding costumes, including striped tops for the French scenes and some col-

in the know

- >> "S Wonderful"
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AUDITION CALLS

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Voices of Naples holds auditions for new members on Monday, Sept. 19, at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. The community chorus has places for men and women who sing alto, tenor, soprano and bass; director Douglas Renfroe will conduct vocal exercises to determine placement. Sight reading ability is helpful, but not required.

Auditions will begin at 5:45 p.m. To schedule an appointment, e-mail Dr. Renfroe at srodolor@aol.com.

The 60-member chorus celebrates its 10th anniversary in 2012 and performs in Collier and Lee counties. A concert tour to Vienna, Bratislava, Prague and Budapest is planned for June.

For information about rehearsals and concerts dates and locations for the new season, visit www.voicesofnaples.org.

Bonita band welcomes all musicians

The Bonita Springs Concert Band invites all interested musicians to visit www.bonitaspringsconcertband.com or e-mail bonitaspringsconcertband@yahoo.com to fill out a short questionnaire with contact information, musical background and instrument preference.

New members will be auditioned for seating purposes.

Rehearsals begin Thursday, Oct. 6,

in the band room at the Three Oakes Middle School in Estero. All rehearsals are from 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays.

Under the direction of Dennis Hill, the band opens the new concert season at Riverside Park in Bonita Springs on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 6. The season continues on Dec. 11, Jan. 22, Feb. 19, March 18 and April 15. Visit the website for more information.

Roles available for four TheatreZone productions

Equity and non-equity performer auditions for TheatreZone's seventh season will be held by appointment between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17-18, at the company's home in G&L Theatre on the campus of The Community School of Naples.

Roles are available in each of the season's four productions "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," "Company," "Little Women" and "The Boy Friend."

Actors are asked to prepare 32 bars of a song and to have a contrasting selection ready to perform if requested. An accompanist will be provided, but actors must bring sheet music and be prepared to dance. Sides (copy dialogue that Artistic Director Mark Danni has chosen from the scripts) are posted at www.theatrezone-florida.com and will be provided at the audition. A current photo and resume is also required.

For more information or to schedule an audition, call 449-2323 or e-mail markdanni@theatrezone-florida.com. ■

