

“Dip it in some melted butter and put it in your mouth and your eyes will roll back in your head.”

— Susie Murphy,
Everglades City resident

CRAZY FOR CLAWS

SO LONG SUMMER HEAT, HELLO SWEET MEAT

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JAMES MELANSON HAS EARNED A LIVING doing the physical, fast-paced work of harvesting stone crab claws since he was a teenager.

“Fishin’s never guaranteed, it’s a 50/50 type thing,” said the 36-year-old, talking on the phone from Everglades City on Friday, Stone Crab Eve.

Hundreds of Southwest Florida crabbers were on the water by 3 or 4 a.m. Saturday, the first day of season, to pull traps and pop off that one special claw. The crab is thrown back so it can regrow the missing limb.

The expensive delicacy is tied to the region’s history and identity the same way lobsters and oysters are in other places. Southwest Florida owns the stone crab. They spawn off our coast, where the vast majority are caught in season Oct. 15 to May 15. They fuel a Florida industry that created \$23.6 million in revenue last

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Stone crab season opened Oct. 15.

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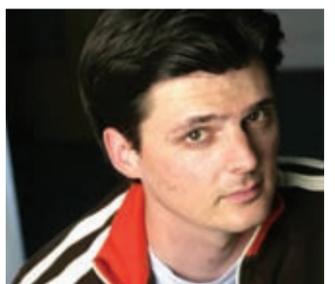
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Looking up? What the Fed says about SWFL

BY ROGER WILLIAMS
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Every so often, Uncle Sam takes a long, cool look at his progeny — in this case, the 50 state economies — and lays out their progress without puffery.

Sam’s close-inspection tool is the recently released Philadelphia Federal Reserve Index of State Economies, a by-the-numbers analysis. It takes into account housing permit levels, initial unemployment claims, manufacturing delivery times and

an interest rate spread.

Here’s the good news for Florida and the Southwest coast: We aren’t sliding into a second recession (defined as at least



six months of negative growth), as some experts have feared, says Gary Jackson, assistant professor and director of the Regional Economic Research Institute at Florida Gulf Coast University.

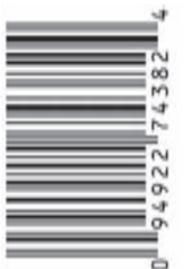
Instead, the Fed’s State Leading Index “is predicting zero to 1.5 percent growth for Florida over the next six months,” he explains. (It’s called a “leading” index because it serves to lead or predict how another Federal index will analyze wage

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COMMENTARY

R.I.P., Robert. I wish I'd been a better friend

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The news that a friend has died is never good, of course, but in Robert's case his passing seems particularly tragic — as much for the lost promise of his life as anything else.

Robert and I grew up together. I could throw a rock from my house to his. He was a year older, and we went to the same grammar school and high school.

He was one of those guys who just seemed to be charmed. He was a passable athlete and an incredibly gifted student. Robert was one of the best writers I have ever encountered, and he was editor of the high school newspaper.

I did not know a single person who said they disliked him. His wry humor was always delivered with an impeccable deadpan style.

He was president of the high school student body, and his signature campaign issue was a promise to rid the campus of cold toilet seats. We all howled, but the school's administration was not amused. They thought it unseemly and inappropriate to be giving speeches about toilet seats. Robert won in a landslide.

After high school he went to Tulane University in New Orleans, where he was the most popular guy in his frater-

nity. I visited him at Tulane on spring break during his freshman year. Somehow, he had landed us a "key" to the New Orleans Playboy Club. After an evening with the Bunnies, we made our way down to the waterfront and a wonderfully seedy bar, where we watched the sun rise with a man who insisted he was a "soldier of fortune" and also insisted on buying the house drinks.

Robert graduated with high honors from Tulane (he was Phi Beta Kappa) and then headed off to Stanford University for graduate school. In the meantime, he was offered a prestigious internship at the Washington bureau of *The New York Times*.

While at Stanford, Robert wrote for the newspaper there and collected an impressive array of clippings. He got his master's degree in communications and became a protégé of one Stanford's most esteemed instructors.

But then something happened. Robert changed. Instead of embarking on the meritorious career he appeared to be destined for, he returned to our hometown. I was

long gone by then, but I began to receive disturbing reports. He appeared "spaced-out" and "just plain weird," I was told. Apparently, he roamed a golf course at night, mumbling to himself, and worked part time at the Internal Revenue Service as a file clerk.

I saw him a few times during this period, and it was like viewing a stranger. In his mid-20s, Robert was diagnosed with diabetes and he became obsessed with his disease. He would bring his blood-sugar down to levels that sent him into comas. Several times, paramedics had to break into his shabby apartment and revive him.

No amount of reasoning would work on Robert in this regard, and finally, a physician told his mother that Robert could not be allowed to administer insulin to himself; it was too dangerous, and a fatal overdose would surely occur.

And so, at less than 30 years of age, Robert was forced into a nursing home. The next-youngest resident was 71 years old. I would get a card from him every Christmas, and they always began with this line: "Greetings from hell!"

It became so painful to see his decline that, to my shame, I limited contact. It was a torture to see this young man of such considerable talent and personality wasting away.

Robert was diagnosed with prostate cancer, which was successfully treated. By the time he reached his mid-50s, he had spent roughly half his life forcibly housed in a nursing home.

Then, without warning, he died in his sleep. There had been no sign that anything was wrong, and it was assumed that his heart simply wore out. I found out that Robert had been afflicted with schizophrenia — a fact that he never chose to share with me.

The last time I saw Robert, years ago, he was somewhat lucid. We talked baseball and books, and he told me that he had not written another word — other than bizarre notes and such — after leaving Stanford.

"Maybe you should start back writing," I said.

Robert shook his head. "No, it's over, finished."

As I left, Robert seemed to emerge a little from his fog. "Remember that night at the Playboy Club?" he asked.

I laughed, adding that it was indeed a night to remember.

With that bit of nostalgia, I was gone and out of Robert's life forever.

I should have gone back to see him but, as I realize now, I simply lacked the courage to be the friend I should have been. ■



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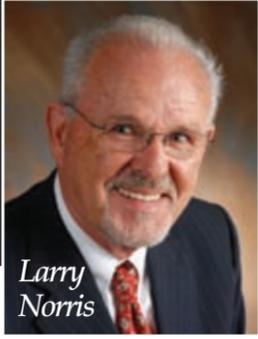
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OPINION**The businessman canard****richLOWRY**

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There is no better testament to the marketing prowess of Herman Cain than that he gets applause when he tells audiences he's not a politician — in the course of seeking their votes for the highest political office in the land.

Mitt Romney plays a version of the same card, arguing that “career politicians got us into this mess, and they simply don't know how to get us out.”

If Cain and Romney think so poorly of politics as a vocation, they could easily save themselves from any further taint. They could drop their arduous schedules, their fundraising pleas, their very public roles that open them up to ridicule and attack, and return to comfortable lives that would be welcomed by the vast majority of Americans who don't thirst after political distinction.

Of course, neither of them will fold up shop until it becomes impossible to go on, or he succeeds. They don't have the

courage of what they want us to believe are their anti-politician convictions.

Cain's status as a non-officeholder is entirely an accident of the poor judgment of Republican primary voters in his state of Georgia. He ran for the nomination to the U.S. Senate in 2004. He lost. Had he won, he might well be in his seventh year and second term in the Senate, where politicians go to live out their days blissfully free of any serious responsibilities.

Romney avoided becoming a career politician by a similar route. He ran for the U.S. Senate in Massachusetts in 1994 and lost, ran for governor of the state in 2002 and served one term before setting his sights on higher office, and ran for the Republican nomination for president in 2008 and lost. He's been running for president ever since. All in all, he's made a pretty good political career out of not being a career politician.

The business experience of a Cain or a Romney is enriching, no doubt. They are more impressive for it. But what will be more relevant if Romney becomes president, his time as management consultant or his time as governor of Massachusetts? Romney was a

flawed candidate in 2008 and — by most accounts — is a better candidate now. That has everything to do with having acquired more political experience by passing through the fire of running for president once before.

Amid the slings of outrageous fortune, the politician learns how to inspire and persuade, how to avoid unnecessary minefields and pick his fights, when to accommodate his opponents and when to confront them, how to build a coalition and keep it together. A businessman might have similar challenges, but they aren't played out in the public arena in the context of a balky, democratic political system that rarely moves on the basis of one man's orders.

And the businessman's work doesn't depend on a philosophical commitment to a set of ideas. The best politicians, like the non-businessman Ronald Reagan, translate their principles into reality in a way that rises to statesmanship. It's not important not to be a politician; it's important to be a really good one. ■

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

The public radio blues**rogerWILLIAMS**

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It's been three years and a month or so since WGCU public radio bought into mediocrity.

Our own precious little station, can you imagine?

Public radio was conceived in the 1950s but only arrived on-air about 1970, according to a local host seeking donations to WGCU-FM during this week's fund-raising drive.

I don't care who pays for it: us, them, you, me, Aunt Jemima or Uncle Sam (he tosses in about 6 percent, apparently), I like public radio. Some of my best friends like public radio. My own dear mother and sister like public radio.

Even my yard chickens used to respect it, back when WGCU offered classical music. If I turned up the volume and opened the windows, the big red rooster caterwauling violently would suddenly be struck mute, as if pinned in the glare of an alien space beam.

My wife, Amy Bennett Williams, likes public radio so much she gave WGCU almost nine years of weekly, on-air essays she'd written as columns for *Tropicalia*, the Sunday magazine of *The News-Press*.

Then the station manager, Rick Johnson, decided newspapers were dinosaurs and said so in a fund-raising letter. When he wouldn't take it back in public, *The News-Press* publisher, Mei-Mei Chan, dropped Mr. Johnson like a stinkbug, pulling my wife permanently from the airwaves, depriving listeners from Marco Island to Sarasota.

It's true, anyone who plods through life unaccompanied by Amy's elegant insights is at much greater risk of mediocrity than the rest of us. But WGCU had long since gone down that road under the previous station manager, Kathleen Davey. At the end of her career, Ms. Davey finally sold out, dropping classical music from the traditional airwaves and consigning it to a 24/7 digital stream in Southwest Florida.

Now classical music is a music not for

the public in public radio but for the few in HD radio — just as it was music for the few in the 18th or 19th centuries. When I wandered into a Target, a Wal-Mart and a Best Buy all on one torturous morning recently, not one of them stocked even a single HD radio. Poor people probably can't buy them, anyway.

For three years, Mr. Johnson has embraced the Davey decision without so much as a sniff — cozying up to fashion. To market studies and numbers. To “want” and not need, as in “what the public wants,” a ubiquitous phrase tossed around nowadays by radio station managers, newspaper publishers and fast-food franchisers alike, as far as I can tell.

That's not what I want.

I don't know about you, but I want loving sex, green money, dark chocolate, Italian coffee, extraordinary conversation and intercontinental homes. That goes almost without saying.

Also, I want those more ephemeral things: the best that's been said, thought, painted, written, composed or played, not to mention cooked, brewed, aged, grown or raised without carcinogenic herbicides, fungicides or antibiotics. That's just because I'm a hippie liberal, like most public radio listeners. Otherwise, I'd happily wolf down herbicides, fungicides and red-meat antibiotics. I'd even keep them on my table in cute little shakers next to the salt and pepper, like most people who don't listen to public radio.

But public radio managers here think I want a bunch of talk all morning, in which some snooty-sounding dude or dudette rattles on about the rebels in East-West La-De-Da Land, followed by more of the same in the afternoon. I guess they figure if you want something once you must want it 10 times — and in my case they're probably right.

After dark, the station throws in some jazz (that's a music I'll bet not everybody “wants,” either). Then it's back to the same talk the next morning.

Don't get me wrong, I relish some of WGCU's talk, talk, talk. Occasionally it's inspiring or revealing. The hosts range from good to brilliant.

But too much talk chokes the airways like

hairballs choke a drainpipe.

So why not have just some talk? Why not some jazz, and some “Fresh Air” or “Prairie Home Companion” or “This American Life” or BBC programming — AND SOME CLASSICAL MUSIC?

Maybe if I put that in caps you'll hear thunder — the thunder of the timpani drums in Tchaikovsky's soupy “1812 Overture,” or the thunder of the chorus in Beethoven's great cathedral of sound, “Symphony No. 9 in D Minor.”

Whether you like it or not, classical music is part of the best we've produced as human beings living in this civilization.

Is that arguable? No.

Only your opinion about the music, or mine, is arguable.

Classical is the equivalent of the architecture at Notre Dame, or the Apollo lunar module, or a heart transplant, or penicillin, or the combined works of the Musee de Louvre and the Metropolitan, or a Philly cheese steak from Mike's or Pat's.

You may or may not like it, but it has majesty and genius. It has the ability to change your life, or someone else's. And therefore, giving it up is like giving up penicillin or flight or electricity or Flemish painting or international travel or rapture itself.

But that's what WGCU has done.

Now we can travel no more on our public radio airwaves to Salzburg or Bonn or the Vienna of the 19th century, or New York of the 1930s or anywhere else classical music can take you.

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No more turning on the radio to hear — free, unasked and maybe even unwanted — Yehudi Menuhin's violin spinning a long strand of sound so honeyed and hot from the cold block of a dark universe that suddenly you know, without knowing anything about music, that life might actually be a riot of the sacred and beautiful.

As I listen to my favorite radio station this week, all of that leaves me with a case of — not classical, not jazz, not folk — the public radio blues.

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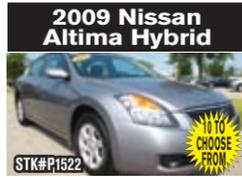
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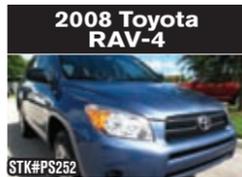
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I've had the privilege of touring the company's headquarters in North Naples. While the size, cleanliness and order of the plant are impressive, I was also impressed with the culture — the pride, loyalty and commitment to excellence — that exudes in its work force.

Even though he's their founder and president, employees greet Reinhold with a simple and friendly, "Hi, Reinhold."

Arthrex is going through a major expansion in Lee and Collier counties. Barron Collier, developers of the Ave Maria community, recently transferred ownership of 21 acres to Arthrex at no cost. Barron Collier realizes the positive impact the expansion of Arthrex will have on the community by creating jobs and residents in Ave Maria, and Arthrex benefits from reduced costs for the development of a 160,000-square-foot manufacturing plant by receiving free land.

Arthrex also recently closed on a former Robb & Stucky warehouse off Daniels Parkway in Lee County. The facility is close to Southwest Florida International Airport, which will speed up delivery to customers around the world. At a \$12.5 million price tag (following the bankruptcy of Robb & Stucky), I would guess it is a great deal for a 240,000-square-foot facility.

As an aside, Reinhold was passionate in his resistance to providing public funding from Collier County for Jackson Labs' now-defunct plan to move to Ave Maria. The expansion of Arthrex is an example of how free markets solve problems and create opportunity without public funding (and, in my view, with a higher likelihood of success).

While Reinhold has spent considerable time in Germany, he's as American as apple pie. He was born in Michigan, attended Michigan State University and started a career in the surgical device industry in Germany. Inevitably, he was forced to

choose between his personal passion for developing surgical devices and being a cog in a large, international organization.

He started Arthrex in 1980.

In his book, "Helping Surgeons Treat Their Patients Better," Reinhold states that starting a company "...without outside funding was like surviving a hurricane on a self-made raft. The winds of financial destruction were constantly threatening to capsize our plans."

Nevertheless, with the encouragement of his wife, Erika, he continued to build relationships and to develop surgical solutions and tools for orthopedic surgeons.

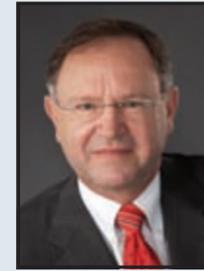
With one employee, Reinhold moved Arthrex to Naples in 1991. In one of my favorite anecdotes in the Arthrex saga, Reinhold formed a partnership when he first arrived in Naples. A few months in to the partnership, it was time to assess progress and determine next steps. It was a short meeting; Reinhold terminated the partnership and spent the balance of the day (in August) with one employee moving Arthrex in a U-Haul truck!

Why is this important?

Leaders need to be decisive and to stick to their principles. I believe it is because of Reinhold's decisiveness, vision, commitment to excellence and strong leadership qualities that Arthrex is a great place to work and do business.

I hope you agree that his inspiring story is a terrific addition to "Profiles in Paradise." ■

— Bob Harden is the producer and host of "The Bob Harden Show" on www.bobharden.com, streamed live from 7-8 a.m. Monday-Friday.



Talking points with Reinhold Schmieding

Something that's been on your mind: Managing the future growth of Arthrex in the changing health-care environment.

What makes you laugh: *Naples Daily News* economic development editorials from people who have no clue.

Last book you read: "Unbroken," by Laura Hillenbrand. I can relate.

Something you'll never understand: Religious fanaticism.

Pet peeve: Pleasure seekers who contribute nothing to society.

Something people would be surprised to find out about you: At 56 years old, I'm a one handicap golfer and a 4.5 tennis player. I only play on weekends.

What are you most proud of? Starting a company in a foreign country, alone, without investors for 30 years, and creating a \$1 billion annual revenue company with more than 3,000 direct or commissioned employees worldwide and never compromising business ethics... Being married to Erika for 29 years!

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season.

The rich, sweet meat is relished worldwide, but not by everyone.

"They're too sweet," said Everglades City resident Margie Weeks, a waitress who was serving Key lime pie and coffee to tourists there on Saturday. A self-described "Depression baby," she moved to the area from New York City's Greenwich Village 60-some years ago.

Susie Murphy, whose uncle Totch Brown pioneered the industry near Everglades City, adores stone crab claws for the same reason. They're usually served chilled, and are popular with mustard sauce.

"They're pretty expensive so you can't afford to love 'em too much," Ms. Murphy says. "They just melt in your mouth. Dip it in some melted butter and put it in your mouth and your eyes will roll back in your head. My husband will laugh at me when I'm eating them."

Most of the fishermen who harvest the claws out of Everglades City or Pine Island or off The Peace River in Charlotte County, or further north, off the Isle of Capri near Tampa, are independent contractors. Or, like Mr. Melanson, they work for boat captains who are. They sell directly to wholesalers, which in turn sell the claws in retail display windows, ship them out, or deliver them to restaurants like Truluck's in Naples.

"We have third generation families that work for us," said Rick Rinella, the restaurant's managing partner, and operations manager for Capri Fisheries, where its crabs come from.

Luck of the claw

Mr. Melanson's Zen-like fisherman's wisdom runs throughout the industry. Kelly Ellis, manager of Kelly's Fish House in Naples, says what will be will be. "We've learned we can't predict the season," he said. "That's why we call it fishing. We don't call it catching."

Donna Sharp, manager of Law's Seafood in Punta Gorda, agreed.

"You never know what's going to happen," she said.

On the up-side for opening day: the water was murky. But the recent full moon wasn't conducive to stone crab movement. Too, predators can invade.

"About every 10 years, you get a bunch of octopus that'll be in the area and they crawl into the traps and eat the stone crabs," said Grant Phelan, who runs a chain of seven Southwest Florida seafood restaurants called Pincher's Crab Shack.

By noon on an overcast Saturday, after crabbers had already been working about eight hours, Mr. Phelan had been getting the usual conflicting reports from boats: some loaded, others coming up short. About 50-50.

"We're all anxiously awaiting the arrival to see what the catch is," he said, five hours before service at the restaurants began.

One of the company's locations, Pincher's near Fort Myers Beach, did get the claws in by about 6 p.m. that evening, said a server there. Those claws had been harvested, boiled, chilled, sorted, trucked, cracked, plated and served, and they were sold out around 8 p.m.

Everglades City crabbing

"During the winter when everything's busy, the fishhouse was more home to us than our house at the time," said Justin Grimm, who is 29 and runs the processing operation at Grimm's Stone Crab in Everglades



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The crew of the *Kristin Anne* unloads its first catch of the season at Grimm's Stone Crab in Everglades City.

City. "That's where everybody was."

And is, to this day.

His father and grandmother (the owners), his youngest son and two nephews (little children now, fourth-generation owners someday), and other assorted family members, were there Saturday to help process the crabs and sell them to expectant customers.

Two big guys from Fort Lauderdale, a woman from Naples, and two hunters from Miami, who had come straight from shooting deer in Big Cypress, had all come for claws.

Some customers fly their private planes into Everglades City Airpark after pre-ordering crabs, said airport operations specialist Nathan Goff. Most are repeat customers from Fort Lauderdale and Miami.

"I recognize the planes more than faces most of the time," Mr. Goff said. "Always the same crowd."

To stand in the quiet center of town by city hall Saturday under a bright grey sky was to believe in ghosts. But along the Barron River where the fisheries operate, there was hustle and bustle.

The town of about 550 year-round residents, which sits on the edge of true wilderness, by Big Cypress National Preserve and Ten Thousand Island Wildlife Refuge, in the Everglades, relies on fishing and tourism.

"It's a city in the middle of a jungle," says Tod Dahlke, a local tourguide and airboat captain.

At the famous Rod and Gun Club near the center of town, the airy lobby and main dining room built floor to ceiling from cypress, nearly 150 years ago, is breathtaking and chilling. Pictures on the wall prove the famous and well-heeled loved it there. One is of President Dwight D. Eisenhower with late dining room manager Snooky Sendhass.

"The original Snooky," Mr. Dahlke joked.

Industry pioneer

A commercial fisherman named Loren G. "Totch" Brown helped create the modern stone crab industry in the Everglades City area after returning from the second world war, a decorated veteran.

"The way I hear it, he went fishing with my Aunt Estelle and he noticed every time his net hit the bottom he caught stone crabs," said Susie Murphy, Mr. Brown's niece.

"Well, they weren't commercialized at the time. So he started thinking — he was always thinking and planning something — that there had to be some way to sell 'em. So he talked to his uncle, his name was Dollar Bill, and they started working on coming up with a way to trap them."

Mr. Brown died in 1996 of a heart attack. Since he became a crabber, the gear has obviously improved. But the process of going out to gather up the lines of traps, then immediately boiling the catch, is still pretty much the same as it's always been.

"Some boats pull a thousand traps a day," said Everglades City crabber



Above: By forklift, Joshua Grimm takes the catch — 320 pounds — to be processed.

Left: Ronnie Goff boils all 320 pounds in one pot for eight minutes before icing it down. Tod Dahlke observes.



Orlo Hilton, who runs Triad Seafood Market and Café. "Six hundred's probably average."

Between pulling and dropping traps, crabbers are snapping claws and throwing crabs back in the water.

"It's a wrist thing," Mr. Hilton said. "Soon as you get ahold of 'em, you apply a real sharp snap. They'll turn loose of it. They'll pop that claw loose themselves. You don't physically tear it, or you'll kill the crab."

He doesn't like the taste any longer. "I don't hardly eat 'em, I've handled so many of 'em, cooked so many of 'em," he said. "It's like somebody working at a candy store or an ice cream shop. I'm sure you wouldn't eat ice cream every day, or candy every day. It's a product."

Crabber Mr. Melanson said he strongly disliked the demanding work on the water "for about six years." That later changed. "I've grown to just love it: the solitude of being on the boats, just you and your thoughts and the other guys, and the sights you see out there."

People waited as the stone crab fishing boat *Kristin Anne* traveled the last stretch of full, dark Barron River and docked at Grimm's around 4 o'clock.

The captain and three-man crew, dirty and wind-blown yet otherwise unfazed, had harvested 320 pounds.

Retail stone crab claws typically sell for anywhere between \$10 to \$30 per pound depending on claw size and supply and demand. Split the difference, and their catch was worth \$4,800. ■

— Athena Ponushis contributed to this report.

in the know

>> **What:** Second annual Stone Crab Festival
>> **When:** 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30

>> **Where:** Old Naples Waterfront area at Tin City. Venues include restaurants along Naples Bay, Naples City Dock at Crayton Cove, Port O'Call Marina, Bayfront Naples, Naples Bay Resort and Naples Harbour Yacht Club

>> **Details:** The festival, organized by the Old Naples Waterfront Association, features music, children's activities, a block party and plenty of specials in the restaurants along Naples Bay.

>> **Information:** www.stonecrabfestival.org

RECOVERY

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and payroll data, and how many hours per week manufacturing workers are putting in, almost as it happens.)

The very slow to moderate growth predicted in Florida for the next six months may not seem like much, but it's a lot better than predictions for about one in four other states — 13 to be exact — where negative growth will likely continue to occur.

Officials and business leaders across Southwest Florida are reacting either with cautious optimism or a sober lack of excitement to news of the Index.

"We tend to live in sound bites, but this Index adds a dimension and gives us a little bit of hope," says Mike Reagan, president and CEO of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.

"Florida, and Collier County in particular, is driven solely by net immigration and importation of wealth. Period. Everything else is a service industry. So the Index may mean that more will continue to come and bring money. The issue is, at a lower pace and how many and how much money?"

