



Suburban farming

Living off your land, even when it's at your own risk

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A GROWING NUMBER OF CONSUMERS — in the most literal sense of the word — attest that there's no better consumable than just-picked veggies from their own backyards. At risk of a visit from code enforcement of-

ficers, some suburban gardeners also keep chicken or quail so they can enjoy fresh eggs.

More Southwest Florida families are getting serious about producing their own food at home. By doing so, they enjoy great taste, independence and the satisfaction of "tending to crops and animals for the

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Scott Thursby plants lettuces by his driveway in Golden Gate City.

Sellers turn to the Internet to unload gravesites

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Harold Graviss is not big on sentiment, and perhaps that helps to explain why he is seeking to unload cemetery plots he purchased 20 years ago in Naples Memorial Gardens. The plots are in a primo location, he says, — the Garden of Devotion — and Mr. Graviss is asking \$7,500 for them.

"I've decided to be cremated," explains the 88-year-old Mr. Graviss, who lives in Fort

Myers. "Yeah, they can take my ashes and spread 'em to the wind anywhere they want. I don't need a cemetery plot. The view (surrounding his plots) is terrific, but that doesn't do me much good once I'm buried."

And as for having a tranquil spot for far-flung friends and loved ones to visit after he has passed on, Mr. Graviss says: "They don't come to see while I'm alive. I doubt that would change much after I'm dead."

But Mr. Graviss is finding, as are others in his situation, that in the marketplace of final

resting spots, buyers seem to hold the upper hand and demand low. Many experts attribute this to the state of the economy. Also, people are turning to less-expensive options like cremation.

Mr. Graviss has advertised his plots for several months on Craigslist and in numerous newspapers and periodicals. He says he has yet to receive a serious offer.

A Cape Coral woman who seeks to sell a

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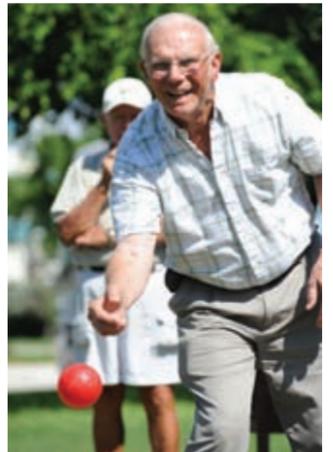
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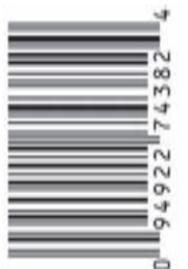
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COMMENTARY

The 2012 race: Let's just flip a coin



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We are nearing the time to elect a president, so that means Florida's Republican party is bound to do something stupid. We all remember the debacle of 2000, when the Sunshine State looked more like a banana republic than a prized tourist destination. Twelve years later, the state's Republicans are mucking things up again.

The party has decided to move its presidential primary election from March to Jan. 31. Theoretically, this change is meant to give Florida Republicans more sway in the nominating process.

In reality, however, all it has accomplished is anger Republicans in other states and dilute Florida's influence at the national convention — which, ironically, will be held in Tampa.

The Republican National Committee intends to punish Florida by reducing its delegate count at the convention from 99 to 48. I'm having a hard time understanding how you gain influence by losing delegates, but I'm sure it makes sense to someone somewhere.

The way things stand now, the Republican presidential field may not even be complete by the end of January. The process is currently so muddled and uncertain that no one really knows who is running and who is not.

What is it with these Republicans? It is as if this presidential election has taken them by surprise.

Mitt Romney is in, and he stays a steady — if dull — course. Rick Perry blazed upon the scene like a meteor, but his poll numbers began to evaporate once circumstances dictated that he open his mouth and actually say something.

The only thing to catch fire in Newt Gingrich's campaign is his hair. The agreement is that Mr. Gingrich is very smart, which makes some of the incredibly dumb things he says rather mystifying.

The new darling of the campaign is Herman Cain, the pizza magnate from Georgia. Mr. Cain won the Florida Straw Vote, and his poll numbers rocketed as a result. He seems genial and well meaning, but he, too, is prone to odd exclamations. The most recent verbal stumble came when he said African American voters had been "brainwashed" into supporting Democratic candidates.

Mr. Cain should have consulted Mr. Romney before he let fly with that little nugget. In 1967, Mr. Romney's father, Michigan Gov. George Romney, was a strong contender for the GOP presidential nomination. George Romney's campaign imploded when he said he had been "brainwashed" into supporting the Vietnam War.

Mr. Cain should have known that voters tend to take offense at the suggestion they are so intellectually limited that they can be subjected to brainwashing.

Despite his sudden surge, Mr. Cain is a long shot at best. The inimitable Sarah Palin

dismissed him as the "flavor of the week." Of course in doing so, the former half-term Alaska governor screwed up his name, calling him "Herb Cain" rather than Herman Cain.

Ms. Palin keeps dropping hints that she may enter the race. Like Hansel and Gretel, she leaves a trail of crumbs that tantalizes her followers — the number of which is declining almost daily. Ms. Palin now finds herself on an island of weirdness. She is thinskin in the extreme, and she no longer restricts her paranoid ranting to the mainstream media. She recently charged that Fox News (which employs her) has been deliberately spreading false information about her.

And finally, there's Chris Christie, the New Jersey governor, who said repeatedly that he was not a candidate for the nomination and had explained further that he didn't really want to be president and that he was not prepared or qualified to sit in the Oval Office.

Even with all that on the record, old guard Republicans still salivated at the prospect of Gov. Christie's candidacy. Mr. Romney fails to inspire them, and Mr. Perry scares the hell of them. Thus, Gov. Christie, ready or not, was seen as the savior.

Gov. Christie, however, proved true to his word and announced this week he would not enter the race.

One compelling and quirky argument in favor of Gov. Christie getting into the race was that he probably will have a tough time winning re-election as governor. If he was going to seek the White House, most ana-

lysts thought this was the time to do it.

Even Gov. Christie's most ardent supporters concede that he is arrogant, obnoxious, quick-tempered and contemptuous of critics. At a time when the country is divided and the level of political discourse shrill, personal and nasty, it's difficult to imagine that a President Christie would have ushered in a new tone of civility and bipartisan support.

Gov. Christie is a moderate on things like gun control and climate change, and that would not have rested well with Tea Partiers who love the fact that Gov. Perry packs heat on his daily jogs. He might have been a strong General Election candidate, but he would have walked a minefield during the Republican primaries.

With Gov. Christie now officially out of the picture, the GOP is left with the same old same old.

While the Republicans stumble and fumble, the Democrats look on with amusement. But that amusement is tempered by the realization that they are saddled with a candidate — President Obama — who is losing ground at an astonishing rate. Most troubling for the president is the erosion of support among independents. He cannot win without them.

The smug jokes and asides that Democrats make about the 2012 Republican field have an odd echo. In 1980, they derisively referred to Ronald Reagan as an "amiable dunce." Well, as Democrats painfully learned over the next eight years, even a dunce can have his day. ■

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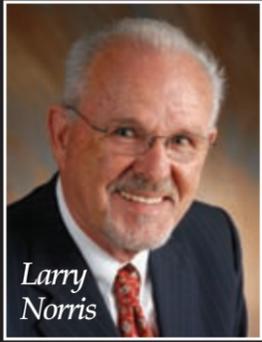
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OPINION**Rick Perry's border problem****richLOWRY**

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Rick Perry stumbled through much of the last Republican debate, but not when speaking about immigration. He issued a clarion condemnation of critics of his state's policy of giving the children of illegal immigrants in-state tuition to college. Such naysayers, Perry declared, lack "a heart."

The Texas governor prides himself on his distinctness from George W. Bush, yet on this issue he sounds just like him: scolding his party for its lack of compassion for immigrants coming here to make a go of it. If Perry had wanted to avoid raising the hackles of Republicans with the imputation of heartlessness, he could have borrowed the staple Bush line: "Family values don't stop at the Rio Grande."

Neither, more relevantly, does the desire to find a job. What Perry portrays as the great American job machine in his state has mostly benefited people who aren't Americans, according to a

new study by the Center for Immigration Studies. This significant caveat to the Texas Miracle raises the larger question of why the country has continued to welcome millions of new immigrants during the past few years while shedding millions of jobs.

In Texas, the study finds, 81 percent of the jobs created since 2007 have gone to immigrants who arrived in the United States since 2007. Ninety-three percent of these immigrants aren't citizens. An estimated 50 percent are illegal immigrants.

If providing ready employment opportunities for non-Americans seems awfully cosmopolitan for the man who is supposed to be a famous rube from Paint Creek, it's the Texas way. In welcoming all comers, Perry can do the bidding of a business community that wants the immigrant labor and simultaneously appeal to the Hispanic vote. If anyone should think to complain that he's soft on illegal immigration, well, now, that's why God created the pointless gesture, isn't it?

Perry can ostentatiously send Texas Rangers to the border and lambaste the federal government's failures, but none of it matters if it's relatively easy for illegals to find a job. Another border

state, Arizona, implemented an e-verify system requiring employers to check the immigration status of prospective employees. It led to a dramatic reduction in the population of illegals, many of whom have, no doubt, decamped to Texas. So long as he doesn't implement e-verify, Perry is shooting holes in the bottom of U.S.S. Enforcement and demanding that the feds bail faster.

It would be much too simplistic to say that every new immigrant employed in Texas took his job from a native. On the other hand, it would be much too Pollyannish to deny that there must be crowding out, especially of natives who don't have a college degree. At least Texas has been creating jobs. The country has lost about 7 million jobs since the onset of the recession in 2007 and continued to import another 1 million new immigrant workers a year, and 200,000-300,000 illegal immigrants on top of them. In August, monthly job growth ground to halt, yet we're welcoming some 100,000 new immigrants a month.

Is it heartless to wonder why this makes any sense? ■

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

Troy Davis and the machinery of death**amyGOODMAN**

Special to Florida Weekly

On Sept. 21 at 7 p.m., Troy Anthony Davis was scheduled to die. I was reporting live from outside Georgia's death row in Jackson, awaiting news about whether the Supreme Court would spare his life.

Davis was sentenced to death for the murder of off-duty Savannah police officer Mark MacPhail in 1989. Seven of the nine non-police witnesses later recanted or changed their testimony, some alleging police intimidation for their original false statements. One who did not recant was the man who many have named as the actual killer. No physical evidence linked Davis to the shooting.

Davis, one of more than 3,200 prisoners on death row in the U.S., had faced three prior execution dates. With each one, global awareness grew. Amnesty International took up his case, as did the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Calls for clemency came from Pope Benedict XVI, former FBI Director William Sessions and former Republican Georgia Congressman Bob Barr. The Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles, in granting a stay of execution in 2007, wrote that it "will not allow an execution to proceed in this state unless ... there is no doubt as to the guilt of the accused."

But it is just that doubt that has galvanized so much global outrage over this case. As we waited, the crowd swelled around the prison, with signs saying "Too Much Doubt" and "I Am Troy Davis." Vigils were being held around the world, in places like Iceland, England, France and Germany. Earlier in the day, prison authorities handed us a thin press kit. At 3 p.m., it said, Davis would be given a "routine physical."

Routine? Physical? At a local church down the road, Edward DuBose, the

president of Georgia's NAACP chapter, spoke, along with human-rights leaders, clergy and family members who had just left Davis. DuBose questioned the physical, "so that they could make sure he's physically fit, so that they can strap him down, so that they could put the murder juice in his arm? Make no mistake: They call it an execution. We call it murder."

Davis had turned down a special meal. The press kit described the standard fare Davis would be offered: "grilled cheeseburgers, oven-browned potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, cookies and grape beverage." It also listed the lethal cocktail that would follow: "Pentobarbital. Pancuronium bromide. Potassium chloride. Ativan (sedative)." The pentobarbital anesthetizes, the pancuronium bromide paralyzes, and the potassium chloride stops the heart. Davis refused the sedative, and the last supper.

By 7 p.m., the U.S. Supreme Court was reportedly reviewing Davis' plea for a stay. The case was referred to Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, who hails from Pin Point, Ga., a community founded by freed slaves that is near Savannah, where Davis had lived.

The chorus for clemency grew louder. Allen Ault, a former warden of Georgia's death-row prison who oversaw five executions there, sent a letter to Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal, co-signed by five other retired wardens or directors of state prisons. They wrote: "While most of the prisoners whose executions we participated in accepted responsibility for the crimes for which they were punished, some of us have also executed prisoners who maintained their innocence until the end. It is those cases that are most haunting to an executioner."

The Supreme Court denied the plea. Davis' execution began at 10:53p.m. A prison spokesperson delivered the news to the reporters outside: time of death, 11:08p.m.

The eyewitnesses to the execution stepped out. According to an Associated Press reporter who was there, these

were Troy Davis' final words: "I'd like to address the MacPhail family. Let you know, despite the situation you are in, I'm not the one who personally killed your son, your father, your brother. I am innocent. The incident that happened that night is not my fault. I did not have a gun. All I can ask ... is that you look deeper into this case so that you really can finally see the truth. I ask my family and friends to continue to fight this fight. For those about to take my life, God have mercy on your souls. And may God bless your souls."

"... I am innocent. The incident that happened that night is not my fault. I did not have a gun... For those about to take my life, God have mercy on your souls. And may God bless your souls."

— Last words of Troy Davis

The state of Georgia took Davis' body to Atlanta for an autopsy, charging his family for the transportation. On Troy Davis' death certificate, the cause of death is listed simply as "homicide."

As I stood on the grounds of the prison, just after Troy Davis was executed, the Department of Corrections threatened to pull the plug on our broadcast. The show was over. I was reminded what Gandhi reportedly answered when asked what he thought of Western civilization: "I think it would be a good idea." ■

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Bob is a frequent guest on my show and speaks often throughout our community. He and his wife Diane, formerly of Washington, D.C., have been Neapolitans since 2002. Diane is an accomplished artist (her work is on display at Cibao Grille). Their son, Jon, is recently married and attends law school in Austin, Texas.

In addition to serving as chairman of The Cato Institute, Bob is a constitutional scholar and has written several books, including “The Dirty Dozen:

How Twelve Supreme Court Cases Radically Expanded Government and Eroded Freedom.”

He started his legal career late in life. Having earned a Ph.D. in business management, he founded and developed CDA Investment Technologies, a financial publishing business that he sold to Thomson Reuters. After that, he went to George Mason University School of Law, graduating in 1994. He joined the Cato Institute in 1997 as senior fellow in constitutional studies.

Bob is passionate about his work — so passionate that he is personally responsible for steering the Heller case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

By way of background, Washington, D.C., had a law prohibiting firearms of any sort. Bob viewed this as a violation of the U.S. Constitution’s Second Amendment, which states “...the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

Gun laws throughout the United States vary greatly. Over the course of several years, Bob put a plan in place to gain clarity on the implementation of the Second Amendment.

He chose Washington, D.C., because it is a national territory and subject to national, not state, law. He also knew the outcome of the case would influence state laws as well. He personally hired co-counsel and sought out plaintiffs for the case.

Finding plaintiffs was not easy. While there is a gun permitting process in

Washington, D.C., the application clearly stated that one could apply — but that no permits would be issued. In order to meet the legal test of “standing,” Bob needed to identify plaintiffs who had applied for permits and been rejected. He explains that such people would have been injured — rendered unable to own or use a gun in Washington, D.C. — and injury is required for standing.

The search provided a group of six plaintiffs that was narrowed down to one: Mr. Heller.

Bob took his case to the Federal District Court — and lost. He took the case to the Federal Appeals Court — and won. But even then, there was no assurance that the U.S. Supreme Court would agree to hear to case. In 2008, however, the court did.

So the Heller case went to the Supreme Court — and Bob won. Now this watershed decision is having a rippling effect throughout the land.

With Bob serving as co-counsel, District of Columbia v. Heller is the first and only case he has ever litigated.

Whether you are “for” or “against” the ownership and use of guns, Bob Levy’s efforts helped gain clarity on an important Constitutional issue. What I find most interesting is that he has never even owned a gun. ■

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First job: Jazz and blues pianist (even as a high school student).

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GARDENING

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benefit of mankind," which is how University of Florida/IFAS extension agent Roy Beckford defines agriculture.

Scott Thursby of Golden Gate City produces enough fruits and vegetables to share with the neighbors. "I just have a small yard, but I basically farm front, back and the sides," he says.

Like many suburban gardeners, Mr. Thursby is busy with fall planting. The yard is already full of papaya, banana, eggplants, richly colorful strawberry hibiscus plants (he uses the tart leaves, which taste not unlike rhubarb, to make tea), sugar cane and the seedlings of colorful lettuces.

The former taxi driver and long-haul trucker considers his yard an "edible garden" and espouses the benefits of ultra-fresh produce, saying it rejuvenated his own health a few years ago after his body had been ravaged by a preponderance of junk food and stress.

He also believes gardening is a holistic activity that feeds more than his mouth. "It has improved my physical, mental and spiritual states," he says, adding, "The physical aspect of gardening is second only to swimming."

Dianna Caminos, who tends to several raised beds full of fresh vegetables on a half-acre lot in Lehigh Acres, started the garden to help her family save money and found it has added value, too.

"It's a way for us to micro-farm, if you want — or urban homesteading — there are a lot of words for it," Ms. Caminos says. "It's a way to take back control of the food we eat."

Backyard barnyard

Sometimes, however, taking control has to be done furtively.

Livestock, which is often just one aspect of the grow-your-own eater's strategy to control what they and their families consume, is contraband. In many areas, an egg-laying chicken in the backyard can produce hefty fines if discovered by code enforcement officials.

In a Cape Coral neighborhood, Rachell Skerlec and her family grow their own vegetables and collect honey from their beehives. And they keep pet hens: Lu, Basil and Emilio, who lay some pretty tasty eggs as well.

Keeping chickens in residential neighborhoods is not permitted in unincorporated Lee County (municipalities have their own rules), commissioners decided in August.

Ms. Skerlec and Ms. Caminos, however, have helped form Backyard Chickens of Lee County to change that. A handful of members and their children met at a Perkin's restaurant last week to sign a petition and begin the push to make keeping



Dianna Caminos' homemade display is a sure sign of pride in the family's vegetable garden. EVAN WILLIAMS / FLORIDA WEEKLY



Three of the happiest hand-fed, free-range chickens in suburban Southeast Florida: Lu, Basil and Emilio (in the background). RACHELL SKERLEC / COURTESY PHOTO

chickens in residential areas an option for families such as theirs.

Keeping chickens is allowed (with restrictions or special permits) in many cities, including Sarasota, Tampa and New York City.

Some suburban farmers raise fowl for their meat, including one Lee County woman (unrelated to the Backyard Chicken group) who every day tends to quail (and some rabbits) in backyard pens. She chose not to give her name for fear of drawing attention.

"It's not an easy thing to kill your own food," she says. "We take it seriously. We also know the animals have the best possible life and best possible death."

Gardens redux

Many readers will recall First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt's famous Victory Gardens, an initiative that urged people to grow their own food as the country weaned itself from war and the Great Depression. Her modern counterpart, Hillary Clinton, had a garden on the White House rooftop, suggestive of farming in the most urban settings. Current First Lady

Michelle Obama also champions backyard gardening with a sizable vegetable patch on the White House lawn.

Larger underlying issues of health, economics and the environment might have created the latest push toward farming closer to town, suggests Robert Halman, Collier County agriculture agent for the University of Florida/IFAS extension.

"I probably get at least one call a week on either starting a community garden or doing some type of backyard gardening or sustainable gardening," Mr. Halman says. "It's picked up, especially since the downturn in the economy. People are trying to save more money. At the same time, they're trying to figure out where their food comes from. They just want to grow their own food."

Backyard farming is certainly not "unique, historically," admits Mark Anderson, CEO of Benchmark General Contractors and an avid backyard gardener who is happy to see this common-sense feature of American life coming back.

Mr. Anderson suggests urban vegetables gardens make just as much sense now as they did decades ago, before falling out of fashion in the wake of cheaply processed foods and the rise of fast-food giants.

"Where we historically were at with our land use and lifestyle was the unique part — we were totally out of touch as consumers. Now we're back to where we've been, which is a good place to be."

And as a builder, he favors sustainable developments that include deliberately designed space for gardens, in both residential and commercial settings. That includes not just backyard gardens but urban community gardens — ones that taste great and look good, too — in places like empty lots.

"It's pretty easy to do," he says.

in the know

>> Here are some of the upcoming classes at Heartland Gardens.

■ **5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6:** Composting 104 Build a Pile. Composting is the basis for growing more and better quality vegetables. Students must bring a 5-gallon bucket of "green material" such as grass clippings, weeds and non-meat kitchen scraps. \$10

■ **5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12:** Mushrooms 101 Growing Gourmet. Come away with the know-how to cultivate your very own mushroom log. Every participant leaves with an inoculated log. \$30

■ **5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20:** Herbs 101 Build your Herb Box. Every student receives a fully stocked herb box complete with fertilizer, medicinal and cooking applications and full care instructions. \$50

■ **9-11 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 15 through April 22:** Grow Your Food. From seed to harvest, this comprehensive course will teach you how to organically grow your own food in Southwest Florida. Everyone shares the harvest of an array of crops grown in class. This class teaches a form of bio-intensive mini-farming which is sustainable and can yield as much as 300 pounds of food per 100 square feet. Course website: <http://growyourfood.weebly.com>. \$125

■ **8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Feb. 12-19:** The Permaculture Design Certification Course. Attention all landscape professionals, builders, contractors, ecologists, gardeners, city planners. Do you want to make real changes in the economic terrain? Do you want to appeal to your supporters with edible landscapes and a truly self-sustainable food system? This invaluable intensive course is for you. Learn how to create self-sustaining and whole living systems around dwellings, towns and cities. Improve your local economy and increase nutritional wellness by bringing accessibility to whole organics fruits and vegetables. Course website: <http://heartlandgardenspermaculture.weebly.com/index.html>

■ **More information:** www.heartlandgardens.org.

Community gardeners

Like Mr. Thursby of Golden Gate City, Bob Prier, who lives just of U.S. 41 in Port Charlotte, has cultivated a vegetable garden that produces enough for his neighbors to enjoy as well.

"I used to joke that I've become a little more efficient and proficient, that I'd like to produce enough vegetables for my block here," says Mr. Prier, whose seasonal abundance consists of a wide variety of produce, including his "must-have" favorite: sweet corn. "But that's a lofty goal. We'll see how it goes."

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County Regional Park in Punta Gorda should open in about a month. People can buy a 3½-by-10-foot bed and grow their own vegetables there for \$10 a year (\$20 for a plot that's twice as long).

"We've put a tremendous amount of sweat equity into this," says Nancy Prafke, CEO of Team Punta Gorda, which worked with Charlotte County Community Services to make the garden a reality.

In Fort Myers, Andrea Guerrero, founder of the nonprofit Heartland Gardens, has a similar goal. Her mission is to create 500 local, food-producing gardens on vacant lots or wherever ornamental landscaping would be more traditional. These will be gardens that look as good as they taste.

"What it comes down to is creating an edible landscape," Mr. Guerrero says. "If you're going to landscape your home, you're looking to beautify it, right? Why not make it beautiful and edible?"

She points to the larger community health benefits of growing your own food, the preservation of fossil fuels it entails and the economic benefits.

Mr. Anderson let Ms. Guerrero her use a 1-acre space on one of his properties to create a scenic and edible garden in the shape of a labyrinth. Ms. Guerrero says she plans to talk about this with other builders and landscapers to help explain a new way of looking at their work, based on the idea of "permaculture."

A permaculture certification course Heartland Gardens hosts in February will be directed toward the area's professional builders, landscapers, gardeners and city planners.

"It's not just about the food and the farm, but an entire system together that provides a living system, sustainable throughout the roughest type of economic pressure," she says. "It's really about longevity."

Beautiful and edible

Sara Fitzpatrick Comito and her young backyard helper, 10-year-old Rhys, spend many evenings and weekends getting their hands dirty together.

"It's nice family time," says Ms. Comito, a poet and freelance journalist. "Rhys and I have had some deep conversations doing worm compost."