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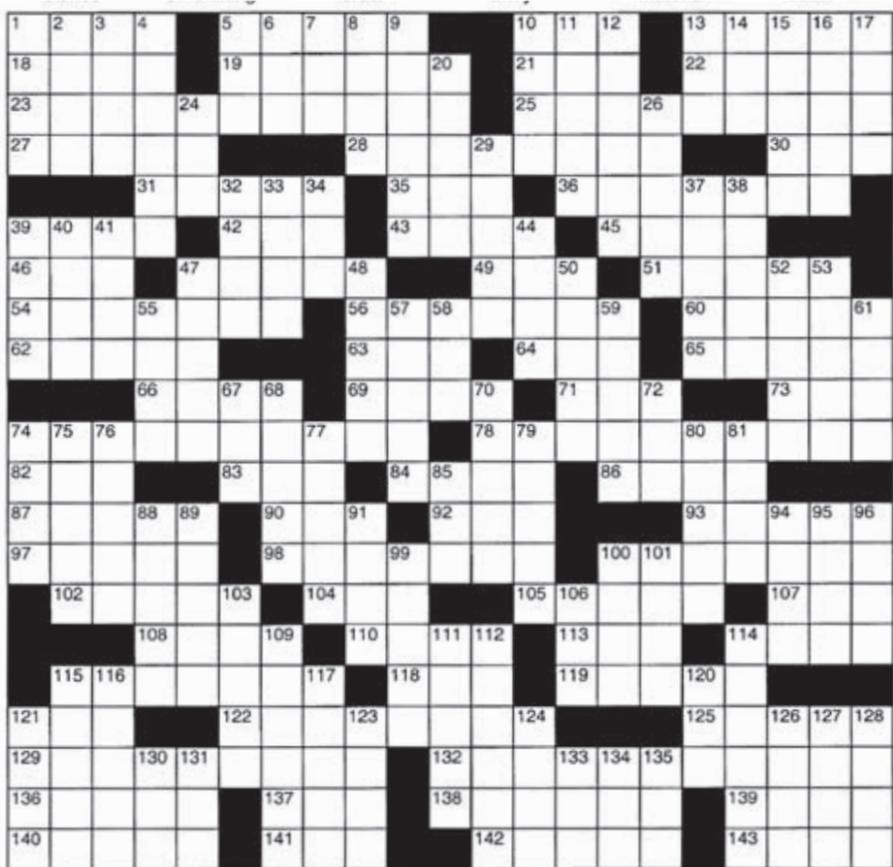
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- 1 Pay to play
 - 5 "Forever —" ('47 film)
 - 10 "Go, team!"
 - 13 Window parts
 - 18 German river
 - 19 "The Gong Show" guy
 - 21 Fit — fiddle
 - 22 Jergens or Astaire
 - 23 "The Shadow over Insmouth" author
 - 27 "Big Three" site
 - 28 Most loathsome
 - 30 Ring official
 - 31 Po land
 - 35 Word form for "environment"
 - 36 '62
 - 39 "The Nibelungenlied," e.g.
 - 42 Goller Trevino
 - 43 Omit
 - 45 Wooden strip
 - 46 — Aviv
 - 47 Adventure stories
 - 49 — Dawn
 - 51 Singer Vaughan
 - 54 "Perelandra" author
 - 56 "The Time Machine" author
 - 60 Writer Erich
 - 62 Game fellow?
 - 63 Actress Alicia
 - 64 "Cara —" ('65 song)
 - 65 Hard to lift
 - 66 Lesage's "Gil —"
 - 69 Zhivago's love
 - 71 CT hours
 - 73 Charged atom
 - 74 "The Catcher in the Rye" author
 - 78 "Women in Love" author
 - 82 Southern constellation
 - 83 Cal. page
 - 84 Tibetan monk
 - 86 Do Europe
 - 87 Gymnastics event
 - 90 Scoundrel
 - 92 Columnist Smith
 - 93 Lamb and pork
 - 97 Shining
 - 98 "Charlotte's Web" author
 - 100 "Winnie-the-Pooh" author
 - 102 Broadcast
 - 104 — Tome
 - 105 Jitterbug dance
 - 107 Mink's coat
 - 108 Spruce
 - 110 Use a poniard
 - 113 Fairway accessory
 - 114 "Cheerio!"
 - 115 Earphones
 - 118 Maestro de Waart
 - 119 Proprietor
 - 121 Chum
 - 122 Fraught with danger
 - 125 Fall birthstone
 - 129 "A Passage to India" author
 - 132 "The Code of the Woosters" author
 - 136 Post or Bronte
 - 137 Zsa Zsa's sister
 - 138 Explanatory phrase
 - 139 Corporate VIP
 - 140 Panelist Paul
 - 141 — Tin Tin
 - 142 Steakhouse order
 - 143 Pants part
- DOWN**
- 1 Pale
 - 2 Wine valley
 - 3 Hard to believe
 - 4 Amatory
 - 5 Vigoda or Burrows
 - 6 Rock's Fleetwood
 - 7 "I'm freezing!"
 - 8 Ages
 - 9 "100 —" ('69 film)
 - 10 Sitarist Shankar
 - 11 Selling point
 - 12 Crumbly kid?
 - 13 With 32 Down, court sport
 - 14 Business dept.
 - 15 Anne of "The Daytrippers"
 - 16 More morose
 - 17 Egotist's darling
 - 20 — shift
 - 24 Tub
 - 26 Hold-up man?
 - 29 Fancy fabric
 - 32 See 13 Down
 - 33 Triangle parts
 - 34 Indeed
 - 37 Squirrel away
 - 38 Stooze count
 - 39 Emulate Rembrandt
 - 40 Chihuahua dough
 - 41 Poorly
 - 44 Reading matter?
 - 47 Bulge
 - 48 Sedimentary rock
 - 50 Architect Saarinen
 - 52 Once more
 - 53 Devastation
 - 55 Isie near Corsica
 - 57 Knot
 - 58 Combat
 - 59 Egyptian Nobelist
 - 61 Director Adrian
 - 67 Objective
 - 68 — drum
 - 70 Come clean
 - 72 Terrible age?
 - 74 Part of Indonesia
 - 75 Races a jalopy
 - 76 — Sainte Marie, MI
 - 77 Up for — (available)
 - 79 Eye color
 - 80 Card game
 - 81 " — saw Eiba"
 - 85 Mohammed — Jinnah
 - 88 Actress Luft
 - 89 Jacket material
 - 91 " — brillig ..."
 - 94 — Romeo
 - 95 Hardware item
 - 96 Blood components
 - 99 "Heartbreak —" ('56 hit)
 - 100 From the top
 - 101 Mideastern gulf
 - 103 Hornets
 - 106 Skater Midori
 - 109 Wobble
 - 111 Take on
 - 112 Purchased
 - 114 Girl Scout units
 - 115 Overdramatic
 - 116 Puckish
 - 117 Roman fountain
 - 120 Numerical suffix
 - 121 Role for Rigg
 - 123 Persia, today
 - 124 Medicine cabinet item
 - 126 Immaculate
 - 127 On a whale watch, perhaps
 - 128 Gusto
 - 130 Time-honored
 - 131 Deli loaf
 - 133 Oklahoma native
 - 134 Upoar
 - 135 Nationality suffix

◀ SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

■ **VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Single Virgos looking for partners are finally getting a break from Venus, who has moved in to make things happen. Attached Virgos see their relationships blossom.