In Charlotte County, where Tom Patton has just taken the helm as the county's new economic development director, the index is both mildly encouraging and borne out by some progress on the ground, he says.

"I have a gut feeling that our activity is up. We have companies either planning to move in or expand — one is a yacht builder, one is a neurosurgical company and one is a warehousing company. So I

see a new business attitude, but I would also like to see more money freed up to encourage business," he says.

The money exists, perhaps, but the tight purse strings may be one of the reasons growth will be so slow, if it occurs at all between now and mid-2012, says Bill Valenti, president and CEO of Florida Gulf Bank, based in Lee County.

"My sense is that we have seen the worst of (the recession and its effects), but I am not seeing real indications of an upturn. Loan demand is still weak and most of our clients tell me that they are not adding to staff and still at breakeven, at best."

Part of the problem, now, may be the continued ebb tide of consumer and investor confidence.

"Consumer spending, tourism, and passenger air travel have been positive indicators of growth (recently)," notes Professor Jackson, whose Regional Economic Research Institute tracks the local economy and produces a monthly report of Southwest Florida indicators, available at www.fgcu.edu/cob/reri.

There's a "but," however. "But consumer confidence for the state of Florida remains low due to global and domestic uncertainty related to budgets, job creation and changes in the stock market."

In other words, attitude is part of the ephemeral problem in powering up the economy more quickly — a problem reflected by the complex weave of statistics in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Leading Index, where Florida holds a mildly positive .92 ranking, suggests Pete Winton, an assistant manager and now Budget Director in Lee County government.

"A little optimism would do us all good," explains Mr. Winton. "There is so much blame-fixing these days — pointing fingers — and you can talk yourself into a bad day. A little of what's been happening is the result of that. Optimism isn't a panacea, but consumer confidence is driving a lot of what's going on."

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— Mike Reagan, president and CEO, the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce

"My hope is that we have bottomed out, and the (Index) may show that. We had the fastest run-up — the highest and steepest (economic) run-up in the country — and we took greatest fall."

As a result, we're recovering more slowly than some, with an emphasis on recovering, he adds.

"Now the situation is variable," notes Mike Reagan, in Naples.

"The housing inventory is being slowly depleted, which is a good thing. We see a couple of flickers of institutional construction. Commercial real estate remains very much a problem, although

we see as many new restaurants coming in as ones that have closed.

"Indebtedness remains is big killer. People who have kept their debt down are coping okay. Others are having problems. I'm told our hospitality industry is picking up nicely. And I think our governments are adjusting, and some of that is a little traumatic."

Looking forward six months with the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Leading Index, adds Mr. Reagan, requires "girding ourselves down. It's going to be kind of snotty and loaded with elections. But generally speaking, the Index is contextual and somewhat encouraging."

Professor Jackson, however, offers a sober view that extends beyond the six-month picture predicted by the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Leading Index, and even beyond the entire 2012 election year.

"Slow growth over the next six months is positive but the growth is not as high as we need to significantly lower the unemployment rates," he explains.

Florida's unemployment rate hovered at 10.7 percent in August, according to the state Department of Economic Opportunity, while the entire Southwest region showed even higher unemployment figures.

Hendry held the unfortunate distinction as the county with the highest unemployment rate among Florida's 67 counties, at 17.9 percent.

Charlotte County hit the solid double digits at 11.3 percent, Lee recorded an unemployment rate of 11.5 percent and Collier came in at 11.9 percent.

"It will take several more years to work through all the issues related to the housing bubble and financial crisis," concludes Professor Jackson. ■

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Toe-suckin' trouble

The most notorious fetishist toe-sucker of the last 20 years, Michael Wyatt, now age 50, who had been arrested in the 1990s in Conway, Ark., and nearby towns, returned to the news in August 2011. Two Conway women reported in separate incidents that a man had approached them, complimented their toes, and asked to suck them (and in one

case, to imagine out loud doing violent things to the toes). Both women picked Mr. Wyatt out of a police lineup, but a third woman, reporting a similar incident, could not identify the perpetrator. Mr. Wyatt earlier served one year of a four-year prison term but was last heard from, according to news databases, in 1999. ■

Least-competent criminals

■ Anthony Watson, sentenced to prison in 1992 for crimes that included rape and robbery, became a notorious jailhouse lawyer (even drafting a book, "A Guide to the Plea Circus") and through successful challenges had reduced his 160-year sentence to 26 — and a release date of 2018. However, he filed one appeal too many. A court ruled in his favor on that final appeal and ordered a new trial altogether (vacating the convictions and sentence but also the reductions Watson had worked so hard for). At the retrial in March 2011, he was found guilty again and this time sentenced to four consecutive life terms.

■ In September, a jury found Terry Newman, 25, and an associate guilty of aggravated assault for a home invasion in San Antonio in 2009, thus adding insult to Mr. Newman's injuries. Mr. Newman was shot by a resident during the initial invasion, and then again by another resident when he returned 15 minutes later to retrieve his car. Finally,

after police encountered Mr. Newman following a short chase, he resisted officers and was shot again, for the third time. (None of the injuries was life-threatening.)

■ A man dressed as Gumby was ignored by a 7-Eleven clerk when he tried to rob the store in Rancho Penasquitos, Calif., on Sept. 5. The clerk told "Gumby" not to waste his time, and "Gumby" finally fled. The clerk had such little respect for "Gumby" that he did not even report the "robbery"; it came to light only when his boss was reviewing surveillance video.

■ Charged with crimes that could send him to prison for life, Gary LaBon, 50, nonetheless chose to defend himself at trial and told the jury in August that any kidnapping, rape or assault he might have committed on the 69-year-old woman in Hawthorne, Calif., in 2009 was "self-defense." Mr. LaBon insisted that he was in fear for his life because the woman was a "gang member." ■

Great art

■ Although Moroccan artist Mehdi-Georges Lahlou, 27, concedes that photographs can be misinterpreted, he maintains on his website that he never wants to hurt people's feelings. Nevertheless, he said he is proud of his photo exhibit in which he stands completely nude, allowing various verses of the Quran to be projected on his skin. His latest scheduled appearance was at an art fair in Marrakesh in October.

■ Two women were charged in September with what was likely a major art theft for Johnson City, Tenn. Connie Sumlin, 45, and Gail Johnson, 58, were identified from surveillance video as the ones who snatched two pieces of art off the wall in the entrance of a local Arby's restaurant (a picture of some

pears, and a metal art object, with an alleged combined value, according to the police report, of "\$1,200").

■ Earlier this year, Marion Laval-Jeantet won a notable Prix Ars Electronica award for her "hybrid" work that, she said, intends to blur the boundaries between species. Ms. Laval-Jeantet stepped onstage in Ljubljana, Slovenia, as a horse-human, having earlier injected herself with horse blood (after prepping her body for several months with different horse immunoglobulins). She also walked with stilts that had "hooves" affixed to the bottom. She capped the show by extracting some of her own presumably-hybrid blood, to be frozen and stored for future research. ■

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Better Government Committee, the League of Women Voters of Collier County, the Naples Area Board of Realtors, the *Naples Daily News* and the Naples Men's Discussion Group to present Campaign for Leadership 2011. The agenda begins with opening remarks by U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson.

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

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

Hit the road for AARP safe driving class

The local chapter of AARP will hold a safe driving class from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at Homewood Residences, 770 Goodlette Road.

The class is designed to help drivers learn new traffic laws, refresh their driving skills and reduce their risk for tickets and accidents. Those over age 55 might be eligible for a discount on their auto insurance.

Cost is \$12 per person for AARP members, \$14 for non-members. Veterans and their spouses pay no tuition for the November session.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 732-5310. ■

Forum will focus on election of commissioners

A public forum on "How We Elect County Commissioners" is set from 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, at Moorings Presbyterian Church.

A panel of experts will discuss alternatives to the current district-based system. Speakers will include Tim Durham of the Collier County Elections Office, former County Commissioner Jim Carter, Democratic Party leader Chuck Mohlke and Professor Ken Ginsberg of Hodges University. Jeff Lytle of the *Naples Daily News* will moderate.

All are welcome to this free program. The church is at 791 Harbor Drive. ■

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Hadassah presents 'Voices of Hope'

Collier County chapter of Hadassah presents Marian Dolan, founder and director of The Choir Project, with "Voices of Hope: Music of the Holocaust" at a luncheon Tuesday, Oct. 25, at Wyndemere County Club.

Consisting of readings, poetry and music, Dr. Dolan's program examines how children brought hope to the WWII Teresienstadt concentration camp with performances of a children's opera. The presentation also includes "Ani Ma'amin,"

a song written as a testimony of faith by a rabbi while he was being transported in a boxcar to a concentration camp.

Dr. Dolan, the first woman to receive a choral conducting doctorate from Yale University, created the Naples-based Choir Project as a way to improve and strengthen the life of the community through music.

Cost of the luncheon is \$27. For reservations, call 254-9968. Cost of the luncheon and program is \$27. ■

Community invited to memorial service

Avow Hospice holds a community memorial service at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, in the Ispiri community center at the Avow campus, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane. Organist James Cochran and soprano Michele Byrd will perform, and Avow Hospice chaplains will deliver readings, light candles and read names of the remembered.

Attendance is free. Call 430-3473 to RSVP and to provide the name or names of people to be remembered. ■

Hodges U. presents program about dyslexia

The Hodges University Diversity Committee and the Rush-Micah Angel Foundation present author Karen Nathan in a discussion about "Dyslexia with Gifts and Talents" at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, in the technology center on the Hodges campus in Naples. Dr. Nathan will share her story of raising a child with dyslexia. RSVP to Barbara Brown at 216-2363. ■

Cato Institute chairman to discuss courts

Six Southwest Florida patriot groups present Naples resident Bob Levy, chairman of The Cato Institute, in a discussion about "How the Courts Have Subverted the Constitution" beginning at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at the River Park Community Center, 301 11th St. N.

Mr. Levy will examine a range of issues as time permits, including rule by administrative agencies, defaults and debt ceilings, health care, the electoral college, birthright citizenship, civil rights laws and public funding of judicial elections.

The meeting is open to the public at no charge. Sponsoring groups are: the Naples Tea Party, GOooh (a nationwide, non-partisan, grassroots effort to replace all 435 members of the U.S. House of Representatives with citizen-legislators), Oath Keepers, SWFL Fair Tax, SWFL Libertarian Party of Collier County, World Changers of Florida and One Nation Under God. ■

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The Harry Chapin Food Bank and Senior Friendship Centers present a program about how Southwest Floridians can deal with the increasing issue of hunger among senior citizens beginning at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, in the student union at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Low-income and fixed-income older Americans are often hard pressed to pay their bills. Many are frequently forced to limit their food intake to compensate for costs of housing, heat, and most especially medicine.

Attendance at the workshop is free. For more information or to register, call Kristina Rodriguez, director of nutrition and community engagement at Senior Friendship Centers, at 275-1881. ■

Sow the seeds for a lifelong love of gardening

Naples Botanical Garden presents "My First Garden," a workshop for parents and children 3 years and older to help them cultivate a love of gardening, from 9:30-11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 27.

Britt Patterson-Weber, coordinator of the Smith Children's Garden, will discuss which types of plants to grow, how to start seeds and what kind of garden tasks parents (or grandparents) can do with the youngsters in their lives. Children are welcome to accompany adult participants.

Enrollment is limited to 15 adults and

one child per adult. Registration is \$25 for Garden members, \$35 for others. Call 643-7275 to sign up. ■

Wrap up your holiday shopping at Rookery Bay

Get all of your holiday shopping done during the second annual "Party of All Parties" from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Rookery Bay Reserve. Almost 50 home party and gift vendors will sell their products and offer a bucket raffle of their favorite items.

Vendors selling make-up, jewelry, home, garden, food items, pet products, men's accessories and more include: Arbonne, Avon, BURN by Rocky Patel, Creative Memories, Latasia Jewelry & Lingerie, Lia Sophia, Longaberger Baskets, Mary Kay, Miche Bags, Naples Games & Puzzles, Pampered Chef, PartyLite, Premier Jewelry Designs, South Beach Ties, Tupperware and Willow House. See the full list of vendors at www.rookerybay.org/partyofallparties.

Admission to this fundraiser for the Friends of Rookery Bay is \$8 per person or \$15 per couple and includes free wine, soft drinks and desserts.

A "pampering" area with free massages from Sally Forsman and facial treatments from Rodan & Fields Dermatologists, along with a complimentary shopping tote, are new additions to the event. Sponsors include CupCrazed, The Arlington, Naples Illustrated, Costco Naples, Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort and Old Naples Wholesale Wines.

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Guests will be able to learn about each dog's personality and individual

needs from its Brooke's Legacy foster parent. The all-volunteer, nonprofit organization is dedicated to saving animals from euthanization by placing them in foster homes until they can be paired with permanent owners.

All Brooke's Legacy animals have been spayed or neutered and are current on their vaccinations. Adoption contribution fees vary depending on

the animal.

Admission to Doggie Speed Dating is free and open to the public. The Bamboo Café bar will be open with happy hour prices and its signature small plate menu.

For more information, call 434-7480, e-mail Admin@BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.org or visit www.BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.org. ■

'Strut Your Mutt' at Germain BMW

Pets and their people go on parade for the fourth annual "Strut Your Mutt" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Germain BMW. The festivities benefit Humane Society Naples and The Shelter for Abused Women & Children.

In addition to a pet costume contest, there will be numerous pet-related

vendors, a caricature artist (\$10 per sitting) and \$5 box lunches from Sweet Caroline's. Raffle tickets will be sold for prizes including a two-night stay at The Ritz-Carlton, Palm Beach.

For details about costume categories, entry fees and prizes, call the humane society at 643-1555, ext. 18, or visit www.humanesocietynaples.com. ■



Hit the pubs to benefit spay neuter clinic

The Collier Spay Neuter Clinic's fourth annual pub crawl begins at Fred's Food Fun & Spirits at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct.

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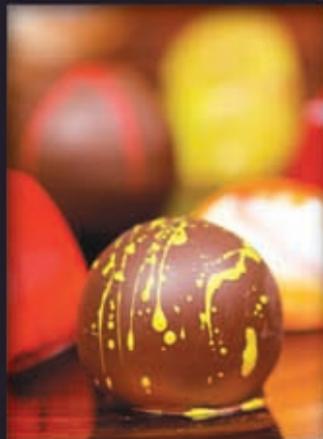
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In conjunction with the festival, a variety of field trips are being offered Friday, Oct. 28, into areas where panthers roam. Field trip choices include a guided swamp buggy tour and hike at the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge, a bird rookery 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



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CLUB NOTES

Here are some programs and events in the works among the area's clubs and organizations:

■ Members and guests of **Naples Ikebana International** will learn the art of gift-wrapping known as orikata at the club's monthly meeting from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Bring your checkbook —not to write a check, but to practice the wrapping technique. Ikebana items will be for sale, and lunch will be served. Everyone is welcome, and attendance is free. Non-members should make reservations by e-mailing ikebananaples@me.com. For more information about the organization, visit www.ikebananaples.com.

■ The Naples chapter of **Penn State Alumni** invites all Pen Staters to lunch on Tuesday, Nov. 8, at the Country Club of Naples. Social hour begins at 11:30, and lunch is served at noon. Guests will hear from a representative of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida with an update on expansion and renovations at the Conservancy campus off Goodlette Frank Road. Reservations must be made by Nov. 3. Call 597-2681.

■ Members and guests of the **Naples Orchid Society** will get a rare glimpse of the Amazon natural habitat of the Catasetum alliance, the most widespread and varied orchid group along the Amazon, at the society's next meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Francisco Miranda of Miranda Orchids will discuss and show images of his travels in search of rare species. His love for botany began more than 20 years ago with guidance from Brazil's leading orchid specialist, Guido Pabst. He has visited the Amazon wilds on numerous occasions, gathering information about several new orchid species, and began his orchid business with a goal of propagating Amazon species. He soon learned the difficulty of keeping them alive outside their natural habitat, however, and switched to mostly the Cattleya alliance. Society members will exhibit their blooming plants in hopes of earning a ribbon, and an "orchid doctor" will be on hand to answer questions and offer free advice. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 403-7155 or visit www.NaplesOrchidSociety.org.

■ **Women's Cultural Alliance** welcomes new members and invites all members to a welcome back luncheon Friday, Nov. 11, at Grey Oaks Coun-

try Club. WCA has 650 members and more than 250 courses, events and trips planned for the new season. Annual membership is \$60. For more information, call Jane Hersch at 948-0003 or visit www.womensculturalalliance.com.

■ **Gulfshore Rotary Club** is aiming for its annual paintball fundraiser Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Willow Quarry, 9220 Collier Blvd. Paintball begins at 9:30 a.m., and a pig roast will be served at noon. Entry fee is \$100 per person (\$50 for students) and includes guns, paint, air and face protection. Raffle tickets for \$20 include the barbecue lunch and a chance to win a weekend at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. For registration and more information, call Andy Hill at 594-8444 or e-mail ahill@jahconstruction.com.

■ **The Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club** of Naples holds its next meeting at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Country Club of Naples. All alumnae of Pi Beta Phi chapters across the country and Canada are welcome. Naples photographer Penny Taylor will discuss her work on the coffee-table book "Dream Houses: Historic Beach Homes & Cottages of Naples." Cost is \$25 per person. For reservations or more information, call 597-7878 or e-mail conskind@aol.com.

■ **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 lunch 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.

■ **The Bonita Springs Newcomers Club** welcomes women who have lived in Bonita for less than three years. Luncheons are held at area country clubs on the third Thursday of every month (December meeting is on the second Thursday). Members must attend five luncheons a year and pay annual dues of \$40. For more information, e-mail bonitanewcomers@gmail.com or visit www.bonitaspringsnewcomersclub.com. ■



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Next up on Oct. 25, Dr. Pettit will discuss crawling bristle worms.

Visitors are welcome to stay for a light lunch following the talk and

enjoy a walk on the boardwalk. Admission is free; donations are accepted for lunch.



The Naples Preserve is at 1690 Tamiami Trail N., at the corner of Fleischmann Boulevard. For more information, call 261-4290. ■

The race is on to register for Rookery Bay adventure

The second annual Rookery Bay Reserve Adventure Race is 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.

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Walk the walks, run the races

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

■ A kick-off party for the American Cancer Society 2012 **Relay For Life of East Collier** takes place from 5:45-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, at Alvino's Pizzeria in St. Andrews Square, 8793 Tamiami Trail E. Volunteers, cancer survivors, team captains and anyone interested in learning more about Relay For Life is welcome. The East Collier relay is set for Friday and Saturday, May 4-5 at East Naples Middle School. For more information, call 261-0337, ext. 3861, or visit www.relayforlife.org/eastcollierfl.

■ The second annual **Pancreate Hope Naples**, a 2-mile walk to benefit the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, takes place Saturday morning, Oct. 29, at North Collier Regional Park. Sign up at www.active.com (search for Pancreate Hope). For more information, contact Cristina LaGrasta at 877-2260 or cvglagras@eagle.fgc.edu.

■ The American Heart Association's **Collier County Heart Walk** steps out at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, at Cambier Park and includes a non-competitive 5K walk and 1-mile course. Kids can enjoy face-painting and a bounce house. New this year is a post-walk canine costume contest. National sponsor Subway will serve heart-healthy sandwiches, and a "Simply Cooking with Heart" demonstration will take place.

There is no registration fee, although

donations to the AHA are encouraged. For more information, call Teresa McInnis at 495-4915 or visit www.collierheartwalk.org.

■ 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. See story on page A26.

■ Help Collier County students make 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. 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. ■

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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:

- **Focus on breast health**
6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20
Whole Foods, Mercato
 Dr. Timothy Kerwin of Premier Radiation Oncology will discuss breast health, overall health and well being, while Julie Joiner provides healthy snacks. Free. Register at www.activa.com/go/LifestyleCenter. Info: 552-5100.
- **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 Ellie 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.

- **Pink is Power**
7-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21
Along Fifth Avenue South
 Stick round after the Stiletto Sprint and enjoy live entertainment by eight different performers and groups, all of whom will donate their usual fee to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Southwest Florida and to the Garden for Hope and Courage.
- **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

■ **Barbells for Boobs**
9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29
CrossFit Blaze fitness center,
5465 Jaeger Road
 Join the "Amazing Grace 2011" workout for a \$35 donation to Mammograms in Action and get a T-shirt (while supplies last). Info: 289-9275 or www.barbellsforboobs.org.

■ **Hungry Howie's**
Throughout October
 All pizzas come in bright pink boxes and Hungry Howie's will make a donation to the National Breast Cancer Foundation for every pizza purchased. Customers can add a donation to their order and participate in Hungry Howie's social media campaign. Info: www.hungryhowies.com.

■ **Panera Bread**
Throughout October
 Pink Ribbon bagels are available in all Panera bakery-cafes. The restaurant will donate 10 cents each Pink Ribbon bagel sold to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer; a \$1 donation will be made for every baker's dozen sold. ■

PUT ON YOUR *pink* BRA

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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2. Jan Temkiewicz, Dee Fellows, Sue Koehler and Laura Lopez
3. Kathi Demski, Beth O'Brien and Lois Zabel
4. Sharon Sandler, Pat Levy and Debbie Katz
5. Rob Hall and Virginia Oswald

CINDY PIERCE / FLORIDA WEEKLY



Bosom Buddies volunteers enjoyed pink champagne and cupcakes at Waterside Shops.

1. Sabine Verrier and Denise Vella
2. Elizabeth Lenney, Annie Depiero and Darby Tibbits
3. Christine Bongarzone, Char Aiken, Lynette Aurelius and Dolores Saraceno
4. Chip and Michele Harris
5. Billie Fary Picht, Kent Hasen and Mimi Scofield
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Admission is \$3 for adults, free for children; pay cash when you park. The extension office is at 14700 Immokalee Road, 10 miles east of I-75.

For more information, call 353-4244. ■

Lighthouse has free classes for visually impaired

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

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For more information or to register, call 649-3689.

■ A bereavement workshop for children aged 6-12 who have experienced the death of someone they love will be offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. Creative and therapeutic activities will provide opportunities to express feelings, build coping skills and reinforce positive memories of their loved ones, all within a relaxed, safe and nonjudgmental environment. Parents are invited to a group session from 9-10:30 a.m. to learn tips for supporting their grieving children.

For registration or more information, call Raquel Gonzalez, children's bereavement counselor, at 261-4404, ext. 3724.

The Avow campus is at 1095 Whip-poorwill Lane.

Health department has flu shots

Seasonal flu shots, including a high-dose shot for people ages 65 and older, are available at the Collier County Health Department. Pneumonia shots are available year round.

Hours are 9-11 a.m. and 2-3 p.m. Monday through Friday. No appointment necessary.

Cost is \$30 for the regular flu vaccine, \$50 for the high-dose shot and \$70 for the pneumonia shot. The health department will bill Medicare or insurance for those who bring their card and ID.

The health department is at 3339 Tamiami Trail E.

For more information, call 252-8555.

Seminars offered at Physicians Regional

The following free seminars are coming up at Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge:

■ "What's New and What Works for Painful Knees and Hips," presented by orthopedic surgeon Robert Zehr at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20 - Dr. Zehr will discuss treatments including direct anterior total hip replacement, MRI-directed custom aligned total knee replacement, the Oxford unicompartmental knee and the rapid recovery program.

■ "Relief from Back Pain," presented by orthopedic surgeon Robert Biscup at 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27 - Dr. will discuss causes of back pain as well as surgical and non-surgical treatment options.

Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge is at 6101 Pine Ridge Road. Although attendance is free, reservations are requested and can be made by calling 348-4180 or visiting www.physiciansregional.com/events. ■

SWF support network is building for epilepsy patients and families

BY JENNIFER VAROSKI

Special to Florida Weekly

I would have never guessed that Molly Kirk had undergone brain surgery a month before. I was talking with her mom when Molly came into the room and put her arm around me. She'd not met me before, but she was eager to tell me about her recent experience at Camp Boggy Creek. Her enthusiasm was palpable as she told me about her new friends and all the fun stuff she did at camp. She even shared her photos.

For 12-year-old Molly, Boggy Creek wasn't just camp. It was the first time she had been away from her twin brother Max and the rest of the family.

Molly has lived with epilepsy since she was 17 months old. Seizures had stolen her independence and chunks of her childhood. The surgery she'd just been through was an attempt to stop those seizures. And it seemed to be working.