John Comito says dinnertime conversation often goes something like this: "Honey, go get me some basil. I need a little rosemary, too, and a little thyme and oregano. We're making a pizza."

He's not talking about dry herbs from a jar bought months ago at the grocery store; these are fresh, just steps out the back or front door. In the front yard, the Comitos' landscaping includes a patch of sweet potatoes with heart-shaped leaves, a burgeoning blackberry bramble, mint and basil, all mixed with ornamental plants like bromeliads into a seamless landscape.

In the back, jicama — a root vegetable with an apple-like flavor that's popular in salads and made into a beverage — grows along the fence like ivy. For watering their crops, the family harvests rainwater from a rooftop gutter into a 55-gallon barrel that has a spout at the bottom like a keg.

A similar barrel stationed by the air-conditioning unit is rigged to catch the condensation that builds up there.

"Once we turned the A/C on this season it only took a couple of days (to fill up)," Ms. Comito says about the barrel.

Like the Skerlec and Caminos families, the Comitos are just getting their fall produce started. Squash, lettuce and tomatoes are on the menu.

"We've worked the soil for three or four seasons now, and we're still learning," Mr. Comito says, a farmer in his field, surveying his seedlings while savoring a beer at the end of the day.



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The author made some quail eggs for breakfast and can attest to their excellent flavor.

Even the family's two well-fed cats are appropriately named, Parsnip and Oshinko.

You, too, can be a city farmer

Santiago De Choch addressed a crowd of more than 100 people on a hot Saturday morning at the GreenMarket at the Alliance of the Arts in Fort Myers. They had come to hear him talk about growing vegetables in tight spaces — in a residential neighborhood, with or without a yard, and cheaply.

"This is one way, not the way," said Mr. De Choch (pronounced "coach"), the market manager, as people took scrupulous notes and listened carefully. He explained how to plant seedlings in small containers — you plant more than you need to "ensure germination" and then trim back the excess later — then move them to 6-inch pots and later to a raised bed in the yard, or to a windowsill planter, or wherever.

Make sure to poke holes in the bottoms of the containers (reuse plastic ones if you

want) for drainage.

He demonstrated different vegetables and succulents that can thrive in a windowsill or on the lanai: carrots, garlic, onion, radicchio, lettuces and peppers. These are not the big, shiny supermarket variety, he warned; but they are delicious. Getting the right amount of sunlight keeps them healthy, he added, as does watering "every single day, (like) a gentle rain."

Southwest Florida soil is famously lousy, full of sand. Mr. De Choch uses his own special supplemental growing medium that includes lots of very cheap soil as a base, with worm castings and a bit of something peatier.

He and his daughter, who helped him with the GreenMarket presentation, used a special "high-tech tool," perhaps an old coffee-table leg, to stir up the dirt mixture in a wheelbarrow. He offered tips such as: If you're growing lemongrass, it gets huge, so it's going to need some extra root space. Everglades tomato plants also grow extensive root systems, he cautioned.

Mulch is a common method of weed control in organic gardens. A way to control bugs is mixing either cheap white vinegar or crushed red pepper flakes or dish soap with water and spraying the plants. This is "not a kill-all solution, like chemicals," he said. But it's organic and it helps.

He held up some green peppers in a pot. "This is what you can have, even in your lanai," he said. "I am a fan of peppers. They keep producing. They last years. Cayenne, green peppers, all those guys."

An older couple walked up to the edge of the crowd, drawn by Mr. De Choch's enthusiasm.

"What's he selling?" the woman asked, a question directed at perhaps herself, her companion or anyone in the vicinity.

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Café offers another chance for lunch with 'Dream Houses' author, photographer

Not to worry if you missed the first three sold-out luncheons at Bamboo Café French Home Cooking for "Dream Houses: Historic Beach Homes & Cottages of Naples." A fourth luncheon is set for noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, with the book's author/interior designer and photographer, Joie Wilson and Penny Taylor, respectively.



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Published by University Press of Florida, a not-for-profit university press, "Dream Houses" celebrates the stories of homeowners who have restored their historic beach cottages in Old Naples. The book sold out its entire first printing in eight weeks and is featured in the October 2011 Ladies Home Journal as a top pick by best-selling author and Naples resident Janet Evanovich.

Books will be available for purchase (\$45) and for signing by the author and photographer at the luncheon. Cost of the luncheon is \$25 per person. Space is limited and reservations are recommended. Call Bamboo Café at 643-6177 or visit www.BambooCafe-Naples.com. The restaurant is at 755 12th Ave. S. at Crayton Cove in Old Naples. ■

Chamber to honor public servants at Wake Up Naples

The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce presents its annual Distinguished Public Service Awards during a special Wake Up Naples meeting beginning at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, at the Hilton Naples. Awards will be presented to members of Collier County's law enforcement, fire services and EMS forces.

Cost is \$20 for chamber members in advance, \$25 for non-members and

everyone at the door. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

Golden Gate City hosts Columbus Day Parade

The Knights of Columbus present the 14th annual Columbus Day Parade at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at St. John Neumann's High School in Golden Gate City. Participants should arrive by 9 a.m. to ensure a place in the lineup. Sign up by e-mailing jeffsill@comcast.net or christopherkehl@yahoo.com. ■

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CLUB NOTES

Schools superintendent will address women

The League of Women Voters of Collier County and the local American Association of University Women will welcome Kamela Patton, superintendent of Collier County schools, as their guest speaker at noon Monday, Oct. 10, at the Hilton Naples. Ms. Patton will discuss her first 100 days on the job in Collier County.

Cost of the luncheon program is \$20. Guests are welcome. For reservations or more information, call 263-4656 or visit www.lwvcolliercounty.org.

Orchid Society set for Oct. 6

"How to Kill Your Orchids" is the program topic at the Naples Orchid Society meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Guest speaker Linda Rolf of Woodland Orchids 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.

Membership in the Naples Orchid Society is \$40 for individuals and \$50 for families. For information, call 403-7155 or visit www.naplesorchidsociety.org.

Boys & Girls Club Auxiliary meetings begin this month

Monthly meetings of the Auxiliary of the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County begin at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 14, at club headquarters at the corner of Davis Boulevard and Santa Barbara Road.

Auxiliary members are dedicated ambassadors of the BGCCC who help raise funds to the club can make life better for the youth of the community. New this year, membership is open to men.

For more information, call 325-1765 or visit www.bgccc.com.

Get acquainted with newcomers

The Naples Newcomers Club welcomes women who have been permanent residents of Naples for no more than five years and who want to meet others who are new to the area.

The club meets for luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of every month at country clubs throughout the area. In addition, groups within the club plan outings and dates to share varied interests, such as mah-jongg and duplicate bridge, gourmet cooking and discussions about philosophy.

Prospective members are invited to coffee at 10 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month. For meeting locations and more information, call 298-4083 or visit www.naplesnewcomers.com. ■

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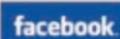
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burial plot in Royal Palm Memorial Gardens in Punta Gorda is also finding that buyers are scarce.

"My dad bought the plot 30 or 40 years ago," says the woman who prefers to be identified only by her first name, Cindy. "He eventually was buried in the Sarasota National Cemetery, so we don't need this site in Punta Gorda."

Cindy says the plot is valued at nearly \$1,000, but she does not expect to receive fair value — if she can sell it at all.

"I'm asking \$800, but even at that reduced price, we're just not seeing any interest," she says. "I don't really know how to sell a plot, but we've listed it online, which seems to be the best way to do it."

The transient nature of Southwest Florida's population plays a role in the sale of cemetery plots.

One former resident of the area is advertising two side-by-side burial lots in Lee Memorial Park's Garden of Peace. The seller, who asked that his name be withheld, is asking \$6,500 for the lots.

"We've moved (to California), and we have absolutely no use for these lots now," he says. He declined to say if he has received any serious offers.

There are reports that in certain areas of Florida cemetery plots are being sold to generate cash for people who have been hit hard by the recession.

That doesn't appear to be the case in Southwest Florida, says Jan Smith, managing partner at Fuller Funeral Homes, which operates in Naples and Cape Coral.

Ms. Smith says many residents of Southwest Florida who came here to retire actually return to their original hometowns for burial.

"And more people are exploring the option of cremation," she adds.

Donnell Sullivan, general manager at Fort Myers Memorial Funeral Home and Cemetery, echoes Ms. Smith's analysis.

"We simply do not see very many people who are selling their (cemetery plots) solely because they need the money," he says.

"We've been hearing reports about people selling their cemetery plots because they are in desperate need of cash, but it is all anecdotal and we have no hard data to back it up," says Jessica Koth, spokeswoman for the National Funeral Directors Association. "In retirement places like Florida and Arizona, people do tend to change their minds and decide to be buried somewhere else," she says.

Whatever the reason, Harold Graviss remains undeterred. He says he will keep the plots on the market until — well until he shuffles off his mortal coil.

"If I don't sell them before I die, I'll just pass them on to someone else, and it will be their headache," he says.

Still, he would dearly like to be free of the parcels.

"Yeah, I'd like to have the extra money to spend on something else — something I really want or need," he says. "Hey, could you help me out? Could you put my telephone number in the paper? Maybe that would get the ball rolling. You know at my age, I need to sell 'em pretty quick."

Well, why not? If you're itching to find a spot for eternal repose, give Mr. Graviss a shout at 466-0765. He's dying to hear from you. ■

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Inspired by girl's cancer battle, donors turn out to give blood

BY LAURA TICHY-SMITH
Special to Florida Weekly

Not many kindergarteners get to help save someone's life, especially not one fighting for her own survival. The story of Lilly DeJesus' need for transfusions in her cancer battle inspired a heavy turnout for a blood drive held on her behalf at Edison State College-Collier Campus last month. The collected units will help save the lives of many local patients who need them. So while undergoing transfusions for her own healing, Lilly has helped other patients, too.

For four hours on Sept. 19, the Community Blood Centers bloodmobile hummed steadily in contrast to the bursts of song from a mockingbird perched among the cattails nearby. Inside, the six donation stations were constantly occupied. When done, donors were invited to sign a get-well card for Lilly.

Laura Rosen, community relations manager for the CBC, reports that the ESC blood drive attracted 64 people and resulted in 50 pints of blood collected. Normally, she says, the bloodmobile rolls out from a campus visit with 30 pints, so the donations on this day were almost double. A typical blood drive at some locations in Collier County might yield as few as 15 pints in four hours, Ms. Rosen adds.

Surprising statistics for this drive include that one-third of the registrants

were walkups who had not signed up ahead of time, about 10 percent had no connection to the college and a higher than usual number were first-time donors. One person even drove from Fort Myers to give blood.

Heidi Lewis was among those who dropped in to donate. "I know Lilly's grandma," she said. "We've been praying for her at church, and then I saw the article about her blood drive in *Florida Weekly* (published Sept. 15)."

Tina Ottman, professor of biology at ESC, commented about why she would wait in line for the opportunity to give blood. "There was that cute little face staring back at you," she said, referring to 5-year-old Lilly's photo illustrating the poster and the newspaper story.

"At 10 a.m. it started steady and it's kept going," said Brianna Pool, Lilly's cousin. An ESC-Collier student, Ms. Pool organized the blood drive with help from fellow members of the Student Government Association.

With luck, the donors who came forward on Sept. 19 will continue to donate blood and support the life-saving legacy motivated by Lilly's fight against cancer. If you missed this blood drive, you can still help by donating blood in Lilly's name. Call 436-5455 or visit www.givebloodcbc.org for more information.

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



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OUTDOORS

Every foray into the 'Fak' is a new adventure

BY JONELL MODYS
Special to Florida Weekly

There are a few places I've been that are so remarkable all I need to do is close my eyes and focus and I'm transported back, with sharp details etched in Technicolor memory. Some such places I may never have the chance to visit again.

Places like Machu Pichu. I climbed the Inca Trail for five days to get there. The sight of the altar stones that were transported to this impossible location on a small pinnacle rising high above the Urubamba river was enough to inspire belief in either ancient astronauts or some rare combination of intelligence and strength exhibited by the Incas that is now lost to humankind. Or Ngorongoro Crater in Tanzania, where I saw the black-maned lions that dwell only there, and teeming herds of wildlife.

Another is the Fakahatchee Strand. I'm fortunate that this memorable spot is in my own backyard, so to speak, and therefore I've been able to see it at different times and under varying natural circumstances over the course of the past 13 years.

I've lost count of how many times I've ventured in to this place since my first trip in the late 1990s. Back then and for many years after, every trip involved venturing into a watery wilderness. It's known as the "Amazon of North America" for the river that runs through the primordial Florida cypress

strand swamp, creating the longest linear swamp in the world.

My early hikes in the Fakahatchee typically involved trekking through water ranging from knee to hip and even chest deep.

Years of drought, however, have brought new experiences trodding over damp, uneven terrain. On one occasion I sank up to my chest into a soft bed of peaty soil while traveling to see a collection of rare guzmania bromeliads, momentarily hidden from my hiking companions who were looking for me head high rather than a few feet from the forest floor.

So many marvels

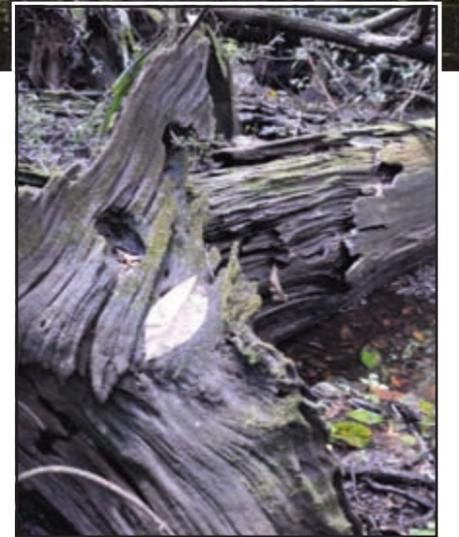
On a recent hike over dry, then moist, then finally watery terrain, I thought about the reasons why the Fakahatchee remains so special in my realm of experience. The towering native bald cypress provides a regal presence. I have an enduring fascination for pond apple trees, which for me lend an aura of magical mystique with their gnarled roots that remind me of the talking apple tree in "The Wizard of Oz." Their lattice-like branches envelope passersby in a swampy cathedral.

The tree canopy, the linear water flow and the carpet of ancient peat work together to form a unique microclimate that is an ideal environment for orchids.

The Fakahatchee is the native orchid capital of the United States, with 47 species of native wild orchids, most of them endangered.



Barbara Bowen, Peggy and Bill Goldberg and Leslie Riggio with photographer-guide Rick Cruz in the swamp.

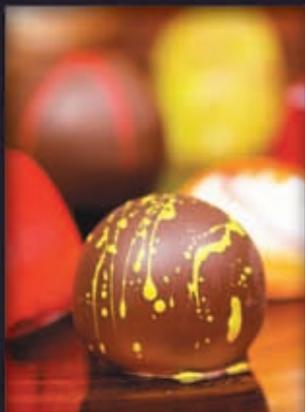


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Birdcalls and the soft whispers of wind through the trees lure me deeper into this quiet realm. It's so peaceful I fall into an almost meditative state.

At the same time, the knowledge that creatures like alligators and a variety of snakes dwell here brings on a state of heightened awareness and alert. Even the plants pose potential hazards, some of them far greater than the irritation resulting from contact with poison ivy. It's important to watch your step to avoid tripping and risking impalement on cypress knees or protruding sharp edges

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A pond apple tree evokes thoughts of "The Wizard of Oz."

of fallen trees, which can be in plain sight or hidden beneath several feet of water.

The combination of calm combined with intense alertness is intoxicating and illuminating. It comes as a welcome relief from the incessant irritations of deadlines and mundane activities that I encounter on a daily basis.

Go with a pro

My most recent foray into the "Fak" was a photo eco safari with accomplished nature photographer Rick Cruz, who has 20 years of experience photographing the rare orchids and landscapes of Florida's western Everglades. Mr. Cruz was leading this trip for several professional photographers attending the Florida Outdoor Writers Association

annual conference that was held this year in Naples. Participants were expected to have a good command of their camera equipment.

Mr. Cruz pointed out rare plants, some so tiny and camouflaged they would have easily been overlooked by the uninitiated, along with interesting textures in tree bark and other material, opportunistic lighting situations and interesting angles for composition. Among the many species we spied were the whisk fern, a living fossil from the time before the dinosaurs; the tiny jingle bell orchid; and the rare ghost orchid, a leafless epiphyte that grows on tree trunks and is nearly impossible to spot when not displaying its white, showy blossoms.

In addition to his professional photography, Rick offers eco tours that include the photo safari along with swamp walks, hikes and paddling trips through his company, Rick Cruz Expeditions.

It's always a good idea for newcomers to the swamp to sign on for guided adventures with experienced leaders like Mr. Cruz, or to take advantage of the ranger-led expeditions offered by Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park during the winter months. Not only will you not have to worry about getting lost, you'll benefit from knowledgeable expedition leaders who can point out the many fascinating plants, animals and mysteries of one of the world's most unique and memorable places. ■

— JoNell Modys is the public relations and communications manager with the Naples, Marco Island, Everglades Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Field trips into Florida panther territory

The first annual Florida Panther Festival set for Saturday, Oct. 29, at North Collier Regional Park will shed light on the plight of the Florida panther through interactive activities about the endangered cat's life and habitat.

Activities include presentations by panther biologists, interactive walks, fun and educational activities for children, livestock pen demonstration, bluegrass music, food vendors, information from various conservation agencies and organizations in panther territory, and much more. Admission is free.

In conjunction with the festival, a variety of field trips are being offered Friday, Oct. 28, into areas where panthers roam. Field trip choices include a guided swamp buggy tour and hike at the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge, a bird rookery swamp trail hike at the CREW Land & Water Trust, an extensive swamp buggy ride through Big Cypress National Preserve, a guided tour of Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary and guided bicycle tours through Picayune Strand State Forest and Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park. Registration is required, and fees apply.

For more information on the field trips and registration, visit www.FloridaPantherFestival.com, or call 353-8442, ext. 229. ■

Register for Rookery Bay adventure

Registration opened Oct. 1 for the second annual Rookery Bay Reserve Adventure Race set for 8-10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center.

The adventure consists of a 3K kayak race on Henderson Creek and a 4K run on the Snail Trail. Individuals and relay teams can sign up, and kayak rentals will be available. All participants will receive a T-shirt with logo designed by Gary Lytton, director of the reserve, and admission to the learning center. Awards will be given to the top three finishers in the categories of men, women and relays.

Registration is \$40 for individuals and \$70 for relay teams, with spots limited to 70 participants. Sign up at www.rookerybay.org.

The Rookery Bay Adventure Race is sponsored by Up A Creek Kayak Tours, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and Friends of Rookery Bay.

For more information, call race director Susan Cone at 293-6232 or e-mail susan@upacreekkayak.com. ■



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Here are some walks and runs coming up to raise awareness about and funds for various nonprofit organizations and causes:

■ 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/flgulfcoast. 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 begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at North Collier Regional Park. To register 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 Naples North Rotary Club holds the Sunset & Suds 5K race on Friday, Nov. 11, starting at 5:30 p.m. at Da Ru Ma on Vanderbilt Beach Road and finishing on the beach at the Turtle Club. A beach party complete with steel drum band, beer and food will follow the race.

Registration is \$20 in advance and \$25 on race day. All proceeds will benefit the Naples North Rotary Foundation. Sign up at www.raceit.com. For more information, call 250-5085.

■ 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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■ Help Collier County students make great strides toward their future by taking part in a 5K walk/run to benefit the Take Stock in Children scholarship and mentoring program on Saturday, Nov. 19. All high school juniors through college students who participate are eligible to win scholarship dollars in prizes and drawings.

Check-in starts at 7:30 a.m. and the race starts at 8:30 a.m. at the Collier County School District Administration Center, 5775 Osceola Trail. Registration is \$10 for students, \$35 for adults (free T-shirts for those who sign up by Oct. 14). Corporate team registration is \$500 for up to eight runners.

For more information or to sign up, call the Education Foundation of Collier County at 643-4755 or visit www.GetOnTheBusCollier.org/5KWalk.

■ The Jolley Be Good 5K race to benefit the Marco Island Parks and Recreation Foundation takes place Saturday, Nov. 19, beginning at Veterans Community Park on Marco. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Humane Society Naples' dog training programs on Marco.

Registration opens at 6:30 a.m. and the run sets out at 7:30 a.m. along a route that travels Collier Boulevard and crosses the new Jolley Bridge before returning to the park. A noncompetitive, 1-mile fun walk around the park will set out at 7:35 a.m.

For registration and more information, contact the Gulf Coast Runners Association at www.gcrunner.org or call 642-0575.

■ The 2012 Golden Gate Relay For Life to benefit the American Cancer Society is set for the Golden Gate Community Center Friday and Saturday, April 27-28. Office colleagues, schoolmates, neighbors, friends and members of clubs and service organizations are forming teams to take turns walking the track.

A kick-off party for the relay starts at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at the community center. This year's theme is "Fairy Tales, Where Dreams Do Come True."

For more information or to sign up a team, call the American Cancer Society at 261-0337, ext. 3861, or visit the Relay For Life of Golden Gate website at www.relayforlife.org/goldengatefl. ■

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Late-night paddling, stretching on the beach

The Leapfrog Community and lululemon athletica present free paddleboarding and beach yoga under the full moon Saturday, Oct. 8, on the beach at Eighth Avenue South.

Basic paddleboarding instruction will take place from 9-10:30 p.m., with paddleboards provided by Windstakers/Naples Paddleboarding, True Blue Water Sports, Mindy Quincy and the International Man of Adventure.

Beginning at 11 p.m., an hour of yoga will be led by Sara Mueller of Bala Vinyasa Yoga.