■ **LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You've been working hard to get things done. Now take a breather and recheck your next step. You might want to make some changes in view of the news that comes your way.

■ **SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) The watchword for savvy Scorpios this week is "preparation." Consider sharpening your skills to make the most of the new opportunity you're about to take on.

■ **SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) There might still be some loose ends that need tucking up if you hope to get that important relationship repaired. A new spurt of activity starts soon.

■ **CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) It's a good idea to keep the positive momentum going by finding and getting rid of anything that could cause you to stumble. Keep the path ahead clear and open.

■ **AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A period of contemplation is advised before you make your next move. Be sure that where you decide to go is the right place for you. A health matter needs attention.

■ **PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) That new energy surge that hit

you last week continues to send out good vibrations. Try investing a part of it in creating something noteworthy on the job.

■ **ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You'll soon have a chance to take a big step up from where you are to where you want to be. Check it out first. Remember: Even the Mountain Sheep looks before it leaps.

■ **TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) This week brings a challenge that could determine the future direction of your life. If you're ready for a change, accept it with confidence. A loved one supports your decision.

■ **GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A disruption creates a delay in completing your projects. Use this time to pursue a personal matter you were too busy to deal with before. You'll find it will be time well spent.

■ **CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You still need to be on the alert for any signs of problems that could create serious misunderstandings. A more positive aspect begins to emerge toward the week's end. Be patient.

■ **LEO** (July 23 to August 22) With things slowing down a bit this week, it would be a good time for luxury-loving Leonines to go somewhere for some well-earned pampering. Things liven up around Friday.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You like to balance your personal universe, and in doing so, you help bring harmony into the lives of the rest of us.

By Linda Thistle

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Sports movies are rarely so good that they make me want to stand up and cheer, but "Warrior" did just that. It also made me cry.

This is a powerful, heartbreaking story about two estranged brothers who were torn apart as children but are now on a collision course to fight out years of anger with a \$5 million purse on the line.

In Pittsburgh, Tommy (Tom Hardy) returns home to ask his newly sober father, Paddy (Nick Nolte), to train him for an upcoming Mixed Martial Arts tournament. No emotions, no talking, just training, Tommy, a former wrestling prodigy, tells Paddy. Given that he hasn't seen his son in 14 years and yearns to make up for the abusive alcoholic sins of his past, Paddy agrees.

Meanwhile, in Philadelphia, Tommy's brother Brendan (Joel Edgerton) works as a schoolteacher and lives with his wife (Jennifer Morrison) and children. He's happy, but the family is broke and the only way to avoid foreclosure is for Brendan to fight again. With the reluctant help of his old friend/trainer Frank (Frank Grillo), he gets a shot.

You don't have to know anything about MMA to enjoy the fight scenes, so unfamiliarity with the sport should not be a deterrent. And while many of the training and fighting scenes are fairly standard, director Gavin O'Connor does a great job of giving each fight importance by emphasizing the incredible physical toll each battle has on its competitors.

Of course, none of this would matter if we didn't care about the brothers, but boy, do we ever.

Tommy and Brendan haven't spoken in 14 years, but Mr. Hardy and Mr. Edgerton (a Brit and an Australian, respectively) play the afflicted All-American boys perfectly. Whereas Mr. Edgerton has to be grounded and desperate, Mr. Hardy carries years of anger and resentment as Tommy, which makes Tommy so hard and unfeeling that he's a brute amongst men. Also note the utter disdain with which Tommy looks at Paddy, and then later the way Mr. Nolte brings fierce intensity to Paddy's relationship



with Tommy. This is great, great acting in a story of tremendous pain.

So how good are Mr. Hardy and Mr. Nolte? Both deserve Oscar nominations. If Natalie Portman can win an Oscar for becoming a ballerina in "Black Swan" and conveying emotional angst, Mr. Hardy surpasses her tenfold. He gained 28 pounds for the role during a grueling 10-week MMA training regimen, and (unlike the rumors that surrounded Ms. Portman post-Oscar) it's been confirmed that both he and Mr. Edgerton did 85 percent of the fight work seen on screen. That's impressive.