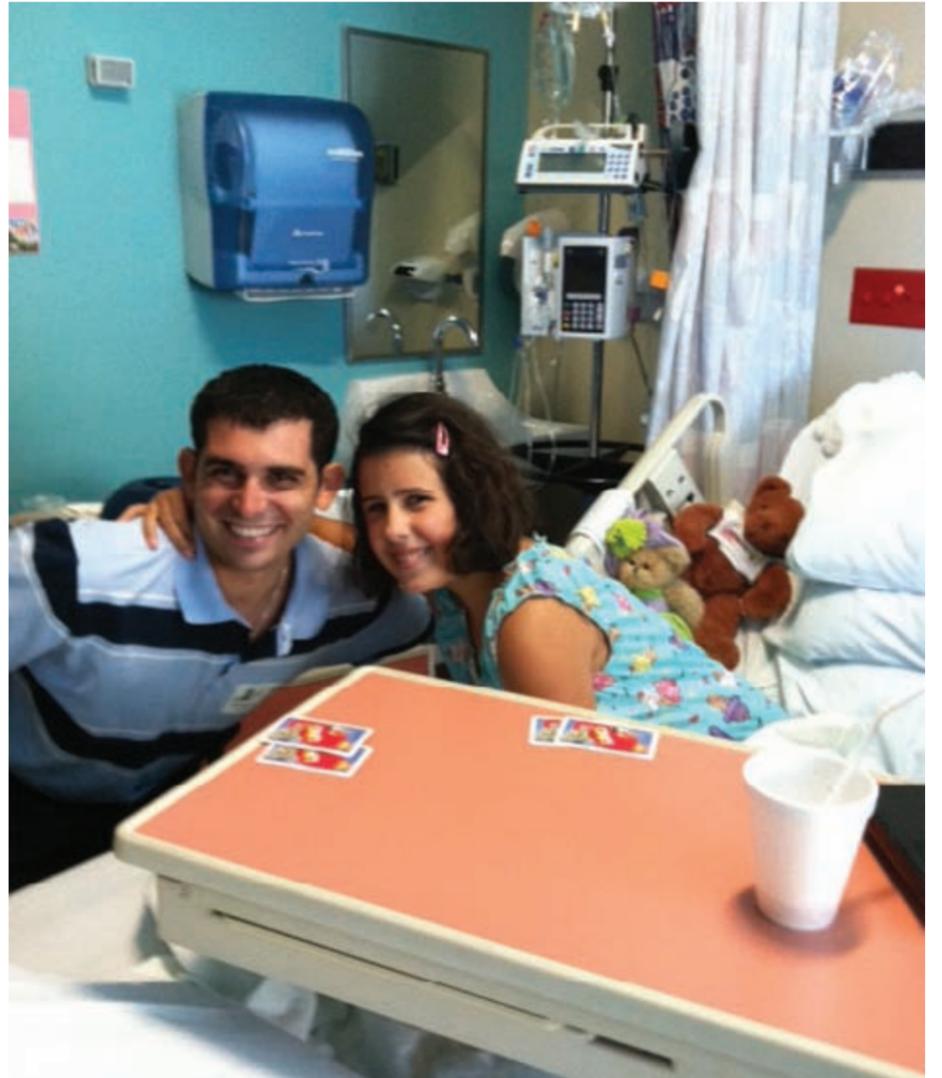
Rewind three years ago and meet Danny Rosenfeld, a 24-year-old college graduate whose epilepsy had been under control since he was 16 — until the day he had a seizure as he was driving to work.

Fortunately, no one was hurt in the accident, but Mr. Rosenfeld's seizures were back, robbing him of the ability to drive or hold a job. He had no choice but to move to Naples to live with his parents.

Danny is not a candidate for surgery to stop his seizures, so his challenge is finding a way to live and work with his epilepsy.

Organizing a local presence

Molly and Mr. Rosenfeld are among the 360,000 Floridians living with epi-



COURTESY PHOTO

Danny Rosenfeld visits Molly Kirk in the hospital after Molly's brain surgery.

lepsy every day. Every year, another 200,000 Americans are diagnosed with the disorder. It is estimated that up to 50,000 deaths occur annually in the U.S.

STRAIGHT TALK

Summer was anything but slow for major projects at NCH



Summer is over, and as we look back, those of us here at NCH can say we used those months productively. We completed three large projects and have three more in the works — all designed to enhance our environment as a place to nurture and heal.

These six major projects will cost us \$35 million, the largest stimulus by far for the county's construction economy — and money well spent for our patients and their families.

Here's what we finished this summer, and what our neighbors can look forward to enjoying:

■ Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging & Rehabilitation contains 54 beds, a gym overlooking a lovely pond, two interior gardens, extra-wide corridors, revised bathrooms and an enlarged nursing station.

Working with Lynn Olson's original design for healthy aging, we added strategic features for rehabilitation. Reha-

ilitation director Heather Baker and her team, including Maria Feola, Sue Graziano, Karen Judd and Jennifer Shover dedicated this soothing and functional unit in September, before a large and supportive crowd. This year, Brookdale will admit more than 900 functionally challenged patients — some who are unable to walk, swallow or speak due to strokes, operations or metabolic disorders. After their stay at Brookdale, most patients return home able to ambulate, eat, make themselves understood and lead happier and more functional lives. Brookdale is truly a noble place of healing, with a team of 130 professionals working together to serve our disabled neighbors.

■ Naples Heart Institute, a 24,000-square-foot office on the third floor of the Briggs Wellness Building, is home to 13 cardiologists and nearly 40 colleagues. The goal of this state-of-art institute is to become a medical destination for patients from around the county. Today, one of eight inpatients (those who spend a night or more at NCH) comes from outside our five-county area. Our intent is to become a single destination for patients with any type of heart problem.

■ Our downtown NCH cafeteria under-

went a summer makeover, courtesy of designers Evelyn Vance, Lee Almeida and Walt Tester. The warm and welcoming dining room now has the Garden of Hope and Courage as its focal point. To complement the new design, updated equipment and expanded gourmet offerings of Chefs Ron Mahon and John Hart, the NCH Food and Nutrition Department developed a five-week menu cycle that concentrates on health and wellness.

And under way

Construction in process includes 64 private rooms on the fifth and sixth floors of the Baker Tower on the North Naples campus and a complete redo of 6-South on the downtown campus, both projects to be finished before year-end 2011. Two oversized operating rooms on the North Naples campus with new waiting rooms and pre-and post-operating area are scheduled for completion next spring.

These projects are wonderful enhancements to NCH. But as welcome as they are, they still come in second to our most important resource: the people here who deliver quality care every day. ■

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

from seizures, which is more than from breast cancer and other well-known maladies.

When Mr. Rosenfeld's epilepsy forced him back to Naples, he immediately started looking for local resources or a support group to help him get back on his feet. After an unsuccessful search, he reached out to the Miami-based Epilepsy Foundation of Florida and has since become a dedicated volunteer, working to build the first SWFL Epilepsy Educational Series and Support Group. The group has brought together dozens of local families and individuals who had also been searching for a local support system, like Molly's family.

The Kirks had been attending a support group for kids with autism and found it helpful, although it wasn't the same as connecting with families struggling with epilepsy. Through the SWFL Epilepsy Educational Series and Support Group, they've not only received encouragement and support but have had the opportunity to learn from leading neurologists, psychologists and even life and job coaches about how to deal with their daughter's epilepsy and help prepare her for the rest of her life. Molly's life-changing experience at Camp Boggy Creek, a camp especially for kids suffering from various disorders including epilepsy, was made possible through the group's relationship with the EFOF. With Mr. Rosenfeld by her side as a volunteer camp counselor, Molly enjoyed a little independence and the simple joys of summer camp for the very first time.

Making HOPE a reality

An important mission of EFOF is

to help everyone better understand epilepsy so those suffering from it can more easily find their place in the community. To that end, Mr. Rosenfeld and several other members of the local support group were selected by the foundation to be trained as HOPE (Helping Other People with Epilepsy) mentors.

With this training and the help of the foundation's statewide prevention and education coordinator, Mr. Rosenfeld was recently able to share information about epilepsy with all Collier County public school nurses so they can identify and better assist students who suffer from the disorder.

Together, the Southwest Florida HOPE mentors plan to continue their outreach and education efforts so that we all can help make life better for those with epilepsy.

Last year, the Rosenfeld family organized the inaugural Southwest Florida "Walk the Talk" Walk for Epilepsy, which raised more than \$20,000 for EFOF. The second annual walk is set for Saturday, Nov. 12, at North Collier Regional Park. With the added help of many new volunteers from the SWFL Epilepsy Educational Series and Support Group, including Molly and her family, the hope is to raise twice as much for epilepsy awareness and support.

For more information about the walk or the SWFL Epilepsy Educational Series and Support Group, call Mr. Rosenfeld at 254-7710, e-mail him at dbrosenfeld08@gmail.com or visit www.EpilepsyFLA.org. ■

— Jennifer Varoski is a volunteer with the SWFL Epilepsy Educational Series and Support Group.



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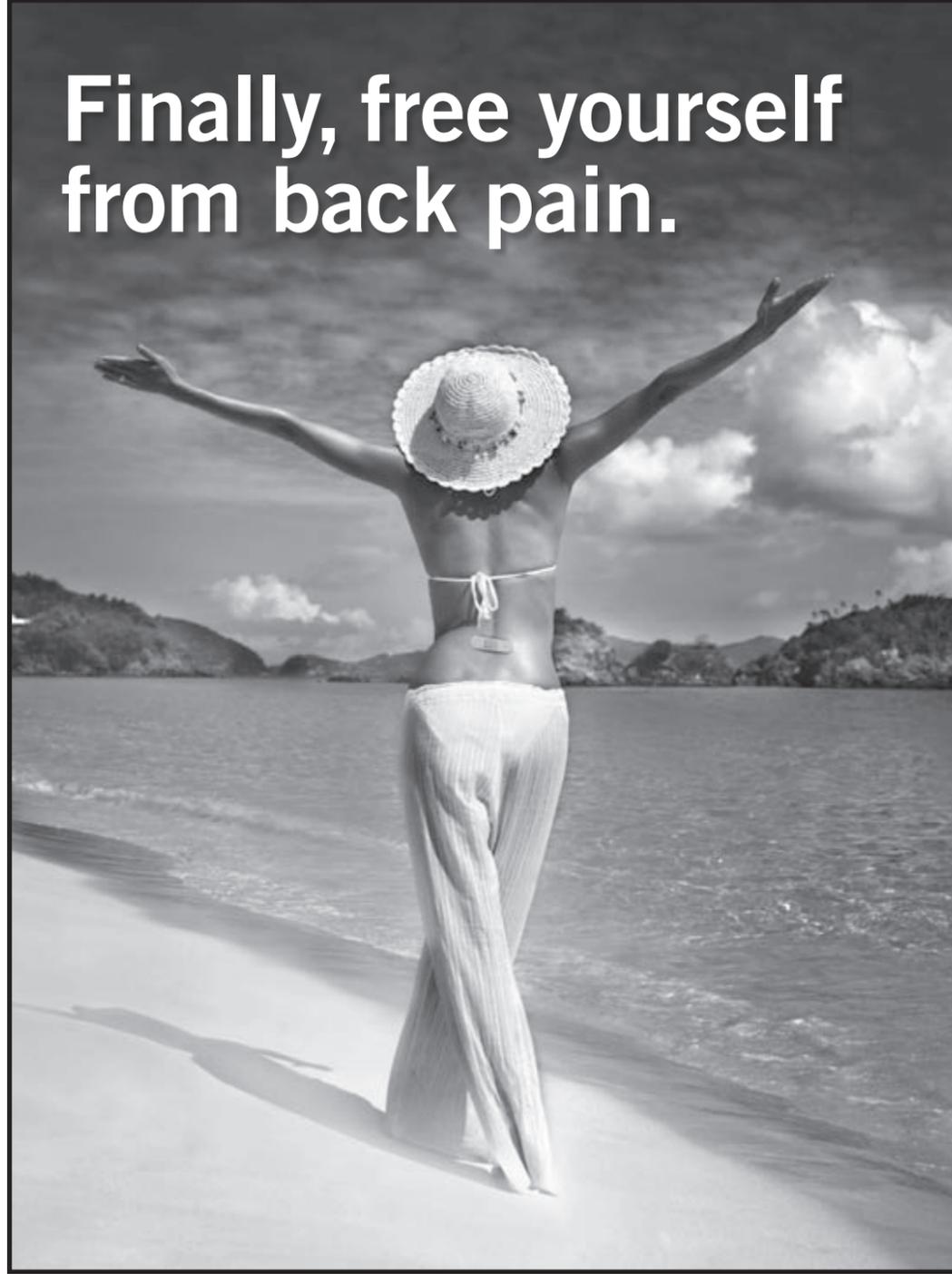


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CHS Healthcare expanding services for Collier children and families

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

In an economic climate where businesses are scaling down, CHS Healthcare is expanding programs to meet the need for primary care services in the Collier County community.

CHS's signature program, the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, is adding a dental sealant program and partnering to make autism screenings available and convenient for local families.

The RCMC Advisory Council, along with the CHS executive staff and board, feel this is exactly the time to increase services to a community hard hit by our present economy. During the past seven years, all involved with the Care Mobile have been committed to ensuring the RCMC program fill gaps in needed services to children throughout Collier County. Since 2004, the Care Mobile has been adapting to those needs, delivering medical and dental services to our most at-risk population of children where they live, play and attend school.

But why choose dental sealants? Recent studies show sealants to be the most effective procedure in the reduction of caries (tooth decay), making a preventative, school-based dental program a perfect fit for the Care Mobile's mission.

With growing concern about the num-

ber of children diagnosed with autism disorders across the country, CHS' partnership with Eden Autism Services is a well-timed addition to the screenings available through the RCMC program as well.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, one in every 110 children is diagnosed with some form of autism spectrum disorder, making it more common than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes and pediatric AIDS combined. Early intervention is the best weapon we have to combat autism, but it must first be diagnosed. While there is no known cure, studies consistently show that early treatment services offer the child with autism the best possible developmental outcome.

Autism screenings will be offered aboard the Care Mobile to children ages 18 months to 5 years old, free of charge and administered by Eden's director of clinical services and its director of behavioral services, who is a board-certified behavior analyst. A physician's referral will not be required to receive an autism screening.

To schedule a screening, call Eden at 992-4680, ext. 5011.

And that's not all

The expansion of CHS services to the community doesn't stop at the

RMCM program, however. CHS will open another location in North Naples to serve as a primary care "home" for more Collier residents.

While the majority of CHS's 48,000 patients are children, the need for increased access to primary care extends to the whole family. Our Mike Davis Medical Center in East Naples continues to be an extremely busy office and highlights the need to offer another primary care location in Naples.

The new office, Creekside Family Practice, is on schedule to open in November off Immokalee Road, within walking distance of CHS's Creekside Pediatrics.

In other news, the Martin Foundation Inc. recently has awarded CHS Healthcare Foundation \$18,000 for the purchase of automated external defibrillators to be placed in CHS Healthcare's primary care offices. ■

— CHS Healthcare has been addressing the health care needs of Collier County residents since 1977. The organization offers primary and preventative medical, pediatric and dental health care services and is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care. It has grown from two trailers in Immokalee to its current network of 12 locations.

For more information, visit www.collier.org, or call Connie Dillon, executive director of the CHS Healthcare Foundation, at 658-3111.



Get ready, get set for Stroller Derby

Collier Child Care Resources' second annual Stroller Derby and family fun event takes place from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Edison State College-Collier Campus. Proceeds help with tuition for low-income families whose children attend CCCR's NCEF Early Childhood Development Center.

Derby strollers must be homemade, have four wheels and be pushed by the handle; they cannot be motorized. One adult must sit in the stroller while two adults push it to the finish line. Competition classes include students, charitable organizations/clubs, small and large businesses.

Other fun will include arts and crafts, face painting, a magician, music, refreshments and raffles. Admission is free.

To sign up for the Stroller Derby or for more information, contact Dianne Reed at CCCR, 643-3908. ■

Families can apply for holiday help

The Salvation Army in Naples is set to begin accepting applications for holiday assistance from Collier County families who need food and children's gifts and toys.

Applicants must sign up in person at 3180 Estey Ave. in Naples.

Sign-up times are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 24-26, 9 a.m. to noon Oct. 27, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 28.

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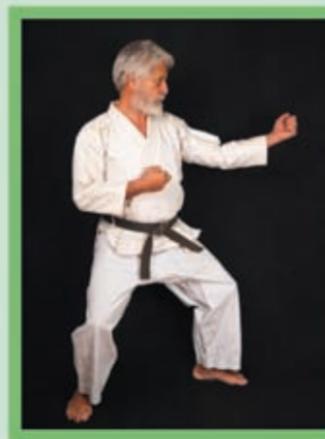
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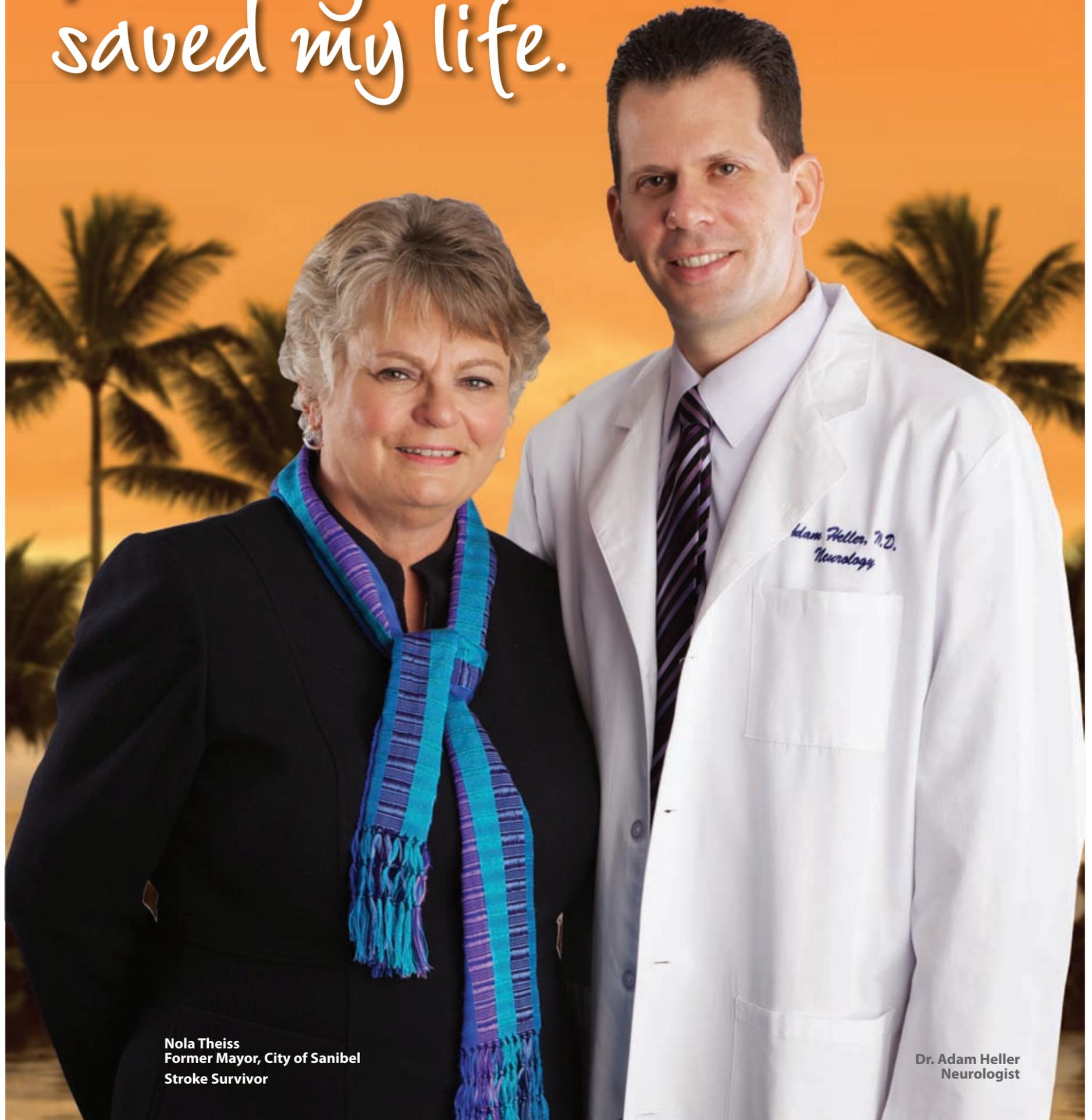
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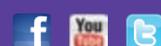
Today, Nola works full-time with a charity that she launched several years ago, with no visible effects of the stroke. To read more of Nola's story, please visit: www.LeeMemorial.org/caring.



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PET TALES

Cheating death

Home hospice offers options for those whose pets are dying

BY GINA SPADAFORI
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When my 14-year-old Sheltie, Drew, was diagnosed with kidney failure, my veterinarian offered me something that wasn't really an option when I started writing about pets a couple decades ago: hospice.

He encouraged me to manage Drew's terminal disease with daily IV fluids given at home and with a diet geared toward reducing strain on my dog's failing organs. That was a few weeks ago, and now Drew's kidneys are functioning well and he looks and acts years younger than he is. No one who meets him would guess he may have only weeks to live.

That quality of life is what hospice is all about, and the trend is catching on, according to advocates.

"The path to death is detoured a bit," says Dr. Robin Downing of the Windsor Veterinary Clinic and The Downing Center for Animal Pain Management. An internationally known expert in pain management, Downing is one of a handful of strong advocates for palliative care for pets, the practice of keeping animals happy and comfortable in their final days, weeks and months.

"We needed to find a way to help these animals live until they died," Downing says. "That's what hospice is about: living fully."

Since the 1990s, the introduction of a series of effective nonsteroidal inflama-

tory drugs (NSAIDs such as Rimadyl, Metacam and Deramaxx), along with the increased acceptance and use of complementary pain medications, has changed veterinary practice.

Previously, many veterinarians had avoided pain control for animals after surgery. The consensus view was that if moving hurt, a pet would be more likely to be still while healing. That thinking was changed by research showing that animals heal more quickly when pain is controlled.

For veterinarians such as Downing, these improvements in pain management made it clear that in some cases, they could also ease the suffering for animals for whom they could do little else.

Only a small percentage of the nation's veterinarians offer end-of-life care, but there are signs that this is beginning to change. Indications of the increased interest include the first-ever pet hospice symposium at the University of California, Davis, School of Veterinary Medicine in 2008, followed by the founding of the International Association for Animal Hospice and Palliative Care the following year. The American Veterinary Medical Association recently revised its guidelines to emphasize that "veterinarians who do not offer hospice services should be prepared to refer clients to a veterinarian who does."

Although advances in veterinary pain management have helped propel the idea



A month after a diagnosis of terminal kidney failure, Drew enjoyed a four-day family camping trip. Daily hospice care at home is supporting his quality of life.

of hospice, that's not all there is to palliative care. Other means of easing an animal's suffering may include regular subcutaneous fluids to improve hydration — such as I provide to my dog — oxygen therapy and assistance devices such as slings to support weakened hind ends.

Hospice help may also include physical and massage therapy as well as advice: urging the covering of slippery floors with rugs for better traction, or finding or developing diets that support a patient who may not want to eat. Complementary and alternative veterinary medicine, such as acupuncture, can be part of the package as well — as it is for Drew.

The final aspect of veterinary hospice is recognizing when it's time to say goodbye. And while I'm certainly not looking forward to it, I know I'll be better prepared for the end after the extra time together my dog and I have both enjoyed. ■

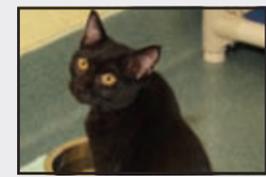
Pets of the Week



>> **Antonio** is a 3-year-old Chihuahua who "bounces" and "boings" when he runs.



>> **Bitty** is a delicate and adorable, 1-year-old Chihuahua mix.



>> **Chelsea** is about 5 months old. Part of our October black cat adoption special, she's available for \$35.



>> **Latisha** is a regal, 5-year-old miniature poodle who receives affection with kindness and grace.



>> **Steve** is a 1-year-old corgi mix with the personality of a comedian.

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Talking point



"I've lost all visibility 'cause I can't see just what you mean by what you're telling me. Should I stay or go? Do you even know? It's all a riddle to me."

— "Show Me A Sign," Breaking Point

"Watch out you might get what you're after... I'm an ordinary guy burning down the house."

— "Burning Down the House," Talking Heads

"The title means exactly what the words say: naked lunch, a frozen moment when everyone sees what is on the end of every fork."

— Introduction to "Naked Lunch," in which William S. Burroughs gives credit for the title of his book to Jack Kerouac

"The starmen... are black hole jumpers... They just happened to stumble into our universe... Their whole life is traveling from universe to universe."

— David Bowie, in a Rolling Stone interview with Mr. Burroughs about the Ziggy Stardust story

"Last night I said these words to my girl... C'mon (C'mon)... Please, please me,

whoa yeah, like I please you... You know there's always rain in my heart... Why do you always make me blue?"