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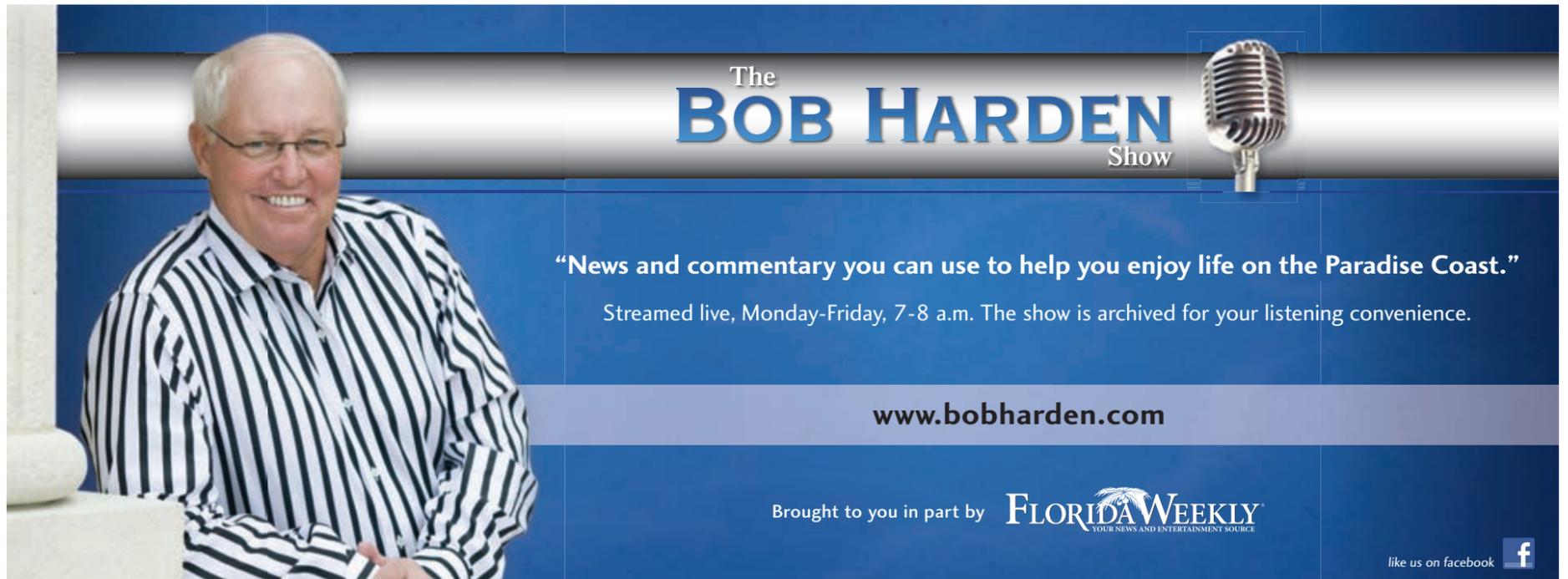
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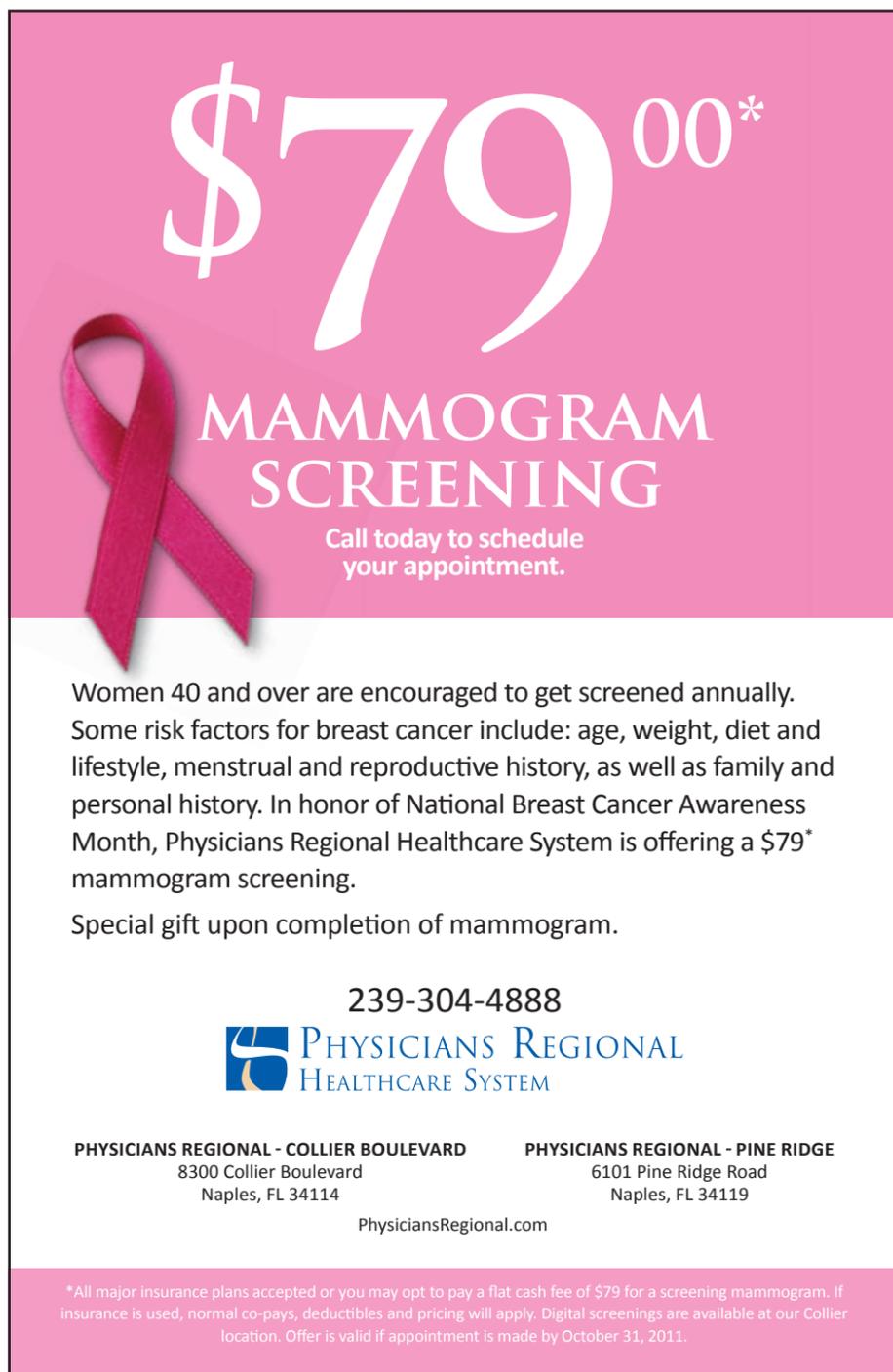
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Free seminars coming up

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■ "Robotic Hip and Knee Surgery," 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11: Orthopedic surgeon Jon Dounchis will discuss advances in treating knee pain for people with early to mid-stage osteoarthritis, including MAKOplasty joint resurfacing.

■ "Skin Cancer: What You Should Know," 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12: Dermatologist Robert Tomsick will discuss various skin cancers and treatments, including Mohs surgery.

The hospital is at 6101 Pine Ridge Road. The seminars are free, but reservations are required. Call 348-4180 or visit www.physiciansregional.com.

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.

A Swiss-born psychiatrist and author, Dr. Kubler-Ross 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 about kids' mental health

The Florida Gulf Coast University Florida Institute of Government and College of Education hosts a conference about children's mental health from 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at FGCU. Topics will include diagnosis and treatment in adolescent psychiatry, including bipolar disorder.

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

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

Free classes help blind, visually impaired

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Here's how to step up to the challenge:

■ **Step 1:** Get a group of five women together. Teams can join up until Saturday, Oct. 22; the challenge ends Saturday, Jan. 14.

■ **Step 2:** Visit www.GoRedForWomen.org to sign up and connect with like-minded people who are committed to making healthier choices every day.

■ **Step 3:** E-mail Monica.Seif@heart.org with "BetterU Challenge" in the subject line.

■ **Step 4:** You will receive a nomination form to be submitted at the end of your challenge, an exercise band and workout kit and a voucher good toward a Lee Memorial Health Systems clinic visit to "Know Your Numbers."

■ **Step 5:** Submit your team nomination form once you have completed your 12 weeks in one of the following ways: e-mail to Monica.Seif@heart.org with "BetterU Challenge" in the subject line, or fax to 495-4919, attention Monica Seif.

BetterU Challenge participants may rely on the numerous educational resources found online through the AHA's Go Red For Women initiative, including the Go Red BetterU. This free 12-week online program provides guidance to transform overall health through small, simple choices.

Ignoring fad diets and new exercise trends, Go Red BetterU focuses on the skills and information that help today's busy women lead their own lives, only better.

Powered by the science of the AHA and sponsored locally by Arthrex and Lee Memorial Health System, the Go Red BetterU program provides different tools, tips and information that, when followed, will add up to a complete heart makeover, including:

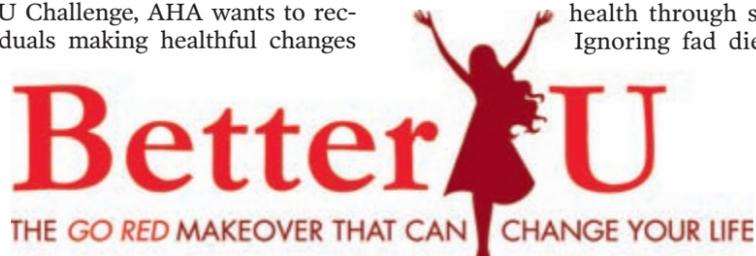
■ 12 weeks of step-by-step guidance on becoming healthy;

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■ Long- and short-term goal setting to provide motivation.

■ Journaling capabilities for tracking achievements.

The BetterU Challenge is sponsored locally by Arthrex and Lee Memorial Health Systems. The Go Red For Women campaign is nationally sponsored by Macy's and Merck. For more information, visit www.GoRedForWomen.org or call (888) MY-HEART (694-3278). ■



STRAIGHT TALK

Wishing longtime colleagues well,
welcoming a newcomer

NCH are no longer part of our health-care family.

Susan Wolff migrated from banking to a uniquely successful career in health-care information technology. Brian Settle started in health care and rose through the ranks to lead human resources at NCH for more than a decade.

The departures of Ms. Wolff and Mr. Settle are bittersweet. We are delighted that both are excited about life after NCH, but sad to see them go. Both have accomplished much during their long tenures with us.

Over the past 22 years, among many other achievements, Ms. Wolff spearheaded our migration to a highly integrated health-care system. Thanks largely to her efforts, NCH will be receiving government support for "meaningful use" of the electronic health record this year. We have already attained designation as level 6 on a scale of 7 from the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society, which places us among the top 200 systems in America.

Susan also has had much to do with our successful partnership with Cerner Corp., our information technology provider, as we forged a widely admired partnership model. She also assisted Moorings Park and the Neighborhood Health Clinic with information technology efforts.

Mr. Settle has been a steady influence during often- hectic times over these past 11 years at NCH, and has served in the health care human resources profession for 32 years. He has been a board member of the Naples Area Chamber of Commerce and president of

the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board.

The NCH school nurse program has flourished due to Mr. Settle's steadfast support. He has also been instrumental in the growth and development of the Bear's Den Daycare Program. He was a leader in our partnership with 400 Anchor Health Group employees, and he has worked tirelessly to improve our health plan so that all of us can realize better outcomes. This health plan has already saved lives by encouraging early detection of potentially fatal conditions and changing the course of many chronic illnesses for our colleagues and families.

Filling the shoes of these two outstanding colleagues will not be easy, but we are actively recruiting. We owe Ms. Wolff and Mr. Settle a large debt of gratitude. Please join me in wishing both of them the very best of times as they begin new chapters in their lives.

And a welcome

As we say goodbye to Ms. Wolff and Mr. Settle, we welcome Zach Bostock as Chief Administrative Officer for the NCH Healthcare Group, responsible for developing our 67-physician and 20-nurse practitioner and physician assistant practice. Mr. Bostock joins us from Louisville, Ky., where he served as COO of a 300-physician integrated practice.

The addition of Mr. Bostock to our administrative staff is emblematic of the fact that NCH continues to grow and prosper and add superior talent, even as some of our longstanding contributors retire. That we continue to serve our community with the highest quality of health care is a reality that will never change. ■

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

New options for treating spider and varicose veins

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Individuals with varicose or “spider” veins stop wearing shorts because they don’t like the way their legs look and often suffer quietly in pain. But there are several treatment options that can relieve symptoms and help sufferers feel better about their appearance.

Spider veins are very small blood vessels below the skin’s surface that when damaged can form webs of blue, purple or red veins. Though they rarely cause serious symptoms, spider veins are visible.

Varicose veins occur when vein damage causes blood to flow in the wrong direction. Blood then pools in the veins, causing them to swell. Most common in the legs, varicose veins are associated with aching, fatigue and itching. The veins also can bulge, twist and stand out visibly.

Although risk factors of age, gender and family history can make spider and varicose veins more likely to form, physical inactivity is a primary cause, according to Dr. Richard Gelb, a cardiovascular specialist with Physicians Regional Healthcare System.

“The less active you are, the more likely you are to get varicose veins,” he says.

Research also has shown that women are three times as likely to develop problem veins as men, and the condition worsens with each pregnancy. A recent study of 405 women showed that

women who have had one pregnancy accounted for 13 percent of such cases; women with two pregnancies accounted for 30 percent; and women with three or more pregnancies accounted for 57 percent of such cases.

Varicose veins are a progressive disease and do not get better by themselves, Dr. Gelb says. But there are a few things sufferers can do to reduce symptoms and help buy time before surgery is required. He recommends regular exercise such as walking or bicycle riding at least 30 minutes most days of the week. Compression therapy can also help reduce symptoms by mechanically compressing the legs with prescription leg stockings. Elevation of legs can also help by helping blood flow back to the heart.

But such self-care treatments only delay the need for a more permanent solution, Dr. Gelb adds.

The main treatment option for spider and certain varicose veins is a procedure known as sclerotherapy, which involves injecting a chemical into a problem vein. It is often painless, and patients typically can go home the same day.

Another option is endovenous ablation, an outpatient procedure in which the problem veins are destroyed and removed, after which blood then reroutes through other veins. Less invasive than stripping surgery, endovenous ablation involves only needle punctures, not incisions. Patients can go home within a few hours of the procedure and



Gelb

resume their normal activities.

Dr. Gelb and his fellow physicians perform these procedures at The Vein Center, an outpatient center that opened earlier this year on the campus of Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge. ■

— Physicians Regional Healthcare System is comprised of two premier hospitals in Collier County with 201 private rooms, an affiliated multi-specialty physician group and a medical staff of more than 300 physicians.

Physicians Regional opens Pine Ridge pharmacy

Physicians Regional Medical Group has opened its first full-service community pharmacy, an addition to Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge on the hospital campus at 6101 Pine Ridge Road. Patients upon discharge no longer have to commute to another pharmacy and wait for their prescriptions to be filled; mail service also is available at no additional charge.

The pharmacy also functions as an extension of the hospital and the physicians’ offices. The pharmacist can quickly contact a patient’s doctor should there be a question with the medication prescribed and the pharmacy staff can contact patients if there are insurance authorization issues or potential interactions between medications.

Physicians Regional Medical Group Pharmacy accepts most major prescription insurance plans and Medicare Part D. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. ■

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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH EVENTS



Here are some programs and promotions going on around town as part of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

■ **Slice of Hope**
Friday, Oct. 7

Aldo's Ristorante Italiano & Bar, 4820 Davis Blvd.

The restaurant will donate 20 percent of sales to the Karen Mullen Breast Cancer Foundation. Info: 659-2536 or www.aldosnaples.com.

■ **TREK Ride to Raise Awareness**
9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8

Trek Bicycle Store, Coconut Point
Choose to pedal a 10-mile or 25-mile route to raise funds and awareness for breast cancer awareness, screening and treatment. Into: 390-9909, www.trekbikesflorida.com.

■ **In The Pink**

10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9 Seminole Casino Immokalee

For its In The Pink charity slot tournament, the casino will donate \$5 of each \$10 slot to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Southwest Florida. Info: (800) 218-0007.

■ **Shop, Share, Support**

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12 Waterside Shops

Shop all day and take your receipts to the mall management office to be tallied. A portion of the day's sales — up to \$5,000 — will be donated to Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support In., and you'll get a breast cancer awareness gift in thanks. Info: 417-4600 or www.bbbsci.org.



■ **Let's Push Pink**

5-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13 Noodles Italian Café & Sushi Bar, 1585 Pine Ridge Road

For \$20, enjoy appetizers and a cocktail, and get a ticket for a door prize. The Calendar Girls will entertain, and a few Naples firefighters will be on hand, proudly wearing pink T-shirts to support the cause. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Info: www.putonyourpinkbra.com/naples.

■ **Powerful Women, Powerful Choices**
9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 15

The Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa

A free symposium about cancers significant to women. Info: 936-0382 or www.PowerfulWomenInfo.com. See story on page A22.

■ **Cut-a-thon for the Cure**

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15 LaMouche Salon & Spa, 26251 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs

Silent auction, Mobile Mammo bus from Radiology Regional, \$15 manicures, haircut and blow-dry or shampoo and haircut, \$30 shampoo, haircut and blow-dry. No appointment necessary. Proceeds go to Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support. Info: 949-2233.

■ **Third annual Mammos & Manicures**
5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19

Physicians Regional Medical Center, 8300 Collier Blvd.

Digital screening mammograms will be \$79. There will also be manicures, mini-massages, eyebrow threading and complimentary wine and hors

d'oeuvres. Reservations and more info: 348-4180.

■ **Women Supporting Women**

5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19 Handsome Harry's, 1205 Third St. S.

Enjoy creative cuisine and sample select wines at the ninth annual Women Supporting Women evening to benefit Cancer Alliance of Naples. Tickets: \$75 in advance (mail a check payable to CAN to Alice Carlson, 2730 Leeward Lane, Naples, FL 34103) or \$85 at the door. Info: e-mail womensupportingwomen.naples@gmail.com.

■ **Dive Wine Away Wednesday**

5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19 Fleming's, 8985 Tamiami Trail N.

Get your pink on and enjoy fall fashions and more to benefit the American Cancer Society's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Info: 598-2424 or www.putonyourpinkbra.com/naples.

■ **Key to the Cure**

Oct. 20-23

Saks Fifth Avenue, Waterside Shops

Shop all weekend and know that a portion of your purchases will be donated to Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support Inc. Saks will donate 100 percent of sales of the limited edition Key to the Cure T-shirt designed by Blilie Tahari to the cause. Info: 417-4600 or www.bbbsci.org.

■ **Second Annual Stiletto Sprint**

5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21

Starting at The von Liebig Art Center

A light-hearted, 500-yard race for the entire family to benefit the Garden of Hope and Courage at NCH and Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Southwest

Florida. Info: 434-66997 or 498-0016. See story on page A9.

■ **Second annual Pink Party**

8-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22 Blue Martini, Mercato

Raffle prizes and drink specials all night. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. Info: 261-0337.

■ **Fourth annual Bowl for the Cure**

1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23 The Beacon Bowl, 5400 Tamiami Trail N.

A tournament sponsored by the United States Bowling Congress, plus silent and live auctions and more fun to benefit Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Southwest Florida. Info: 597-3452.

■ **Spirit Girls' Night Out**

5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26

The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club

Celebrate your health as your best accessory. Presentations by physicians and clinical staff from NCH plus manicures, makeovers and more. Info: 552-7554.

■ **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer**

9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29

The Village on Venetian Bay

Gather pledges and step out for this noncompetitive walk to raise awareness and dollars to fight breast cancer. Pledges are dedicated to the American Cancer Society's research, education, patient support and advocacy programs to defeat the disease. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. Info: 403-2204 or www.putonyourpinkbra.com/naples. ■

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PET TALES

Clean and healthy

Weekly bathing gets the thumbs-up from veterinary search

BY GINA SPADAFORI
Universal Uclick

Dogs are content to live in dog-smell heaven, a place where water is only for drinking or swimming and never has soap added. Sadly, from a canine point of view, we make the rules that dictate how often dogs must be bathed.

But how often is that? Forget that old saw about "every six months" or even "every year." Who wants to live with a stinky dog? New veterinary research shows that weekly bathing with an appropriate shampoo — ask your veterinarian for a recommendation — will not only keep your dog pleasant to be around, but will also minimize or even eliminate skin problems.

So get ready: We're going to wash the dog!

Before you start, brush your dog well. Mats and tangles, once wet, just get worse and will likely have to be cut out. So get them out of the way first.

Let your brushed dog relax while you set up the proper equipment and fill the tub. A bath mat in the tub or sink will make your dog feel more comfortable by giving him something secure to stand on. You'll also need a spray nozzle. Some people rinse their dogs by pouring dirty bathwater back over them, but that defeats the purpose of bathing a dog (to get him clean), so use a nozzle.

Set out your towels and some dog-friendly shampoo and conditioner where you can reach them.

Right before the big plunge, put a pinch of cotton just inside your dog's ears to help keep the soap out (don't forget to remove the cotton afterward).

Don't spare the words of love and encouragement. In working with dogs, a good attitude can go a long way, but a bad one can go even further. If your dog knows how much you hate bath time, how can he get a positive, or at least tolerable, opinion of the process? Keep your attitude high and don't let up on the praise.

Lather up, rinse and repeat (the biggest mistake most people make is not rinsing well enough — it makes the coat dull and flaky). Follow up with a conditioner or detangler if your pet's coat needs either. Rinse thoroughly a final time.

Hold a towel over your dog loosely while he shakes. Your dog can get more water off by shaking than you can by toweling. So let him have at it, and then finish the job by rubbing him dry when he's done. (Forced-air dog dryers start at less than \$100 and can be a wonderful investment for a dog owner, especially those with long-haired pets.)

Don't let your dog outside until he's



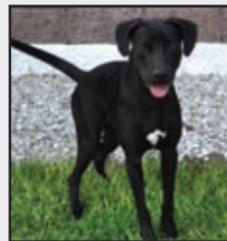
The idea that a dog should go months between baths is as outdated as doing laundry in a washtub.

dry, so he won't roll in something yucky and undo the work you've done.

And what about felines? While cats — especially shorthaired ones — generally do a pretty good job of keeping themselves well-groomed, if you have an allergy sufferer in the house, a weekly bath (or just a rinse with clean water) will help to keep the allergen levels to more manageable levels.

My cat gets a weekly bath because of my allergies. He doesn't like being bathed, but since I started him as a kitten he will tolerate it, more or less. ■

Pets of the Week



>>Barlee is a beautiful, friendly and smart Labrador retriever mix. She's about a year old and weighs 38 pounds. She's good on her leash and likes people, cats and other dogs, too.



>>Clyde is a handsome and sweet 5-year-old Yorkshire terrier mix. He weighs about 13 pounds, is good on his leash and also likes people, cats and other dogs.



>>Jimmy is a domestic shorthair who's about 6 months old. He gets along with other cats and loves to curl up in people's laps.



>>Lady is a lovely, affectionate calico who's about 1 year old. Well-mannered and beautiful, she needs a forever home.

To adopt a pet

This week's pets are available for adoption from Collier County Domestic Animal Services. Fees (\$85 for dogs; \$60 for cats) include sterilization surgery, vaccinations, pet license, ID microchip and a bag of food. Visit the DAS shelter at 7610 Davis Blvd. from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Info: 252-7387 or www.colliergov.net/pets.

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"Q: When is a rose not a rose?
A: When it is awry."
— not Alice B. Toklas

"When a body meet a body coming
through the rye..."
— Robert Burns

"Objects in mirror are closer than
they appear."
— safety warning required on side
mirrors of vehicles in USA, Canada,
and Australia

"I saw the best minds of my gen-
eration destroyed by madness, starving
hysterical naked, ...the rose incarnate in
the ghostly clothes... and blew the suf-
fering of America's naked mind for love
into an eli eli lamma lamma sabacthani
saxophone cry that shivered the cities...
with the absolute heart of the poem of
life butchered out of their own bodies
good to eat a thousand years."
— Allen Ginsberg, "Howl"

"Can't is the cancer of happen."
— Charlie Sheen

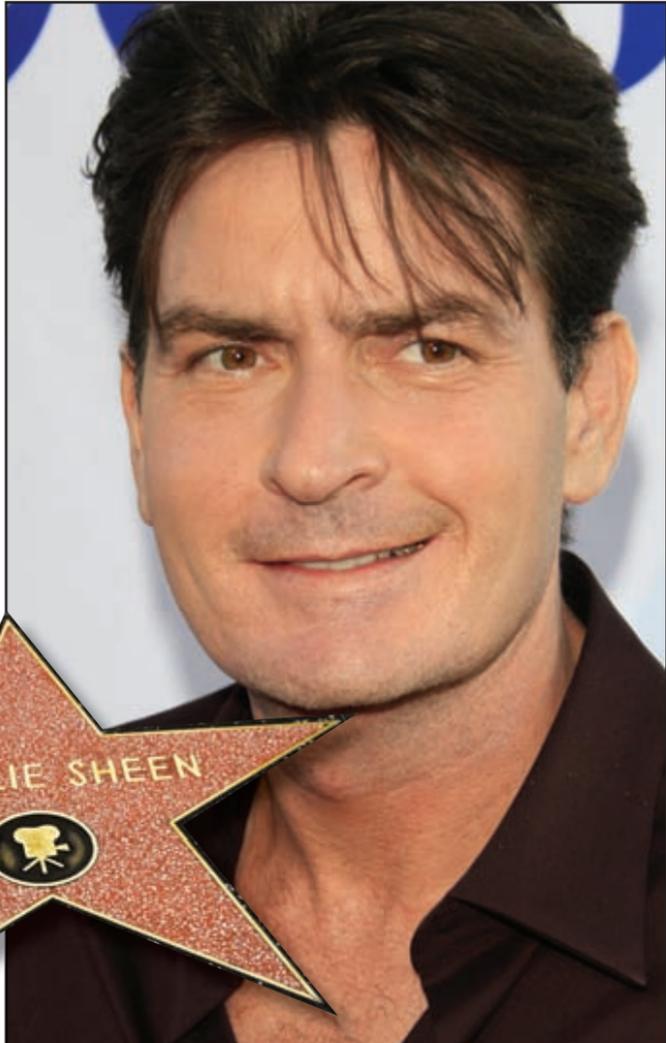
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ten in honor of the tiger blood in
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claimed, defamed, concealed, recon-
dite, uptightly met, swimming in sweet
sweat, surrounded by willing god-
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Martian rock stars and sporks stolen
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tired of pretending they are not "spe-
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who you are...