Full disclosure: I saw "Warrior" prior to the recent television trailers that reveal too much about the ending, so I was rapt with attention up to and including the conclusive winner-take-all tournament. The trailer is doing a huge disservice to the film, but the performances and storytelling still speak for themselves as tremendous accomplishments. This is one of the best films of the year. ■

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in the know

>> After reading nearly 200 actors for the role of Tommy, director Gavin O'Connor had a phone conversation with Tom Hardy and they decided to meet in person. Mr. Hardy then arrived unannounced at Mr. O'Connor's house at midnight on a Sunday and stayed for five days as they discussed the role.

CAPSULES

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The Debt ★★

(Helen Mirren, Jessica Chastain, Sam Worthington) An ex-Mossad agent (Ms. Mirren) and her two partners live with the guilt of a mission gone awry in East Berlin in the mid-60s. Although Ms. Mirren and Ms. Chastain (as the younger version of Ms. Mirren's character) are very good and the story is fascinating, the jumping timeline does the narrative a supreme disservice. Rated R.

Colombiana ★★

(Zoe Saldana, Michael Vartan, Cliff Cur-

tis) Catalaya (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. ■



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Property from several other notable estates will be on the auction block as well, including the estate of Dr. Wayne Hales of Oklahoma City, who was an economics professor at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla. Highlights from his collection are a Wallace and Sons sterling silver tea service, a Tiffany & Co. bracket clock, a Tiffany Studios bronze cigar humidor and a Lalique bowl.

An English tea and coffee service by John James Keith and other fine silver from the Connie Mack family of Fort Myers also will be for auction. The tea service is expected to bring \$2,000 to



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The Regatta, an oil on canvas by George Herbert McCord (American, 1848-1909) is expected to bring \$2,000 to \$4,000.



A gilt bronze and enamel bracket clock by Tiffany & Co. should bring \$1,500 to \$2,500.



A Wallace and Sons sterling silver tea service is from an Oklahoma estate, as are several other pieces in the upcoming auction.



A 19th century French Empire mahogany secretary is expected to bring \$2,000 to \$4,000 at auction.

day, Sept. 20; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21.

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At a Conestoga auction in Manheim, Pa., in June 2011, a blanket chest was up for sale. The description was "19th-century blanket chest having 20th-century polychrome paint." The colorful paint

was used to create geometric, heart and potted tulip designs — and the fake date of 1805. The chest was old, with dovetails, bracket feet and wrought-iron strap hinges. It brought \$450, a fair price for a new-old chest. The paint made the chest desirable. We recommend a total change like this only if the original finish is beyond help and out of style.

Q: I have a very old blue and white patterned platter, 20 by 15½ inches, with flowers and vines around the edges. I was told it's from my mother's family. It has a scene in the center with one couple sitting and one couple standing by a lake. There is a church in the foreground and two castlelike buildings and mountains in the background. On the back it says "Columbia, W. Adams Sons." Any idea what it's worth? It's not something I want to carry around for an estimate. It's in excellent condition.

A: William Adams & Sons was founded in 1769 in Staffordshire, England. The company became part of the Wedgwood Group in 1966. From the 1820s to the 1860s, several Staffordshire potteries made dishes decorated with transfer-printed scenes. Collectors call the dishes "Romantic Staffordshire," since the scenes are romanticized views. W. Adams & Sons made Columbia pattern dishes in about 1850. At least two other Staffordshire potteries also made pat-



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Q: I have a game called "Game of Dr. Busby" by J.H. Singer of New York. It's in the original box with playing cards, spinner and directions. It was given to my late husband in 1952 when he was 2 years old. The woman who gave him the game was in her 80s and told my mother-in-law it was given to her by her grandmother. Does this game have any value?

A: J.H. Singer sold games and novelties from about 1890 until the early 1900s, when the company went out of business. Your "Game of Dr. Busby" was made in the early 1890s. Several companies made versions of the Dr. Busby game with different sets of cards. The original Dr. Busby game was designed by Anne Abbott and published by W. & S.B. Ives of Salem, Mass., in 1843. Abbott was an author and editor, as well as a designer of other games. Dr. Busby is considered the first card game made in the United States.

Q: I have a low bowl about 8 inches in diameter that is made of silver plate. It has a top that fits tightly, but the top is full of holes pierced in a pattern. What could it have been used for?