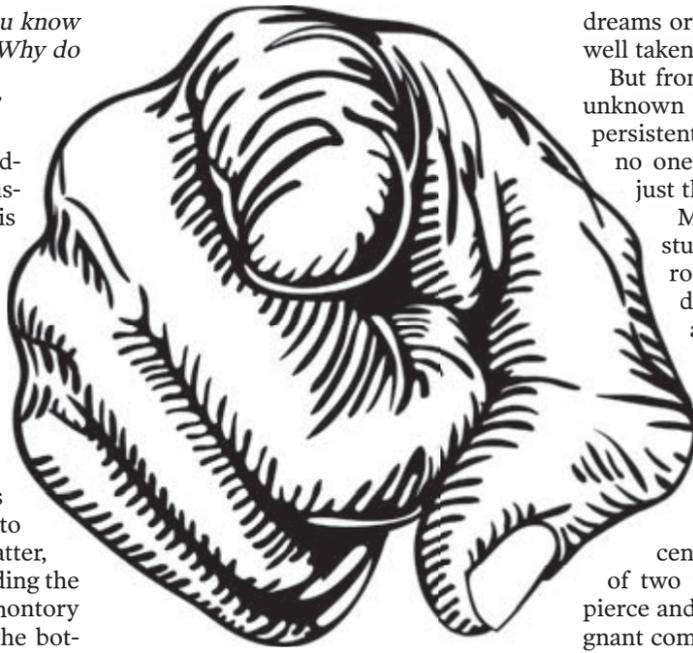
— Beatles, "Please Please Me"

A faithful and distinguished reader queried in response to the musing 'Extinguish: "What exactly is the point of this pointless, mindless amalgamation of words? To whom was it addressed? To whom does it mean anything?"

Please, let me make a point. "Point" arises here and now from the then and there Latin word meaning to prick, that is, to stab. The point is not an aiming at nothing, a brink as innocuous as brownie points. Rather allow me to cut through to the meat of the matter, the quintessence, the quiddity. Riding the thin white rope down like a promontory jutting into water. Out pointing the bottom line. Directing by alluding.

So, a point, by definition, a priori, is a location with no size — zero dimensional. A point has no volume, no area, no length, nor any other higher dimension analogue. Euclid, the father of geometry, defined point as that which has no part. Stretching the point, others have suggested that it is a sphere with a diameter of zero.

The apical point, stabbing into the brilliant dark, is mathematical singularity, that is, the point at which the given mathematical object is not defined or



dreams or to the hypnagogic state. Point well taken.

But from the pirate point of view, the unknown X should be vertical and the persistent Y should be horizontal. But no one asked until now. And that is just the point. Single pointed.

More to the point: Universe stumbling past the fork in the road, with greater or lesser degrees of volition, naked arrivals are motes and mites and tittles. And, up to a point, the point is the intersection of two lines. (Come here often? Here, to this point?) But what's the point of getting all fired up?

In the naked dark of the 12th century, point became the merger of two words, one meaning prick or pierce and the other meaning sharp, poignant compassion.

Perhaps we can merely indicate with the finger. Please, is that the point?

Then the question of address: Points point to you. ■

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

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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE INDUSTRIES

WOMEN RISE ABOVE

BY BILL CORNWELL
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WOMEN HAVE LONG FACED THE daunting task of breaking the “glass ceiling” in the business world, historically dominated by an exclusive network of males. But now comes a report that shows that women are not only succeeding in business, they are exceeding their male counterparts.

The Guardian Life Small Business Research Institute has found that women who begin small businesses are on the verge of becoming the primary vehicle for job creation in the United States. According to the institute, small businesses run by women will create more than five million new jobs in the United States in the next seven years.

Forbes magazine says the Guardian study reveals that women who begin small businesses will “transform the workplace of tomorrow into a far more

SEE WOMEN, B7 ►

Report shows women not only succeeding, but exceeding their male counterparts in business



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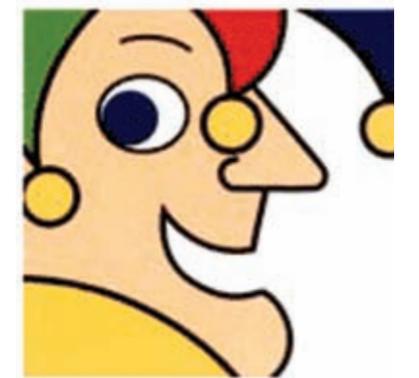
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Mini-golf with YP Naples, and more business events. **B8** ►



On the Move

It's your business to know who's going where, doing what. **B4** ►



Ask the Fool

What makes venture capitalism “vulture capitalism?” **B6** ►

PRSA members, guests will hear from media

The Public Relations Society of America-Gulf Coast Chapter presents its annual “Meet the Media” program at the monthly luncheon meeting Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the Hilton Naples.

Panelists include editors, news directors and reporters from NBC-2, *The News-Press* and the *Naples Daily News*, *Florida Weekly*, *Naples Illustrated*, *Gulfshore Business*, Fox 4 News and B103.9-FM. The “speed dating-style” format will put each panelist at a table with four guests for eight minutes of questions and answers, after which the panelist will move on and a new one will take a seat.

Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. PRSA chapter members and guests are welcome. Cost is \$24 for PRSA members, \$29 for non-members and \$15 for students. Online reservations must be made by Friday, Oct. 21, at <http://conta.cc/qW09SR>. ■

Chamber supports group for those in the job market

A job search support group for downsized employees of local businesses meets at 10:30 a.m. every Monday at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.

The group is geared toward white collar, administrative and professional workers, rather than trade and service workers. It is not a job placement service. Emphasis is on networking, resumes, interviewing skills and best practices for a successful transition.

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

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

N.A.P.L.E.S. Group welcomes Ave Maria president

The N.A.P.L.E.S. Group — Naples Area Professional League of Executive Services — invites members and guests to an evening with President James Towey of Ave Maria University. The group's annual “Big Event” begins at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at the Naples Grande Resort.

Dr. Towey is the second president to serve at AMU. He was the 16th president of Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa., and under President George W. Bush served as director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. He also founded Aging with Dignity, a nonprofit organization that helps families plan for end-of-life care, and created the “Five Wishes” advance directive.

Other guests will be Naples Mayor Bill Barnett and Collier County Sheriff Kevin Rambosk. Tickets are \$50. For reservations or more information, visit www.naplesgroup.net. ■



Sales surge

Numbers prompt Toll Brothers to step up time frame for Firano at Naples. **B11** ►

MONEY & INVESTING

Be generous responsibly



While this column usually focuses on the "money in" side of the economic equation, this week's focus is on a particular aspect of "money out."

Generosity is one form of money out; it is a foundational element of our country's citizenry, just as much as is self-reliance and self-responsibility. It is very much a core value in Judaism, Christianity and other religions and is not to the exclusion of those self-described as "spiritual but not religious" nor atheists, as they often find their life's journey manifesting in helping others. There are many paths leading to the door of generosity.

Most of our giving will go to our spouses, children, family, friends and charities... in some semblance of that order. This giving is not de facto; it still requires planning, deliberation, heartfelt consideration and monitoring.

However, regardless of how well-intentioned the generosity, the gift can often be to the detriment of the recipient. Generosity can often become a crutch for others and, in fact, unknowingly ease them into a lifestyle of dependency upon the giver (and other successive givers) and, ultimately, create an attitude of entitlement.

Generosity without any strings attached sounds a lot better than generosity with strings attached, unless the strings are meant to reward and encourage the recipient of the gift, to condition their behavior and to promote assumption of responsibility for their own financial well-being.

Here are some ideas:

■ Children

If your goal is independent, educated and skilled children with completed character (not to the exclusion of other attributes), then consider forms of gifts that encourage and reward such behavior. Many parents have given financial reward for children in lower grade levels for all As or for a C average upped to a B. Some parents stop this form of incentivizing at middle school; it can have application at the high school and college levels, too.

As some percentage of high school children will drink or take drugs, consider incentivizing substance-free living. Agree with your child to submit to random drug tests and financially incentivize when they have clean reports. Too harsh? To some, yes, but it can be a collaborative decision with your child and it will make sure that you are not unknowing about a big problem. In some industries and professions, random testing is a requirement. You can choose to make it an absolute standard too.

Consider the possibility of having your parental generosity in funding

college costs be matched by your child's industry. Instead of paying for all of your child's college costs, have your child commit to a percentage contribution, through savings, a job concurrent with college or their incurrance of student loans. Require him or her to have some skin in the game.

■ Family and friends

Many givers want to respond to this group. Unfortunately, blank-check generosity can become crippling, inhibiting resumption of an independent and vibrant life. Giving money without constraints is often so very much easier than getting involved with the underlying causes. And writing a check often translates into writing another check and another check. Pretty soon an economic dependent has been birthed.

Why not give the recipient of your generosity the incentive to solve his problems and become self-sufficient? For instance, you could devise a plan that generously gives but requires the recipient to adopt a financially sound lifestyle and scales-down support to zero over a period of time. However, if you have allowed an adult/young adult to become your dependent, then you really need to admit your part in creating the unhealthy relationship and take steps to transition the dependent away from your support. You might need some counseling just as much as the recipient.

As to a romantic or marital relation-

ship, much of the aforementioned can apply. However, when there is a large inequality between partners, there can be an inclination for the one of lesser resources to take advantage of the one with greater resources. Consider choosing a mate who spends your money as if they had worked for it as hard as you have; it might be a solution to an age-old problem of not being used for your money.

■ Charities

Someone needs to evaluate whether the charitable recipients are spending money wisely. A good cause is great if executed in a financially responsible manner and the recipients are held accountable for results. For instance, you might well be giving to a foundation that has an elaborate grant approval process but a non-existent process for accountability after the grant is made.

Consider incentivized giving. Maybe you are already doing it. Maybe it has no application. Maybe it is something about which you have thought, not yet articulated in your mind or put into action. Generosity has the potential to engender positive character in the recipients of your gifts as long as you are giving responsibly, all the while fostering self-reliance and financial responsibility. ■

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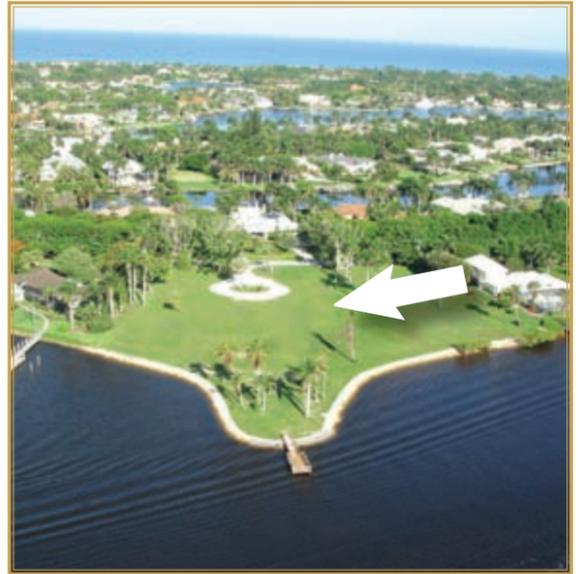
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Advertising



Ferris

Lora Ferris has been named account coordinator for B-Squared Advertising. A graduate of the University of North Florida, she began her career at the full-service advertising and marketing agency with an internship in 2009. Her experience includes broadcast sales, sports media, corporate event planning for a variety of clients as well as marketing for clients in the real estate development and home-building industries.

Chambers of Commerce



O'Donnell

Kaitlan O'Donnell has joined the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce as executive assistant to the chamber president and CEO and secretary to the boards of the chamber and Leadership Collier Foundation. Ms. O'Donnell has seven years of experience as an administrative and legal assistant. She holds a bachelor's degree in legal studies from the College of Professional Studies at FGCU.

Christine Ross, president and CEO of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, has been named the first executive director of the Bonita Springs/Estero Economic Development Council. Ms. Ross, who will remain in her role at the helm of the chamber, is working toward designation as a Certified Economic Developer through the International Economic Development Council, having recently completed courses in business retention and expansion and economic development credit analysis.

The following individuals have been nominated for three-year terms on the Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors: **Alan Brown**, current chamber president; **Nancy Carrington**,

owner, Marco Island Florist; **Kevin Donlan**, Publix; **Joyce McFarland**, co-owner, the Marco Island Clothing Co.; **Wayne Rose**, the Snook Inn; **Jada Shigley**, director of reservations, Marco Island Marriott Resort & Spa; and **Kristi Willems**, vice president/branch manager, M&I Bank.

Food and Beverage

Certified Executive Chef **P. Richard Brumm** will join the staff of Bonita Bay Club in November. Mr. Brumm, currently executive chef at Inverness Club in Toledo, Ohio, earned Southeast Regional Chef of the Year honors in 2009 and placed second for the American Culinary Federation national title. He previously served as executive sous chef at the La Gorce Country Club in Miami Beach; chef de cuisine at The Carnegie Abbey Club in Portsmouth, R.I.; and a la carte sous chef at Oneida Golf and Country Club in Green Bay, Wis. A self-taught cook, Mr. Brumm earned his associate degree in culinary arts and an advanced baking certificate from Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, Wis.

Health Care

Holly Burnette has been named director of human resources for CHS Healthcare Inc. She comes to the organization from Port Charlotte, where she worked as COO and human resources director for an ophthalmic practice and surgery center.



Warnken

Jim Warnken has joined the Neighborhood Health Clinic as CEO. Formerly was a senior business consultant with Markham Norton Motteller Wright and Co., he has more than 20 years of health-care management experience including CFO and CEO roles within the NCH Healthcare System. Mr. Warnken succeeds Nina Gray, who will continue serving the Neighborhood Health Clinic by transitioning into a new role as chief development officer focusing on donor acquisition and stewardship, organizing and overseeing major gift cam-

paigns and grant writing. Mr. Warnken earned his bachelor's degree from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., and started his career in public accounting with Big Four accounting firms. He is a graduate of Leadership Collier and Leadership Lee programs.

Higher Education



Memoli

Phil Memoli has been named executive director of the Hodges University Foundation and vice president of university advancement for the school. Mr. Memoli joined the university staff in 2005 as director of development. A graduate of Florida State University, he served as CEO for the Del Tura Group, developers of the Del Tura Community in North Fort Myers, and also worked as marketing director for CellularOne and AT&T.

Lighting

Steve Adams, president of Naples-based Lighting First, announces the opening of the company's third showroom and its first location in Fort Myers at 12879 S. Cleveland Ave. A second-generation, family-owned and operated business, Lighting First opened in East Naples in 1984.

Moving and Storage

Jaclyn Henderson has joined the Naples office of William C. Huff Companies to handle social media, community relations and networking events. A New Hampshire native, she studied anthropology at the University of Florida. Her father has owned William C. Huff Companies since 1998. The company specializes in local, national and international receiving and delivery services for homeowners, builders, designers, architects and estate managers.

Nonprofit Organizations

George Ahearn has been named chairman and Karl Williams vice chairman of

SCORE Naples. Dr. Ahearn joined SCORE in 2009 and has served as the organization's vice chairman as well as marketing director. He held various international executive positions with Exxon Chemical and is currently the president of Geo-Group Holdings LLC, a Naples-based consulting company focused on the chemical industry. Mr. Williams worked for GE for 35 years and is currently the COO of O3 Hygienics, a start-up company that develops and sells ozone generators used for water/ice purification, food processing and laundry cleaning applications.

Ron Moores, **Gerry Seiff** and **Jim Swanker** have joined the board of directors for The Marco Players. A longtime volunteer with the theater company, Mr. Moores served as technical director for the 2003-2004 season. He will serve as chair of the play reading committee this year. Mr. Seiff has stage-managed more than 20 productions for The Naples Players and has worked as a stage manager, lighting director and rigger for numerous professional and community theaters. Mr. Swanker has volunteered with The Marco Players in several capacities.



Grossman

Darlene Grossman has joined the Harry Chapin Food Bank as capital campaign director to identify new donors and funding sources and organize initiatives to solicit their support. She will also be responsible for all aspects of the campaign in achieving its goal of \$4.5 million. Ms. Grossman has devoted her career to the cultivation and solicitation of donors and creating new and creative fundraising vehicles. She served 16 years with the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools as president and CEO and also worked in business development and fundraising for hospice programs in Naples and Fort Myers. On the corporate level, she has worked in marketing, public relations and special events for *The News-Press* and Conric PR & Marketing. ■

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PORT ROYAL - GALEON DRIVE

This enchanting Port Royal residence offers a tropical motif, including rich wood finishes, stone flooring, and tongue and groove ceiling treatments. There are direct views of Limpkyn Cove with ample green space for gardening and outdoor entertaining. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$3,700,000



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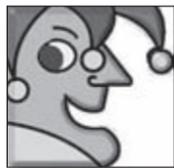
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There are three main credit reporting agencies: Equifax (www.equifax.com), Experian (www.freecreditreport.com) and TransUnion (www.truecredit.com). When you hear of your "FICO" score, that refers to the score developed by Fair Isaac Corp. and used by most lenders. It's available via Equifax and Fair Isaac's site, www.myFICO.com.

Fair Isaac, Equifax, TransUnion and Experian each calculate credit scores a little differently. Some lenders look at only one of the bureaus' scores, some look at all of them and take the average, some look at all and take the best — and some take the worst!

One reason for the differences is that the agencies don't collect all of the same information. Some lenders may report your credit activity to one agency, but not another. There may also be a serious error on one agency's report, affecting its score. Fixing the error might help your score.

Also relevant is when in the credit cycle your score is calculated. Lenders typically report to the credit bureaus the last amount you were billed as your "current balance." If your reported credit-card balance is very low, then your "debt-to-available-credit" ratio is going to be low, too, thus helping your score. But if you have a large balance, your score can take a hit.

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My Dumbest Investment

Day-Trading Disaster

I started day-trading in 2007. In my first year, I was up about 50 percent. So I figured, why not mortgage the house and increase my available account by \$300,000?

Not too long after, I saw a certain stock going up very quickly. I managed to buy 30,000 shares at \$16 per share, committing all my cash and a lot of borrowed (margin) money. I immediately put in an order to sell all of them at \$16.50. I recall the shares going up to about \$16.40 and then dropping rapidly. It was close to 4 p.m. and I finished the day down about \$20,000. Two weeks later I sold the last 10,000 shares for \$8.40. My \$480,000 investment cost me \$182,000 in less than two weeks. Later, the stock fell to under a dollar per share.

I am now working at making my \$1,774 monthly house payment with a \$47,000 account.

— M., online

The Fool Responds: Thanks for this painful reminder of how dangerous day-trading can be. A few folks might make money at it, but most people lose, and often lose quite a lot. ■



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I began as a small Chicago neighborhood pharmacy in 1901, and now I'm America's biggest drugstore chain, with more than 7,500 locations. I serve nearly 6 million customers daily and rake in more than \$70 billion annually. In my earliest days, I offered warm meals prepared by my founder's wife. Later, I popularized malted milkshakes. I was an early provider of pension and profit-sharing plans for my employees. I filled 778 million prescriptions in 2010, and I'm the largest private user of satellite technology. My Take Care Health Systems is the largest worksite wellness-center network, with 700-plus locations. Who am I? (Answer: Walgreens)■



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Ask the Fool

The Right Number? It All Depends

Q What's the best number of stocks to own?

— PW, Tucson, Ariz.

A There's no one-size-fits-all answer. Ideally, you should concentrate your money on your best ideas — the companies you believe hold the most promise. If you think a certain 20 companies are most likely to increase your wealth, why spread your limited funds over an additional 10 or 20 (or more) less-promising firms?

Spread yourself too thin, and it's hard to keep up with all your holdings, which you should aim to do at least every quarter. (Less often can be OK with some stable, established blue chips.) With 40 companies in your portfolio, you'll have 160 quarterly reports to read each year. Yikes!

But focusing your money on too few stocks is also risky. You stand to gain or lose a lot. For most people, eight to 20 companies is a manageable total to shoot for.

Q What's "vulture capitalism," and how can I get in on the action?

— IJ, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

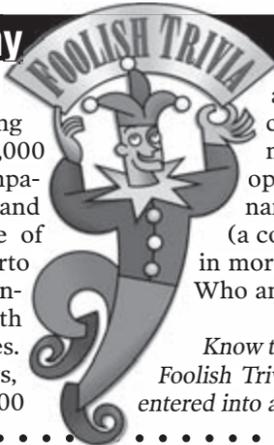
A It's a term for a kind of venture capitalism. Venture capitalism typically involves very wealthy investors pooling some funds and investing in small, risky, fast-growing companies in their early stages, well before they go public and raise money on the open markets. Companies such as Amazon.com, eBay, and even The Motley Fool have used venture capital money.

Vulture capitalism involves these investors focusing on small companies that are in trouble. In such situations, they can demand exceptionally generous terms, at the expense of the companies' founders and insiders. The term can be applied to other situations, too, such as when an investor or even the government bails out a company in crisis and stands to profit handsomely. ■

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alternative-energy vehicles. You may not know my name, as my local units operate under a variety of names, such as Allied Waste (a company I acquired). I rake in more than \$8 billion annually. Who am I? ■

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The Motley Fool Take

Park This Deere in Your Headlights

What's great about the agriculture sector is that when it does well, it's not just farmers who make money. Businesses from fertilizers to farm equipment also stand to gain. Deere (NYSE: DE) is one such beneficiary.

Its second-quarter revenues surged 24 percent, leading the company to raise its full-year earnings expectations. Higher shipment volumes and improved pricing have been boosting revenue by a compounded average rate of 6.8 percent over the past half-decade — and a whopping 26.8

percent over the past year. This strong top-line growth has helped Deere's bottom line grow by 118.4 percent over the past year.

Deere has been quite aggressive with new products and global expansion, strengthening its foothold in markets such as China and India. The main concern on Deere's balance sheet is its debt load, but strong profit margins and ample cash provide some relief.

Deere raised its dividend last quarter, the ninth quarterly dividend increase in seven years. Its dividend yield is a moderate 2.1 percent.

Deere seems well-poised to benefit as the global economy eventually gets back on its feet. You might want to keep an eye on it. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ 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 **American Business Women's Association-Neapolitan Chapter**

meets for dinner and a program at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker Nancy Lee Scarpa, author of "Rise Above It: Simple Steps for Significant Change," will discuss "Work/Life Balance Strategies for Today's Business Woman." Cost is \$29 for members, \$34 for others. Register at www.abwaneapolitan.org by Thursday, Oct. 20. Late registrations can be accepted with payment of a \$5 surcharge.

■ 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 event is free and 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.

■ The **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** hosts Business Before Business from 8-9:15 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, at Batteries Plus, 24830 S. Tamiami Trail. Cost is \$5 for members, \$30 for others. Register by midnight Oct. 25 at www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber

of Commerce takes place from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Cost is \$20 for Wake Up member, \$25 for others. This month's sponsor is the Make-A-Wish-Foundation. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **East Naples Merchants Association** meets at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at Garibaldi Restaurant and Bakery in the Hitching Post Plaza. Cost is \$5. To sign up, call Shirley Calhoun at 435-9410.

■ The next **AM Business Blend** sponsored by the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Tory's Hair Care & Gifts, 1058 Eighth Ave. S. Cost is \$5 and reservations are required. Visit www.napleschamber.org/events by Nov. 14. ■

WOMEN

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inclusive, horizontally managed environment.”

Moreover, the Guardian report says that its study of female-owned small businesses shows that women are often better managers, more attuned to customers’ needs and more closely aligned with marketplace trends.

“(The Guardian report) doesn’t really surprise me,” says Cindee Murphy, owner the popular Pies & Plates restaurant and store in Punta Gorda. “I think women are often more creative and willing to think out of the box than men.”

Mrs. Murphy says women are often also, by nature, “more in tune with the cares of customers and what their customers need.”

Starting a small business, Mrs. Murphy continues, also eliminates the glass ceiling that often exists in large corporations.

“When you own your business,” she says, “you rise and fall on how you perform. It’s a matter of how hard you are willing to work and how capable you are.”

The Guardian study says women who own businesses are “more externally focused than their male counterparts.” Additionally, Guardian notes that women are “more open to taking advice and deriving valuable information from others.”

In short, women business owners are less likely to involve their egos into matters relating to their work.

“Men do have some hang-ups when it comes to seeking advice and then



Cindee Murphy owns Pies & Plates in Punta Gorda.

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taking it,” says Peg Goldberg Longstreth, who has long run an art gallery in Naples.

“Women often have had to find less traditional (methods of making) their way,” she says.

“Some avenues that were open to men weren’t open to women. At some point, many women have had to ask, ‘OK, what can I do to make a living?’ That thought can inspire a lot of creativity.”

Ms. Longstreth also knows that while small businesses can thrive, they also are vulnerable to the vagaries of the economy.

Such is the case with her art gallery, which will soon shutter its doors.

“In the art world, there has been a depression, not a recession,” she says. “The market has absolutely collapsed.”

But Ms. Longstreth, like other women

surveyed in the Guardian report, is not only talented but resilient as well. She has had a varied career, embracing everything from music to an important job in health-care administration.

She has started, in recent years, businesses in writing and publishing and has become a principal in a firm based in Europe.

So, even with closing her gallery, Ms. Longstreth says will be “busier than ever.”

“For many women,” she says, “it is important to succeed, because for very long the odds have been stacked against (us). I’ve never taken anything for granted.”

This fierce will to succeed, the Guardian report states, is a hallmark of successful small business owners.

Female owners, Guardian posits, are “more diligently engaged in strategic

and tactical facets of their business.”

Surprisingly, Guardian found that “women-owned businesses are more often self-funded than male-owned ones and are therefore less reliant on bank financing at a time when many say small business lending practices are more restricted.”