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You are special.
You are my friend.
You're special to me.
You are the only one like you.
Like you, my friend, I like you.
In the daytime,
In the nighttime,
Any time you feel's the right time
For a friendship with me, you see:
F-R-I-E-N-D special.
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There's only one in this
Wonderful world: You Are Special.
— Fred M. Rogers

Is there something off in our com-
munication? I speak ("off" is not the
right word...), and when you answer
("mysterious?") the speaking speaker
has morphed ("inchoate?") into an X
as unrecognizable as a butterfly is to

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old? Or merely cus-
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The Paddlers Club is just one of many activities for residents at Shell Point Retirement Community in South Fort Myers.

Growing wealthy gracefully

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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Enough already! Enough of the young and the restless, the married with kids, the married without kids, the "youth" culture and all it implies — the 20-somethings, 30-somethings or 40-somethings.

If you want to make money in the future with sure-bet businesses — that is, if you're creative enough as an entrepreneur and insightful enough as a prognosticator of future wealth to seize the day — look to the aging market, characterized by the deep human craving for both mental and physical health, along with contact, say the experts.

By decade's end, the complex and changing market of the 50- to 90-some-

'Aging' entrepreneurs likely to grow wealthy in a decade

things (broad as that may appear) is where the money will be in Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties.

"The more we can keep people healthy the better for society, both personally and economically," notes Dr. Allen Weiss, CEO and president of NCH Healthcare System.

An intelligent and wide response to that market might not only resur-

rect the regional economy, but inspire an opulence many forecasters pessimistically ascribe only to the past.

But it could be the future, again, says Jim Nathan, president and CEO of Lee Memorial Health Systems.

"We should be the laboratory for aging in the United States, but when people talk about economic development, I feel like there is so much being missed," he explains.

"When the economy turns around, our community will still be a retiree community and a service economy serving them. It's going to be huge here in only a few short years because all those baby boomers, slowed but not stopped by the

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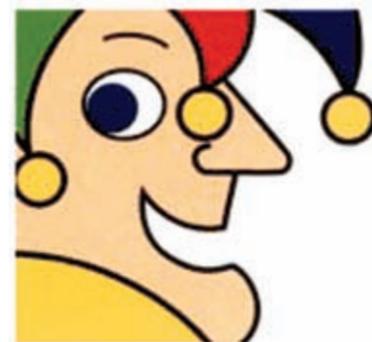
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Gulf Coast Venture Forum opens season with Naples event

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Gulf Coast Venture Forum, in conjunction with Florida Venture Forum and the Tamiami Angel Fund, launches the 2011-12 season with a joint meeting of the Naples and Sarasota chapters on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the Naples Grande Resort & Club. Registration and reception begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by a presentation at 7 p.m. Mark Heesen, president of the National Venture Capital Association, will discuss "The Outlook for Venture Capital Investing, Regionally and

Locally."

Mr. Heesen has advocated for the venture capital industry, entrepreneurship and innovation for nearly two decades, first as NVCA's head of public policy and, since 1999, as the association's president. He is a frequent presenter at industry conferences, a familiar and trusted source in news articles focusing on the ven-



ture industry and a recurrent guest on CNBC and Bloomberg Television.

"The investment climate is critical to the U.S. economy because long-term gains from economic stimulus come from investment, not consumption," says Timothy Cartwright, GCVF president. The mission of GCVF, he adds, is to put capital to work in innovative and entrepreneurial firms.

The kick-off event is open to the public. Admission is \$65 in advance, \$75 at the door. Register at www.floridaventureforum.org.

The Gulf Coast Venture Forum meets monthly October-May in Naples and Sarasota. Meetings in Naples are Nov. 11, Dec. 15, Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 8, April 12 and May 10 in the clubhouse at Tiburon Golf Course.

For information about membership requirements, visit www.gcvf.com. And watch for details about the 2012 Florida Venture Capital Conference coming to Naples in late January. ■

MONEY & INVESTING

Operation Twist leads to instability among equities



Possibly the first thing you are thinking is that this column's title is woefully wrong and that the rockin' and rollin' in equities has been caused by factors far beyond Operation Twist, the most recent of the Federal Reserve's moves to help the U.S. economy.

And you are right. To the fundamental analyst or investor, causative factors are assigned to a decline. These factors might include: weakening U.S. economic data, extremely severe problems to hold the EU together, recent reports that China's industrial sector has been slowing, and, as of last week, a major SEC investigation into the accounting of Chinese Internet stocks listed on U.S. exchanges. The litany could be a lot longer... but you get the gist that the news has been B-A-D.

Equity investors might be looking more and more like Nick Nolte on one of his bad hair days. It might be the time to take a different look at how to live the equity side of life differently. Maybe a new "do" is due.

As oft written in this column, the sweet spot for U.S. equities was in the 1990s. There were many factors in our favor. Our currency was strong. Interest rates were falling so companies/consumers were refinancing at lower

rates. Big opportunities were realized in trade expansion. The governments (state and federal) and consumer had leverage capacity and had not reached their peaks. Although much of the U.S. industrial base had left our shores, the sucking sound of service jobs leaving the U.S. was barely audible.

Almost all of that has changed. Now, low-, medium- and high-end service jobs have found cheaper pastures in countries where labor is paid, on the low end, 50 cents to \$2 an hour and, on the high end, 20 percent of typical American wages. Federal, state and consumer groups all face severe restrictions on debt incurrence; "austerity" is the new buzz except for the Federal Reserve, for which the rule book has been thrown away. There are some positives. U.S. technology and telecoms' advance, which fattened many a wallet but also translated into job cuts and outsourcing for the masses.

So the environment for investing in the 1990s was entirely different from 2000-2011... and the serious money that has been made in 2000-2011 was not made in the same 1990 portfolios. (Except of course, Apple and Google.)

The big talk now is whether the U.S. equity market (which, these days, looks more and more correlated with world markets) is in a bear market. Simply put, I do not think easy money is to be made on the long side of the U.S. equity market for the next several years.

Hindsight is perfect and, sure, anyone can see that 2000-2011 has been "net

nowhere" for most equity investors as gains disappear, then reappear, then disappear again. The future? I think more of the same.

Maybe the current downdraft ends with Greece getting more money, the EFSF being signed by all of the EU, maybe Bernanke announces a full dosage QE3, and maybe we are off to another leg up in equities. But how long will the the leg up last? Three months? Then another wall?

As I see it, equities will look like this for several years to come: rallies into seemingly insurmountable problems of deleveraging. So what can an equity investor do? Stay with the buy and hold managers/investment approach? I don't think so. Some might say, "Well, you can't time the market. All the data says that if you miss the 10 to 20 biggest 'up days' of the market, then you miss a large chunk of the market's advance." That's true.

But that retort is often given by managers who really don't have the capacity or interest or capability or desire to do anything other than sit on their investments once purchased. The standard 1 percent asset management fee is paid rain or shine.

Buy and hold, market timing, or cash are not the only equity options. (Higher yielding stocks providing a "floor" is very much a viable strategy and is worthy of its own column.)

Here are some suggestions and they are not original. These equity investing rules come from the founder of Invest-

ment Business Daily, William O'Neil, from his book "24 Essential Lessons for Investment Success."

■ "Cut your losses on a stock at 8 percent below your buy point..."so as to protect yourself against the possibility of much larger losses."

■ "Concentrate on a few high quality stocks. There's no need to own 20 or more stocks." With \$1,000,000 or less, you should own five or six. But you had better really know and manage the five or six.

■ "When purchasing a stock, only buy half of your desired position at the initial buy point, then buy a small amount more if the price rises 2 percent or 3 percent above your first "Average up in price, never down."

Now this is far from the complete list of O'Neil's do's and don'ts but some of these rules are foundational to his approach. I would not expect any institution to live by these rules as most don't have the interest, capacity, capability or desire to do so... even if legally possible.

But, if the bear is on, these and other risk and money management tools might be helpful in protecting your portfolio. As always recommended, talk to your advisers about the suitability of any of these ideas, consult several advisers for diversity in perspectives and seek the counsel of advisers in areas of specialization. ■

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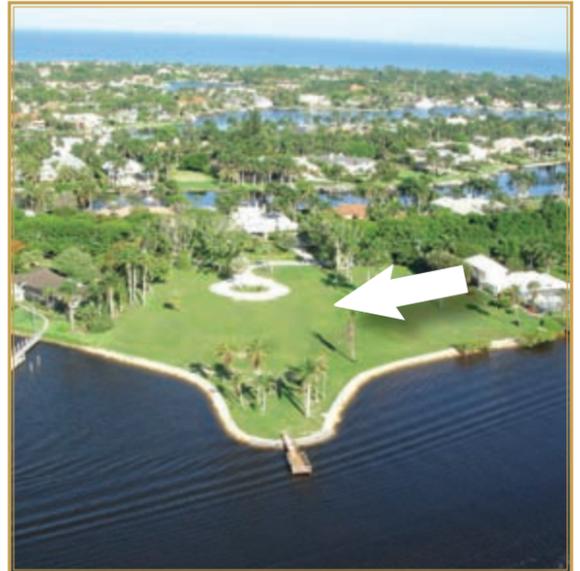
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recent recession, are coming.

“So how do we get prepared and what do we do about it?”

Many are watching this potential market emerge. Entrepreneurs can respond to it in varied and complex ways — in fact, they’ll have to if they want to be successful.

At such senior communities as Vi at Bentley Village or Aston Gardens in Naples, Ventura Lakes in Charlotte or Shell Point in Lee, the aging market is proving not just one market — not from a business perspective — but a variety of markets.

At Shell Point Retirement Community, for example, where the minimum age is 60 and almost every kind of living arrangement is available, managers have been refining their approach for decades, says Lynn Schneider, assistant vice president of marketing and communications for the 2,300 resident community.

Build-out at Shell Point will be about 4,000, with about 2,000 employees, which will hardly touch the horde



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Entrepreneurs who cater to active retirees stand to gain in the near future.

that’s coming, demographers suggest.

“Wellness is now defined in terms of seven areas,” Ms. Schneider explains. And each could be a market for entre-

preneurs.

“We think of wellness as including social relationships between self, friends and family; and as physical, spiritual, emotional, intellectual, vocational and environmental.

“So as people age in place, as they go from 60 to 70 to 80 to 90 to 100, their physical and wellness needs don’t change just because they have less stamina.

We provide them opportunities to meet all of these needs. The idea is to play out the seven dimensions throughout the continuum of life in an appropriate way.”

There is a philosophic point entrepreneurs might consider, as well, Ms. Schneider suggests: that people of a certain age have not changed over time — in many ways they aren’t different than their parents were. But their expectations have changed.

If bowling or shuffleboard or golf were once part of the expectations of many for physical and even mental stimulation, now aging individuals might want to try skydiving, or kayaking, or studying the renaissance and then traveling, she says.

Entrepreneurs should be prepared to address all of it.

“Aging services will develop new and innovative ways to provide baby-boomers support,” says Rita Southern, director of assisted living at Shell Point, where she manages 250 apartments with another 105 being added as a former hotel is converted to assisted living quarters.

“Many may desire to remain in their homes longer in the future, and I think entrepreneurs should look at ‘How do we develop the kinds of technologies that will let that happen?’” she says. “And how do we stay connected?”

Mr. Nathan agrees, and expands upon the notion that connection is key.

“We’re a ‘me’ generation with high expectations, high demand,” he explains of baby boomers, noting that he’s in the leading edge of that generation. “And we’re going to expect a high

degree of service.

“A lot of things are emerging with medical technology: instead of just lifelink, or a little button worn around the neck or somebody who calls your home in the morning, we’re experimenting with high-tech and call centers that can read a lot of your body signs and warning signals. They can catch people before they have a heart attack or a stroke. Telemedicine, iPads, iPhones, visual technology getting cheaper and cheaper — all of it will keep people in communication, and businesses that are supporting staying at home will be supporting communications.”

There are more intimate examples, too.

“Take the ‘smart’ toilet, which can measure all kinds of vital signs,” says Mr. Nathan. “What do these products look like? How do they get marketed? We should be the lab.”

The most important responses by entrepreneurs to the new markets, ultimately, may be health initiatives that could prove to be worth fortunes to their creators, and offer significant help to society at large.

“The major way to do that is smoking cessation and controlling obesity,” says Dr. Weiss, at NCH.

“About 61 percent of Floridians are now overweight or obese, and 19 percent still smoke. We’re talking about something that will kill 50 percent of them.

“There are huge opportunities right now, and they aren’t limited just to baby-boomers, who will get here in greater numbers, but to all of us.”

Those who start to pursue such opportunities now, may look like geniuses of a sort — wealthy geniuses, perhaps — someday.

“Ten years from now, people will look back and see so many new products and services — derivative of things we know today along with new things — and they’ll say, ‘That was so easy,’” predicts Mr. Nathan.

And most of us will wish we’d thought of it, or done it. ■

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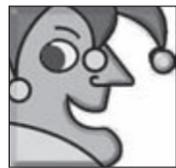
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Your emergency plan might feature some unconventional strategies, too. If you have little credit card debt, you might plan to charge emergency expenses on your credit card, up to a certain amount. This is potentially dangerous, though: If you're charged a steep interest rate on a large balance, a bad situation can get

much worse quickly.

If you have family members or friends who could easily lend you enough to cover your temporary needs, that could work out well, too. You might also be able to borrow what you need from your brokerage, on margin, with your portfolio as collateral. People usually borrow on margin to buy additional stock, but you can borrow for pretty much any purpose. But note: If you borrow a lot and your stocks suddenly plunge in value, you'll be hit with a "margin call" and may end up losing some of your stocks. Use margin sparingly, if you use it at all.

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My Dumbest Investment

Old Shares, New Shares

I purchased \$10,000 worth of shares in the telecommunications company MCI. It supposedly went broke and I received 3 cents per share while the company did some legal tricks and went back into business. — T.A., online

The Fool Responds: That stings, but it's a common occurrence when a company enters Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, puts together a reorganization plan and emerges as a new company.

Whatever assets the company had are distributed, with creditors and others standing near the front of the line. Common stockholders are usually last in line and tend to get very little, if anything. The company issues new shares, canceling and replacing the old shares. For example, the General Motors shares you see on the market today, trading under the ticker GM, are not the same GM shares that existed before the company emerged from bankruptcy protection in 2009.

If you're ever invested in a company headed for bankruptcy, it's smart to sell your shares before they become totally worthless. And don't buy, thinking the company will re-emerge — when it does, it will probably be with new stock. ■



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(Answer: USG)



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Stuffing the Channel Can Overstate Sales

Q A company I'm invested in was recently accused of "stuffing the channel." What does that mean?

— A.K., Kankakee, Ill.

A Channel-stuffing involves a company shipping inventory ahead of schedule, filling its distribution channels with more product than is needed. Since companies often record sales as soon as they ship products, channel-stuffing can make it appear that business is booming. But if many of the products are not sold, they may end up returned to the manufacturer. So sales already claimed may never occur.

To sniff out channel-stuffing, see if a company's accounts receivable is growing faster than sales. If it is, that's a red flag. Alternatively, calculate its "days sales outstanding" (DSO). Simply divide accounts receivable by sales and then multiply what you get by the number of days in the period. This reveals how many days' worth of sales is represented by the current accounts receivable. Between 30 and 45 days is typical. (Note that sales are sometimes referred to as revenue, and that for the number of days, you'll use 365 for a year and 91 for a quarter.)

A company with a low DSO is getting its cash back quicker and, ideally, putting it immediately to use, getting an edge on the competition. Rising numbers can signify channel-stuffing. This doesn't work for all companies, though. Restaurants and other cash-based businesses, for example, aren't going to have much, if any, receivables.

What's a "block trade"?

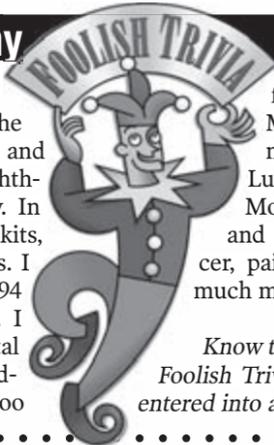
— S.M., Fayetteville, N.C.

A It's a big buy or sell order, generally involving at least 10,000 shares of stock or \$200,000 worth of bonds. Block trades are usually placed by institutions such as pension funds or mutual funds, and they're often private sales between two such parties. ■

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

Name That Company

Founded by several brothers in New Jersey in 1886, today I'm the world's largest medical devices and diagnostics company and the eighth-largest pharmaceuticals company. In 1888 I developed the first first-aid kits, initially used for railroad workers. I started selling baby powder in 1894 and invented Band-Aids in 1920. I was the first to mass-produce dental floss and women's sanitary products, both in the 1800s. My shampoo



for babies debuted in 1954. My brands include Tylenol, Neutrogena, ACUVUE, Lubriderm, Listerine, Sudafed, Motrin IB, Splenda, Stayfree and Reach. My drugs treat cancer, pain, infections, arthritis and much more. Who am I? ■

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

The Motley Fool Take

Medical-Device Stock Shows Promise

If you're an aggressive investor willing to take on some risk, consider MAKO Surgical (Nasdaq: MAKO). It makes robotic surgical equipment, and its RIO system is accelerating sales while its MAKOplasty procedures performed for minimally invasive knee surgery are taking off.

MAKO earns revenue every step of the way. The system itself generates sales, including installation and training, while MAKO also sells implants and disposable products used in the procedures and derives more revenue from warranty and maintenance services. The procedures and services rev-

enue is recurring, and is making up more and more of overall revenue lately (49 percent last quarter, up from 45 percent a year ago).

MAKOplasty procedures performed have leapt 487 percent since the first quarter of 2009. The commercial installed base of RIO systems has grown from 20 to 86 since 2009. Profit margins have been growing, too.

MAKO hasn't turned its red ink to black quite yet, and last quarter's \$18.6 million in revenue — an 81.2 percent increase — resulted in a \$9.9 million net loss.

MAKO is still a very small company, with a market cap of only \$1.5 billion. It's competing against much larger rivals, one of which might eventually try to buy it. As long as MAKO keeps growing, revenue will take care of itself and net profitability will follow. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ The **Executive Club** of the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** and members of the **Collier County Medical Society** meet for wine and hors d'oeuvres from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, at the Patty and Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Attendance is free, but reservations are required by noon Oct. 9. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **East Naples Merchants Association** meets at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at Green Links Golf Resort at Lely Resort. Guest speaker Pat Utter, vice president of real estate for Collier Enterprises, will discuss the impact of Sabal Bay for East Naples businesses. Cost is \$5. To sign up, call Shirley Calhoun at 435-9410.

■ The **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** hosts Business After Hours from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct.

13, at Homewood Suites by Hilton-Bonita Springs. Cost is \$10 for members who register by Oct. 11 and \$15 thereafter, \$30 for others. Sign up at www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ The **Bonita Springs Estero Chapter** of the Women's Council of Realtors meets at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 14, at The Club at Grandezza. Guest speaker Jereilyn Cobb, director of career services at John R. Wood Realtors, will discuss "The Importance of a Business Plan." PNC Mortgage is the sponsor of the afternoon. Cost is \$20. RSVP at www.wcrbonitaestero.com.

■ The next **AM Business Blend** sponsored by the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** takes place from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, at Masquerade/Balloons Galore, 2100 Trade Center Way. Cost is \$5 and reservations are required.

Visit www.napleschamber.org/events by Oct. 14.

■ The **Collier Building Industry Association** holds its next general membership meeting from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at Olde Cypress. Jennifer Languell of Trifecta Construction will discuss trends in the green building industry. The evening's sponsor is E3 Building Sciences. Cost is \$25. Members should bring a sports ball for the annual toy drive. RSVP to Carrie Horner at 436-6100 or visit www.cbina.net.

■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its net Business After 5 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at Harley Davidson of Naples, 3645 Gateway Lane. Cost is \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door for chamber members; \$25 for non-members. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **Collier County Lodging & Tourism Alliance** meets at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, at Bellasera Hotel. Rick Medwedeff, general manager of the Marco Island Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa, will present "The Tourist Development Tax and What It Means for You." The free event is open to business owners and individuals in the local tourism industry. Attendance is limited to two individuals per organization, and reservations are required by Oct. 19. E-mail Pam Calore at pam.cclta@gmail.com.

■ The **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** holds a networking lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, at Carrabba's on Bay Landing Drive. The event sponsor is Southwest Florida College. For reservation, call 992-2943 or visit www.bonitaspringschamber.com. ■

NETWORKING

Bonita Chamber of Commerce annual awards luncheon at Bonita Bay Club



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1. Christine Ross, Maggie Warfield, John Warfield, Nigel Fullick, Bill Shikany and Sabra Smith
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4. Carl Schwing, John Spear and Doug Congress
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4. Clark Hill, Carole and Fred Nerone
5. Lisa Vinciguerra and Jeff Jerome
6. Libby McHugh and Tom White

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VIP preview party at Seasons 52



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1. George Miliotes, master sommelier, and Dick Sabatino
2. Michael and Kaleigh Grover
3. Krista and John Goede
4. Colleen and Kirk Kvetko with Joan and Joel Kessler
5. Christian Fikki

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REAL ESTATE

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

TwinEagles adds Lennar Corp. to preferred builders

Lennar Corp. has become a preferred builder at TwinEagles in Naples and has plans to break ground on a model home and several spec homes this fall. Home prices will begin in the high \$400,000s and will include a pool and golf membership in the 36-hole TwinEagles Club.

Lennar was founded in 1954 and is headquartered in Miami.

Resource center can help first-time homebuyers online

Coldwell Banker Real Estate has launched a new portal at www.coldwellbanker.com especially for first-time homebuyers. The First-Time Homebuyers Resource Center includes videos, articles and tools to answer questions and guide new homebuyers through the real estate search process.

The new portal offers information about multiple ways to search and recommendations for similar properties. It also has video tips and advice about selecting a home, moving, renovating, decorating, identifying wish-list items versus must-have items for a first home and determining how much is affordable.

According to the National Association of Realtors, first-time homebuyers accounted for half of all the real estate market home sales in 2010. A recent survey by Coldwell Banker Real Estate found that 93 percent of first-time homebuyers said using online tools to find detailed information about homes was important to them.

NAR reports the median age of new buyers in 2010 was 30, with a median income of \$59,900.

"Of course, many of our first-time homebuyers are young couples or families looking for single-family homes, but our sales associates have also worked with first-time buyers who are single women and men, divorcees and retirees who just haven't gone through the process of home buying," says Gerald Murphy, managing broker of the Coldwell Banker office in North Naples.

The Coldwell Banker network reports that on average, new buyers are looking at 11 or more homes before making a decision. ■

Community of the Year: Mediterra

CBIA Sand Dollar Award goes to London Bay Homes neighborhood



SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

For the seventh time in 11 years, Mediterra Golf and Beach Club has been named Community of the Year by the Collier Building Industry Association. This is also the second straight year that Mediterra has won the Sand Dollar Award for communities priced at \$1 million and above.

Since acquiring the remaining home sites and assuming sales and marketing responsibilities for Mediterra in December 2009, London Bay Homes has continued to invest heavily to communicate the benefits of the Mediterra lifestyle to affluent homebuyers. The member-owned community in North Naples off Livingston Road has recently

added amenities including expanded outdoor dining, additional tennis courts and a new bocce area, all without any new assessment to its members.

Mediterra also has two 18-hole Tom Fazio-designed championship golf courses, limited to just 225 members per 18 holes. Other amenities include a private beach club with dining and a second-story pool on the Gulf of Mexico, a 25,000-square-foot clubhouse with two restaurants, a sports club with tennis, fitness and spa facilities, and more than eight miles of bicycle and walking paths connected to three community parks. At build out, the 1,700-acre master planned community will have no more than 950 homes and more than 1,000 acres dedicated to golf, parks and

nature preserves.

The CBIA Sand Dollar Awards are judged by home building experts from throughout Florida.