A: Could it be a flower container? In the late 1920s, low flower bowls were very stylish. You filled the bowl with

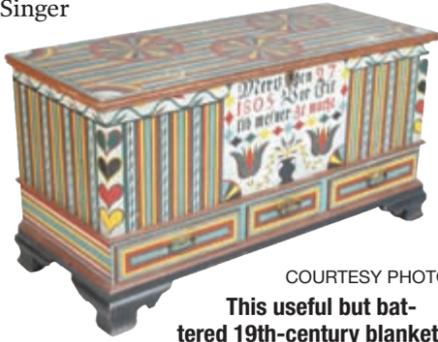
water, put on the pierced lid, then poked short stemmed flowers into the holes until you had a large arrangement with none of the silver top showing. The silver bowls were made with or without a ring of silver that acted as feet. The ads for these "centerpiece bowls" said they were dual-purpose: to hold flowers or, without the lid, to serve fruit or salad. The largest of the containers were oval, about 17 inches in length. In 1927 this type of bowl cost \$230. Because few people today understand the use of the pierced lid, this type of bowl sells

for about what a bowl without the lid would bring.

Q: I have an upright scale that reads "Columbia Weighing Machine Co., New York." It has a full mirror and a metal bracket at the top for pennies. There is a key for removing coins from the back. Can you tell me how old the machine is?

A: The Columbia Weighing Machine Co. was founded in Pittsburgh in 1902. The company moved to the Bronx about 10 years later. Columbia started making coin-operated scales with mirrors in 1922. The firm's name became Columbia Scale Co. in 1930.

Tip: Always make sure that repairs to jewelry are made with matching solder - gold on gold, platinum on platinum. Lead solder will lower the value of any piece of jewelry. ■



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This useful but battered 19th-century blanket chest has an attractive new painted finish, so it auctioned for \$450. It was accurately described in the Conestoga Auction catalog.



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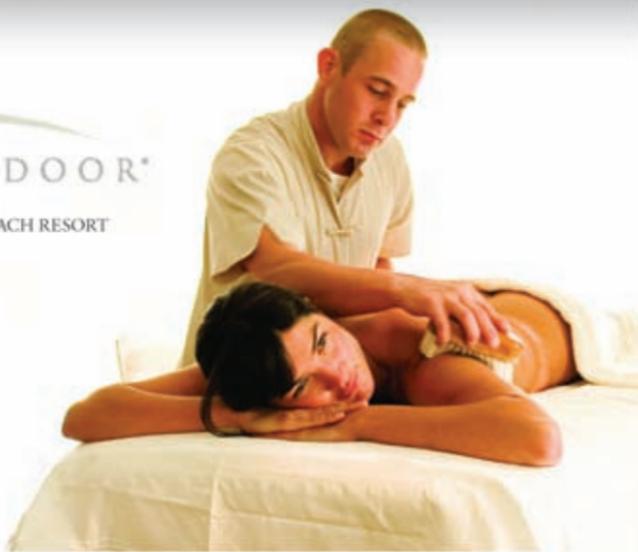
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Opening lead — king of clubs.

Endplays take all kinds of forms, but the general idea is always the same. Declarer puts one of the defenders on lead at a time when that defender must hand declarer a trick he might not have gotten otherwise.

Such situations are usually brought about by design. A declarer is fortunate indeed if the setting occurs naturally; in most cases, the sequence of plays must

be carefully planned and executed in order to arrive at the winning position.

Consider this deal where West led the K-A and another club against three spades. Declarer ruffed, drew trumps and continued with the K-A of hearts and a heart ruff. The clubs and hearts having been eliminated from both hands, South was now in position to cut his three natural diamond losers to two.

So he re-entered his hand with a trump and played a diamond, rendering the defense helpless. West did as well as he could by playing the nine, but declarer, sizing up the situation perfectly, ducked in dummy.

It did not matter what East played on this trick. If he allowed the nine to hold, West could do no better than continue with a diamond, whereupon East would take the ace and be forced to yield a ruff-and-discard. Similarly, if East overtook the nine with the ace and returned a diamond, dummy's queen would become a trick, and South would again emerge victorious.

It is true that the contract could have been defeated had West led a diamond at either trick two or trick three. This would have allowed the defense to score two club tricks and three diamond tricks. But once West had failed to do this, South could not be stopped from getting home safely with proper play. ■