In the end, though, Teri Hansen, president of Priority Marketing in Fort Myers, says performance, not gender, is what rules.

“It doesn’t surprise me (that more women are starting businesses),” she says.

But Ms. Hansen, whose firm has been in place for almost two decades, says the quality of one’s services is what matters most.

Guardian found that women who own small businesses tend to be more appreciative of their ownership than their male counterparts.

In that regard, Ms. Hansen concurs. “I know as a female owner, I am very appreciative of what we have accomplished,” she says.

Guardian concludes that the rise of women owning small businesses and succeeding will have a profound effect throughout our society.

In fact, it predicts that the rising tide of female entrepreneurs “will create more opportunity for employees to grow in their jobs, encourage others to start their own small businesses and inspire a greater commitment to customer service and retention.”

As Ms. Longstreth observes, “That is a good thing for everyone — male and female.” ■



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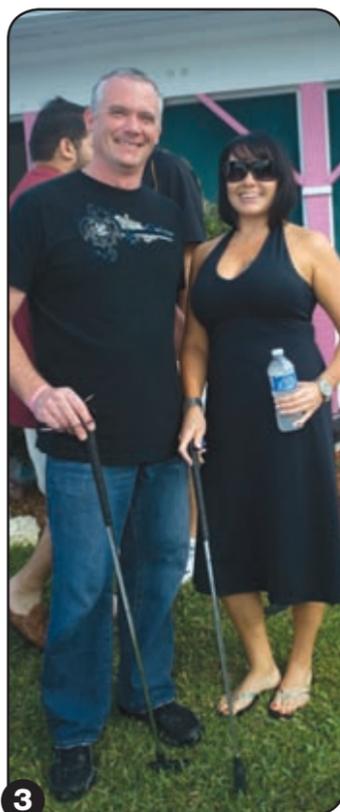
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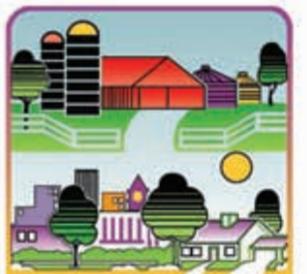


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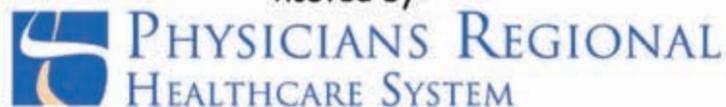
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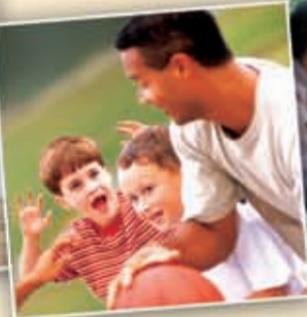
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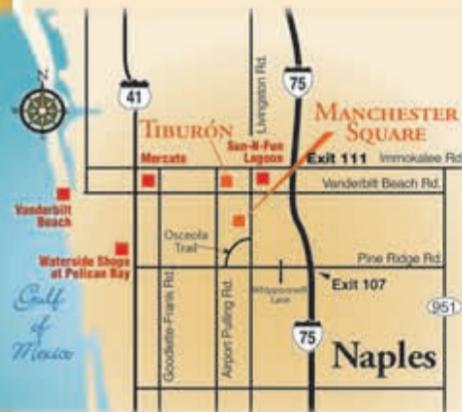
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REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

■ Downing-Frye Realty announced the following sales and listings leaders for September: **Gus Panutsos**, sales leader, and **Karen Coney Coplin**, listings leader in the Naples office. **Jay Berube**, sales leader, and **Cheryl Mease**, listings leader in the Bonita Springs office.

■ **Sally Masters**, broker associate at the North Naples office of Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate, received the Unsung Hero Award from the Naples Area Board of Realtors in recognition of her efforts on behalf of NABOR. Ms. Masters was also recently elected vice president-membership for the Women's Council of Realtors, Naples-on-the-Gulf Chapter.



MASTERS

■ John R. Wood Realtors welcomes the following new associates:

Bruce Ives has joined the Thompson-Griffin team in the Bonita Springs office. Originally from Virginia Beach, Va., he holds a degree in marketing from Old Dominion University and previously owned a tile and grout cleaning company.



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Nick Potestio has joined the agency's Old Naples office. Originally from Rochester Hills, Minn., he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Central Florida. He is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors.



POTESTIO

Bob Spencer has joined the North Naples office. Originally from Somers Point, N.J., he attended Valley Forge Military Academy and previously worked in property management. He belongs to NABOR.

■ **Michael Modjeska** has joined the Naples office of Downing-Frye Realty as a sales associate. Originally from McKinleyville, Calif., he attended the University of Northern Iowa and College of the Redwoods. He belongs to NABOR and the Florida and National associations of Realtors.

■ **Stan Winters** was named Sales Manager of the Month for September at Toll Brothers. A sales manager at The Reserve at Estero, he has been with the company since 2007 and previously worked in construction sales. ■



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The Serino model earned CBIA Sand Dollar awards for Product Design of the Year and for Best Master Suite, shown here.

Buyers make themselves at home in Firano

Toll Brothers reports a surge in new home sales at Firano at Naples, the developer's community of single-family homes on Davis Boulevard.

"In the first three quarters of our fiscal year, we experienced a 71 percent increase in sales over the same period last year," says Ken Thirtyacre, president of Toll Brothers Florida West Division. The numbers have prompted the company to move up the timeframe for opening the final phase of the community, he adds.

Toll Brothers offers seven home designs at Firano at Naples, with sizes ranging from 2,058 square feet to 3,024 square feet under air. Six designs have a first-floor master suite. Prices begin in the mid-\$300,000s.

The community's newest designer-decorated model, the Serino, earned two Sand Dollar awards from the Col-



The Saviero is a popular two-story design offered in Firano at Naples.

lier Building Industry Association. The single-story home with three bedrooms plus a study and 2½ baths encompasses 2,277 square feet of air-conditioned living space and offers a covered entry, lanai and two-car garage. Special features include coffered ceilings with crown molding, a gourmet kitchen with granite countertops, upgraded cabinets,

stainless steel appliances and a mitered glass window in the breakfast area. The master suite features his-and-her walk-in closets and a luxurious bath with granite countertops, a walk-through shower and a jetted Kohler tub with a granite-topped surround.

Upon completion, Firano at Naples will have 112 residences on approximately 40 acres. Amenities open for residents' use include a clubhouse with a community room, catering kitchen, fitness center and media center as well as a pool with sunning decks, a spa and a children's playground.

The sales center and several designer-decorated models are open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 596-5966 or visit FiranoatNaples.com. ■

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

■ Double D Leasing LLC has purchased 6,000 square feet of commercial space at 27821 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs, for \$480,000 from Planet Karaoke Properties LC. Craig Timmins and Clint Sherwood of Investment Properties Corp. represented the seller, and Matthew Stephan and Andrew DeSalvo of Premier Commercial Inc. represented the buyer.

■ Maria Elena Canete and Angel Arturo Canete d/b/a Gallo Fino Café, have leased 1,176 square feet of retail

space at 336 Ninth St. N. from Cooke & Cooke Properties. Paige Eber of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

■ Premier Investments of Southwest Florida Inc. has leased 904 square feet of office space at 3960 Radio Road from Francisca Deben Fernandez. Doris Taylor of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples represented the tenant. Mary Willkomm of Perfect Properties represented the landlord.

■ Paradise Properties of SWFL LLC has leased 235 square feet of office space at Dockside Boardwalk, 1100 Sixth Ave. S., from Dockside LLC. Bill Young of CB Richard Ellis, Fort Myers/Naples brokered the transaction.

■ Quality Healthcare Inc., dba 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.

■ Mattress Xpress Inc. has leased 2,760 square feet of retail space at 1082 Fifth Ave. S. from EEP-WRS LLC. Patrick Fraley of Investment Properties Corp. negotiated the transaction.

■ Senor Tequila's Pineridge Inc. has leased 5,567 square feet of retail space at 13040 Livingston Road, Unit 1, from Livingston and Pine Ridge LLC. Clint Sherwood of Investment Properties Corp.

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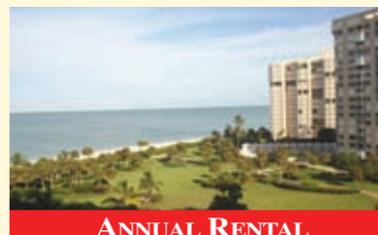
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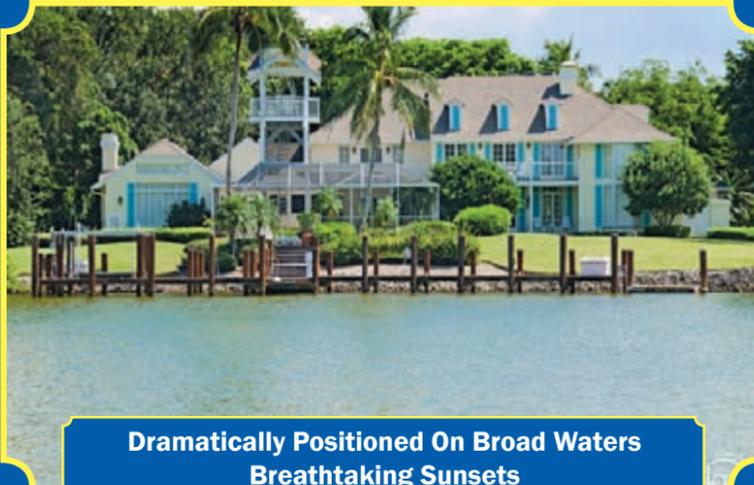
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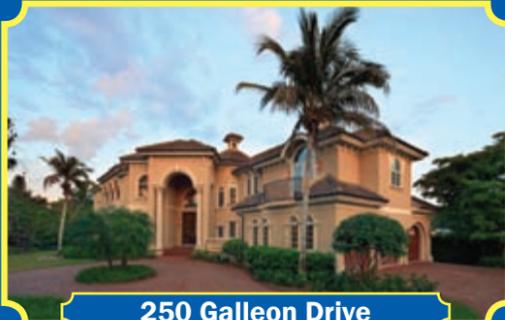


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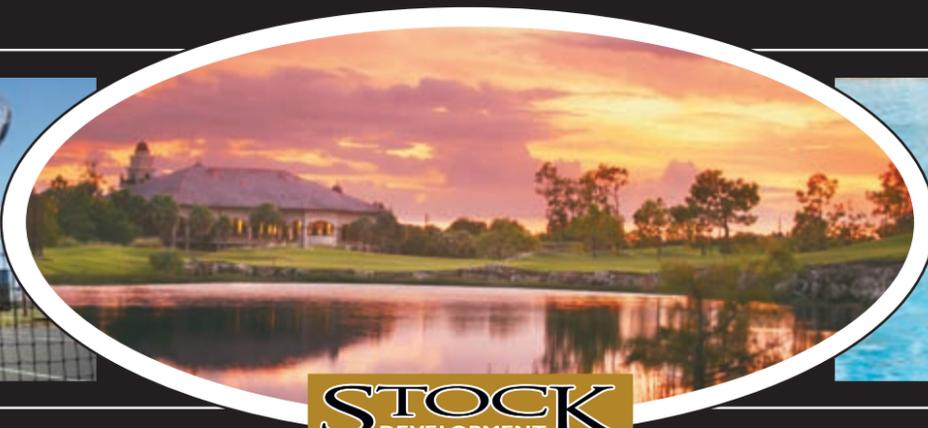
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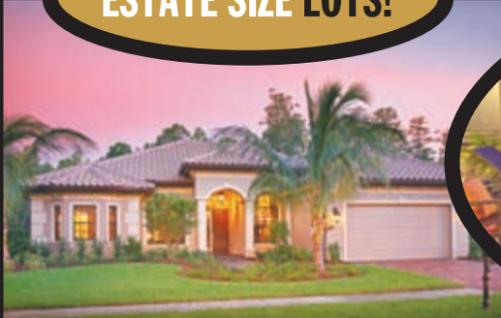
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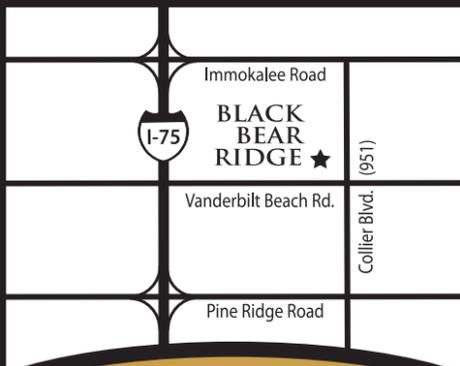
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negotiated the transaction.

■ Serenity Massage has renewed its lease on 198 square feet of office space 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 Professional Circle from Northbrooke Profes-

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

■ Woodruff Commercial Realty Venetian Plaza LLC has purchased 3,472 square feet of office condo space at 2235 Venetian Court for \$730,000 from Frank's Place LLC. Craig Timmins and Clint Sherwood 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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PELICAN BAY - COCOBAY Unbelievably striking Tuscan-style villa! Every imaginable update from the new roof to the top-of-the-line kitchen.
\$1,999,900 | Jeri Richey | 269-2203



PELICAN MARSH - BAY LAUREL ESTATES Pool, spa, and waterfall on quiet preserve. Lovely main home, 2-story 5 room cabana. Large outdoor living area. \$1,899,900
Mary Catherine/Larry White | 287-2818



PELICAN MARSH - TERRABELLA Large, private lake-front property. Separate guest cabana, 4BR+den, open-air courtyard, pool, spa and 3-car garage. \$1,825,000
Rod Soars/Trish Lowe Soars | 290-2448



PELICAN MARSH - MARSH LINKS Amazingly priced 4BR/6.5BA estate home. Gated community, screened lanai with infinity edge pool/spa & 4-car garage. \$1,790,000
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PELICAN BAY - MONTENERO Panoramic views of Gulf & natural preserve. Generous 3,400 SF of living area. Well-appointed building, beach tram.
\$1,695,000 | Linda Perry/Penny Lyle | 261-6161



PELICAN BAY - COCOBAY Courtyard home has a separate guest cabana with full bath and main house with flexible plan. Heated pool, spa.
\$1,399,999 | Cathy Owen | 269-3118



PELICAN BAY - GLENVIEW Welcoming beautiful Gulf/city views. 3BR/3BA Penthouse. Lifetime health care component, 24-hour security & more! \$1,365,000
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PELICAN MARSH - MUIRFIELD Expansive and serene SW lake views! Impeccably maintained and updated 4BR/3BA+den home. Family room opens to pool. \$1,225,000
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PELICAN BAY - L'AMBIANCE Exceptional large, tropical aqua-scape view! Very spacious, gorgeous 3BR/3BA+den coach home. Incredible amenities.
\$895,000 | Ellen Egglund | 571-7192



PELICAN BAY - GROSVENOR Outstanding Gulf views, spacious 3BR/3BA condominium, over 2,500 SF living area. Updated building, beach access. \$879,000
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PELICAN BAY - GROSVENOR Spectacular views, 17th floor sky-high living! Granite & marble in updated kitchen. Extra-large two bedroom.
\$795,000 | Jeri Richey | 269-2203



PELICAN BAY - ST. MAARTEN Southwest corner 2BR/2BA + den with direct Gulf views! Screened lanai, neutral tile, updated kitchen. Furnished. \$599,900 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741



PELICAN BAY - ST. MARISSA Stunning 14th floor 2BR + den with SW views. Updated kitchen. Pool, private beach access, fitness & tennis centers.
\$595,000 | Ann Marie Shimer | 825-9020



PELICAN MARSH - ISLAND COVE Stunning SE lake view! Beautifully maintained 2BR/2.5BA+den detached villa. Tile floors, newer A/C, 2-car garage. \$589,000
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PELICAN BAY - GROSVENOR This 2,500+ A/C SF residence occupies the West/Northwest corner. Two master suites + 3rd BR/den. Large balcony.
\$575,000 | Linda Perry/Judy Perry | 261-6161



PELICAN BAY - ST. MARISSA Panoramic views of the Gulf & private beach access just steps away. This 2BR/2BA+den home has been nicely updated. \$534,000
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PELICAN BAY - ST. TROPEZ Picturesque view of Clam Bay/Gulf! Two balconies, brand new decor, updated baths. Offered furnished. Beach access.
\$549,000 | Fred Alter | 269-4123



PELICAN BAY - ST. LUCIA Lovely 3BR+den condominium lives like a single-family home. Walk to private beach. Heated pool/spa, fitness center. \$479,000
Richard/Susie Culp | 290-2200



PELICAN BAY - BREAKWATER Serene SW lake views. Access to beach, fitness center & tennis. Comfortable 2BR/2BA+den, furnished. Pet friendly. \$454,000
Craig Jones | 403-4510

PELICAN BAY

CAP FERRAT 6597 Nicholas Blvd. #PH-11 - An extraordinary Penthouse with panoramic Gulf views! An interior of perfection plus terraces encompassing 6,800SF. \$5,490,000 | Barbi Lowe & Trish Lowe Soars | 216-1973

COCOBAY 67922 Cocobay Drive - One-of-a-kind 2-story villa with terrific golf lake views. Approximately 4400 sq ft under air including a remodeled guest house, 4BR/4.5BA, a den and an office. \$2,395,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112

ST. RAPHAEL 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. **OPEN SUN 1-4**
#1105 - Luxury 3BR/3.5BA + den tower residence has a spacious single-family home feeling plus spectacular high-rise views. \$1,895,000
#501 - Understated elegance. Gulf & nature views! Luxury tower residence, 9' ceilings, SW exposure. Private beach club. \$1,425,000
#901 - Spectacular sunsets on the Gulf. Ninth floor luxury high-rise, 2,500 SF under air & custom features throughout. \$1,595,000
#401 - Immaculate 3BR/3BA with a view of the Gulf! Marble flooring, 9' ceilings. Fitness center, pool, private beach club. \$1,399,000
#602 - Lives Large. Professionally remodeled, stunning Gulf views, 6th floor 2BR/2BA+den in a premier, luxury high-rise. \$895,000 | Linda Platt 269-2322
#608 - This bright, cheerful, nicely upgraded 2 bedroom home has a Gulf view from living, dining, kitchen and bedrooms. \$765,000
Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544

LAS BRISAS 27 Las Brisas Way - A lovely, light lakefront villa with S. exposure. Exquisitely remodeled, 2-story 3BR/2.5BA plan. Heated pool/spa.
\$1,195,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112

BEAUVILLE 7009 Rue de Marquis - Move right in to this beautifully remodeled 3BR/3.5BA villa with SW views over pool to golf course. Beach tram.
\$889,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112

CRESCENT 8410 Abbingdon Circle #A16 - Wrapped with beautiful French doors, this is a very welcoming 3BR/3BA + family room. Updated kitchen, 2-car garage.
\$799,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126

MARBELLA 7425 Pelican Bay Blvd. #1105 - Wonderful Gulf views from this 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath with approx. 2,000 total SF. Full service building.
\$749,500 | Linda Perry/Judy Perry | 261-6161

VILLAS OF PELICAN BAY 561 Gulf Park Drive #4 **OPEN SUN 1-4**
Upgraded 2-story attached villa. Main level master, 2nd floor master overlooks golf. Owner financing available. \$749,000 | Kathy Morris | 777-8654

GROSVENOR 6001 Pelican Bay Blvd. #302 - Rare direct 3BR/3BA front residence with western Gulf views. In perfect condition. Pool, fitness room, beach tram.
\$799,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980

ST. PIERRE 6825 Grenadier Blvd. #2104 - Wow - sparkling 2BR/2BA with Gulf panorama & golf views. Updated kitchen & baths. Tennis, pool, spa & each tram.
\$759,900 | Kelli Boehm | 250-8453

ST. MARISSA 6573 Marissa Loop #2003 - Breathtaking unobstructed Gulf views! Completely renovated, professionally furnished. Private beach & tennis clubs.
\$725,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731

POINTE I 665 Via Mezner #204 - Beautifully maintained 1st floor residence with delightful interior. Private patio. Quality furnishings included.
\$695,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741

ST. KITTS 6585 Nicholas Blvd. - An immaculate 3BR high-rise condominium with a gorgeous Gulf view. Neutral backgrounds, upgraded living space.
\$676,500 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544

ST. TROPEZ 5501 Heron Point Drive #602 - Spectacular Gulf view by day, sunsets and skyline at night! Beautifully remodeled 2BR+den condominium. Beach club.
\$650,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544

CRESCENT 8472 Abbingdon Circle #2021 - Top floor 3BR plus family room, 2.5BA coach home, private elevator, 2-car garage. Private beach access, tennis.
\$645,000 | Chris Wortman | 273-2007

ST. TROPEZ 5501 Heron Point Drive #504 - Panoramic Gulf/Clam Pass views! Spacious corner, 2BR+den with 1,420 A/C SF. Granite kitchen & steps to beach tram!
\$622,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552

CHATEAUMERE ROYALE 6000 Pelican Bay Blvd. #901 - Panoramic Gulf, golf course, lake & city light views! End residence with southern exposure, walk to tennis & beach. \$599,000 | Mary Catherine White | 287-2818

CALAIS 7008 Pelican Bay Blvd. #403 - Spectacular golf/lake views. Immaculate 4th floor condominium with 3 glassed-in balconies. Over 2100 sq. ft. A/C.
\$589,000 | Krista Harris | 877-6745

CALAIS 7016 Pelican Bay Blvd. #102 - Not one element has been missed in this 1st floor condominium! Lives like a villa with fairway views, beach tram.
\$585,000 | Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars | 216-1973

MARBELLA 7425 Pelican Bay Blvd. #204 - Gorgeous 2BR+den with mangrove views. Near extensive health care opportunities, physician's office, 3 dining areas.
\$545,000 | Jeannie McGearty | 248-4333

ST. THOMAS 6131 Pelican Bay Blvd. #6 - Picturesque and private 3BR+den end residence. Natural lake/preserve views, many new features. Beach tram & tennis.
\$545,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678

ST. NICOLE 5550 Heron Point Drive #1702 - A great buy & gorgeous view over Gulf & Bay! Priced to sell, 2BR/2BAs, private beach club, tennis, golf. Turnkey.
\$515,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980

CHATEAUMERE 6040 Pelican Bay Blvd. N. #401 - Beautiful 4th floor 3BR/3BA end residence. Lake, golf/Gulf views. Golf course (membership required), beach access. \$499,900 | Sue Black/Kristin Mikler | 250-5611

DORCHESTER 6075 Pelican Bay Blvd. #206 - Open and spacious 3BR/3BA with tranquil preserve and landscaped views from the 3 lanais. Walk to private beach.
\$485,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980

ST. KITTS 6585 Nicholas Blvd #503 - Tranquil, perfectly maintained 2BR/2BA, stunning Gulf/preserve views. Easy access to beach tram. Turnkey furnished.
\$469,000 | Sue Black/Kristin Mikler | 250-5611

CHATEAUMERE 6060 Pelican Bay Blvd. #203 **OPEN SUN 1-4**
Gorgeous unobstructed lake/golf views! Spacious 2BR/2.5BA, only 20 residences. Pools, walk to tennis, beach tram. \$424,888 | Heidi Deen | 370-5388

SANCTUARY 5950 Pelican Bay Blvd. #125 - Great scenic views! 3BR/2BA with large spacious wraparound balconies. Spectacular amenities with beach tram & golf.
\$430,000 | Polly Himmel | 290-3910

INTERLACHEN 6770 Pelican Bay Blvd. #215 - Turnkey furnished, 1st floor 2BR plus den with 1,572 SF. Tram to beach is across street. Renovated amenities.
\$429,900 | Mara Muller | 272-6170

L'AMBIANCE 900 L'Ambiance Circle #103 - Carefree, convenient condominium living. Delightful 2BR coach home, lake view. Near tennis, tram to private beach.
\$399,000 | Ruth Tretts | 403-4529

GLENCOVE
This property holds the prime 2nd floor location. SW corner, soaring ceilings, split-floor plan, courtyard views, \$325,000 | Vickie Larscheid | 250-5041

LAUREL OAKS 864 Tanbark Drive #103 - Private setting, 1st floor spotless 2BR/2BA condominium. Lake views. Near tennis, fully-equipped gym, beach tram.
\$289,900 | Tess McCarthy | 207-0118

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BAY LAUREL ESTATES 8732 Purslane Drive - Unsurpassed lake/fairway views. Soaring ceilings & Saturnia marble floors, granite, fireplace, wet bar, pool, spa.
\$2,895,000 | Polly Himmel | 290-3910

IVY POINTE 1838 Ivy Pointe Court - Impeccable expanded courtyard home with preferred S exposure. Beautiful lakefront setting. Pool and guest cabana.
\$815,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678

ISLAND COVE 2276 Island Cove Circle - Gorgeous sunset views from expanded lakeside lanai. Furnished 3BR/3BA detached villa. Social/golf club memberships. \$575,000 | Sharon Kaltenborn/Terri Moellers | 248-1964