Mark Wilson, president of London Bay Homes, accepted the awards for his company. He praises the members of Mediterra's board of directors for their accomplishments in creating a financially strong club. "In this economy, it is critically important to manage a club's assets in a responsible manner," he says.

London Bay is celebrating its 21st year building homes in many of the most exclusive neighborhoods and communities from Marco Island to Sarasota, with prices from the \$500,000s to more than \$10 million. ■

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

■ Embarq Florida Inc., d/b/a Centurylink, has leased 12,953 square feet of office space and 8,977 square feet of warehouse space at 3530 Kraft Road from Kraft Office Center LLC. Clint Sherwood of Investment Properties Corp. and Matthew Stepan and Andrew DeSalvo of Premier Commercial Inc. negotiated the transaction.

■ Insight to Health and Wellness Inc. has leased 991 square feet of retail space at the Shoppes at Naples Bay Resort, 1444 Fifth Ave. S., Suite A2-104, from NBR Shoppes LLC. Mike Concilla and Bill Young of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples brokered the transaction.

■ Gail D'Arco, Katherine Arpin and Marissa Pendley have leased 1,414 square feet of office space at 3838 Tamiami Trail N., Suite 304, from HBK Naples Realty LLC. Clint Sherwood of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

■ Naples Aiki Ju Jitsu and Self Defense LLC has leased 1,693 square feet of retail space at 13020 Livingston Road, Unit 19, from Livingston and Pine Ridge LLC. Clint Sherwood of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

■ Hospitality Social has leased 3,511 square feet of office space at 6609 Willow Park Drive, Suite 100, from DMS Realty

of Florida. Clint Sherwood of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

■ Lipid Labz Inc. has leased 1,063 square feet of industrial space at Davis Village, 2800 Davis Blvd, Suite 108, from Don and Joan Scioli. Doris Taylor of CB Richard Ellis and Todd Gridley of Prudential Florida Realty brokered the transaction.

■ Serenity Massage has renewed its lease on 198 square feet at 1404 Goodlette Road from William and Joyce Boritz. Fred Kermani of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples brokered the transaction.

■ U.S. Government has leased 12,215 square feet of office space at 2659 Profes-

sional Circle from Northbrooke Professional Village LLC. Craig Timmins and Clint Sherwood of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

■ Quality Healthcare Inc., d/b/a Physicians Rehabilitation, has leased 2,100 square feet of retail space at 2828 Tamiami Trail N. from Chadwick Investments LP. Patrick Fraley of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

■ Xiu Xia Meng has leased 1,732 square feet of retail space at 12980 Tamiami Trail N., Suite 8, from Berland Investment. William Gonnering of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction. ■



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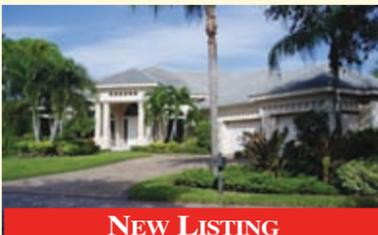
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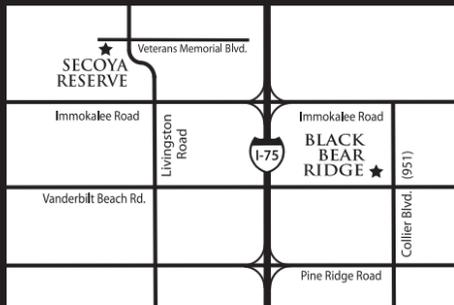
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Marquesa Royale to open in December

WCI Communities has selected Beasley and Henley Interior Design to create interiors for the new Marquesa Royale luxury penthouse condominium model at Tiburón in North Naples. The model is on target to open in December. The three-bedroom residence has 2,900sf of air-conditioned living space and will be offered for \$929,665 as furnished.



Tiburón's Marquesa Royale

Management company expands to the gulf coast

Associa Gulf Coast has opened to provide community association management and developer service from Marco Island to Fort Myers. The Dallas-based parent company, Associa, has 140 branch offices in the United States and Mexico. ■

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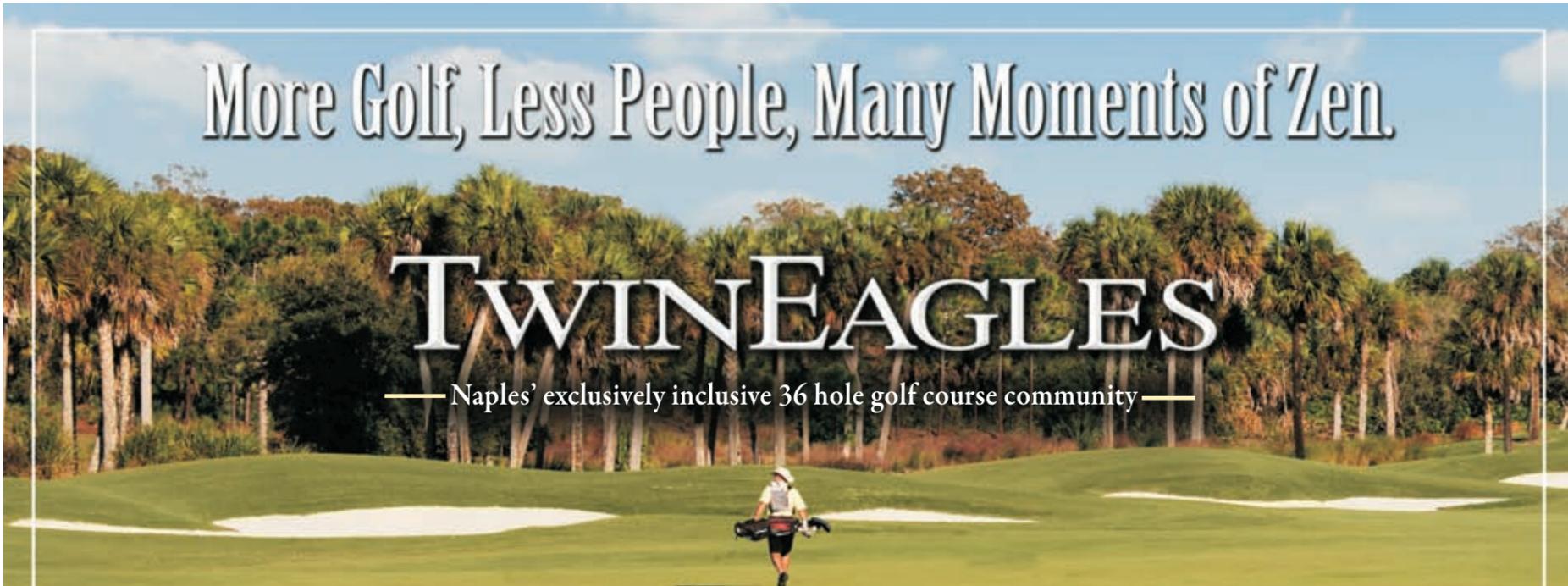
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Heritage Bay Veranda	9116	Abbey	2/Den/2/1	1616	\$258,240	\$229,000
Heritage Bay Veranda	9213	Barrington	2/Den/2/1	1414	\$226,740	\$209,000
Heritage Bay Veranda	9214	Barrington	2/Den/2/1	1414	\$259,740	\$239,000
Heritage Bay Veranda	9215	Barrington	2/Den/2/1	1414	\$249,740	\$229,000
Heritage Bay Veranda	9216	Abbey	2/Den/2/1	1616	\$287,467	\$249,000
Heritage Bay Veranda	9311	Abbey	2/Den/2/1	1616	\$258,240	\$229,000
Heritage Bay Veranda	9312	Barrington	2/Den/2/1	1414	\$225,240	\$209,000
Heritage Bay Veranda	9315	Barrington	2/Den/2/1	1414	\$225,240	\$209,000
Heritage Bay Veranda	9316	Abbey	2/Den/2/1	1616	\$258,240	\$229,000
Heritage Bay Veranda	9322	Barrington	2/Den/2/1	1414	\$235,240	\$214,000
Heritage Bay Veranda	9326	Barrington	2/Den/2/1	1414	\$278,240	\$229,990
Heritage Bay Terrace	1914	Ashbury	2/2	1194	\$183,890	\$157,000
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Heritage Bay Terrace	2112	Brookside	2/2	1232	\$195,390	\$149,000
Heritage Bay Terrace	2117	Brookside	2/2	1232	\$195,390	\$149,000
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Heritage Bay Classic	176	Sawgrass	4/Den/3/3	2926	\$667,910	\$549,000
Heritage Bay Classic	179	Doral	4/3/3	2553	\$629,910	\$534,000
Heritage Bay Classic	180	Sawgrass	4/Den/3/3	2926	\$667,910	\$555,000
Vista	504	Baymont	2/Loft/2.5	1415	\$132,985	\$109,000
Vista	505	Baymont	2/Loft/2.5	1415	\$132,985	\$109,000
Vista	506	Baymont	2/Loft/2.5	1415	\$132,985	\$109,000
Vista	507	Baymont	2/Loft/2.5	1415	\$132,985	\$109,000
Vista	508	Baymont	2/Loft/2.5	1415	\$132,985	\$109,000
Madison Park	263	Modena	3/2/3	1861	\$314,950	\$299,000
Copper Cove	20	Tivoli	4/3/3	2267	\$349,970	\$329,000
Copper Cove	125	Tivoli	4/3/3	2267	\$339,990	\$314,000
Copper Cove	126	Modena	3/2/3	1861	\$319,000	\$299,000
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\$3,450,000 | Celine Julie Godof | 404-9917



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Walk to dining, shopping or beach! Magnificent 4BR/4.5BA plus den villa, 3,576 sq. ft. of living area. Patio/pool. \$3,200,000
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Located between gulf beaches & 3rd St. shops/dining. Newly renovated contemporary design has beauty, value & charm. \$2,995,000
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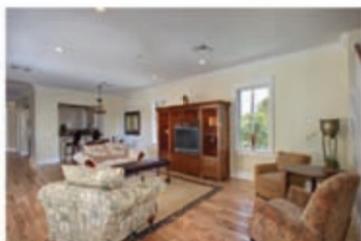
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Spanish-inspired Mizner West Palm Beach-style stand-out! European stone area with pool, spa, summer kitchen. \$2,550,000
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Dynamic villa featuring Bosch appliances, elevator, wood and tile flooring, 4 bedrooms plus den. Private pool.
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 Waterfront 3 bedroom plus study home with multiple open and screened lanais, heated pool/spa. Dock with lift.
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 Waterfront living, updated 3BR/3.5+study pool home. Over 6,700SF total area. Direct Gulf access, private dock/lift.
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PARK SHORE
 A newly constructed 4BR+den with SW exposure. Large covered lanai, summer kitchen, spa/pool. Three-car garage.
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MOORINGS
 Classic Mediterranean architecture, 2 stories. 5BR/4BA, study, recreation room & theatre. Tropical area with pool.
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 Tucked into a cove overlooking Hurricane Harbor, this large, wide water, lot is home ready & has quick Gulf access.
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 #1902 - Dramatic views from Gulf to Bay! Completely renovated 3BR+den. Fitness center, 4 guest suites, pool/spa, security.
 \$2,095,000 | Chris Harrington | 434-2424



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 \$1,339,500 | Linda Perry/Judy Perry | 261-6161



MOORINGS
 Updated 4 BR, 2.5 BA home. Wood floors, mouldings, granite, stainless steel appliances. Cast stone pool deck. Stunning views.
 \$795,000 | Mary Smallwood | 293-0349



MOORINGS
 Charming, meticulously maintained 3BR/3BA plus great room home. Expansive yard with heated pool & spa. Near beach.
 \$698,900 | Lindsey Forte Smith | 572-2663



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 Lovely lake views and the colorful sunset skies from the screened lanai of this spacious 1st floor, 2BR+den/3rd BR.
 \$695,000 | Michael G. Lawler | 571-3939



MOORINGS - COMMODORE CLUB
 #109 - Direct Gulf access boat slips available. Beautiful bay views, completely updated 3BR/3BA residence. Walk to beach.
 \$679,000 | Robin/Tim Weidle | 643-4608



MOORINGS - COMMODORE CLUB
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MOORINGS
 Perfect opportunity to remodel or rebuild your dream home. Private beach membership available. Being sold 'As-Is'.
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PARK SHORE - PIEDMONT CLUB
 #210 - The largest 3BR/3BA floor plan in this complex is now available. Views over pool to bay. Huge lanai. End location.
 \$499,000 | Keith Alexander | 250-5156



PARK SHORE - PARK SHORE LANDINGS
 #531 - Magnificent views of Venetian Bay, 2BR/2BA, granite counters & Boat Dock! Stroll to shops/dining & private beach.
 \$495,000 | Larry Roorda | 860-2534



MOORINGS - COMMODORE CLUB
 #107 - A boater's paradise, no bridges to Gulf of Mexico. Bay/pool views, recently upgraded 2BR/2BA. Boat slips available.
 \$399,000 | Robin/Tim Weidle | 643-4608



MOORINGS - COMMODORE CLUB
 #114 - Great boating with no bridges to Gulf & steps to beach. Long bay views, renovated & turnkey furnished, S. exposure.
 \$369,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



MOORINGS - COMMODORE CLUB
 #208 - Enchanting views of bay and pool, short walk to beach, 2BR/2BA condominium. Direct access docks may be available.
 \$349,000 | Richard/Susie Culp | 290-2200



PARK SHORE AREA - LAKEVIEW PINES
 Private park-like setting, walk to shops & restaurants, 2BR/2BA condominium. Wood & tile floors, attached garage.
 \$254,000 | Mimi Straub | 434-2424



PARK SHORE AREA - WINTERPORT
 Lovely 1st floor updated 2BR/2BA condominium, screened patio overlooks pool. Private beach membership is included.
 \$234,000 | Gail Wynns | 269-0600



PARK SHORE - LEXINGTON
 #2 - First floor condominium, totally remodeled kitchen and baths. Near beach, 55+ community with allowable exceptions.
 \$229,000 | Ed Cox/Jeff Cox | 860-8806



PARK SHORE - JACARANDA #16
 #16 - Inviting 2BR, 2BA ready to enjoy. Friendly complex, excellent location. Covered parking, community pool.
 \$225,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529



PARK SHORE - HIDDEN LAKE VILLAS
 #D-38 - An attractive 2BR/2BA top floor condominium has S. exposure. Renovated kitchen. Pool, tennis, beach access nearby.
 \$225,000 | Angela R. Allen | 825-8494



PARK SHORE - BELAIR CLUB
 #104 - Crisp, clean 2BR/2BA cottage near beach. Completely upgraded throughout. Private beach club membership available.
 \$199,000 | Larry Roorda | 860-2534



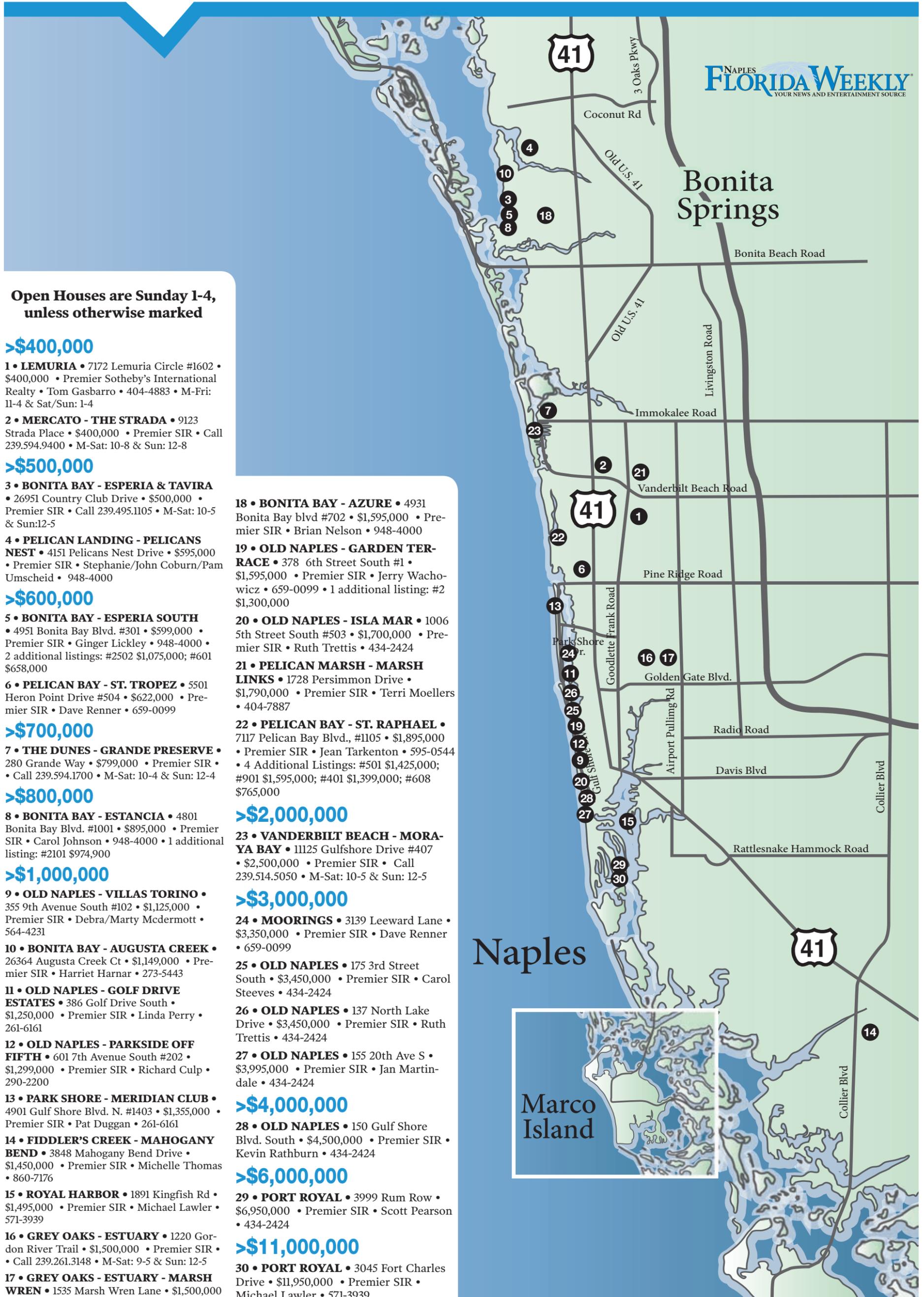
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 Minutes to shops, dining & beach, completely repainted 2BR/2BA, many new features. Private beach club for \$75/year.
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- 4 • PELICAN LANDING - PELICANS NEST** • 4151 Pelicans Nest Drive • \$595,000 • Premier SIR • Stephanie/John Coburn/Pam Umscheid • 948-4000

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- 5 • BONITA BAY - ESPERIA SOUTH** • 4951 Bonita Bay Blvd. #301 • \$599,000 • Premier SIR • Ginger Lickley • 948-4000 • 2 additional listings: #2502 \$1,075,000; #601 \$658,000
- 6 • PELICAN BAY - ST. TROPEZ** • 5501 Heron Point Drive #504 • \$622,000 • Premier SIR • Dave Renner • 659-0099

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- 7 • THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE** • 280 Grande Way • \$799,000 • Premier SIR • Call 239.594.1700 • M-Sat: 10-4 & Sun: 12-4

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- 8 • BONITA BAY - ESTANCIA** • 4801 Bonita Bay Blvd. #1001 • \$895,000 • Premier SIR • Carol Johnson • 948-4000 • 1 additional listing: #2101 \$974,900

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- 9 • OLD NAPLES - VILLAS TORINO** • 355 9th Avenue South #102 • \$1,125,000 • Premier SIR • Debra/Marty Mcdermott • 564-4231
- 10 • BONITA BAY - AUGUSTA CREEK** • 26364 Augusta Creek Ct • \$1,149,000 • Premier SIR • Harriet Harnar • 273-5443
- 11 • OLD NAPLES - GOLF DRIVE ESTATES** • 386 Golf Drive South • \$1,250,000 • Premier SIR • Linda Perry • 261-6161
- 12 • OLD NAPLES - PARKSIDE OFF FIFTH** • 601 7th Avenue South #202 • \$1,299,000 • Premier SIR • Richard Culp • 290-2200
- 13 • PARK SHORE - MERIDIAN CLUB** • 4901 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. #1403 • \$1,355,000 • Premier SIR • Pat Duggan • 261-6161
- 14 • FIDDLER'S CREEK - MAHOGANY BEND** • 3848 Mahogany Bend Drive • \$1,450,000 • Premier SIR • Michelle Thomas • 860-7176
- 15 • ROYAL HARBOR** • 1891 Kingfish Rd • \$1,495,000 • Premier SIR • Michael Lawler • 571-3939
- 16 • GREY OAKS - ESTUARY** • 1220 Gordon River Trail • \$1,500,000 • Premier SIR • Call 239.261.3148 • M-Sat: 9-5 & Sun: 12-5
- 17 • GREY OAKS - ESTUARY - MARSH WREN** • 1535 Marsh Wren Lane • \$1,500,000 • Premier SIR • Call 261.3148

- 18 • BONITA BAY - AZURE** • 4931 Bonita Bay Blvd #702 • \$1,595,000 • Premier SIR • Brian Nelson • 948-4000
- 19 • OLD NAPLES - GARDEN TERRACE** • 378 6th Street South #1 • \$1,595,000 • Premier SIR • Jerry Wachowicz • 659-0099 • 1 additional listing: #2 \$1,300,000
- 20 • OLD NAPLES - ISLA MAR** • 1006 5th Street South #503 • \$1,700,000 • Premier SIR • Ruth Trettis • 434-2424
- 21 • PELICAN MARSH - MARSH LINKS** • 1728 Persimmon Drive • \$1,790,000 • Premier SIR • Terri Moellers • 404-7887
- 22 • PELICAN BAY - ST. RAPHAEL** • 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd., #1105 • \$1,895,000 • Premier SIR • Jean Tarkenton • 595-0544 • 4 Additional Listings: #501 \$1,425,000; #901 \$1,595,000; #401 \$1,399,000; #608 \$765,000

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- 28 • OLD NAPLES** • 150 Gulf Shore Blvd. South • \$4,500,000 • Premier SIR • Kevin Rathburn • 434-2424

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- 29 • PORT ROYAL** • 3999 Rum Row • \$6,950,000 • Premier SIR • Scott Pearson • 434-2424

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ESTUARY
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Melissa Williams/Dan Guenther | 248-7238



ESTUARY
This magnificent gated property with a view of the 3rd green is an ideal elite haven for the consummate golfer. \$5,100,000 | Jeannie McGearty | 248-4333



ESTUARY
The "Chianti III", a charming furnished model built by London Bay Homes. Central outdoor courtyard with pool & loggia. \$4,980,000 | 239-261-3148



ESTUARY
This is the life! Grand waterscapes, long golf course views, flowing pools. Harwick built 5BR + family room home. \$4,749,000 | Brian Nelson | 572-2903



ESTUARY
Furnished 3BR+den/3.5BA "Bacara V" courtyard villa by London Bay Homes. Game room and 3-car garage. \$3,875,000 | Sam Heitman | 261-3148



INDIGOBUSH WAY
Custom 4BR estate with study, game & exercise rooms. Outdoor area has kitchen, large pool/spa, preserve/golf views. \$2,795,000 | Michael G. Lawler | 571-3939



ESTUARY
Appointed by Gary David Designs. 2-story, 4BR+study/4.5BA courtyard villa. Furnished. Heated pool/spa. \$2,295,000 | Dan Guenther | 261-3148



PALM ISLAND
Classic 4BR/4BA plus den home with gorgeous lake & golf course views. Impeccably maintained, beautifully updated. \$1,895,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678



CAPISTRANO
Spectacular Mediterranean 4BR+den villa. SW sunset views over the 17th hole. Private screened pool, summer kitchen. \$1,799,000 | Chris Harrington | 434-2424



ESTUARY - MARSH WREN
1535 Marsh Wren Lane - Brand new 3BR + study maintenance-free villa has an expansive lake/golf view! Pool/spa. Award-winning Country Club. \$1,750,000 | Sam Heitman | 261-3148



CAPISTRANO
Idyllic views! Beautifully decorated, furnishings are comfortable and chic, gourmet kitchen. Perfect pool area. \$1,750,000
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CAPISTRANO
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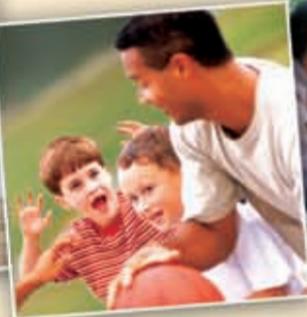
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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



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New, fresh, adventurous

Better than ever, the Ringling International Arts Festival on its way

BY NANCY STETSON
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THE RINGLING INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL IS, hands down, the hippest, edgiest, most innovative festival in Southwest Florida. The only other way to see performances this creative is to hop on a plane and fly to New York City. RIAF presents performances that are new, fresh and unexpected — and rarely, if ever, seen in this part of Florida. A creative collaboration between the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art and New York's Baryshnikov Arts Center, the festival is now celebrating its third year. Originally planned as a biannual event, it was so successful in its first year that it immediately became an annual affair. And this year they've added an extra day, so it runs Oct. 11-16. It's the ultimate buffet feast in performing arts. Attendees can choose among a variety of acts; most performances run for 60 minutes. (An exception: the highly original and experimental Wooster Group presents "Hamlet," with a running time of 150 minutes.) In addition to the main acts (see schedule on page C5), the festival also presents jazz concerts at sunset and lectures and panels about the visual and performing arts.