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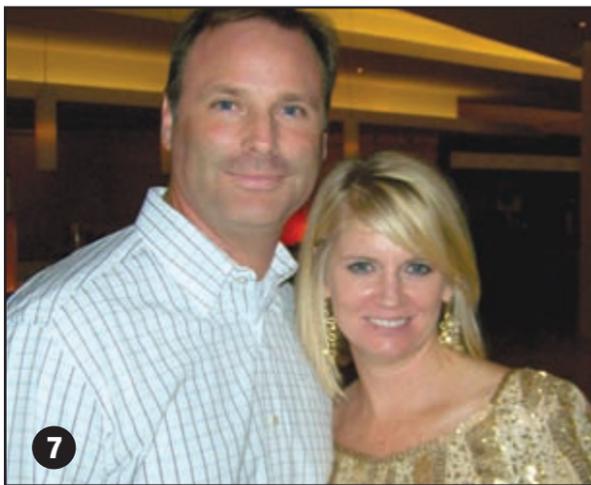
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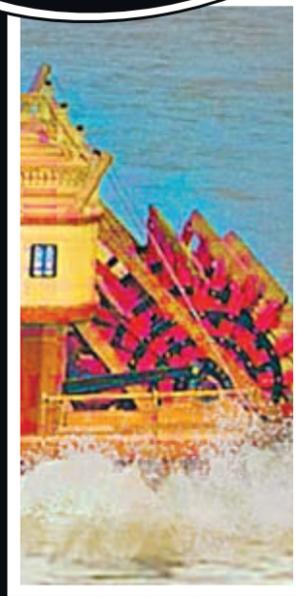
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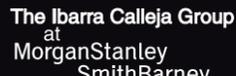
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Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

► **Hemingway's Island Grill**, Coconut Point, 8001 Plaza del Lago, Estero; 495-7240

With its lively bar and charming Cuban ambience, Hemingway's Island Grill would likely attract the renowned author for whom it was named were he still alive. The dining room is decked out to give the impression of a courtyard, yet it has the blessed climate control of an indoor establishment. The aforementioned bar makes a dynamite mojito, and the menu includes a mélange of island dishes. I can recommend Papa's black bean chili (available by the cup or bowl), Jack's hurricane shrimp glazed in a spicy-sweet dark rum sauce, and a first-rate rendition of ropa vieja, slowly simmered skirt steak that eventually takes on the look of shredded old clothes (which is what the name means in Spanish). A nightly special of jerk-seasoned swordfish on skewers with vegetables was excellent, especially with coconut-mango sauce. The maduros (fried ripe plantains) were terrific. Service was pleasant and generally good throughout the meal.

Food: ★★★½ Service: ★★★½
Atmosphere: ★★★½
Reviewed September 2010

► **IM Tapas**, 965 Fourth Ave. N., Naples; 403-8272

Small plates they may be, but the dishes that emerge from the kitchen here are packed with flavor and style. Each looks like a work of art and possesses big, fresh flavors that reveal the passionate dedica-

tion of its inspired creators, Chefs Isabel Polo Pozo and Mary Shipman, both of whom are experts in this inspired Spanish cuisine. A polished staff and stylish dining room add to the warmth and conviviality of a meal at this little off-the-beaten-path gem. If there's a less-than-wondrous dish on the menu, I haven't found it yet, despite several visits. Among my favorites are chorizo in cider, beets napoleon, garlic-laced white anchovies, diver scallops on octopus slivers, spinach wilted a la Catalana, wild bonito with pomegranate seeds and pomegranate foam, and a plate of stellar artisanal cheeses. It's situated a few miles north of the city's tonier dining areas, but it surpasses many of the more high-profile establishments in both cuisine and style. Beer and wine.

Food: ★★★½ Service: ★★★½
Atmosphere: ★★★½
Reviewed November 2010

► **La Fogata**, 3300 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs; 948-4488

It takes a bit of detective work to find La Fogata, nestled as it is among larger establishments clustered on the northwest corner of U.S. 41 and Bonita Beach Road. (Hint: It's near Bealls.)

Once you find it, you aren't likely to forget this charming little spot that offers authen-

tic Mexican fare and hospitality at rock-bottom prices. The lively guacamole is full of avocado, tomato and green onions. Camarones revolcados consisted of perfectly grilled shrimp accompanied by a creamy salsa with volcanic heart, rice and black beans. A combo platter with a taco with Mexican sausage, sope with grilled flank steak and tostada with chicken was equally good, each item piled high with fresh, flavorful ingredients that had been cooked to order. Paired with a nicely chilled Modelo Especial or tangy agua de tamarindo (tamarind soda), it's a bargain-priced feast. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★ Service: ★★★
Atmosphere ★★★
Reviewed January 2011

► **Mimi's Cooking**, Orange Pine Plaza, 2099 Pine Ridge Road; 566-2275

There's no bad time to visit Mimi's, but the slow summer/fall season means there likely won't be a crush of people there, leaving the staff to lavish its wonderful service and great food on you. The intimate dining room has the charming ambience of a Parisian café and the kitchen serves up food to match. Both the classic bouillabaisse and coq au vin were flawless, as were appetizers of endive salad — with spinach, Roquefort cheese chunks and sesame dressing — and organic carrot and ginger soup. Portions are realistically sized, just right for a single sit-

ting. Don't miss dessert. We shared an outstanding warm apple tarte tatin with whipped cream. Service was efficient and warm. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★½
Atmosphere: ★★★★★½
Reviewed June 2011