ISLAND COVE 2271 Island Cove Circle - Elegant 2BR/2.5BA with lake views, privacy, optional den/3rd bedroom suite, fine finishes and extended lanai.
\$575,000 | Linda Perry/Penny Lyle | 261-6161

TIMARRON 1860 Timarron Way - "Spinnaker" floor plan with 3BRs, 3BAs plus den. Heated pool/spa overlooking lake. Two-car garage. Turnkey.
\$575,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231

ISLAND COVE 2255 Island Cove Circle - Thoughtful design, pleasant living spaces, open 2BR+den overlooks lake. Equity & non-equity memberships available.
\$530,000 | Linda Perry/Judy Perry | 261-6161

SEVILLE 1836 Seville Blvd. #1121 - Totally renovated with over 2,400 sq. ft., upgraded 3BR/3BA + den, private elevator. Steps from pool & clubhouse.
\$465,000 | Roya Nouhi | 290-9111

BAY LAUREL ESTATES 8723 Spikerush Lane - Privately gated enclave. Choose your own builder, over one-half acre with southeastern exposure on a cul-de-sac. \$499,000 | Ray Couret/Leah Ritchey | 293-5899

VENTURA 8816 Ventura Way **OPEN SUN 1-4**
Expansive great room & kitchen. "Spinnaker" floor plan, 3 BR plus loft/den, lanai with pool. Attached 2-car garage. \$399,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980

AUGUSTA 2546 Augusta Drive - Build your dream home on this oversized lot consisting of 1/3 of an acre. Choose your own builder.
\$390,000 | Ray Couret/Leah Ritchey | 293-5899

CLERMONT 1560 Clermont Drive #202 - Open, colorful tree-top 3BR/2BA corner coach home. New features, garden views. Tennis, golf membership available.
\$389,900 | Tess McCarthy/Tom McCarthy | 207-0118

CLERMONT 1590 Clermont Drive #102 - Meticulously maintained 3BR/2BA has 2-car garage. Picturesque lake/golf views. Golf & social memberships available.
\$384,900 | Sue Black | 250-5611

RAVENNA 2449 Ravenna Blvd #102 - This darling, upgraded coach home has it all! Easy maintenance lifestyle. Private end residence. Golf/lake views.
\$375,000 | Janet Rathbun | 860-0012

CLERMONT 1575 Clermont Drive #202 - Intimate gated enclave, this coach home lives like a single-family home, attached garage. Steps to community pool.
\$348,500 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552

RAVENNA 2433 Ravenna Blvd. #101 - Breathtaking lake & golf course views. 2BR+den carriage home. Walk to pool & fitness/tennis center. One-car garage.
\$315,000 | Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887

ARIELLE 2205 Arielle Drive #1301 **OPEN SUN 1-4**
Long lake views & sunsets from this 3BR plus den, 2,661 total SF upstairs corner residence with 2-car garage. \$310,000 | Sharon Kaltenborn/Terri Moellers | 248-1964

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Fabulous custom 5BR/5.5BA plus den home with media room, 3-car garage, pool, spa & lanai. Lake & golf course views.
\$1,700,000 | Daniel Pregont | 272-8020



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



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Perfect views of the 7th green, lake/fairway. Exquisite 5BR/4.5BA+den. Separate cabana. Beach, golf, tennis & more! \$1,395,000
Mary Catherine/Larry White | 287-2818



THE BROOKS - SHADOWWOOD IDLEWILDE Super "WOW" lake house to entertain year round. Decorator features throughout. 4BR/4.5BA + den. Great room plan.
\$1,199,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



BONITA BAY - MIRA LAGO
Professionally decorated, 3BR, 2.5BA on golf course. Family room, formal dining and living rooms. Courtyard pool.
\$999,990 | Harriet Harnar | 273-5443



BONITA BAY - VISTAS
Panoramic views! This 22nd floor, 3BR/3BA high-rise home has 2,616 SF under air. Pool, fitness, resident manager. \$889,000
Carol Johnson/Ginger Lickley | 948-4000



PELICAN LANDING - LONGLAKE
Beautifully renovated lakefront home! Oversized homesite, extra-large lanai, 3BR/2.5BA + den, heated pool and spa.
\$749,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



BONITA SPRINGS - BRENDAN COVE 27121 Driftwood Drive - Gulf access, beautifully remodeled 4BR/3BA home in a gated boating community. Docks, boat lift. Screened pool/spa. \$689,000 | Mark Leone | 784-5686



PELICAN LANDING - PELICANS NEST
South facing vistas over golf course & lake. Family room, 3BR+den/4th bedroom. Lushly landscaped, offered 'as-is.' \$595,000 | Stephanie/John Coburn & Pam Umscheid | 948-4000



PELICAN LANDING - LAKEMONT
Private location overlooking lake & preserve, upgraded 3BR/2.5BA + family room open home. Oversized heated pool.
\$629,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



PELICAN LANDING - THE COTTAGES
An exquisite courtyard home with private courtyard pool & spa area. S. facing lanai overlooking lake/golf course. \$617,000 | Stephanie/John Coburn & Pam Umscheid | 948-4000



BONITA BAY - ESPERIA SOUTH
Stunning south facing 3 bedroom residence with 2,530 A/C SF, over 1,000 SF of open terraces and fully furnished! \$599,000 | Ginger Lickley/Carol Johnson | 860-4661



THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD LONGLEAF An expansive 3BR/3.5BA + den home being offered furnished. Wide lake & preserve western view. Heated pool & spa.
\$579,000 | Jack Despart | 273-7931



THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD LAUREL MEADOW Inviting 4BR/3.5BA home with stunning water & golf course views. Office/den, security system, heated pool and spa. \$525,000
Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887



PELICAN LANDING - COTTAGES
Wonderful 3BR/3BA courtyard residence with total privacy, surrounded by tropical foliage. Western exposure pool. \$549,000 | Stephanie/John Coburn & Pam Umscheid | 948-4000



ESPERIA & TAVIRA 26951 Country Club Drive (Sales Center) • Breathtaking views over Bay Island Golf Course, Estero Bay & the Gulf. An idyllic community devoted to golf, parks, marina & more! New construction from mid \$500s • 239-495-1105



BONITA SPRINGS - BONITA FARMS Gulf access, waterfront home with 40' dock. Generously sized 5BR/3.5BA home. Spacious screened lanai, fenced yard.
\$499,000 | Mark Leone | 784-5686



THE BROOKS - COPPERLEAF - CINNAMON RIDGE Sunset views across golf course from heated pool. Airy 2-story great room, upgraded kitchen & formal dining area.
\$489,000 | Trudy Salyers | 398-8901



BONITA BAY - ARBOR STRAND
Charming cottage-like villa, 3 bedrooms or 2 bedrooms+den, 2.5 baths & family room. Private pool & spa. Furnished.
\$459,000 | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441



PELICAN LANDING - COSTA DEL SOL
Sweeping rolling golf course view with a peek of the lake is the perfect spot for this upgraded 3BR/3BA pool home. \$379,000 | Stephanie/John Coburn & Pam Umscheid | 948-4000



PELICAN LANDING - BAYCREST
Lake to golf course view plus western exposure for sunsets. This 2BR/2BA+den villa has been beautifully updated. \$385,000 | Stephanie/John Coburn & Pam Umscheid | 948-4000



VASARI COUNTRY CLUB - TOSCANA Bundled golf community, 3BR/2BA+den coach home has room to roam. Quiet lake & preserve views, near pool. Furnished.
\$349,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



PELICAN LANDING - SANDPIPER ISLE
24300 Sandpiper Isle Way #202 - Airy & light, 2nd floor condominium with open space, storage, lake & golf course views. Tennis across the street. \$339,000
Stephanie/John Coburn & Pam Umscheid | 948-4000



BONITA BAY - ENCLAVE
Neutrally decorated, light 3BR/2BA detached villa. Extended screened lanai, very private, lushly landscaped view. \$339,000 | Cathy Lieberman/Cindy Reiff | 777-2441



PELICAN LANDING - SOUTHBRIDGE Outstanding long lake views from this 3BR/2BA condominium. Large tile on the diagonal and new carpet in bedrooms.
\$319,900 | Jack Despart | 273-7931



PELICAN LANDING - PALM COLONY Impeccably maintained 3BR/2.5BA+den home. Golf view, near pool, tennis, beach access, golf membership available.
\$299,900 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD MORNINGSIDE Fantastic fairway & lake views! Elegant 3BR/2BA carriage home with over 2,000 SF under air. Private amenity center.
\$299,000 | Maryanne Kennedy | 405-0266



BONITA SPRINGS - BONITA FARMS Boaters - completely remodeled 2BR+den home with 100 ft. on the river, 60' wraparound dock, 10,000 lb. boat lift.
\$289,900 | Mark Leone | 784-5686



VASARI COUNTRY CLUB - ALTESSA Bundled golfing community. Wide lake views, southern exposure, beautifully decorated turnkey furnished 2BR/2BA+den.
\$269,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



VASARI COUNTRY CLUB TRIESTE Bundled golf, southern exposure lake/golf views. Upgraded 2BR/2BA+den end residence. Cul-de-sac location by pool.
\$269,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



VASARI COUNTRY CLUB TOSCANA | Fantastic turnkey furnished, corner 2BR+den. Preserve view, tile in all living areas & 1-car garage. Bundled golf.
\$250,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



VASARI COUNTRY CLUB TOSCANA | Southern exposure golf/lake view. Meticulously maintained end residence. Bundled golf. Near clubhouse, pool/tennis.
\$249,900 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



PELICAN LANDING - CYPRESS ISLAND
Incredible wraparound water & nature preserve views. Meticulously maintained corner 2BR+den, custom features. \$229,000
Stephanie/John Coburn & Pam Umscheid | 948-4000



PELICAN LANDING - POINTE
Privacy & quiet complements this end position coach home. A most desired location with many lifestyle activities.
\$217,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



THE BROOKS - SPRING RUN HIDDEN LAKES Model condition turnkey and totally renovated 2BR/2BA condominium. Overlooks landscaped area to golf course. Tennis, fitness, private beach park. \$169,900 | Stephanie/John Coburn & Pam Umscheid | 948-4000



PELICAN LANDING - SAWGRASS POINT Glorious lake and golf course views! Well-maintained, many appliances have been replaced, newly painted interior. \$189,900
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THE BROOKS - SPRING RUN AUTUMN LAKE Outstanding lake view, 1st floor 2BR/2BA condominium, attached garage. Turnkey furnished, near pool & clubhouse. \$179,900
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GRANDEZZA - SABAL PALM
Quiet preserve and golf view, 2BR/2BA plus den condominium. Neutral colors. Community pool and the Club is closeby.
\$162,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210

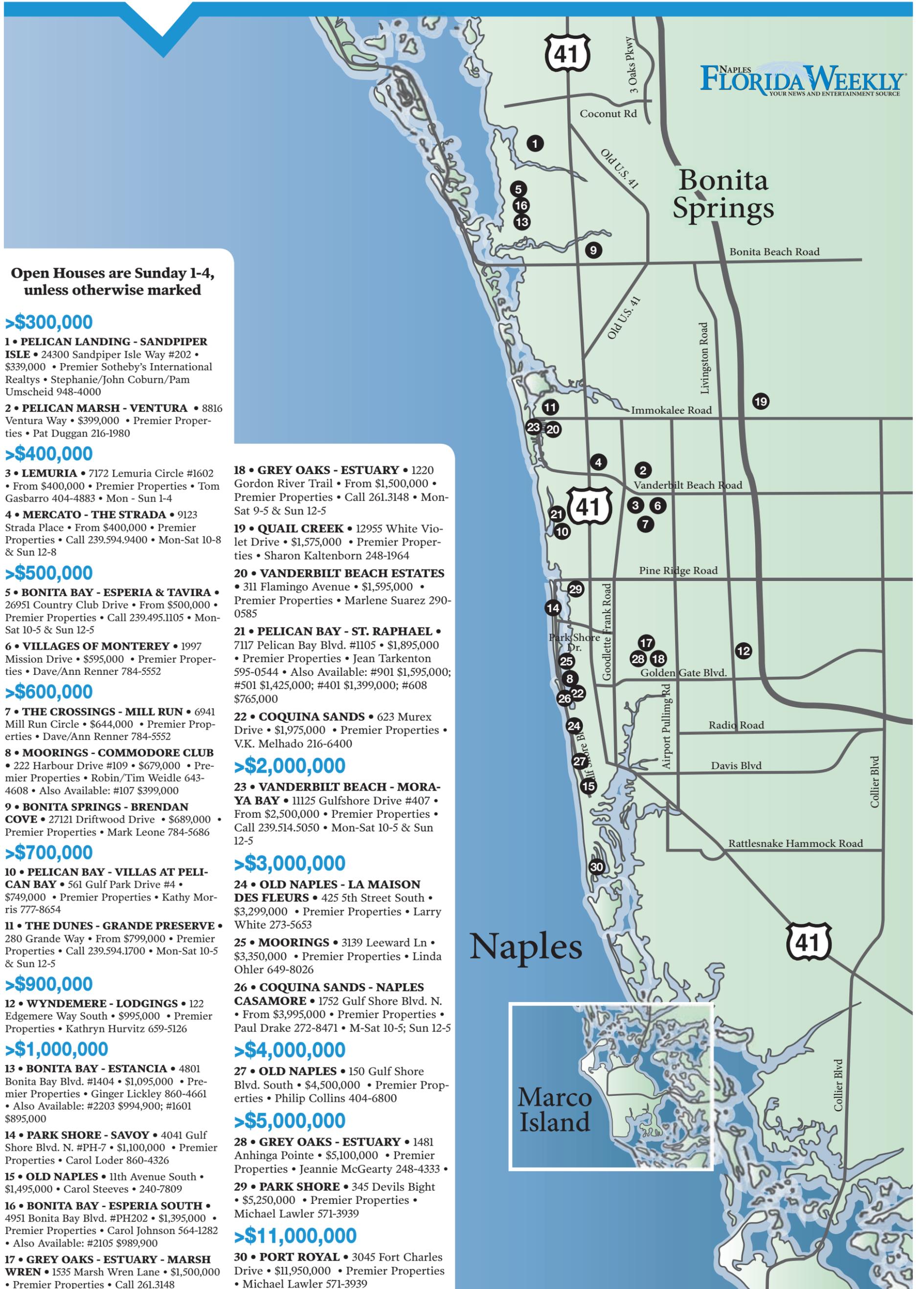


ESTERO - COCONUT POINT RAPALLO Excellent value, rental in place through 8/20/11. Open plan 2BR/2BA + den, private garage. Resort style living.
\$175,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



PELICAN LANDING - SAWGRASS POINT Mint condition 1st floor condominium overlooks landscaped area to golf course. Tennis, fitness, private beach park. \$169,900 | Stephanie/John Coburn & Pam Umscheid | 948-4000

Florida Weekly's Open Houses



Open Houses are Sunday 1-4, unless otherwise marked

>\$300,000

- 1 • PELICAN LANDING - SANDPIPER ISLE** • 24300 Sandpiper Isle Way #202 • \$339,000 • Premier Sotheby's International Realtys • Stephanie/John Coburn/Pam Umscheid 948-4000
- 2 • PELICAN MARSH - VENTURA** • 8816 Ventura Way • \$399,000 • Premier Properties • Pat Duggan 216-1980

>\$400,000

- 3 • LEMURIA** • 7172 Lemuria Circle #1602 • From \$400,000 • Premier Properties • Tom Gasbarro 404-4883 • Mon - Sun 1-4
- 4 • MERCATO - THE STRADA** • 9123 Strada Place • From \$400,000 • Premier Properties • Call 239.594.9400 • Mon-Sat 10-8 & Sun 12-8

>\$500,000

- 5 • BONITA BAY - ESPERIA & TAVIRA** • 26951 Country Club Drive • From \$500,000 • Premier Properties • Call 239.495.1105 • Mon-Sat 10-5 & Sun 12-5
- 6 • VILLAGES OF MONTEREY** • 1997 Mission Drive • \$595,000 • Premier Properties • Dave/Ann Renner 784-5552

>\$600,000

- 7 • THE CROSSINGS - MILL RUN** • 6941 Mill Run Circle • \$644,000 • Premier Properties • Dave/Ann Renner 784-5552
- 8 • MOORINGS - COMMODORE CLUB** • 222 Harbour Drive #109 • \$679,000 • Premier Properties • Robin/Tim Weidle 643-4608 • Also Available: #107 \$399,000
- 9 • BONITA SPRINGS - BRENDAN COVE** • 27121 Driftwood Drive • \$689,000 • Premier Properties • Mark Leone 784-5686

>\$700,000

- 10 • PELICAN BAY - VILLAS AT PELICAN BAY** • 561 Gulf Park Drive #4 • \$749,000 • Premier Properties • Kathy Morris 777-8654
- 11 • THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE** • 280 Grande Way • From \$799,000 • Premier Properties • Call 239.594.1700 • Mon-Sat 10-5 & Sun 12-5

>\$900,000

- 12 • WYNDEMERE - LODGINGS** • 122 Edgemere Way South • \$995,000 • Premier Properties • Kathryn Hurvitz 659-5126

>\$1,000,000

- 13 • BONITA BAY - ESTANCIA** • 4801 Bonita Bay Blvd. #1404 • \$1,095,000 • Premier Properties • Ginger Lickley 860-4661 • Also Available: #2203 \$994,900; #1601 \$895,000
- 14 • PARK SHORE - SAVOY** • 4041 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. #PH-7 • \$1,100,000 • Premier Properties • Carol Loder 860-4326
- 15 • OLD NAPLES** • 11th Avenue South • \$1,495,000 • Carol Steeves • 240-7809
- 16 • BONITA BAY - ESPERIA SOUTH** • 4951 Bonita Bay Blvd. #PH202 • \$1,395,000 • Premier Properties • Carol Johnson 564-1282 • Also Available: #2105 \$989,900
- 17 • GREY OAKS - ESTUARY - MARSH WREN** • 1535 Marsh Wren Lane • \$1,500,000 • Premier Properties • Call 261.3148

- 18 • GREY OAKS - ESTUARY** • 1220 Gordon River Trail • From \$1,500,000 • Premier Properties • Call 261.3148 • Mon-Sat 9-5 & Sun 12-5

- 19 • QUAIL CREEK** • 12955 White Violet Drive • \$1,575,000 • Premier Properties • Sharon Kaltenborn 248-1964

- 20 • VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES** • 311 Flamingo Avenue • \$1,595,000 • Premier Properties • Marlene Suarez 290-0585

- 21 • PELICAN BAY - ST. RAPHAEL** • 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. #1105 • \$1,895,000 • Premier Properties • Jean Tarkenton 595-0544 • Also Available: #901 \$1,595,000; #501 \$1,425,000; #401 \$1,399,000; #608 \$765,000

- 22 • COQUINA SANDS** • 623 Murex Drive • \$1,975,000 • Premier Properties • V.K. Melhado 216-6400

>\$2,000,000

- 23 • VANDERBILT BEACH - MORAYA BAY** • 11125 Gulfshore Drive #407 • From \$2,500,000 • Premier Properties • Call 239.514.5050 • Mon-Sat 10-5 & Sun 12-5

>\$3,000,000

- 24 • OLD NAPLES - LA MAISON DES FLEURS** • 425 5th Street South • \$3,299,000 • Premier Properties • Larry White 273-5653

- 25 • MOORINGS** • 3139 Leeward Ln • \$3,350,000 • Premier Properties • Linda Ohler 649-8026

- 26 • COQUINA SANDS - NAPLES CASAMORE** • 1752 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. • From \$3,995,000 • Premier Properties • Paul Drake 272-8471 • M-Sat 10-5; Sun 12-5

>\$4,000,000

- 27 • OLD NAPLES** • 150 Gulf Shore Blvd. South • \$4,500,000 • Premier Properties • Philip Collins 404-6800

>\$5,000,000

- 28 • GREY OAKS - ESTUARY** • 1481 Anhinga Pointe • \$5,100,000 • Premier Properties • Jeannie McGearty 248-4333
- 29 • PARK SHORE** • 345 Devils Bight • \$5,250,000 • Premier Properties • Michael Lawler 571-3939

>\$11,000,000

- 30 • PORT ROYAL** • 3045 Fort Charles Drive • \$11,950,000 • Premier Properties • Michael Lawler 571-3939



AQUALANE SHORES
Wide expanse of Naples Bay. Two docks w/lifts, theater, study/office, 3-car garage, and outdoor kitchen.
\$6,500,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529



OLD NAPLES
Elegantly appointed interiors, spectacular Gulf sunsets! Three-story newly built residence one house from beach.
\$5,900,000 | Philip N. Collins | 404-6800



OLD NAPLES
150 Gulf Shore Blvd. South - A classically inspired 4BR Tuscan home. Sophistication + the natural beauty of Naples' Gulf coast. Steps to beach.
\$4,500,000 | Philip N. Collins | 404-6800



AQUALANE SHORES
Wide water views! Quality finishes, 4BRs, den, elevator, 3-car garage, pool, 80' concrete floating dock, furnished.
\$3,950,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



AQUALANE SHORES
New construction. Completion late July, 2011. Open plan 4BR. Walk to beach, heated pool/spa. Dock, direct access. \$3,695,000
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



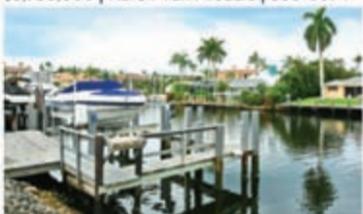
ROYAL HARBOR
Wonderful bay views! To-be-built 4BR + den home. Outdoor living with cooktop, heated pool/spa. Direct Gulf access. \$3,595,000
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



OLD NAPLES
An impeccable home just steps to beach! With 4BRs, study, office/media room, sunny screened patio, pool & spa.
\$3,450,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529



AQUALANE SHORES
Custom, meticulously updated 3BR + family room home. Covered, cut-in boat slip & 135' on the water, direct access.
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AQUALANE SHORES
Immaculately kept 3BR+den overlooking Heron Cove. Pool, boat dock with lift provides direct, quick access to Gulf. \$2,695,000
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OLD NAPLES
Spanish-inspired Mizner West Palm Beach-style standout! European stone area with pool, spa, summer kitchen.
\$2,550,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741



AQUALANE SHORES
Fabulous homesite (95'x173'). 1 lot from Naples Bay! Wide, deep canal. Grandfathered in boat house & covered slip.
\$2,495,000 | Beth McNichols | 821-3304



OLD NAPLES
Private retreat - 3BR/2BA lakefront cottage one block to beach. Modern kitchen & oversized master suite.
\$2,150,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



AQUALANE SHORES
An incredible waterfront lifestyle. Deep-water dock, stroll to shops/dining, steps to beach. Charming 3BR/3BA home.
\$1,999,000 | Vincent Bandelier | 450-5976



ROYAL HARBOR
2192 Kingfish Road - Wonderful waterfront living with wide west exposure. Prestigious home, pool, boat lift & dock, direct Gulf access.
\$1,795,000 | Isabelle Edwards | 564-4080



OLD NAPLES
605 - 6th Avenue North - Beautifully decorated home with professional decor & furnishings. Private oversized backyard. Open 3BR + den plan.
\$1,775,000 | Celine Julie Godof | 404-9917



OLD NAPLES - ROSE VILLAS
Dynamic villa featuring Bosch appliances, elevator, wood and tile flooring, 4 bedrooms plus den. Private pool.
\$1,699,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741



OLD NAPLES - GOLF DRIVE ESTATES
Short walk to the beach, golf club and tennis facilities! A magnificent Mediterranean home with superior style!
\$1,650,000 | Vickie Larscheid | 250-5041



AQUALANE SHORES
Desirable waterfront homesite with no bridges to the Gulf of Mexico, deep-water canal. Near beach, shops & dining.
\$1,500,000 | Vincent Bandelier | 450-5976



OLD NAPLES
Build your dream home! Approx. lot size is 100' x 150'. Walk to the Gulf. A rare large lot with southern exposure.
\$1,495,000 | Celine Julie Godof | 404-9917



ROYAL HARBOR
Casually charming, updated home. Expansive outdoor retreat for entertaining with kitchen, chickee hut & waterfall.
\$1,495,000 | Michael G. Lawler | 571-3939



OLD NAPLES - PARKSIDE OFF FIFTH
Sophisticated urban living! High-end quality, uniquely designed one-of-a-kind 3BR/3.5BA + den. Walk to beach.
\$1,299,000 | Richard/Susie Culp | 290-2200



OLD NAPLES - GOLF DRIVE ESTATES
Charming Olde Florida style 3BR/2BA, detached casita, lap style pool/spa, 3 blocks to beach, golf course & tennis. \$1,250,000
Linda Perry/Judy Perry | 261-6161



OLD NAPLES - NAPLES BAY RESORT THE RESIDENCES
Sophisticated Bay front living, 3BR+den, multiple private terraces, balconies & gorgeous views. Resort amenities.
\$1,195,000 | Michael G. Lawler | 571-3939



OLD NAPLES - VILLAS TORINO
Well-appointed 3BR/3.5BA+den (could be 4th BR). Heated pool, 2-car garage, 3 blocks to beach, near shops & dining. \$1,125,000
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