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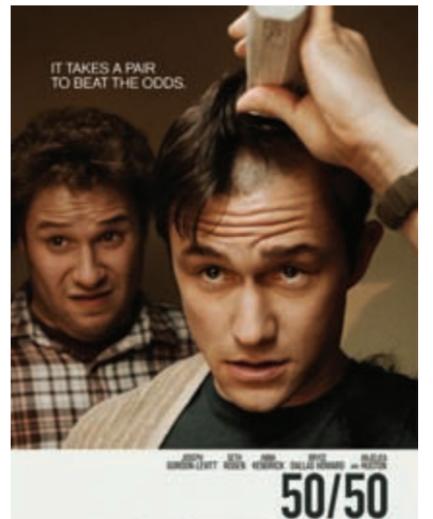
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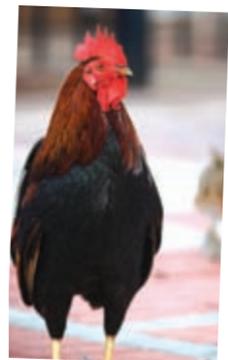
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'Restless' leads up to Naples International Film Festival

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Getting anxious for the third annual Naples International Film Festival? Assuage the anticipation by joining the NIFF Film Society for a screening and discussion of "Restless" on Wednesday evening, Oct. 11, at Silverspot Cinema. It's the last chance to enjoy an indie film and mingle with NIFF staff and film society members before the festival comes to town in November. The doors at Silverspot open at 6:30

p.m. for food and drink, and "Restless" begins at 7 p.m. The film from director Gus Van Sant ("Good Will Hunting") is a powerful and emotional coming-of-age story about two outsiders, both shaped by the circumstances that have brought them together, who form a deep and lasting love. Annabel Cotton (Mia Wasikowska)



and Enoch Brae (Henry Hopper) star as a terminally ill teenage girl who falls for a boy who likes to attend funerals. Together they encounter the ghost of a Japanese kamikaze pilot from WWII. Produced by Brian Grazer and Ron Howard, it's been described as a take on friendship and young love that's "as engaging and true as it is

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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

1,001 ways to please a husband

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I was at a dinner party recently where wine sat on the table and candles glowed in the dim light.

"This tart is delicious," one woman said. "Where did you find the recipe?"

The hostess pointed to a bookcase beside the table. "Inside one of those."

The first woman scanned the shelf, eyeing the collection of culinary guides. Her gaze stopped near the middle of the row.

"Oh. My. God." she said.

The woman stood and pulled a book from the shelf and held it aloft for everyone at the table to see.

"1,001 Ways to Please a Husband," she read. She sat back down and flipped through the opening pages. "Published in 1958."

She read the introduction in a theatrical voice. "Scheherazade, the wife of a powerful Sultan, kept him amused and fascinated by her storytelling for a thousand and one nights," the book began. "Scheherazade won the love of the mighty ruler by pleasing him; it was as simple as that. Today's bride, while

hardly in equal peril —"

"Hardly in equal peril?" the woman's husband asked. "Is this a cookbook or a survival guide?"

"Let me finish," she said. "Today's bride can please her husband in a thousand and one ways and keep not only herself, but her marriage alive."

The book was organized into sections using diary entries from an imagery new bride, "Jane."

In her journal, Jane chronicles the menus that span her first year of marriage. She hosts her first cocktail party (menu: shrimp mold, avocado dip, tiny meatballs) and Saint Paddy's day feast (corned beef and cabbage, of course).

The diary entry that really raised the female hackles at the table came with the inauspicious title: "My Japanese War Bride."

"Tonight I met my first Japanese war bride," the fictitious Jane writes.

"Her name in English is, believe it or not, Peach Blossom."

Jane notices how "P.B." never interrupts her husband. She responds with, "Yes, Frank dear" if he asks her something. When he raises a fresh cigarette to his lips, she runs to light it.

"All evening long, she looked at her

lord and master adoringly," Jane writes. "She's joking, right?" someone from across the table asked.

"I don't think so," the woman reading said. "Listen to the next line: 'In retrospect, I realize now that P.B. did everything she could to build up her husband's male ego, whereas I did nothing but tear it down.'"

We all cringed.

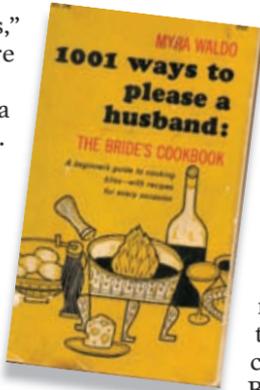
The book styled itself as a cookbook, full of recipes and kitchen tips, but really it was a 1950s-era guide to marriage, with lessons on how to serve a man and how to behave.

Young women of that period learned how to make a roast beef dinner for a men-only evening and then politely

excuse themselves to their mother-in-law's (page 223), as well as how to hide their hurt when another woman called asking for their husband (page 78).

People mourn the rise in the divorce rate over the last 50 years, the time since "1,001 Ways" was written. Perhaps women are partly to blame: We've become less accommodating, less eager to serve.

We've learned that, unlike Scheherazade, our lives don't depend on pleasing men. ■



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Suzanne French Luker, painter

■ **How long have you been an artist?** I've been painting about 50 years.

■ **How do you describe your art form?** Landscapes primarily. Oil paints are my medium of choice due to their flexibility and sensual quality. The past few years, I've also been sculpting and working in wax, fired clay, synthetic clay, wood, wire, plaster-cloth and found objects. The subject is almost always the female form or some animal form that I have rendered in bronze.

■ **Tell us about your style.** In paint or in sculpture, my style ranges from impressionistic to expressionistic or even abstract. My work is always based on my reality of a subject prompted by a quick drawing of a scene or subject. In sculpture, I start "drawing" with a piece of wire. It took many years to leave the idea that I must create exactly what I see, instead of what I want to see.

■ **Where do you work, and what would we be surprised to find in your work area?** I work in the studio my husband and I had built just behind our home. It has a very high ceiling, white walls, north light and lots of open space with a long covered work porch outside. My neighbors tell me it looks a little like a chapel! I keep my work area free of anything that does not relate to work — just brushes, canvases, and bins of sculpture supplies and two big easels. You might be surprised to encounter the studio cat, General Mosby.

■ **Where can we see your work?** I am represented by Rick Moore Fine Art, and he has a wide selection of my work on his website, www.rickmooregallery.com. I also participate in exhibits at The von Liebig Art Center and paint plein air every February for the "Third on Canvas" charity event.

■ **Where did you grow up?** I was born in Rhode Island, and we moved to California when I was a toddler. A few years later we started moving as military dependents and lived in Texas and Oklahoma, as well in France and Italy. Living in Italy for three years in my early teen years became an important part of my interest in art, food, language and all things Italian.

■ **What did you want to be when you were growing up?** I always knew I wanted to do something creative, but not necessarily as an artist. I loved building things and working on science projects for school. Drawing and painting were the last things I wanted to do. Then, my last year in college, I took several drawing and design classes required for my

degree in home economics and that was that... I was hooked!

■ **How do you feel your art contributes to our community?** I enjoy sharing my enthusiasm for what I do with my clients as well as with people who see me outside painting. I hear myself going into "teacher" mode when people start asking questions.

■ **Outside of your art, what are you passionate about?** My husband and I love to travel to Italy, where we met as teenagers. I go to paint and to practice the beautiful Italian language; he searches for fine wines, outdoor markets and great places for lunch or dinner. Here in Naples, I belong to two groups that study, speak, read and discuss our lives and families in Italian.

■ **What are you reading now?** "La Bella Lingua" by Dianne Hale, where she tells of her love for Italian and the history of how the language developed. I'm also reading "Primal Body, Primal Mind" by Nora Gedgudas, a fascinating book that is making me question how we eat in today's world as influenced by the ways of our primal ancestors.

■ **What would you want to be if you weren't an artist?** I would love to be a buyer of food and wine for Costco.

■ **Which artist would you most like to have dinner with?** Wolf Kahn. I met him briefly at one of his openings and then I went home and read one of his books about how he works and how he sees the landscape. I think it would be a fascinating to actually speak in depth with him because he uses color like no one else.

■ **Words of wisdom?** Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today.

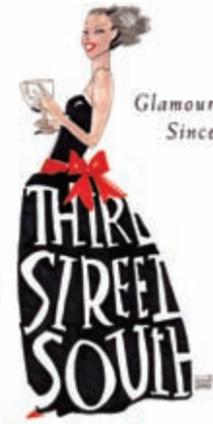
■ **Favorite movies?** "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" and "My Cousin Vinny."

■ **Education:** Bachelor's degree from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas; post-grad studies at the Corcoran College of Art & Design in Washington, D.C., and at Northern Virginia Community College.

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THE RINGLING INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL

Asphalt Orchestra: Taking it to the streets

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Asphalt Orchestra is a unique marching band, and not just because it lacks a football team or school.

As its name implies, it takes to the sidewalks and streets to perform.

The group made its debut in the summer of 2009 in New York City as part of the Lincoln Center Out of Doors Festival.

"We basically ran an ambush flash mob there every night (for five nights), right before the mainstage and 'Mostly Mozart' started," says Ken Thomson, the band's co-director and saxophone player. "We wanted to bring all these crowds together, play some music they may not have heard before."

The word spread, and people started turning up just to hear Asphalt Orchestra. It was such a successful run, they repeated it the next summer for another five nights.

This avant-garde, 12-piece group likes to make big entrances, though admittedly, it's virtually impossible for a marching band to be demure.

"The first night," Mr. Thomson says, "we literally came out of the subway onto the plaza, while playing. The next year, we hailed a bunch of taxis and came out of them, one by one. The sousaphone player was standing on the corner, looking a little forlorn, looking for us."

Asphalt Orchestra will perform at the Opening Night RIAF Block Party 2011, which takes place from 7-10 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11. Tickets are \$150 (\$135 for Ringling Museum members).

Mr. Thomson visited Sarasota in May.

"It was the first time I'd seen the grounds at the Ringling, and I was blown away," he says. "It's a really unusual venue, and I don't think we'll get the chance to perform in something quite like that, unless we go to Italy."

The group customizes its performances to each space, he explains.

"Before every show, we go into the space and make a game plan and map out the show to that space," he explains, adding, "Some of our best choreography is modular, so it works in multiples of space and we can fit it (into wherever we perform)."

Asphalt Orchestra is not your typical marching band, and neither is its repertoire. Forget about John Philip Sousa and military marching music. Asphalt Orchestra plays music by composers as diverse as Frank Zappa, Charles Mingus, Bjork and the Swedish metal band Meshuggah.

Half its repertoire consists of music written specifically for the group. It has commissioned music from Yoko Ono, David Byrne and St. Vincent and Goran Bregovic, among others.

Mr. Bregovic grew up playing rock music in Serbia, then transitioned into composing movie scores.

"He is one of the great Balkan composers who works in traditional Balkan melodies with his own personal style," Mr. Thomson says. "We asked him to do a piece, and he hit it out of the ball park." He describes the resulting "Champagne" as "the right balance of being deliberately technically tricky



The Asphalt Orchestra

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and also an amazing, fun piece to play. It's always a hit. There are some lyrics to that piece that we shout along with."

Always about repertoire

From the beginning, Asphalt Orchestra has been very repertoire-driven, Mr. Thomson says. "We came at it wanting to do unusual music in public spaces."

Along with Mr. Thomson on alto saxophone, the group consists of co-director Jessica Schmitz, who plays piccolo; Alex Hamlin, soprano saxophone; Peter Hess, tenor saxophone; Ben Holmes and Stephanie Richards, trumpet; Tim Vaughn and Jen Baker, trombone; Ken Bentley, sousaphone; Sunny Jain, snare drum; Nick Jenkins, bass drum; and Yuri Yamashita, quad toms.

The orchestra developed at the Bang on a Can Summer Festival with musicians playing interesting and experimental music in the community of North Adams, Mass.

"We got the sense of how it was

working and thought we might want to expand it into something bigger, a professional band with hotshot musicians... the highest level of musicianship and performance," Mr. Thomson says.

Susan Marshall and Mark DeChiazza choreograph their moves and determine how the band dresses.

"It's challenging to play complex music and move at the same time," Mr. Thomson says. "It's important for us to interact with the audience as much as possible, so we'll force that interaction."

Sometimes people will get out of the way. But sometimes they don't.

"We did a show in London and the audience members in this town square wanted to get up into our faces and dance right next to us," he says. "I can't guarantee that will happen in Sarasota, but you never know."

"No two performances are the same." ■

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Fraulein Maria kicks up her heels

BY NANCY STETSON
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How do you solve a problem like Maria?

By transforming the classic movie "The Sound of Music" into dance and casting not one, but three Marias — one of them a male.

"Why three Marias?" asks choreographer Doug Elkins. He answers his own question: "I'm interested in the emotional idea of Maria... 'Maria-ness.' Who is this person who's going to heal

this family?

"And also," he adds, "because everyone wants to be Maria."

Mr. Elkins describes his dance, "Fraulein Maria," as, "for want of a better word, a deconstruction of the Rodgers and Hammerstein Julie Andrews/Christopher Plummer soundtrack of 'The Sound of Music,' (in the same spirit) that John Coltrane did his version of 'My Favorite Things.' It's my take on 'The Sound of Music.'"

He calls it "a kind of odd dialogue with the audience" — "a flip book of

'The Sound of Music' as designed by Joseph Cornell.

"I'm using it as a vessel, a kind of meditation on making something," he explains.

Talking with Mr. Elkins is a deliciously non-linear experience; during the course of a conversation he references, among other things, French New Wave movies, the Old Testament book of Ruth, Jean Cocteau, the poet Charles Simic, graffiti tagging, Robert Rauschenberg's combines, Woody Allen, the Marx Brothers and the chil-

dren's book "Stone Soup."

His dance is equally as eclectic, combining, as a New York Dance and Performance Award cites, "...the worlds of 'downtown' dance, Martha Graham, Willi Ninja, Balanchine, hip-hop, voguing, stepping, stomping, whirling..."

Like the protagonist in "Stone Soup," Mr. Elkins adds disparate things into the pot, until he's created something unique that pleases and delights.

"It's a meditation on art making," he

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says of the book, "The way he collects different things to make something." In the same manner, he says, he'll ask himself: What happens when you mix a black fraternity step dance with a hula? "What happens when those two things synthesize and a new language is formed?" he asks. "Slang and argot are the way languages become living things. My body of work is the illegitimate child of a Gertrude Stein novel and a kung fu film. Some people start laughing (when I say that), but those who know my work say 'Yes!'"



CHRISTOPHER ROESING / COURTESY PHOTO
Choreographer Doug Elkins and the dancers of "Fraulein Maria."

A lifelong fascination

Mr. Elkins, who, as a young man, was a graffiti artist and breakdancer, was first introduced to "The Sound of Music" when his grandmother took him to see it when he was 5.

"I was fascinated by it," he says. Then, in the same year, he performed "Do-Re-Mi" with his classmates. "It was the first thing I'd ever sung on stage with other children," he recalls. "I was re, a drop of golden sun. I'd practice the song and secretly dance in my bedroom with a flashlight, wearing my oaktag sun (hanging from my neck) with purple yarn."

At the show, when it was his turn for his line, he stepped forward and "produced the flashlight and did a flashlight dance. I thought it'd be a really cool surprise."

Years later, as a parent, watching yet again "The Sound of Music" on DVD with his children, he had an epiphany.

And so he created "Fraulein Maria," a dance set to the movie's soundtrack.

The movie, he feels, is universally known, a part of our collective memory.

"If you saw the movie when you were young, great. If you remember the Mary Martin musical, great. If you were eating Passover or Easter dinner and it was playing on the TV in the den behind you, that counts, too; it was on the television, and you vaguely remember it playing over your shoulder."

As he describes it, the story is about "this young woman... in the midst of everything, a trickster character. Here's this woman who's part of the abbey, and she wants to be a nun, but she doesn't fit in, she's an outsider. It's the modified hero's journey. They send her to another place that's structured and patriarchal. It's a wounded family; the mother is missing.

"How does she teach the family to heal? By teaching them to sing and put on little shows for each other."

Everybody loves Maria

To use the music, he had to request permission from the Rodgers and Hammerstein Organization.

When they learned that one of the Marias is danced by a man, they asked if it was a drag show. He told them no. Then they asked, "Why are some of the men women and women men?" and he said, "That's the way the world is."

He invited them to come see the dance. If they absolutely hated it, he promised, it would never be performed again.

But like everyone else who saw the show, the Rodgers and Hammerstein people loved it and gave their permission for the soundtrack to be used.

"Fraulein Maria" debuted at Joe's Pub at the Public Theater in New York City in December 2006 and was reprised the following year. Then, a year later, it was performed before nearly 3,000 people at Lincoln Center's Out of Doors Festival.

One of Mr. Elkins' favorite performances took place at Jacob's Pillow in the Berkshires. It was a sold-out house, and he was performing solo to "Climb E'vry Mountain."

His daughter, sitting in the front, decided to stand up and sing along with the soundtrack. Then she looked back at the crowd as if to say, "Well?", and people started singing with her, as if it were a sing-along "Sound of Music," Mr. Elkins recalls.

Then his young son, who had his own version of the dance that incorporated some Michael Jackson moves, stood up and began dancing.

"So the audience is singing along to it, and my son is doing a dance back to me," Mr. Elkins says. "The audience became a participant. It's one of my favorite performances." ■

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4:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 12-13; \$50
1:30 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Oct. 14-16; \$60

"Fraulein Maria"

Doug Elkins and Friends
Using the soundtrack for "The Sound of Music," choreographer Doug Elkins reinterprets the classic musical into an inventive and humorous dance that includes hip-hop, voguing and stepping (65 minutes).
5 p.m. Wednesday Oct. 12; \$20, \$30 and \$40
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Piano Foursome

Four acclaimed pianists — Inon Barnatan, Adam Golka, Anne-Marie McDermott and Pedja Muzajevic — perform short solo works before joining forces for a rare performance of Carl Czerny's "Quatuor Concertant for four pianos" (60 minutes).
7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, and 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13; \$20, \$30 and \$40
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Brooklyn Rider

An adventurous, genre-defying string quartet that combines a wildly eclectic repertoire with a gripping performance style that's attracting legions of fans and drawing critical acclaim from classical, world and rock critics (60 minutes).
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Meklit Hadero: Songs of Multiplicity

Meklit Hadero blends jazz with multi-cultural musical styles (50 minutes).
9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13; \$20, \$30 and \$40
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"Canta Tangos"

Soledad Villamil and Hermanos Macana
Actress/singer Soledad Villamil, of "El secreto de sus ojos," which won the 2010 Academy Award for Best Foreign Film, sings with passion while Hermanos Macana, the dancing brothers duo of Buenos Aires, perform the tango with athleticism and grace (60 minutes).
8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, and 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13; \$20, \$30 and \$40
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"Out of Time"

Colin Dunne
Internationally acclaimed Irish step dancer Colin Dunne brings movement, sound and image together to create a provocative dialogue between past and present. "Out of Time" is an homage to Irish step dancing and an investigation of the dancer's relationship with a tradition that has shaped his life (65 minutes).
8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13; \$20, \$30 and \$40
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"Terra Firma"

Company Stefanie Batten Bland/sbb birdlegs
A native New Yorker now living in Paris, Stefanie Batten Bland is often called the "Josephine Baker of today." "Terra Firma" is a search for solid ground, exploring questions of stability on and off boats and the diverse passengers that take them (45 minutes).
4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12; \$20, \$30 and \$40
4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, and 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16; \$30, \$40 and \$50

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Theater

■ **Always... Patsy Cline** - By The Naples Players through Oct. 29 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **A Bad Year for Tomatoes** - By The Island Players through Oct. 15 in the Rose History Auditorium at the Marco Island Historical Museum. 394-0080 or www.theateronmaro.com.

■ **Invasion of Privacy** - By Theatre Conspiracy Oct. 7-22 at the Alliance of the Arts, Fort Myers. 936-3239 or www.theatreconspiracy.org.

■ **The Laramie Project** - By Laboratory Theater of Florida Oct. 7-22 at 1634 Woodford St., Fort Myers. 218-0481 or www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com.

Symphony

■ **Hot Brass** - The Naples Philharmonic Brass Quintet and percussionist James Dallas present "Smokin' Brass" at 3 p.m. Oct. 9 and at 8 p.m. Oct. 11. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **String Along** - The FGCU Bower School of Music presents a string recital at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 6 in the music building. 590-7851 or pharkins@fgcu.edu.

Thursday, Oct. 6

■ **'70s Rockers** - The Steve Miller Band performs at 7:30 p.m. at Germain Arena. 11000 Everblades Parkway. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

■ **Mercato Music** - The Mercato Nights Music Series presents Little Eddie and the Fat Fingers at 6 p.m.

■ **Painting and Pizza** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents Alla Prima, Alla Fun (Sand Dollars) from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Learn to paint in one session while enjoying pizza and wine. \$42. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Friday, Oct. 7

■ **Family Fun** - The Greater Marco Family YMCA and Marco Island Charter Middle School host a Fall Fun Fair today through Sunday at Veterans Park on Elkcam Circle. 5-10 p.m. tonight, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. 394-9622, ext. 228.



Take your pick of pumpkins and gourds of all shapes and sizes from the pumpkin patch at St. Monica's Episcopal Church. 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-7 p.m. Sunday through Oct. 31. A Pumpkinfest with pony rides and more fun takes place from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Oct. 22. 7070 Immokalee Road. 591-4550 or www.stmonicas.org.

■ **New Gallery** - ART 41 celebrates its grand opening from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. today and Saturday. 4115 Tamiami Trail N. 263-0999.

■ **Ahoy!** - The Fort Myers Beach Pirate Festival takes place through Sunday with live entertainment, a treasure hunt, a Jack Sparrow look-alike contest at the Big Game Waterfront Grill, a pub crawl and a living history pirate encampment. www.FortMyersBeachPirateFest.com.

■ **Pickin' and Grinnin'** - HWY 41 plays bluegrass from 7-10 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. \$10. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

■ **Classic Rock** - The Jensen Brothers perform classic rock from 7-9 p.m. under the stars at Gulf Coast Town Center, Fort Myers. Free. 267-0783 or www.gulfcoast-towncenter.com.

Saturday, Oct. 8

■ **Hispanic Culture** - In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, Fifth Third Bank presents food, music and family-friendly fun from 11 a.m.- p.m. at 9101 Tamiami Trail E.

■ **Looks Like Papa** - The third annual Hemingway Look-Alike Contest runs from 4-11 p.m. at Hemingway's Island Grill at Coconut Point. Enjoy reggae music from Scholars Word, food and drink specials, a sandcastle building competition and more. 287-8756.