► **Pelagos Café**, 4951 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 263-2996

The management calls what's served here "Mediterranean soul food," and that's an excellent description. Primarily Greek, the menu also offers a smattering of other dishes from the region. Portions are large and most dishes are ample for two. I can recommend the fried calamari with its cinnamon-scented marinara, and a vegetable plate that contained roasted peppers, grilled artichoke hearts, beet salad and the best dolmades (stuffed grape leaves) I've had outside of Greece. The avgolemono soup, Greek salad and gyro platter were spot on. Also delicious was a simply grilled mahi fillet topped with asparagus, artichokes, olives and cherry tomatoes. For dessert, one large wedge of baklava more than satisfied two of us. A bonus at Pelagos is its moderate prices. And odds are you'll have enough leftovers for another meal. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★ Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
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Earlier this year, he left the fine-dining scene to take The Nosh Truck out on the road. The gourmet food truck travels the area serving up dishes such as ham, egg and fontina crepes, Moroccan-style chicken, mac and cheese with pancetta and sundried tomatoes, and short rib and Brie sliders.

■ What made you decide to start a gourmet food truck? Any surprises?

I'd wanted to start a truck or cart for years. When the economy turned and food trucks became so popular, it was an easy decision. Before I started out, I'd envisioned making stops at bars and along the sides of streets in downtown Fort Myers. I haven't been able to get permission to do that. I thought it would be a lot easier to stop at various locations, but food trucks are not widely accepted around here. That was a surprise, and I had to adjust my business plan as a result.

■ When did you know you wanted to be a chef?

When I was 16, I started working at a pizza place, doing delivery, prep and dishes. It intrigued me right away. When I was 19, I began working in a restaurant full time. That's when I knew that it was what I wanted to do for a career.

■ Have you had any memorable kitchen disaster you'd like to share and what, if anything, did you learn from it?

It's very laid back operating a truck, very different from the fine dining restaurants I've worked in over the years. Still, mise en place (preparing all the ingredients in advance) is very impor-



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Chef Scott Sopher awaits the lunch crowd at the downtown Fort Myers farmers market on a recent Thursday. He can be found serving food from his truck throughout Lee County almost every day of the week.



tant. I forgot my fryer basket one time, so I couldn't use my fryer. That meant no Nosh Tots (his version of Tater Tots). I have people who come looking for certain items. That day, several customers asked, "What do you mean you don't have Nosh Tots?" I haven't forgotten it since.

■ Describe your culinary philosophy.

My style is fresh and simple with attention to detail.



■ What ingredient(s) could you not do without?

Heart is the most important ingredient. It may sound goofy, but if your heart isn't in it, it shows in the end product. As for other ingredients, one of the things you'll always see on the counter of the truck is a bottle of sriracha (Thai hot sauce). I go through a lot of it, and not just in cooking. Customers use it like ketchup.

■ What's your idea of a comfort meal at home with the family?

Anything slow cooked on my Big Green Egg. It's the best grill in the world. It's ceramic and uses natural charcoal. I love that grill. It turns out the best pizzas, and you can get a really good sear on the steak. I use it a lot, and we almost always eat outside.

■ Are there any foods you can't stand in any form?

I don't like sea urchin. I used to have to clean it all of the time at the Richmond Hill Inn. I still can't eat it to this day.

■ What motivated you to enter the Food Network's Great Food Truck Competition?

Someone nominated me.

■ Do you have any heroes?

My mother always worked very hard to provide for me and my grandfather, who was a prisoner of war in World War II. She never complained and was a hard worker. Those are two things I admire in people.

■ Tell us about your family.

My wife is Kristie. I have two sons, Elijah, 14, and Noah, 8.

■ What do you like to do when you aren't cooking?

When I'm off, I like to spend time with my family. We travel a lot throughout Florida for my older son's lacrosse team. It's a lot of fun.

■ Who would you most like to invite to dinner?

My whole family — parents, sisters, aunts, uncles, passed-on grandparents, everyone. We're so spread out geographically that it's hard to get together. Having everyone together would be great.

■ Where can people find The Nosh Truck?

On Mondays, we're usually at Jensen's Marina on Captiva from noon to 3 p.m. On Wednesdays, we're at *The News-Press* (near downtown Fort Myers) from noon to 2 p.m., and on Thursdays, we're at the downtown (Fort Myers) farmers market from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Other days, it varies. The best way to find The Nosh Truck is through Facebook and Twitter. I post the locations and the specials every day.