OLD NAPLES - TUSCAN
A 3BR/3BA condominium just 2.5 blocks to beach & near shops/dining. Heated community pool & spa, secured building. \$935,000
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



OLD NAPLES - VICTOR DEL REY
Over 2,900 A/C sq. ft., 3BR/3.5BAs opening to pool with cabana. Secured elevator, walk to beach, shops & dining. \$799,000
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



OLD NAPLES - PERGOLA VILLAS
A charming 3BR plus den townhouse built by Burt Binder. Plunge pool enhances the rear lanai with brick pavers.
\$695,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



ROYAL HARBOR AREA - OYSTER BAY
Unique waterfront opportunity with canals on both sides of this home being sold as-is. Quick, direct Gulf access. \$649,000
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



OLD NAPLES - KASOTA BAY
Sun-filled jewel blocks to upscale dining/shopping & beach. Recently upgraded, park-like setting & pet friendly. \$574,500
Jutta V. Lopez/AJ Lopez | 571-5339



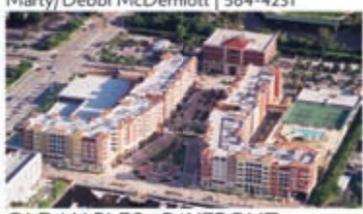
OLD NAPLES - PETTIT SQUARE
Old World charm just 2 blocks to beach! Steps to dining/shops. Decorator, turnkey furnished with quality & care. \$549,000
Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9090



OLD NAPLES - NAPLES BAY RESORT THE COTTAGES
Beautiful decorator furnished 2BR/2BA condominium. Resort amenities. Near shops, dining, and beach. Weekly rentals.
\$425,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176



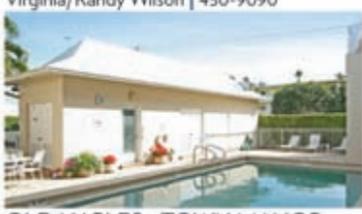
ROYAL HARBOR AREA - EL NIDO
Waterfront enclave - 4 residences, direct Gulf access near beach! Designer upgrades. 2BR+den. Boat docks, pool/spa!
\$419,900 | Patrick D. O'Connor | 293-9411



OLD NAPLES - BAYFRONT
Immaculate, oversized, top-floor 2BA condominium, 10' ceilings. Priced to sell, all reasonable offers considered.
\$399,000 | Thomas Gasbarro | 404-4883



OLD NAPLES - FIFTH AVENUE BEACH CLUB
Unbelievable location right on 5th Avenue, only 1.5 blocks to the beach. One bedroom, one bath; turnkey furnished. \$279,900
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OLD NAPLES - TOWN MANOR CLUB
Updated getaway, 2 bedrooms, 2 bath only 2.5 blocks to beach, steps to 3rd St. shops and dining; blocks to 5th Ave. \$279,000
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



OLD NAPLES - CASTLETON GARDENS
Perfect in-town pied-a-terre near beach. Can rent 12X/yr., 30-day min. Furnished. Pretty pool, spa & BBQ grill.
\$229,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529



OLD NAPLES - VILLAGE GREEN HERON CLUB
Prime location 3 blocks from beach, 3rd St. shops/dining! Renovated 1st floor split 2BR/2BA condominium. Low fees.
\$224,900 | Tess McCarthy | 207-0118



OLD NAPLES - BEAUMER
Walk to shops, dining & boating. Very desirable waterfront 2BR, liberal rental policy, pet friendly. Furnished.
\$217,500 | Sue Black/Kristin Mikler | 250-5611



OLD NAPLES - BEAUMER
Easy to rent, weekly rentals allowed! Furnished 2BR. Walk to shops/dining. Pool, spa, docks for lease or purchase.
\$199,000 | Tom McCarthy | 243-5520



OLD NAPLES - ESSEX HOUSE
Great downtown getaway, 1 block off 5th Ave. shops/dining, 5 blocks to beach. Cute & clean 1BR/1BA, courtyard pool.
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WEEK OF OCTOBER 20-26, 2011

A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

'RUMORS'



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*Florida Rep
opens 14th
season with
hilarious
desperation*

BY NANCY STETSON
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THERE'S NOTHING QUITE AS FUNNY AS DESPERATION, SAYS ROBERT CACIOPPO, PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AT FLORIDA REPERTORY THEATRE.

"Desperation is such a great thing," he says. "It's wonderful if you can get an actor to be desperate about something: He desperately wants the girl to marry him, or someone desperately wants to win the race."

"One of my favorite quotes in the theater is from the famous critic Kenneth Tynan, who says that all theater

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Playhouse has a
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'Breakfast in Red'

Starting the day with the American Heart Association, and more events around town. **C28-29** ▶



Making it up

Naples City Improv launches another season of ad-libbing at The Norris Center. **C9** ▶

Haunted seat?

Antiques expert Terry Kovel explains how ghosts seem to follow some pieces. **C20** ▶



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Guest vintners help make wine fest a magical affair

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Twenty-nine of the most revered names in the world of wine will arrive in town for the 2012 Naples Winter Wine Festival: "Believe in the Magic." Nine of the esteemed vintners are making their festival debut this year, among them GAJA, one of Italy's greatest Barbaresco and Barolo producers and Napa Valley's Dana Estates, which earned a perfect 100 from wine

critic Robert Parker Jr. for its 2007 Lotus Vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon.

Also new to the festival is Korta Katarina from Croatia, owned by Naples Children & Education Foundation trustees Penny and Lee Anderson, who will pour their wines as one of the vintners at the festival luncheon following "Meet the Kids Day" tours.

Vintners for the 2012 festival come from

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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Hello, Murse!



An old boyfriend had a stringent rule.

"I don't carry purses," he said. He was big and strapping, and he could kill people with his bare hands. I liked that about him. He was kind and generous too, a good listener and friend. He helped me move apartments and put together my furniture. But if the occasion arose where he might have to hold my bag, even for a second, he would shake his head and step away.

I grudgingly admired him for this, even as I had to set my purse on the ground to put on my coat.

What a surprise then on a recent trip to Europe when I discovered that many men there not only carry purses but have enthusiastically adopted the trend of the man bag, also known as the murse.

I sat with my friend Jane in an outdoor cafe sipping strong coffee and watching the men pass. We evaluated the bags they carried, most slung on straps over one shoulder. Some were made from black nylon, others were canvas material. Nearly every man we saw carried one. Men in tight, dark-washed jeans. Men in baggie denim wearing backwards baseball caps. Tall

men. Muscular men. Manly men. "Is that man carrying —" Jane paused, evaluating. "A clutch?"

I followed her eyes to the man crossing the street. He was in fact toting a small bag tucked under his arm. A mutch, if you will.

I wasn't thinking about man-purses when I met the baker in our little village. "Met" is maybe an exaggeration. The extent of our exchange stretched to, "One baguette, please" from me and "Here's your change" from him. But it felt like a portentous moment. He was young and very handsome and he said bonjour with a slight narrowing of the eyes that I took for an almost-wink. When he passed me my change our fingers met, and I could still feel the warmth of his skin on the coins in my hand.

Later, Jane and I walked down the mountain path that ran alongside the village. "I'm going to marry the baker," I gushed.

She raised a skeptical eyebrow. "No, listen," I said. "I'll live in the village and eat baguettes every day."

"I don't know if you'd like to be the wife of a baker," she said.

I put my hands on my hips. "Of course I would. He'll make me tarts, and I'll grow fat and happy. It will be perfect."

Jane stopped walking, suddenly serious. "I mean a French baker," she said. "I think there would be a lot of cultural differences to overcome."

I started to protest, to cite the tarts again, but then I stopped myself. I thought about the man-bags we'd seen on the street outside the café. I imagined the baker had one tucked away somewhere. Of course Jane was talking about bigger cultural issues, about the way we define masculinity and how different societies structure t h e

relationship between men and women. The man-bags are just a manifestation of all that.

But she was right. Could I really love a man who carried a murse? ■



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Jay Staton, photographer

■ **When did you discover your creative talents?** I fell in love with photography and capturing nature when I was 13. I was a Boy Scout and loved the outdoors.

■ **Where did you grow up?** I was an Air Force brat and was born at the Pentagon hospital when my father was stationed there. My family moved to Naples when I was 10. I've lived in Naples for 40 great years.

■ **Describe your art form and style.** I prefer to photograph the natural beauty that Mother Nature has provided. I love pure nature. I want the viewer to be enticed into the image — to feel they are actually viewing the scene in person. I feel black-and-white creates a cleaner, simpler expression.

■ **What equipment do you use?** For my landscapes, I use a 50-year-old Deardorff, 8-by-10, large-format camera. It gives such amazing detail, even when enlarged to wall size.

■ **Are you a full-time photographer?** Photography is my hobby. I “work” as the head golf professional at Wilderness Country Club. It is ironic that I love nature and I work at a place called the Wilderness, which is an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary.

■ **What inspires you?** South Florida's unique beauty. We have water almost everywhere you look. I love capturing its relationship to land. Water has a soothing effect.

■ **Where can we see your work?** Much of my work is in private collections.

■ **Who have you studied with?** A few years ago, I had the pleasure of spending a day with Clyde Butcher. He is the master of large-format, black-and-white landscapes.

■ **How do you feel your work contributes to our community?** I bring areas of Florida, like the Everglades and its rare orchids, to those who can't (or won't) go out and hike through swamp. Most people don't care to hike with alligators or moccasins.

■ **Outside of photography, what are you passionate about?** I love live music. My last class in college was Introduction to Jazz, and we had three musicians play different kinds of jazz in each class. It would bring me to tears.

■ **Do you have a favorite quotation?** Henry Ford: “Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right.”

■ **Any guilty pleasures?** Dark chocolate. Isn't it good for you? Don't they say, “A pound a day keeps the doctor away?” ■

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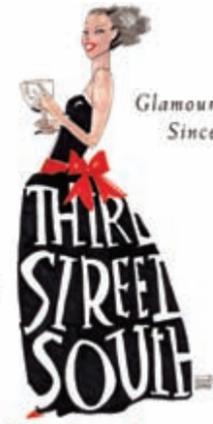
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Regional premiere opens new season for Gulfshore Playhouse

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Gulfshore Playhouse opens its 2011-12 season with the southeastern premiere of "Handle with Care," a romantic comedy by Jason Odell Williams. The show opens Friday, Oct. 28 (preview Oct. 27) and runs through Nov. 20 at The Norris Center.

The play follows the story of Ayelet, an Israeli girl whose grandmother drags her along on a road trip to America in search of a dream. Despite a botched DHL delivery, an unexpected blizzard and an ill-equipped translator who's not really cut out for the job, the clues her grandmother deftly leaves behind eventually lead Ayelet to find what she

didn't even know she was looking for: her destiny.

The playwright has been in residence throughout the rehearsal process and will remain in Naples throughout the run of the show. He will conduct talk-backs with the audience after the 8 p.m. performance Thursday, Nov. 10, and after the 3 p.m. shows on Sundays, Nov. 13 and 20.

Mr. Williams began writing plays in 2007. Since then his work has been developed at Primary Stages, Manhattan Theatre Club, New Jersey Rep, the Bleecker Street Theatre, the Jewish Cultural Arts Theatre, Ensemble Studio Theatre, Rep Stage and the Baltimore Playwrights Festival. Three of his plays were produced in New York last season.

Mr. Williams' wife, Charlotte Cohn, a former lieutenant in the Israeli army, stars as Ayelet. An operatic singer who has performed on Broadway, Ms. Cohn earned an Ovation Award for her role in "La Boheme" at The Ahmanson Theatre in Los Angeles. Gulfshore Playhouse and The Norris Center will present her cabaret show, "Simply Complicated: The Ele-



COURTESY PHOTOS

Charlotte Cohn, left, stars as Ayelet in Gulfshore Playhouse's production of "Handle with Care." Playwright Jason Odell Williams, right, will be in residence during the production.

gant Escapades of a Danish-Israeli Opera Singing Tank Commander" in April.

The rest of the cast for "Handle With Care" is comprised of Geraldine Librandi as Norma, Michael Zlabinger as Josh and Justin Swain as Terrance. Kristen Coury, founder and producing artistic director of Gulfshore Playhouse, directs.

"I am proud to be producing a new play, and ecstatic to have found such a lovely play," Ms. Coury says. "It involves the very human and universal

themes of love, destiny and difficulty communicating."

The company's 2011-12 season continues with:

■ "Race," by David Mamet (Jan. 27-Feb. 12)

■ "The Fox on the Fairway," by Ken Ludwig (March 2-18)

■ Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire" (April 6-17).

For tickets or more information, call 261-7529 or e-mail Ms. Coury at kcoury@gulfshoreplayhouse.org. ■

in the know

- >> **"Handle With Care,"** by Gulfshore Playhouse
- >> **When:** Oct. 28-Nov. 20 (preview Oct. 27)
- >> **Where:** The Norris Center
- >> **Tickets:** \$15-\$50
- >> **Info:** 261-7529 or www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org

RUMORS

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comes down to desperation," he adds.

"Whether it's a Feydeau farce, and the husband is trying to keep his wife out of the closet because his naked girlfriend is hiding in there, or it's 'Oedipus Rex,' the mainspring of all drama is desperation," Mr. Cacioppo says.

And "Rumors," the opening show of Florida Rep's 14th season, has it in spades.

Many comedies can take 20 or 25 minutes to introduce the characters and set up the situation, and only after that does the fun begin, Mr. Cacioppo says.

But "Rumors" is running at full speed when it opens. Here's the setup:

Ten minutes before the play begins, a couple arrives for a dinner party. They hear two gunshots, and so break into the house. The food is out, but the maids are gone, as is the host's wife. They find their host upstairs, unconscious and bleeding all over the rug. The audience learns all of this as the other guests arrive and the first couple explains the extraordinary situation to them.

"They want to save this guy, help him," Mr. Cacioppo says. "So right from the minute the curtain comes up, we're in a crisis situation, desperately trying to save our friend and, in the end, ourselves, from trouble. The situation is so desperate... so action-driven... so much fun."

"Rumors" was playwright Neil Simon's first farce. He wrote it after his famous autobiographical trilogy of "Brighton Beach Memoirs," "Biloxi Blues" and "Broadway Bound." After exploring his upbringing and explaining his parents' breakup in these heartfelt comedic dramas, Mr. Cacioppo says, "it was refreshing for him to explore out-and-out comedy."

In "Rumors," Mr. Simon mirrored the great farces of the past, he explains, adding that Feydeau's farces took place in elegant hotels, and Moliere's in fancy houses. Even the Marx Brothers had a farce set on a luxury liner.

In "Rumors," the set is a posh estate.



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The cast of "Rumors"

"It's the kind of set the audience will ooh and aah over," Mr. Cacioppo promises. "It's all so high-end. The men are in tuxedos and women are in gowns. To see this high-end place be made a mess and these high-end people become so unraveled, is fun to watch."

Such opulence and airs, he adds, are the perfect ingredients for a farce "right off the bat."

"Do we want to see some poor person who has problems go through pain? No. But we like seeing wealthy people slip on a banana peel, seeing people who have it all get unnerved. People at the very top of everything, they deserve to fall a little bit."

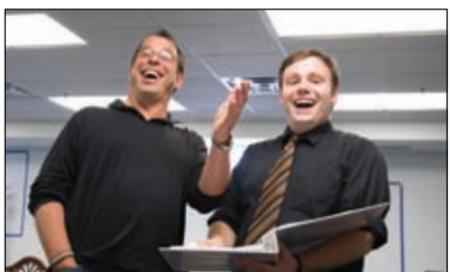
It's the classic formula for farce. "Whenever Moliere was writing his farces, they took place in magnificent homes with people wearing fancy clothes and perfume. This is who the people in the audience (back then) paid 10 cents or a penny to get in to see. They liked laughing at the people who were their superiors," Mr. Cacioppo says.

"It's very clever, the way (Mr. Simon) mirrored the structure of classic farces: Moliere, Noel Coward, Feydeau."

He pauses, then adds about Mr. Simon: "I guess he's also mirroring himself. By the time he's writing this play, he's one of the wealthiest writers in the world, so he's friends with other wealthy people."

Laughs aplenty

This is the third time for Mr. Cacioppo to direct "Rumors." His first



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Bob Cacioppo and Jason Parrish

production was in 1997 at the Pirate Playhouse on Sanibel. He reprised the show in 2002 at Florida Rep. It's one of the few shows he's directed three times. ("The Fantasticks" and "You Can't Take It With You" also fall into that category.)

"The hardest thing for me, and the most important thing for me, is to start anew, and not copy my last production," he says.

Of course, good casting helps.

"It's really, really important that the people I get to be in a comedy are funny," he says. "You can't make people funny. You either have it, or you don't."

Cast members include many who've been on the Florida Rep stage: Brad DePlanche (who was Clown # 2 in "The 39 Steps"), Carrie Lund (the maid in "Boeing, Boeing"), Viki Boyle (the confused actress with the sardines in "Noises Off"), David S. Howard (the wise patriarch from "You Can't Take It With You"), Michelle Damato (the titular dog in "Sylvia") and Mark Chambers (the playboy's shy friend in "Boeing-Boeing.")

Part of the reason for the revival of

"Rumors" is the previous success it's enjoyed with Southwest Florida theatergoers.

"The audiences just eat it up," Mr. Cacioppo says. "Neil Simon is really an expert at turning a phrase, setting up a joke and embodying characters with humorous characteristics."

"We're still in a recession," he adds. "In good times, people are drawn to comedies, and in rough times, they're even more drawn."

The show even makes the actors laugh in rehearsals.

A video clip of the first read-through (see it at www.floridarep.org) shows the cast laughing its way through the script. "We laugh all day long," Mr. Cacioppo says.

"They call it play for a reason; we're in this group to play, and play with each other."

The producers of the original Broadway show claimed that "Rumors" contains 6,000 laughs.

"They actually had a company come in and track every laugh in the show, and they came up with 6,000," he says. With perfect comedic timing, he pauses, then adds, "I actually think I have one more than that."

Be warned

Audiences shouldn't expect anything deep or thought-provoking from "Rumors."

"This play has no redeeming qualities whatsoever, except that it's incredibly funny," he declares. "And that's a (legitimate) reason for a theater piece or a movie to exist, just to make people laugh. What's the point of 'Something About Mary'? Nothing, except to make people laugh. 'Animal House'? No redeeming qualities, but to make people laugh."

"If someone doesn't want to laugh," he concludes, "they should absolutely not come to this play." ■

in the know

- >> **"Rumors"**
- >> **When:** Oct. 25-Nov. 19 (previews Oct. 25-27)
- >> **Where:** Florida Repertory Theatre, downtown Fort Myers
- >> **Tickets:** \$40 and \$45 (previews \$20 and \$25)
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■ **Oct 21:** Rock-Tober-Fest at Sweet Art Gallery. 597-2110 or www.thesweetartgallery.com.

■ **Oct 21-23:** Founders Exhibition. Naples Art Association at The von Liebig. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

■ **Oct 22:** Free Family Fun Day at the Naples Museum of Art. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Oct 22:** Film: Russ Stahlman. Naples Historical Society at Palm Cottage. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

■ **Oct 23:** Naples Concert Band. Cambier Park. 263-9521 or www.naplesconcertband.org.

Theater

■ **Later Life** - By The Naples Players Oct. 26-Nov. 19 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **The Laramie Project** - By Laboratory Theater of Florida, Fort Myers, through Oct. 22. www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com or 218-0481.



Jessica Berent stars in the title role in "Always... Patsy Cline" by The Naples Players on stage through Oct. 29 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Sugar** - At the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers, through Nov. 19. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

■ **Pinkalicious** - By Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers, through Nov. 11. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

■ **Invasion of Privacy** - By Theatre Conspiracy, Fort Myers, through Oct. 22. 936-3239 or www.theatreconspiracy.org.

Thursday, Oct. 20

■ **Trunk Shows** - Marissa Collections presents "Hatmosphere 2011," a trunk show of the newest hat fashions. The shop also hosts an Oscar de la Renta resortwear trunk show today and Friday. 1167 Third St. S. 687-1148 or www.MarissaCollections.com.

Friday, Oct. 21

■ **Ad Libbing** - Naples City Improv performs at 8 p.m. at the Norris Center. 213-3049. See story page C9.

■ **Bluegrass Tunes** - The Sawgrass Drifters perform from 7-10 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. \$5 cover. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

Saturday, Oct. 22

■ **Fall Fun** - St. Monica's Episcopal Church hosts Pumpkinfest from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. 7070 Immokalee Road. 591-4550 or www.stmonicas.org.

■ **Talent & Cars** - A Cool Cruisers Antique Car Show runs from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. in the 10th Street Design District. Enjoy a talent competition, musical performances and belly dancing. 270-4478.

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

■ **RiverFest** - The fifth annual Bonita Springs RiverFest runs from 1-7 p.m. at Riverside Park on Old 41 Road. Enjoy canoe and kayak races, a fish fry and family run. 949-6262.

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■ **Family Art** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs hosts a free Family Activity Day from 1-3 p.m. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Halloween Fun** - BOOWEEN, a fundraiser for The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, runs from 4-8 p.m. at Fogg's Nursery, 10270 Immokalee Road. Festivities include pumpkin carving and face painting. \$5; children under 5 are free.

■ **Fleet Blessing** - As part of the CityFest celebration, the inaugural Blessing of the Fleet in Crayton Cove is set for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Boaters parade past the Naples City Dock to receive a blessing prior to the start of the boating season and visitor season. RSVP to 248-0834 or captmarlena@yahoo.com.

■ **Singing Policeman** - Daniel Rodriguez, the tenor who rose to fame as the "Singing Policeman" following the 9/11 terrorist attacks, performs at 7 p.m. at Covenant Church of Naples/PCA, 6926 Trail Blvd. 597-3464.

■ **Faculty Recital** - The FGCU Bower School of Music presents a "Happy 200th Birthday Liszt Birthday Concert"

at 7:30 p.m. \$7. 590-7851, pharkins@fgcu.edu or www.fgcu.edu/CAS/BSM/Certificates.html.

■ **Tango Time** - Repun Tango holds its first Naples milonga of the season from 8-11 p.m. \$15. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or (305) 785-8899.

Sunday, Oct. 23

■ **Foreign Film** - The FGCU Renaissance Academy presents "Last Train Home" (China, 2009) from 1-4 p.m. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737.

■ **Outdoor Tunes** - The Naples Concert Band performs from 2-4 p.m. at the Cambier Park band shell. Free. 213-3058.

Monday, Oct. 24

■ **B-I-N-G-O!** - Bingo season is under way 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 Night** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs features "Night On Earth" at 7 p.m. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. \$8. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

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■ **Art Talk** - Robert Flynn Johnson presents "Chasing Degas: Reflections of a Collector in Pursuit of This Elusive Master Over Four Decades" at 10 a.m. in the Daniels Pavilion at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. \$20/\$25. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Tribute Show** - To mark the 70th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the Naples High School Golden Agle marching band performs for all past, present and future military personnel at 7:30 p.m.

■ **Gallery Night** - As part of CityFest, "Palette to Palate Encores in Crayton Cove: A Restaurant and Gallery Hop," runs from 6-9 p.m. today and Wednesday. Visit numerous galleries and enjoy a "small plates" culinary theme at various restaurants. \$60. 435-3938 or www.DiscoverCraytonCove.com.

Wednesday, Oct. 26

■ **Big Band** - The Townsman Big Band Orchestra performs at 3:30 p.m. at the Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. 263-7768.

■ **Fall Festival** - First Presbyterian Church of Naples presents its fall festival from 5-7:30 p.m. 262-1311.

■ **Art on Marco** - Art Walk runs from 5-8 p.m. at the Esplanade on Marco Island. 775-6345.

■ **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

■ **Jazz Night** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs hosts "Live at the Promenade!... Dan Heck & Rebecca Richardson: An Evening of Jazz" at 7 p.m. Oct. 27 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay (Art Walk begins at 5 p.m.). 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Music Recital** - The FGCU Bower School of Music presents "The Brilliant Flute" faculty and guest artist recital at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 27. \$7. 590-7851 or pharkins@fgcu.edu.

■ **Garland Tunes** - The Naples Philharmonic performs "Beyond The Rainbow: The Music Of Judy Garland" at 8 p.m. Oct. 27 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Bluegrass Concert** - Continental Divide performs at 7 p.m. Oct. 28 in the band shell at Cambier Park. 213-3058.

■ **Arts & Crafts** - The Naples Artcrafters Fine Art and Craft Show runs from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 29 at Cambier Park. Free. 250-0804.

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■ **Pops Tribute** - The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents "Arthur Fiedler's Favorites!" at 8 p.m. Oct. 29 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Dinner Dance** - The American Legion Auxiliary of Naples holds its second annual Flip Flop Dinner Dance from 5-9 p.m. Oct. 30 to benefit troops in transition to major hospitals. \$10. 774-4707.