■ **Full Moon Fun** - The Leapfrog Community and lululemon athletica present a night of free paddleboarding and beach yoga under the full moon beginning at 9 p.m. on the beach at Eighth Avenue South. Afterward, wind down at Café Lurcat on Fifth Avenue South. coach@leapfrogrunning.com.

Sunday, Oct. 9

■ **Coconut Taste** - Taste of Coconut Point runs from noon-5 p.m. at Coconut Point. Enjoy food, fun, live bands and a children's play area.

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

Monday, Oct. 10

■ **B-I-N-G-O!** - It's Bingo night at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island. The doors at 991 Winterberry Drive open at 5:30 p.m. for a free kosher hot dog supper, and the first game is called at 7 p.m. 642-0800.

■ **Movie Time** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents "As It Is In Heaven" as part of its Films for Film Lovers series at 7 p.m. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. Enjoy a discussion after the show. \$8. 26811 S. Bay Drive. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Tuesday, Oct. 11

■ **More Movies** - The Naples International Film Festival presents a screening and discussion of "Restless" at 7 p.m. at Silverspot Cinema. Get there early for food and drink. www.naplesfilmfest.com. See story on page C1.

■ **High Notes** - An opera recital featuring soprano Rebecca Richardson, tenor Livio Ferrari and baritone Ron Bowman starts at 7:30 p.m. at The Norris Center, 775 Eighth Ave. S. 598-6110.

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in for story time from noon to 1 p.m. at Book Warehouse in Miromar Outlets. www.miromaroutlets.com.

■ **Big Laughs** - Florida's Funniest Comedian takes the stage at 9 p.m. at the Off The Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island. 599 S. Collier Blvd. 389-6900.

■ **Open Mic** - Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits hosts open mic night for singers, songwriters and musicians from 7-10 p.m. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

Coming Up

■ **FGCU Art** - The Art Galleries of Florida Gulf Coast University present "PolyVectral Extensions: Collaborations with Andrew Deutsch" Oct. 13-Nov. 17. Opening reception is from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 13. Gallery talk with curator Jade Dellinger and the artist is at 4 p.m. 590-7199, asturdiv@fgcu.edu or www.artgallery.fgcu.edu.

■ **Book Signing** - Alyssa Scheidemann signs copies of her book, "Seasonal Lives Poetry Collection: With Me" from 1-5 pm. Oct. 15 at Petunias of Naples, 852 Fifth Ave. S.

■ **Shirley Street Art** - Shirley Street Galleries and Studios (formerly the Shirley Street 16) host tours from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. the third Saturday and Sunday of each month, starting Oct. 15-16. This month's theme, "ART-In Any Direction," demonstrates members' diverse talents, from glass and wax works to paintings and sculptures. 572-3386.

■ **Concert in the Park** - The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra performs a free concert at 3 p.m. Oct. 16 in Cambier Park. Guest conductor Andrew Lane leads a program of classical favorites and popular hits. Bring blankets or lawn chairs for seating. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Ad Libbing** - Naples City Improv starts its new season at The Norris Center with a family-friendly performance beginning at 8 p.m. Oct. 21. \$15. Reservations recommended. 213-3049.

■ **Strut Your Mutt** - Humane Society Naples and the Shelter for Abused Women & Children present pets and their people on parade in the fourth annual "Strut Your Mutt" from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 22 at Germain BMW of Naples. 11286 Tamiami Trail N. \$10 entry fee for the parade and costume contest. 643-1555, ext. 18. ■

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'Invasion of Privacy': That Cross Creek incident

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When Theatre Conspiracy held its New Play Contest preview party in July, featuring readings from the top three contenders, Larry Parr's "Invasion of Privacy" was the obvious winner.

It galvanized the audience from the opening lines.

The play revolves around Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, who won a Pulitzer Prize for her novel, "The Yearling." But the focus is on her 1942 book, "Cross Creek," an autobiography about her Florida home and the quirky neighbors there.

One of those neighbors, Zelma Cason, who was the first to welcome her to Cross Creek when Ms. Rawlings moved to Florida, takes offense at what's written about her, even though Ms. Rawlings' comments are true and she doesn't use Zelma's last name. Though the two were friends, Zelma sues her for \$100,000 — an extremely large sum in those days — for invasion of privacy.

It was the first trial of its kind in Florida, and it eventually wound up at the state Supreme Court. Zelma was represented by Kate Walton, one of the first female lawyers in the state.

Bill Taylor, Theatre Conspiracy founder and producing artistic director, says "Invasion of Privacy" was the favorite among 75 percent of

the audience on the evening the three finalists were presented staged readings.

"It's a good script, very interesting," he says. "I like the historical aspect of it, and it deals with Florida... It should have a really large appeal, because of how well known Marjorie Rawlings is as an author. People have read 'The Yearling' and 'Cross Creek.'"

In fact, "The Yearling" is often required reading in high schools and is mentioned on many book lists for teens.

"Marjorie Rawlings is absolutely a firecracker," he says. "They had the option of not going through with (the lawsuit) and paying Zelma off, and she said, 'I'm not paying her off! Let's go.'"

An actor's challenge

Joann Haley read the part of Ms. Rawlings for the reading and also portrays her in the play, which runs Oct. 7-22 in the Foulds Theatre at the Alliance of the Arts in Fort Myers. It's a juicy role, a mature woman full of passion, and something she can sink her teeth into.

"I love the role," Ms. Haley exclaims. "She's a very complex woman. She's got some issues. They talk about her dark spells, episodes of horrible depression she goes through when she hates herself and thinks everybody hates her."

"And she's really passionate about Cross Creek. Both of those things make for good acting challenges."

"One of the favorite anecdotes I've learned... is that she gets into that part

of the country and that lifestyle so much, she actually went on a bear hunt so she could write about it for 'The Yearling.' They go after the bear with trained dogs, and it's a very dangerous thing. She was hunting and drinking with the best of them."

But portraying a well-known figure presents its own challenges.

"I think it's the first time I've ever had to play a real person, which is a little bit intimidating," she says. "When you're playing a fictional

in the know

>>What: "Invasion of Privacy," winner of Theatre Conspiracy's New Play Contest

>>When: Oct. 7-22

>>Where: Theatre Conspiracy at the Alliance of the Arts, 10091 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers

>>Cost: \$18; opening night is pay what you will; Thursdays are buy one, get one half price

>>Info: 936-3239

Up until the lawsuit, Ms. Rawlings had felt very much at home in her adopted state.

"She really felt like Cross Creek was the home she should've been born into," Ms. Haley says. "She would never have left it, if it wasn't for the lawsuit."

About the playwright

"Invasion of Privacy" was written by Sarasota resident Larry Parr and had a previous production in Sarasota at Florida Studio. (Theatre Conspiracy's New Play Contest accepts works that have been previously produced elsewhere.)

"That's a darn good theater company up there," Mr. Taylor says about Florida Studio. "We've had entries from Florida before; a guy from Key West was a finalist once. But this is the first time we've had a Florida playwright as a winner."

Mr. Parr will attend the opening night performance and answer questions from the audience.

While historical, the play is also relevant, Ms. Haley says, "with the trend now for everyone to want to have their few minutes of fame, and all these reality shows that reveal people's lives in excruciating detail."

"In the 1940s, there was a whole different attitude about privacy. It was the first time anyone ever brought up the fundamental right that people have to privacy — the average citizen, not a public figure."

Approximately two-thirds of the play takes place in a courtroom, though Ms.

Haley hastens to add, "It's not 'Twelve Angry Men.' There are some subplots, too."

"The dialogue is very good," she says. "The lawyers, their arguments, the questioning, it's all really well done. ■"



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character, you have lots of freedom of interpretation." But Ms. Rawlings, she adds, had a very strong and well-known personality. "To try to capture that is daunting."



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It began last year when organizers realized gala guests were tiring of live auctions. Wanting to offer something more tangible, they came up with Fund A Dream, in which benefactors give directly to benefit a child rather than bid on auction packages. The first Fund A Dream raised \$550,000.

It's a unique opportunity for donors to make dreams come true for the children of Immokalee, says Joe Zednik, event chair and TIF board member.



Guests lift their paddles to support Fund A Dream, which raised more than \$550,000 during The Immokalee Foundation 2010 Charity Classic.



A student without enhanced computer skills and access to a computer can easily fall behind in learning. For a \$1,000 gift, Fund A Dream donors can help outfit a computer lab through which students will be able to sign out a computer.

Benefactors can also shape a youngster's future by sending them to a summer camp in New England for as little as \$1,000.

In addition, because transportation in Immokalee is often a barrier that prevents students of all ages from receiving much needed after-school and enrichment services including tutoring and mentoring, \$2,000 will help buy a

"seat" in a new TIF van.

Mr. Zednik believes educating children "is one of the most important things we can do for our community — and for our country," he says. "My involvement with TIF allows me to have a hand in that."

The theme of this year's Charity Classic Celebration is "Building Blocks for a Brighter Future."

For \$650, patrons can sponsor Immokalee Readers, a program that matches high school-aged tutors with children from kindergarten through second grade for reading lessons.

But that's just the beginning.

For \$6,500, supporters can actually send a TIF student to college. Mr. Zednik explains that qualified seventh-graders who fulfill their pledge to earn good grades, exhibit good behavior and meet weekly with a mentor, are awarded a full college scholarship upon high school graduation.

Providing career options to high school students with experiences that emphasize leadership, skills development and community service is also a priority. "We recognize that not all kids are going to go to college, so we want to provide them with the same opportunities for success," Mr. Zednik says. A \$2,000 donation can provide one student with a post-secondary education at a vocational school or two-year Florida college.

The Charity Classic Celebration will include dinner presented by the chefs of The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, featuring items representative of what is grown and harvested in Immokalee.

As special guests, several TIF students will share their experiences, and members of the award-winning Immokalee High School BETA (Better Education Through Achievement) Club will perform. In honor of Veterans Day, TIF students who are either serving or going into the military will also attend.

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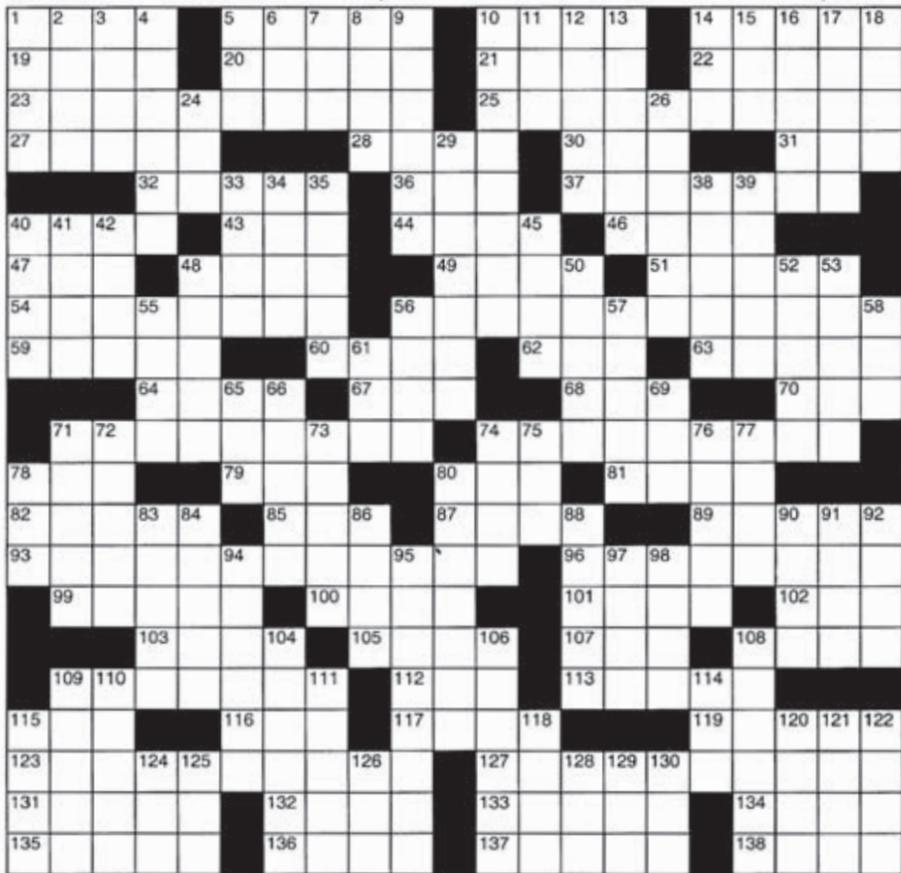
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HOROSCOPES

■ **LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A difficult experience begins to ease. That's the good news. The not-so-good news is a possible complication that could prolong the problem awhile longer.

■ **SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your self-confidence gets a much-needed big boost as you start to unsnarl that knotty financial problem. Expect some help from a surprising source.

■ **SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Congratulations. Any lingering negative aftereffects from that not-so-pleasant workplace situation are all but gone. It's time now to focus on the positive.

■ **CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your self-confidence grows stronger as you continue to take more control of your life. Arrange for some well-earned fun and relaxation with someone special.

■ **AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) As usual, you've been concerned more about the needs of others than your own. You need to take time for yourself so that you can replenish all that spent energy.

■ **PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Stronger planetary influences indicate a growing presence of people eager to help you navigate through the rough seas that might mark your career course.

■ **ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) You're moving from a relatively stable situation to one that appears to be laced with per-

plexity. Be patient. You'll eventually get answers to help clear up the confusion around you.

■ **TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A vexing situation tempts you to rush to set it all straight. But it's best to let things sort themselves out so that you can get a better picture of the challenge you're facing.

■ **GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Financial matters could create some confusion, especially with a torrent of advice pouring in from several sources. Resist acting on emotion and wait for the facts to emerge.

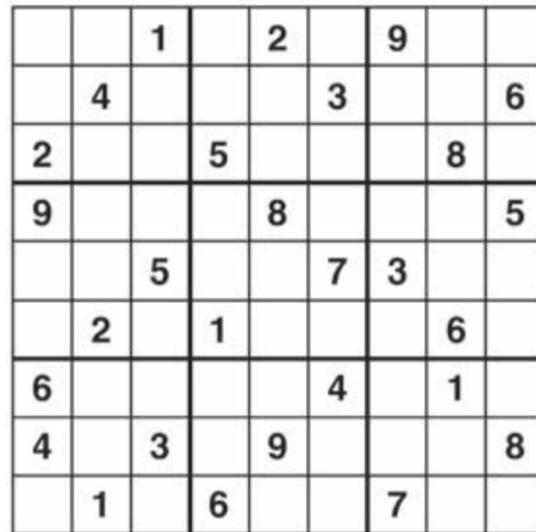
■ **CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) That goal you've set is still in sight and is still in reach. Stay with the course that you're on. Making too many shifts in direction now could create another set of problems.

■ **LEO** (July 23 to August 22) It might be time to confront a trouble-making associate and demand some answers. But be prepared for some surprises that could lead you to make a change in some long-standing plans.

■ **VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Congratulations. You're making great progress in sorting out all that confusion that kept you from making those important decisions. You're on your way now.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You can balance emotion and logic, which gives you the ability to make choices that are more likely than not to prove successful.

By Linda Thistle



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Is it worth \$10? Yes

You don't hear this often because his movies are generally hit-or-miss, but thank goodness for Seth Rogen. He gives "50/50," a dramedy about a seemingly healthy young man's cancer diagnosis and treatment, the perfect amount of levity. Because Mr. Rogen makes us laugh when we need it, and because Joseph Gordon-Levitt is so good as the suffering Adam, the movie is an emotional, inspiring success.

By the books, Adam does everything right. He doesn't smoke or drink, and he exercises regularly. While jogging, he stops to wait for the "Don't Cross" sign to turn off, even when though there's no traffic at the intersection. And so it comes as a great surprise to him and his family when he's diagnosed with advanced spinal cancer and prescribed four months of chemotherapy to shrink a large tumor.

Adam's girlfriend Rachael (Bryce Dallas Howard) wants to be supportive but doesn't know how, and his mother (Anjelica Huston) is, to say the least, overbearing. At least his good friend Kyle (Rogen) has his back, even if Kyle is consumed by the idea of using the cancer to get chicks.

Adam also finds solace in Katherine (Anna Kendrick), his psychiatrist, whom it's clear he'd like to know better if his health permits. But in a situation like this, there is no fairness, so Adam doesn't get to enjoy the exuberances of late-20s craziness that serve to sow wild oats. No, for him the only poisonous substance in his system is chemo, which causes him to throw up all night for reasons that aren't any fun at all.

Director Jonathan Levine takes the movie seriously because he has to, so rest assured, no one who has suffered from cancer or seen a loved one go through the ordeal will be offended by trivialities (and yes, I do speak from experience). To bring this point home



we have Mitch (Matt Frewer) and Alan (Philip Baker Hall), older gentlemen whom Adam befriends while receiving treatment. Lest we think we're just getting the anomaly of young Adam, Mitch and Alan are here to make things palpably — and at times, delightfully — real.

The rumors say Mr. Gordon-Levitt jumped into the role after James McAvoy bailed less than a week before production started, and that turned out to be great news for us. Mr. Gordon-Levitt's Adam is sympathetic and likeable, and when he gets angry he has every right to be. In fact, Adam handles cancer better than most of us probably would, and because of that he's inspiring, too. And, best of all, he has Mr. Rogen's Kyle by his side to make him smile, which makes us smile.

"50/50" is certainly not a movie everyone will be able to handle, but it's smart, sensitive, respectful and touching. If you're going to make a "cancer comedy," this is the way to do it. ■

in the know

>> The story is inspired by real events: Seth Rogen's friend Will Reiser was diagnosed with cancer when they were both in their early 20s, and Mr. Reiser wrote the film's script.

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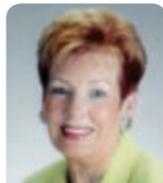
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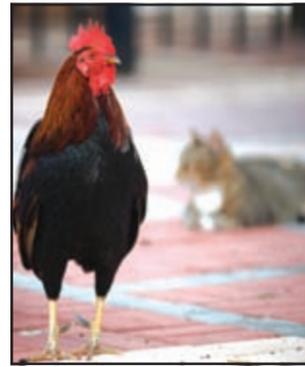
WRITING CHALLENGE

Rooster crows for creative writers

One winner of our fiction contest will attend the Sanibel Writers Conference that takes place Friday-Sunday, Nov. 3-6, at BIG ARTS and the Sanibel Island Public Library.

The two entries printed here were inspired by the photograph of this rooster and the cat. Use it to prompt your own creative prose or poem, or wait until next week when we present a new photograph as the cue.

We're printing our favorite entries from week to week. Later this month, our editors will choose one winner from all the submissions that have been printed.



We'll print the winning entry on Nov. 2 (we'll notify the winner the week before so conference plans can be made). For more information about the conference, visit www.fgcu.edu/siwc/.

Send your entry of no more than 1,000 words to us in Word format or pasted into the body of an e-mail to writing@floridaweekly.com

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Be sure to include your name, address and contact information. Feel free to include a photo of yourself as well.

The deadline to submit entries based on the rooster photograph is Saturday, Oct. 8. ■

This Land Was My Land

BY AMANDA BARBARE

Americana. Once was a beacon.
Something to be cherished.
Days. Gone. Bye.

I remember mornings on the farm.
The wet, loamy smell of earth,
The proud rooster's crowing signaled
A fresh, new day.

We used our days like the earth
Uses the sun.
Sweaty labor warmed us.
An abundant harvest sustained us.

Too soon, ploughshares were beaten
Into shopping carts, our precious,
sweeping land
Transformed into black, shiny
parking lots.

The earth no longer speaks.
(Even the rooster's pride came to an
untimely end).

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The Two-Party System

BY JOHN PELOT

"I'm sure it was the egg," Napoleon purrs. "Chicken's too dumb to have started it all." Rooster's red comb bristles and he steps purposefully to the foreground, poised as if chiseled from wax. He can sense something small moving behind him. It is enough to distract the cat, but not enough of a threat for him to turn around. He'd rather be plucked and sold as duck than spin like those hated caricatures on tops of homes and churches, of roosters whirling with the slightest breeze.

"The omens are bad, Roo," Napoleon purrs again. "There is motion in this world you are not aware of."

The cat did not look at him. Pure disrespect, yet Napoleon succeeds in beginning the argument.

"I turn my back because I am brave," Roo crows.

Napoleon continues to look in another direction. "I know it's hard to be a bird. Everything is blurry, isn't it, Roo?"

"Not blurry at all; I see me, I see you. Your crack about chickens reminds me of William Carlos Williams, red wheelbarrows and rain." Roo hopes the cat had some education. Since they are stuck in a small two dimensional square, he remembers past aspirations.

"The chickens are white, the wheelbarrow red, and the rain is glistening." Napoleon recites like a poet and smiles a deep Cheshire Cat smile, infuriating the rooster as he detests modern literature.

"Sir, I keep my back to you like the sun to the moon. And the world, you say, dwelling in the mist behind you, will not keep me awake. When I crow, the sun rises."

The cat did not look at him. Pure disrespect, yet Napoleon succeeds in beginning the argument.

Napoleon remains the sphinx, as implicit and dangerous as stones in the desert. The innocent patch of white beneath regal chin, another camouflage. He imagines the rooster naked. Begins to salivate.

Roo contemplates another step, two eyes looking in opposite directions. Somehow he remembers predecessors, millions of years erased by one large comet, not unlike a giant egg. Now it's only him and the cat.

This avian ancestor is wishing that his red cowl, wide-dark body — with all those feathers — and pale, spindly legs, might walk him straight out of this scene where he dreams of what might be a better place. Who knows? Maybe find some chickens.

"Sorry Roo," Napoleon whispers before the pounce. ■

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The Philharmonic Center for the Arts offers two free classes this month.

Professor Cyrus Forough will be joined by collaborative pianist Sung-Im Kim for a free violin master class from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Laureate of the Tchaikovsky International Violin Competition, Mr. Forough has performed in recitals and with orchestras on four continents. His students are prize-winners of national and international competitions and members of professional orchestras worldwide.

Mr. Forough is a professor at Carnegie Mellon University and has been a visiting professor at the Eastman School of music since 2009.

Ms. Kim started playing the piano at the age of 7 and had her debut as a soloist with the Seoul National Philharmonic Orchestra when she was 15. She earned a master's degree at Carnegie Mellon University in 2007 and is a

studio pianist there with Mr. Forough. She is also a piano instructor at the Preparatory School.

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Degas collector, curator to discuss Naples Museum of Art exhibit

Robert Flynn Johnson, curator emeritus, the Achenbach Foundation for Graphic Arts, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco and collector of the Edgar Degas artwork currently on display at the Naples Museum of Art, will present "Chasing Degas: Reflections of a Collector in Pursuit of This Elusive Master Over Four Decades" at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, in Daniels Pavilion at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

Degas once said, "I wish to be illustrious and unknown." To a great extent, his wish was granted.

By the time of the artist's death more than 90 years ago, his work had become famous, and his reputation since has only grown. Yet the individual who was so accomplished in many artistic endeavors — from drawing, painting and printmaking to sculpture and photography — has remained elusive.

Mr. Johnson's lecture ties in with the Naples Museum of Art exhibition "Edgar Degas: The Private Impressionist," which he curated from his private collection.

Cost for the lecture is \$25 for adults



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Young musicians invited to participate in Bach Festival

The Bach Ensemble will hold its fourth annual Bach Festival for area music students Saturday, Nov. 5, at the First Academy of Music on the campus of First Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs.

Young instrumentalists and vocalists, ages 6-18, are invited to learn and perform a composition by J.S. Bach or his contemporary before a panel of judges. The deadline to participate and submit an application is Tuesday, Oct. 15.

On Bach Festival Day, judges will evaluate each performance. Outstanding performers receive a modest scholarship to assist with their musical studies and are

invited to perform with The Bach Ensemble in a public concert in January.

"It is important to encourage young musicians in our area and provide them with performance opportunities," said Ronald Doiron, conductor and artistic director of The Bach Ensemble. "We also hope to foster in these students a love of music from the Baroque era."