— To contact the chef, send a message via Facebook or call 248-0715.

food & wine CALENDAR

► **Thursday, Sept. 15,** 6-8 p.m., Whole Foods: Sample three versions of sangria and a variety of easy-to-make tapas; \$5, Mercato; 552-5100. Register at www.acteva.com/go/LifestyleCenter.

► **Friday, Sept. 16,** 6 p.m., Agave Southwestern Grill: The new restaurant by the owners of Angelina's opens for dinner; 2380 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 598-3473.

► **Friday, Sept. 16,** 6-8 p.m., Whole Foods: Sample from among 35 beers with beverage specialist Joe Pais; \$5 (proceeds benefit the Whole Kids Foundation Garden Grant Project), Mercato; 552-5100.

► **Saturday, Sept. 17,** 10-11:30 a.m.,

Whole Foods: Learn how to taste coffee, discerning the country of origin and flavor profiles with Allegro Coffee Company representative Aslin Castrodad; \$5, Mercato; 552-5100. Register at www.acteva.com/go/LifestyleCenter.

► **Sunday, Sept. 18,** 3 p.m., Blue Martini: Sample four wines — Clayhouse Adobe White 2009, Fat Monk Pinot Noir 2009, Mettler Zinfandel 2008 and Besitos Moscato — paired with food at this special tasting; \$25 (buy three tastings and get a fourth free), Mercato, 9114 Strada Place; 784-4999. Call Amber for reservations.

► **Wednesday, Sept. 21,** 6-8 p.m., Whole Foods: Now that the football season is up and running, learn how to

make some quick and easy tailgating dishes; \$5, Mercato; 552-5100. Register at www.acteva.com/go/LifestyleCenter.

► **Wednesday, Sept. 21,** 7 p.m., Angelina's Ristorante: The last of the series of summer wine dinners showcases champagne and foods that go with this noble beverage; \$89, 24041 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-3187. Reservations required.

Farmers markets

► **Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.,** the Government Complex farmers market, 3335 U.S. 41 E.

► **Saturday, 7:30-11:30 a.m.,** Third Street South, behind Tommy Baha-

ma's between Third Street and Gordon Drive.

► **Saturday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.,** North Naples Green Market has moved to the air-conditioned comfort of the Fright Factory at Olympic Plaza, 2320 Vanderbilt Beach Road behind Liberty Bank.

► **Saturday, 7 a.m.-noon,** the Bonita Springs Lions Club farm market, The Promenade, 26851 South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs.

► **Sunday, 8 a.m.-noon,** Freedom Park farmers market, 151 Golden Gate Parkway. ■

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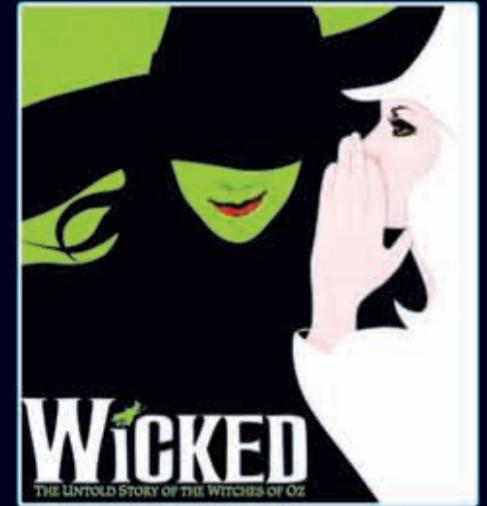
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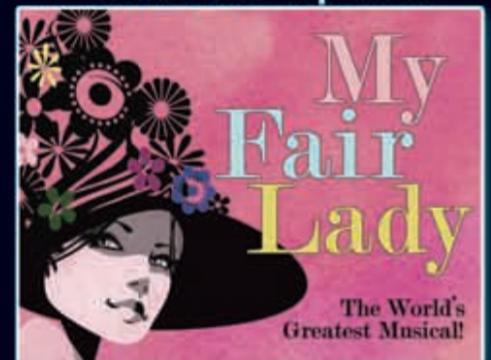
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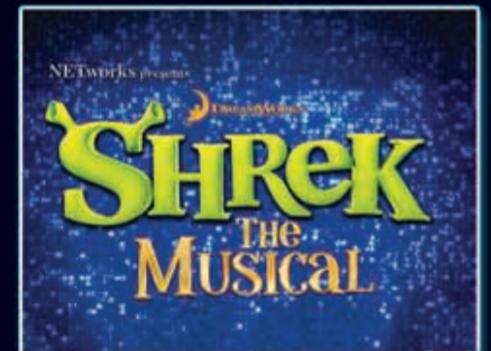
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