In 2010, more than 70 students from Collier and Lee counties participated in the Bach Festival with eight outstanding performers selected. For more information, or to download an application, visit www.TheBachEnsemble.org or call Carol Hedman at 948-5290. ■

Laboratory Theater explores true story of hatred, prejudice and murder

Laboratory Theater of Florida presents "The Laramie Project," the story of the 1998 kidnapping and murder of Matthew Shepard, a gay student at the University of Wyoming, Oct. 7-22, at 1634 Woodford St. in Fort Myers.

The play, whose statements against bullying and hate are as powerful today as they were nearly 14 years ago, has been performed hundreds of times, at professional playhouses, colleges, high schools and community theaters in the U.S., Canada, the U.K., Ireland, Australia and New Zealand.

This production kicks off the new season for Laboratory Theater. Eight actors play nearly 50 parts, requiring multiple changes in voice placement, dialect, body language and a costume piece or



COURTESY PHOTO

Rehearsals for Laboratory Theater's production of "The Laramie Project."

prop to complete the metamorphoses from one character into another.

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♣ A 5 3 2

WEST

♠ 9 6 3 2
♥ Q J 10 4 3
♦ 10 3
♣ 9 6

EAST

♠ K 10 7 4
♥ 8 6 5
♦ Q 9 5
♣ Q 10 8

SOUTH

♠ A Q J
♥ A K
♦ A J 8 6
♣ K J 7 4

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
Pass	2♣*	Pass	2♦
Pass	2NT	Pass	3NT

* strong, artificial

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

The problem of insufficient entries to a hand can occasionally be resolved by careful manipulation of the cards. In this deal, for example, South can make all 13 tricks if he plays properly. This might not seem to be a vital matter, since the contract is only three notrump, but anyone capable of making all the tricks on this layout can be

said to be very well-versed in the art of manufacturing entries.

West leads a heart, and South sees there are four finesses to be taken -- two in spades, one in diamonds and one in clubs. The difficulty is that there are only two apparent entries in dummy for these purposes. However, all the finesses can be accomplished by making judicious use of the low cards.

South wins the heart and leads the club seven to the ace. He then returns a low club to the jack and cashes the king. As a result, his carefully preserved four of clubs becomes an entry to dummy's five.

Declarer performs a similar feat in diamonds. He leads the eight to the king, finesses the jack and cashes the ace. This leaves the six as an entry to dummy's seven.

South now utilizes his two additional entries to take two spade finesses, crossing to the five of clubs for one of them, and to the seven of diamonds for the other. His work done, he then claims 13 tricks.

Observe that declarer can easily spare the seven of clubs and eight of diamonds the first time he leads each suit to dummy. They are not significant as high cards, but are used as building blocks (or in this case, unblocks) in the creation of the extra entries declarer needs. ■

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Q: I have a pine colonial-style rocker. The top is decorated in a muted gold floral pattern. It was manufactured by L & Z Kamman Co. of Gardner, Mass. What is its value?

A: Brothers Lee D. Kamman and Zora R. Kamman and their father, I.B. Kamman, founded L & Z Kamman Co. in 1946. The company designed and manufactured chairs. Many were decorated by hand. L & Z Kamman made the chairs for the renovated Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C., in the 1960s. The company went out of business in about 1991. Your chair is not old enough to be an antique and it was not made by a famous company. So it would sell as used furniture for about one-third the cost of a new rocker.

Q: I understand there are special laws and restrictions regarding ivory. Could you please tell me what the rules are? My father was an exporter who traveled all over the world during the 1940s and '50s, and he brought me back many pieces when I was growing up.

A: International, federal and state laws govern the sale, import, export and possession of ivory, whether from elephant, whale, hippo, warthog or wild boar.

Zoltar the Fortune Teller is the coin-operated machine in the movie "Big" that changed Tom Hanks's character into a grownup. Coin-operated fortune-telling machines were popular at amusement parks and penny arcades in the 1930s and after. They featured exotic figures like gypsies, mummies, skulls, devils or wizards, as well as old women and Puss-in-Boots — any character that seemed magical. There also is a fortune-telling machine named Zoltan that often is confused with Zoltar. The name "Zoltan" may have come from the Hungarian word for Sultan and the figure is dressed like a sultan. The first fortune-telling machines probably were made in the 1890s, and the first electric coin-operated machines in about 1910. Experts say that Zoltan was introduced in 1965 and that only 50 or 60 were made. After the movie "Big" came out, some reproductions were made of fiberglass. A dime went in the slot. Later models required a quarter.

Most of these coin-operated fortune-

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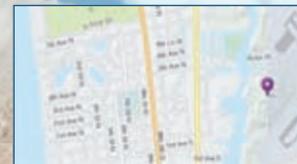
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Q: I just came across a whiskey bottle I found 41 years ago in some woods. The bottle is a flask that holds 12 ounces. Printed on the front of the bottle are the words "Holbrook & Winfree Flask" and below that the words "Holbrook & Winfree, Trade Street, Winston, N.C." Can you give me any history on the bottle and its value?

A: R.T. Holbrook and Julian Winfree operated a saloon and restaurant called The Criterion in Winston. A 1904 city directory includes an ad for the restaurant that states it's "first-class in every respect" and serves "meals at all hours, Holbrook & Winfree, Proprietors." Next to it was an ad for Holbrook & Winfree, "Dealers in Foreign and Domestic Liquors, Wines, Ales, Porters, Champagnes, Cigars, &c." Winston merged with Salem, N.C., in 1913 to become Winston-Salem, so your flask was made before that time. Value: \$200 to \$250.

Q: Last summer, you answered a question about a pair of buttonhole scissors marked "Korn's Patent." You said the

patent was granted to George W. Korn of New York City in 1881. I have an identical pair of buttonhole scissors embossed with the same 247,766 patent number. The other mark on it is different, though. It's "Henry Sears & Son 1865" instead of "Korn's Patent." Is my pair 20 years older than the Korn pair you wrote about?

A: The 1865 date in the Henry Sears & Son mark is the year H. Sears Manufacturing Co. opened in Chicago. The company became Henry Sears & Son in 1883 and added the year 1865 to its trademark in about 1897.

Although the company had changed ownership by then, it continued in business under the same name until 1959. Through the years, Henry Sears & Son sold all sorts of pocketknives, firearms, ammunition, tools and sporting goods. Your buttonhole scissors were made no earlier than the late 1890s. By then, Sears may have been assigned rights to Korn's patent.

Tip: Don't ever take your rings off and put them on the edge of the sink when you wash your hands. They can fall into the sink and down the drain or be forgotten and left behind. ■

— Terry Kovel answers as many questions as possible through the column. Write to Kovel (*Florida Weekly*), King Features Syndicate, 300 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019.



SKINNER, INC./COURTESY PHOTO
This is Zoltan, the coin-operated fortune teller made of fiberglass by Prophatron, Inc., in the early 1970s. The fortune was spoken by a voice that's heard through an earpiece. Skinner Inc., of Marlborough, Mass., auctioned it for \$3,500.

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Need to Know

This cross-media news and public affairs magazine culls stories from the week's online reporting.

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Jean and Lionel try to rekindle their flame after 38 years.

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Antiques Roadshow Raleigh - Hour 3

Items related to Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1966 visit to St. Mark's AME Zion Church in Durham; a Virginia-made table with purported ties to Thomas Jefferson; and a pair of circa-1725 chairs by furniture maker John Gaines.

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NAACP plans Freedom Fund evening

The NAACP of Collier County holds its 29th annual Freedom Fund Banquet on Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Hilton Naples. A cocktail reception begins at 5:30 p.m.

The mission of the NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination. The Freedom Fund Banquet is the major fundraiser to meet needs of the operational budget and programs of the local branch.

The evening's keynote speaker will be retired Sen. William Owens. Mistress of ceremonies will be Barbara Melvin of Wells Fargo; Collier County Commissioner James Coletta will be the guest auctioneer.

Tickets are \$75 per person, \$750 for a reserved table for 10. For reservations or more information, call Harold Weeks at 455-2886 or visit www.naacpcolliercounty.com.

'Denim and Diamonds' gala

The faculty, staff and families of Royal Palm Academy will honor Jack and Rhodora Donahue at the school's "Denim and Diamonds" Kings' Celebration Gala beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. The Donahues are longtime Naples residents whose daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Patrick Moore, founded Royal Palm Academy in 1998.

Chair of the event is Diano Boghigian. Tickets are \$100 per person. For reservations or more information, call the school at 594-9888.

Make a date for clinic block party

The Neighborhood Health Clinic hosts its ninth annual Neighborhood Block Party: The Party with a Purpose... To Save Lives on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Guests will enjoy a cocktail reception, an elegant sit-down dinner and dancing to Cahlua and Cream.

Relying on a volunteer professional staff, the clinic delivers care to low-income, working but uninsured adults in Collier County. The block party generates approximately 25 percent of its annual operating budget.

Kelly Richardson is chair of the 2012 event. Tickets are \$250 per person. Invitations will be mailed in early January.

For information about sponsorships or becoming involved with block party plans or clinic operations as a volunteer, contact Nikki Strong, director of development and communications, at 260-2080 or nstrong@neighborhoodhealthclinic.org.

Hope for Haiti plans garden gala

Hope for Haiti holds its 2012 gala, "A Passport to the Secret Garden," from 6-11 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the St. Ann Jubilee Center. The evening will include a cocktail reception, dinner, silent and live

auctions, raffle drawing, entertainment and more.

Tickets are \$300 per person. Volunteer and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Elizabeth Davison at 434-7183 or Elizabeth@hopeforhaiti.com.

Place your bets on library casino night

The Friends of the Library of Collier County will hold the third annual "Red, White & Roulette" casino night Friday, Nov. 4, at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. Last year's casino night earned the Florida Library Association's Outstanding Program of the Year Award. For 2011, the Friends of the Library have "upped the ante" and promise a Las Vegas-style night of dancing to The Blue Tones and taking a chance with full casino gaming and professional croupiers. Tickets are \$75 per person. A cash bar will be available. For tickets or more information, call 262-8135 or visit www.collier-friends.org.

'An Evening in Old Havana'

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dresses, while the best-dressed men can don linen guayaberas or tropical print shirts and smart fedoras. Tickets are \$500 per person, \$1,200 per VIP patron and \$5,000 per table of 10. A variety of sponsorship opportunities and levels are also available. For more information, call the David Lawrence Foundation at 354-1416.

It's tea time for Make-A-Wish

An afternoon of fine teas, lovely china, delicious treats and a silent auction at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida. Organizes hope to raise enough money to fund one local child's wish. Gibraltar Private Bank & Trust is the sponsor.

Make-A-Wish grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions.

Tickets for "Tea at The Ritz" are \$125 per person. To purchase tickets or to learn more about donating, volunteering or becoming a wish sponsor, call Lesley Colantonio 992-9474 or e-mail lcolantonio@sflawish.org.

13 is lucky for tea and fashions

Humane Society Naples holds its 13th annual Afternoon Tea & Fashion Show on Friday, Nov. 11, at the Naples Yacht Club. Sponsorships and auction items are being solicited now. For more information, call Ali O'Connor at 643-1880, ext. 18, or e-mail events@hsnaples.org.



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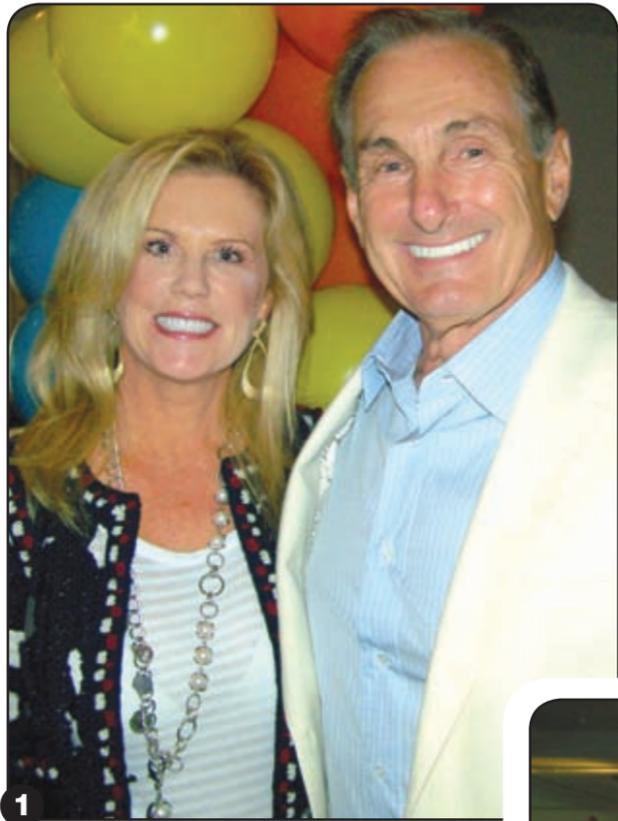


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PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous reviews:

➤ **Blue Agave Tequila Bar and Grill**, 3785 Tamiami Trail E., Naples; 262-2582

There are lots of reasons to like Blue Agave, from its voluminous selection of tequilas (more than 50) to its polished and polite serving staff and the fact that the management hasn't resorted to the sort of kitschy décor that so often makes a mockery of a noble cuisine. And then there's the menu, which includes dishes not often seen in these parts, including molcajete, a mélange of grilled steak, chicken and chorizo with green onion and cactus leaves served in a bowl made of volcanic stone. The presentation was dramatic — the mixture bubbled for a good 20 minutes after arriving at the table — and the contents were delicious. Shrimp and salmon ceviche was lively, if a bit low on salmon, and the sopapillas — thin, crisp pastries topped with cinnamon, powdered sugar and honey — with a mound of ice cream were just right after a spicy Mexican meal. Full bar.

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

➤ **Café Normandie**, 3756 Tamiami Trail N. 261-0977

This low-key outpost along U.S. 41 manages to provide delightful French fare and a casual, laid-back hospitality, compliments of owner Benoit Legris. The wine list is brief but well chosen, a snapshot of wines that please the owner. You can't

go wrong with mussels in Normandie cream sauce or the well-executed escargots de Bourgogne. Roasted duck with spicy peach sauce was a glorious variation on duck l'orange, and the shrimp and sea scallops au gratin were simple yet elegant. Dinner concluded with a classic raspberry tart and whisper-thin crepe Suzette. The service, Old World atmosphere and moderate prices all enhanced a wonderful meal. Beer and wine served.

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

➤ **Chops City Grill**, 8200 Health Center Blvd., Bonita Springs; 992-4677

Stylish, hip Chops manages to offer something for everyone with a full bar and extensive wine list, aged meats and fresh seafood, classics like New England clam chowder and beef Oscar as well as inventive dishes such as hand-rolled shrimp and beef spring rolls and oysters Chopafeller (oysters with crab, andouille sausage, spinach and smoked gouda). The oysters, crab and lobster cakes, entrees of spiced yellowfin tuna and a 10-ounce filet with blackberry-cabernet sauce with a side of butternut squash with brown sugar and almonds made for an outstanding meal. A warm wedge of Grandma's apple pie proved the crowning touch. The staff does a great job of taking care of even the smallest details, making customers feel welcome and pampered. Full bar.

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

➤ **Chrissy's at Bayfront**, 369 Bayfront Place, Naples; 353-4444

Veteran restaurateur Chrissy Bianchi offers omelets, pancakes, panini and such for breakfast and lunch in a sparkling waterfront setting. Dine inside or out on items such as smoked salmon Benedict, tenderloin and mushroom omelet and banana Foster French toast. The meat in the omelet was on the chewy side, but the smoked salmon Benedict was a refreshing variation on the standard. The standout of the meal was the bananas Foster French toast, featuring thick-sliced challah sautéed to a fluffy golden brown and topped with chunks of ripe banana, sauce and whipped cream. The place was busy so service was on the choppy side, but the setting is so lovely that staying a little longer didn't prove a hardship. Soft drinks available.

Food: ★★★ Service: ★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed March 2011

➤ **Inca's Kitchen**, 11985 Collier Blvd., Naples; 352-3200

It's love at first bite at Inca's Kitchen, where the menu showcases the lively Peruvian culinary palette. Chef/owner Raphael Rottiers and partner Alfredo Ruiz make customers feel immediately welcome in this lovely, unpretentious Golden Gate establishment. Dinner starts with a bowl of roasted corn kernels and three flavorful (but not spicy hot) pepper sauces for dipping. The mixed ceviche was exceptionally good

and the portion was large enough for two. Also good were the conchitas a la Parmesana (scallops on the half shell baked with Parmesan cheese). A delicious sashimi-like dish, dua tiradito, featured marinated fish served with pepper sauces. Inca's wari fish is seared on a griddle, seasoned and baked to perfection then served with a mango salsa, corn and cilantro. Another standout was the lomo a la Huancaína, sliced beef tenderloin with red onions and creamy queso blanco. Not only is the food wonderful, the most expensive dish is \$17. Don't miss this one. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★½ Service: ★★★★★½
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed August 2009



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CUISINE

Grouper & Chips: Unpretentious, but friendly and impressive

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If you've never eaten at Grouper & Chips, stepping through the front door might feel a bit like falling through Alice's wormhole. The size of the restaurant takes you aback a bit. It has only eight tables — and they're a tight fit.

Don't let the Pepto-pink walls close in on you, though. Grouper & Chips is worth recalibrating your comfort zone for. It has built a strong fan base after more than 16 years in business.

Very friendly people serve the food quickly, and a kitchen staff that knows its way around seafood produces it.

Tucked in an older strip plaza across U.S. 41 from NCH's downtown hospital, Grouper & Chips is a self-described "small, unpretentious hole-in-the-wall restaurant." The walls are plastered with posters and prints of Marilyn Monroe, Elvis and James Dean. Painted driftwood is on sale, and there's a small shark hanging on the wall behind the bar.

The website also asserts that regulars are willing to wait more than an hour to get a table. With takeout and delivery available, I'm not sure why they would wait.

The staff might have something to do with it. We were greeted as soon as we walked in the door, and who doesn't love that? Our smiling server was quick to return with drinks but never made us feel rushed.

The beverage offerings are limited but inexpensive. With the "fish and chips" theme, you might reasonably expect to find a British stout or ale on tap. But the beers are mostly bottled domestic; bottled Bass Ale (\$3.95) will satisfy those who prefer suds with flavor. House wines are \$5.95, but there were upgrades for a couple more dollars posted on the specials board; the Napa Ridge Sauvignon Blanc (\$7) was perfectly fine — simple, lightly sweet and a little grassy.

Our appetizers arrived with remarkable speed. The conch fritters (\$7.95) were noteworthy, and I've eaten a lot of the little croquettes in two-plus decades of travels around Florida and the Caribbean. These were lighter than most and had lots of chunks of tenderized conch meat. There were seven in the basket, and they came with cocktail sauce. A more interesting dip, chipotle mayonnaise, was served with the hush puppies



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Above: A fried grouper and shrimp basket shows how skillfully the kitchen handles deep-frying.

Right: Grouper & Chips' conch fritters, served with cocktail sauce, are better than most.



(\$3.95). Both appetizers came out piping hot and devoid of grease.

Deep-frying is a popular method on the menu at Grouper & Chips, and it's nice to know that the kitchen uses only canola oil, which contains no trans fats. There are a few sautéed dishes listed, though, and the menu says fish and poultry can also be blackened or broiled.

Grouper is a good candidate for frying, as the fillets are usually thick enough to stand up to bubbling oil without soaking it all up. It also helps to have a substantial batter as a barrier, as Grouper & Chips does. The fish fillets in our grouper-and-shrimp combo basket (\$19.95) were completely encased in batter that crunched pleasingly without giving our mouths a greasy feel. The flesh within remained white, moist and untainted by oil. I liked it a bit less on the shrimp, however; the proportion of meat to batter was so much different that the shrimp

flavor got a bit lost in the thick coating. The French fries that accompanied the basket were thick and crisp.

If you don't want to go the basket route, the menu includes items created with "A French Touch" such as bouillabaisse and chicken or fish with beurre blanc sauce.

To find bouillabaisse (\$23.95) in such a "hole in the wall" is unusual. They don't serve the traditional roasted-pepper rouille with it, but then few places do anymore. It did come with cheesy toasted bread. The broth had the usual saffron color and flavor, along with the briny liquor imparted by the seafood. I did not detect any hints of fennel, another typical seasoning, which would have added a needed dimension of flavor.

No complaints, however, about the seafood that filled the large bowl. It was

loaded with plump sea scallops, tender mussels and shrimp and chunks of grouper. The split lobster tail was a little difficult to extricate from the shell without splashing broth all over creation, but I managed.

Throughout our meal, we noted the freshness of the seafood. Fish is delivered daily to Grouper & Chips, and fillets are all hand cut. That says a lot about the commitment to quality here.

Desserts are handmade, too, according to the menu. Since fried good can really fill you up, we were pretty well sated. But we noticed "dessert shooters" on the specials board and inquired. They are petite servings of Key lime pie and chocolate mousse served in large shot glasses — the perfect choice for someone who craves a little taste of something sweet at the end of a meal but can't accommodate a full serving. Both hit the right flavor and texture notes, and we liked that they went so far as to sprinkle graham cracker crust crumbs in the bottom of the pie shooter.

Grouper & Chips might be unpretentious — as in not attempting to impress patrons with an appearance of being more ambitious than it is. But it does a lot to impress anyway, with good, honest food served by friendly people. ■

If you go

Grouper & Chips

338 Ninth St. N., Naples;
643-4577

Ratings:
Food: ★★½
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★½

>> **Hours:** 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. daily
>> **Reservations:** No
>> **Credit cards:** Major cards accepted.
>> **Price range:** Appetizers, \$2.95-\$9.95; entrees, \$9.95-\$23.95
>> **Beverages:** Beer and wine
>> **Seating:** Indoors
>> **Specialties of the house:** Fish and chips and other seafood
>> **Volume:** Low
>> **Parking:** Plaza parking
>> **Website:** www.grouperandchips.net

★★★★★ **Superb**
★★★★ **Noteworthy**
★★★ **Good**
★★ **Fair**
★ **Poor**

food & wine CALENDAR

► **Thursday, Oct. 6, 5-7 p.m.,** Bleu Provence: Sample organic and biodynamic wines along with an all-organic buffet; \$10 (deduct \$10 from wine bill if you stay for dinner), 1234 Eighth St. S.; 261-8239.

► **Thursday, Oct. 6, 5-7 p.m.,** Decanted Wines: Learn how to pair wine with pizza at this session that features both; \$10, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations required.

► **Friday, Oct. 7, 6-7 p.m.,** Whole Foods: The French Cheese Club hosts a class on six French cheeses, explaining how they are made, what makes them unique and how to best serve them; \$5, Mercato. Reserve a spot at www.acteva.com/go/LifestyleCenter.

► **Saturday, Oct. 8, 10:30-11:30 a.m.,** Whole Foods: Children ages 4-11 are invited to make pumpkin men snacks and fall leaf rub art (parental supervision required); \$5, Mercato. Register at www.acteva.com/go/LifestyleCenter.

► **Wednesday, Oct. 12, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.,** Fleming's: Chef David Gosset demonstrates cooking with farm-to-table ingredients, concluding with a three-course meal and a glass of wine; \$35, 8985 Tamiami Trail N.; 598-2424. Reservations required.

► **Wednesday, Oct. 12, 5:30-7 p.m.,** Alexander's Restaurant: Enjoy a tasting of Sonoma wines and foods that pair with them in this collaborative effort

by Alexander's and Decanted Wines; \$10, 4077 Tamiami Trail; 434-1814. Reservations required.

Farmers markets

► **Wednesday, 1:30-5:30 p.m.,** St. Monica's Episcopal Church, 7070 Immokalee Road; 591-4550.

► **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 Bahama's between Third Street and Gordon Drive.

► **Saturday, 7 a.m.-noon,** the Bonita Springs Lions Club farm market, The Promenade, 26851 South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs.

► **Saturday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.,** the North Naples Green Market, the Shoppes at Vanderbilt, off Airport Pulling and Vanderbilt Beach roads.

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