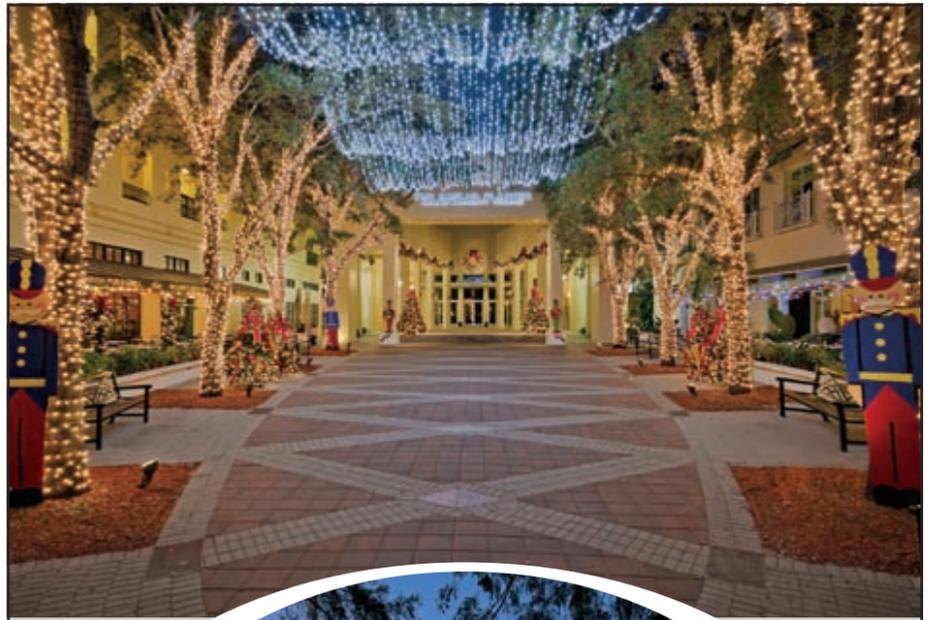
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Internationally acclaimed bluegrass artists Kenny and Amanda Smith perform a free concert from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 1 at the South Collier Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. 252-7542.

■ **Underground Art** - Underground Art Wednesday runs from 6-9 p.m. Nov. 2 in the Pine Ridge Industrial Park. Meet artists, tour studios and see exhibits. 821-1061.

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ARTS COMMENTARY

Feasting on the arts



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I live for those shows that make me lean forward in my seat, so not to miss a thing. I love when my eyes, ears, mind and soul feel as if they're experiencing something new.

I experienced a few of those shows recently at Sarasota's third annual Ringling International Arts Festival. The six-day celebration of the arts, a partnership between the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art and the Baryshnikov Arts Center, offers a variety of events, including theater, modern dance and singing, as well as art shows and lectures.

Apparently, no one warned Mikhail Baryshnikov that Southwest Floridians like their art the same way they like their food: safe, bland and "nothing too fancy or different."

And thank God for that, because every year he books some of the most exciting, experimental, international acts — the kind that typically appear in New York City or London — and brings them to Sarasota.

The festival was originally supposed to be held every other year, but it was so popular that it became an annual event. This year it was extended another day.

Arts lovers travel from all over the state, from Tampa, Orlando, Miami and Naples, to see the shows. I've run into several familiar faces from Fort Myers there.

There's obviously an audience for more cutting-edge fare, an underserved group of people who might not attend events because the kinds of things they would be interested in aren't offered here. This festival proves that if you offer it, they'll come.

I know a lot of things are called "edgy" or "cutting-edge" in this town, but frankly, they're usually not.

The shows at RIAF are the real deal: people who are not only truly innovative, but extremely skilled at their craft.

This year, I saw Soledad Villamil in a program called "Canto Tangos." Backed by a five-piece band, which included a man on bandoneon and accordion, she did just as the title promised: She sang tangos, as well as rancheras and other styles, with passion. Ms. Vilamil starred in the movie "El Secreto de sus Ojos," ("The Secret in Their Eyes"), which

received the Academy Award for Best Foreign Film in 2009.

But for me, the highlight of the show was Los Hermanos Macana, two brothers, Enrique and Guillermo De Fazio, who dance the tango together. (The video of the two of them dancing in the middle of New York's Times Square is one of my favorite things to watch on YouTube.)

According to program notes, this is how the tango was first performed in the 1940s and '50s in Buenos Aires — two men dancing together.

The brothers performed with a grace and athleticism that was breathtaking. Their legs kicked and swiveled and corkscrewed, tracing intricate patterns... and then they did it all even quicker, as the musicians began playing in double time.

They also performed with great wit, nodding and winking to the audience, straightening the knots in their ties with mock machismo. It was electrifying.

A captivating concert

Meklit Hadero's concert pretty much blew the top of my head off. This young Ethiopian singer, based in San Francisco, has been likened to a cross between Nina Simone and Joni Mitchell. For me, she called to mind Toni Childs and Joan Armatrading, though of course, her sound is all her own.

Accompanying herself on acoustic guitar, Ms. Hadero was backed by a jazz trio: Tim Keiper on drums, Darren Johnston on trumpet and Evan Flory-Barnes on stand-up bass. These three men were each incredibly accomplished musicians who created sounds and rhythms unexpected.

Ms. Hadero sang original songs of love. She sang about burying all the clocks in the ground. She performed an interesting cover of Talking Heads' "Home." When not singing, she moved to her band's improvised solos, a kind of dance that was both fluid and angular, just like her music. She was sassy, impish, fierce, determined.

I was captivated by her songs, and hung on every word, every note.

Later, I ran into a fellow arts journalist who told me that immediately following her concert, he purchased her CD. You can't have a better compliment than that, he said.

I knew what he meant. I'd done exactly the same thing.

The stage is alive

Choreographer Doug Elkins and friends performed "Fraulein Maria," a dance set to the soundtrack of "The Sound of Music."

With this dance, Mr. Elkins has deconstructed a cultural classic with both love and great wit. It is no wonder he received a New York Dance & Performance (BESSIE) Award for this work.



"Fraulein Maria"

The dancers portray snow-covered mountains, the Von Trapp family, Nazis and nuns. He gives us not one, but three Marias, one of whom is a man (not only is he

male, but the sides of his head are shaved, and the middle row of long curls dyed blond). Sometimes the Marias would all dance together, sometimes they'd solo and sometimes they'd dance in twos: side-by-side, or one shadowing the other.

As for the dance style, it was pretty much everything. Mr. Elkins combines black fraternity step dancing with the hula, Indonesian dance moves with hip-hop. It's not an affectation, it's just Mr. Elkins looking at the whole wide world of dance and movement and picking what makes the most sense.

And it works. Don't ask me to explain how, but it does. It's organic, not something tacked on to look cool or different or just to get a laugh.

Mr. Elkins appeared in two of the dances. The first was a dance on a park bench, in which a menacing Nazi sits next to him and proceeds to physically demand all the space — and Mr. Elkins' hat as well. It echoes back to old vaudeville routines, with the two stealing the

hat from each other in a series of well-choreographed moves. But underlying the entire piece is the battle between good and evil, with the larger, bullying man physically intimidating the smaller man, trying to take what is not his.

Mr. Elkins also danced a solo to "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," dressed in hoodie and baggy basketball shorts, employing basketball gestures and b-boy moves from his earlier break dancing days.

"Fraulein Maria" was hysterically funny, moving, lyrical, creative and totally exhilarating. When it ended, I wanted to see it all over again. Immediately.

To be, or not to be

The last show I attended was The Wooster Group's performance of "Hamlet," in which the actors take fragments from a film of a Broadway performance of Richard Burton's 1964 "Hamlet" (directed by John Gielgud) and recreate it on stage. The 1964 "Hamlet" (which also included Hume Cronyn, Alfred Drake and John Cullum) was performed with the actors wearing street clothes, on a stark set with tables and bare platforms.

As the 1964 "Hamlet" plays in black and white on a large screen at the rear of the stage, The Wooster Group actors echo their movements and words in front of it, almost like a Shakespearean "Rocky Horror." From time to time, Hamlet refers to his MacBook, or stops the action to address the audience, or speeds up the action, or skips over parts.

Sometimes the actors move in a herky-jerky manner, as the film jumps over gaps and edits.

When the film goes to a close-up or a long shot, an actor quickly pushes the table or chair forwards or back, and the actors also rush to take up new positions.

In their program notes, The Wooster Group writes: "We 'cover' the film, intentionally channeling the recorded voices and movements from the 1964 production. The resulting frisson between the film and the live performance can be an obliteration, an amalgamation, a conversation..."

In this classic play about ghosts, revenge and mortality, it was interesting to see the actors on the film flicker with a disarming lack of solidity. Sometimes, they were only ghosts themselves, transparent, barely visible.

Perhaps we are all only ghosts, here for a moment, and then not. ■

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Naples City Improv gears up for a new season of ad-libbing

Naples City Improv, a group of actors and artists who perform short-form improvisational theater games and routines, return to The Norris Center with their signature brand of zany, family-friendly spontaneity for a series of monthly shows beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21.

Audience participation in the form of suggestions is encouraged — in fact, is absolutely necessary — in order for the show to succeed. In several games, audience members step up to the stage and set players in certain positions. Sometimes audience members are enticed to play the game with the troupe (although no one is ever pressured).

NCI arose from a series of performances in the spring of 2008, culminating in a one-night stand of comedy and standup that summer. Several of those players wanted to continue and create a group, other players were added, and the group evolved from there. In addition to The Norris Center, the troupe has entertained at numerous area restaurants and private clubs.

A profile of the group that aired on WGCUTV in February 2010 can be seen at www.naplescityimprov.com.

The NCI season continues at The Norris Center with performances on Wednesday, Nov. 23; Friday, Dec. 16; Saturday, Jan. 21; Thursday, Feb. 16; Wednesday, March 28; and Friday, May 4. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 per person. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 213-3049. ■



Above: Naples City Improv
Below: Members of the troupe in action

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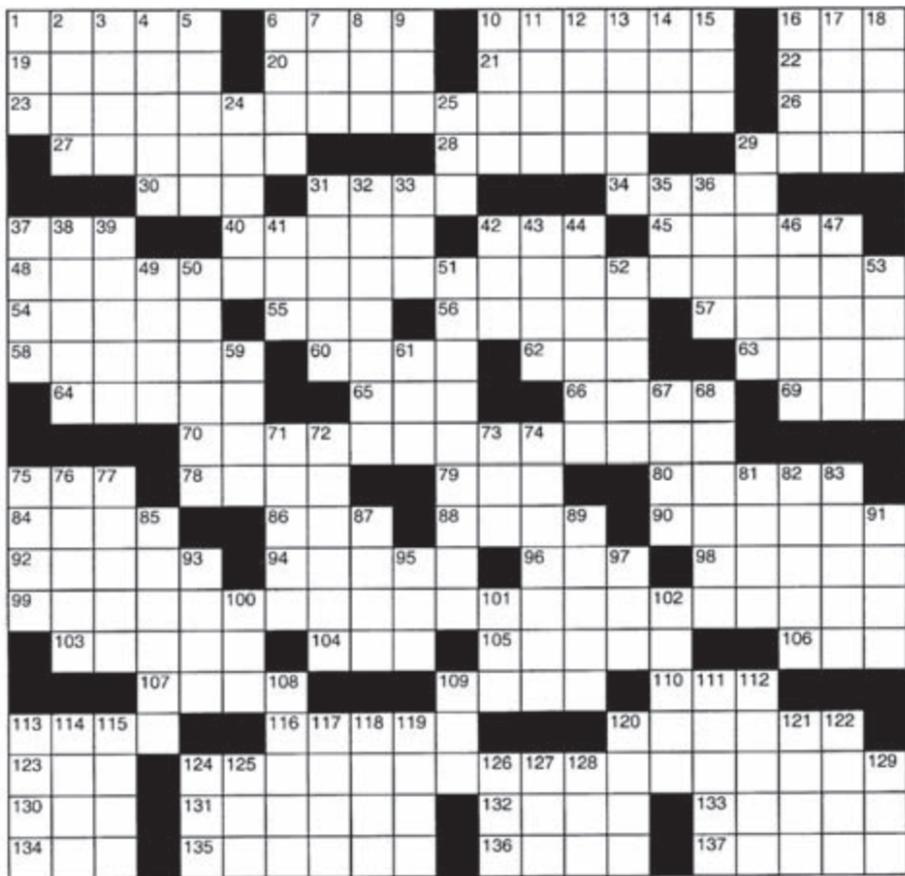
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 - 22 Geologic division
 - 23 "REQUIRES MINOR REPAIR"
 - 26 Free (of)
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 - 28 Range rope
 - 29 Brawl
 - 30 Bear's lair
 - 31 Singer
 - 34 Opinion sampling
 - 37 Latvia, once: abbr.
 - 40 Lucifer
 - 42 Recede
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 - 96 Opening
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 - 99 "A FAMILY HEIR-LOOM"
 - 103 Musical of "Tomorrow"
 - 104 Mineral spring
 - 105 Bestow
 - 106 Trigger-happy guy?
 - 107 Notion
 - 109 Clutter
 - 110 Urban transport
 - 113 Nutritional need
 - 116 Fashionably nostalgic
 - 120 Ready for dinner
 - 123 Poetic preposition
 - 124 "AN ANTIQUE TREASURE"
 - 130 '75 Abba hit
 - 131 Olympian
 - 132 "The Seventh —" ('56 film)
 - 133 Tennis player Richards
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 - 135 Keys
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 - 1 — Mateo, CA
 - 2 Sherwood sight
 - 3 Stalk
 - 4 Brought to ruin
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 - 6 Actor Pitt
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 - 8 Author Umberto
 - 9 Augsburg article
 - 10 Kind of cheese
 - 11 Zhivago's love
 - 12 Smell — (be suspicious)
 - 13 Summarize
 - 14 Architect's add-on
 - 15 Salon supply
 - 16 "Mein —" ("Cabaret" tune)
 - 17 Sutherland solo
 - 18 Tramp's tootsie
 - 24 The Brainy Bunch?
 - 25 "— Doubtfire" ('93 film)
 - 29 Skunk in "Bambi"
 - 31 Tall story?
 - 32 Andy Griffith series
 - 33 Yoko —
 - 35 Supper scrap
 - 36 Mississippi senator
 - 37 Exchange
 - 38 Start the slaw
 - 39 Helicopter part
 - 41 Tiny colonist
 - 42 Browning's bedtime?
 - 43 Iran's Abolhassan — -Sadr
 - 44 German port
 - 46 Prongs
 - 47 Optical device
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 - 50 Watch keepers?
 - 51 In an engaging manner
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 - 59 Tennis legend
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 - 68 Fall blooms
 - 71 Texas landmark
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 - 73 Pabulum variety
 - 74 Mythical monsters
 - 75 Gullet
 - 76 Turkish title
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 - 81 Exclude
 - 82 Drilling site?
 - 83 Pool person
 - 85 Down-to-earth affair?
 - 87 Command at a corner
 - 89 Praises Duane
 - 91 Guitarist
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 - 95 Author
 - 97 Arafat's grp.
 - 100 Born
 - 101 Middling mark
 - 102 Nerd
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 - 109 Trim the turf
 - 111 Genie
 - 112 — throat
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 - 114 Rock's — Butterfly
 - 115 Heron's home
 - 117 Thornfield governess
 - 118 Slope
 - 119 AAA offerings
 - 120 Normandy site
 - 121 Mozart's "— kleine Nachtmusik"
 - 122 Forest beauty
 - 124 I.M. the architect
 - 125 Drivers' lic., e.g.
 - 126 Say please
 - 127 Poseidon's domain
 - 128 Aye opponent
 - 129 Actress Susan

SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

■ **LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) This is a favorable time to move ahead with your plans. Some setbacks are expected, but they're only temporary. Pick up the pace again and stay with it.

■ **SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your creativity is recognized and rewarded. So go ahead and claim what you've earned. Meanwhile, that irksome and mysterious situation soon will be resolved.

■ **SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A new associate brings ideas that the wise Sagittarian quickly will realize can benefit both of you. Meanwhile, someone from the workplace makes an emotional request.

■ **CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) It might be a good idea to ease up on that hectic pace and spend more time studying things you'll need to know when more opportunities come later in November.

■ **AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A relatively quiet time is now giving way to a period of high activity. Face it with the anticipation that it will bring you some well-deserved boons and benefits.

■ **PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Go with the flow, or make waves? It's up to you. Either way, you'll get noticed. However, make up your own mind. Don't let anyone tell you what choices to make.

■ **ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) The pitter-patter of all those Sheep feet means that you're out and about, rushing to get

more done. That's fine, but slow down by the weekend so you can heed some important advice.

■ **TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You're in charge of your own destiny these days, and, no doubt, you'll have that Bull's-eye of yours right on target. But don't forget to make time for family events.

■ **GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Be prepared for a power struggle that you don't want. Look to the helpful folks around you for advice on how to avoid it without losing the important gains you've made.

■ **CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Congratulations! You're about to claim your hard-earned reward for your patience and persistence. Now, go out and enjoy some fun and games with friends and family.

■ **LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat might find it difficult to shake off that listless feeling. But be patient. By week's end, your spirits will perk up and you'll be your perfectly purring self again.

■ **VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A problem with a co-worker could prove to be a blessing in disguise when a superior steps in to investigate and discovers a situation that could prove helpful to you.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You like to examine everything before you agree to accept what you're told. Your need for truth keeps all those around you honest. ■

By Linda Thistle

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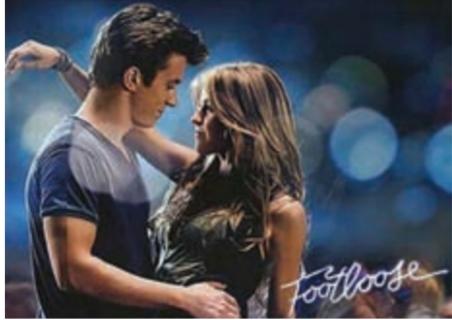
Is it worth \$10? Yes

Let's be honest: The original "Footloose" (1984) was memorable because it made Kevin Bacon a star and it had a classic '80s soundtrack (Kenny Loggins, we miss you). It was not, to any extent, a "good" movie in terms of script or acting or any other technical feature — except, of course, for choreography. Nonetheless, the idea of remaking something so quintessentially '80s still seems, especially in the eyes of this '80s-child reviewer, blasphemous.

"But I'm making 'Footloose' for this generation," writer/director Craig Brewer has said. And so he has. It's the same movie, but different. The choreography is very similar to the original, and the story — flaws and all — is largely intact.

There might not be a good reason for it to exist, but this new "Footloose" is certainly not the cry against humanity many thought/want it to be.

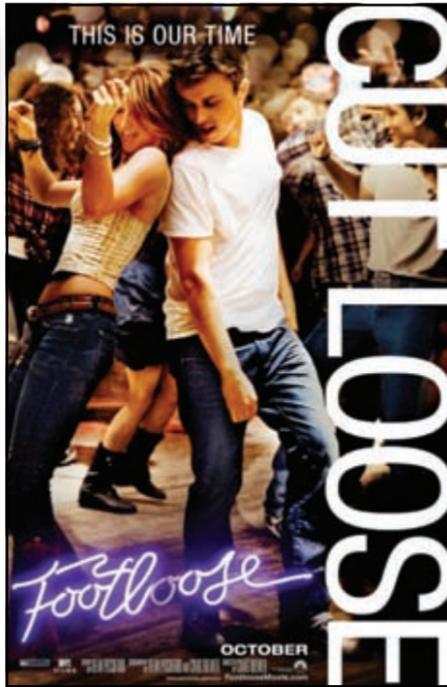
City boy Ren McCormack (Kenny Wormald) is new to the fictional middle-of-nowhere town of Bomont, Ga., and he



doesn't fit in at all. When his aunt (Kim Dickens) and uncle (Ray McKinnon) take him in, they don't warn him that there's a law against playing music too loud. Nor do they tell him there's a law against public dancing, a restriction that came about three years earlier after the local preacher's (Dennis Quaid) son was killed in a car accident after a party.

These days the preacher's daughter, Ariel (Julianne Hough), is a wild-child who just loves to defy daddy's rules. She takes a liking to Ren, but he refuses to play her game. This, in addition to the camaraderie amongst the teens and the dancing, is what the movie does well.

Unfortunately — much like the first film — it also does a lot poorly. The plot is thin



as can be, as it takes at least an hour for the main storyline of Ren petitioning the town to hold a dance to kick into gear. When he does, however, the film builds nice momentum into its conclusion, which allows it to end on a high.

But whereas Mr. Bacon was the highlight of the original, the relatively inexperienced Mr. Wormald is the worst part of this film. He doesn't have the screen presence, the toughness or the acting ability to captivate us as the lead, and it's his relative weakness that does the rest of the narrative a disservice. No doubt he can dance, but a rebellious teenager who leads other young men and never backs down from a fight needs to first and foremost be a convincing, authoritative presence, which Mr. Wormald is not.

There is one inescapably great thing about the story in "Footloose," though, and it is essential for high school students of any era to experience: In all teenagers, there is both the desire and the need to express oneself in whatever way necessary. For the teens here, it's dancing; for others it might be art, writing, music, whatever. Forbidding that right is suppressive and foolhardy.

More of this theme, and less pseudo-toughness and silly love stories, would've made "Footloose" substantially better. As is, it's an entertaining and forgettable night out. ■

in the know

>> Remixes of many songs from the original "Footloose" are featured here.

CAPSULES

REVIEWED BY DAN HUDAK

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The Ides Of March ★★★

(George Clooney, Ryan Gosling, Evan Rachel Wood) Stephen (Mr. Gosling) is working hard on the presidential campaign for Gov. Mike Morris (Mr. Clooney), but personal issues and other complications soon get in the way. With such a stellar cast (Philip Seymour Hoffman, Paul Giamatti and Marisa Tomei also star) it's a shame that the story falls so flat. Rated R.

Machine Gun Preacher ★★★

(Gerard Butler, Michelle Monaghan, Michael Shannon) A drug-addicted ex-

con named Sam (Mr. Butler) finds Jesus and fights for children in Africa in this heartwarming story that plays up good Christian values. But is it a good movie? Not really. Sam's sacrifices are hard to accept, and the whole thing drags to just over two hours. Rated R.

What's Your Number? ★★★

(Anna Faris, Chris Evans, Ari Graynor) With her sister (Ms. Graynor) about to get married, Ally (Ms. Faris) asks neighbor Colin (Mr. Evans) to track down Ally's exes to see if she let the right one get away. It has some funny moments, but ultimately suffers from the same tired predictability that afflicts most romantic comedies. Rated R. ■

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BEACH READING

'Cooking For Gracie: The Making of a Parent From Scratch'

by Keith Dixon
 (Random House, \$22)

REVIEWED BY ROSE M. CROKE
 Special to Florida Weekly

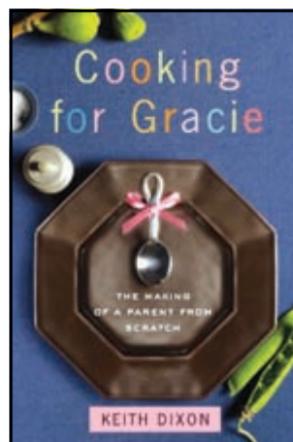
For years, writer Keith Dixon powered himself through difficult days by visualizing the mouthwatering and time-consuming recipes he was going to make when he got home from work. All that changed when his daughter, Gracie, was born five weeks early, at just 4 pounds.

Mr. Dixon and his wife, Jessica, adapted to life with a newborn as so many first-time parents do: walking around in a fog of sleep deprivation, paralyzed by fear that they were epically failing as parents. After his daughter's birth, Mr. Dixon no longer had the luxury of time to cook the way he once did. He quickly learned the hard way that Gracie woke easily to the slightest kitchen noise.

Weeks into his new role as father, Mr. Dixon had an epiphany as he sat at the kitchen table eating yet another bowl of soggy cereal for dinner. Reality swiftly set in, and he finally

comprehended that life would no longer operate according to his schedule. If he wanted his family to eat well, he was going to have to learn to cook all over again.

"Cooking For Gracie" is a memoir of the first year of Gracie's life, as Mr. Dixon learns to cook for his new family of three. It begins with him in a panicked state of crisis and ends with him fondly reminiscing how he and his wife improvised and, in doing so, became parents from scratch — in spite of the many baptism-by-fire experiences and setbacks of first-year parenthood.



A gifted storyteller, Mr. Dixon masterfully blends the trials and tribulations of parenting with the joys of cooking. He shares more than 40 recipes (of varying degrees of difficulty) and an easy-to-reference recipe index. Experience is a wise teacher, and Mr. Dixon thoughtfully includes lip-smacking cocktail recipes as well. Foodies and new parents alike will savor this touching and sentimental memoir of a father struggling against the challenges of cooking with and for a child. ■



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Hispanic Institute at Hodges hosts free lecture on Latin music and dance history

The Hispanic Institute at Hodges University will host a free lecture on Latin music and dance history, at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Hodges' Fort Myers campus, 4501 Colonial Blvd. Barbara Craddock, a visionary of timeless clave-based Latin dance and music, will conduct the lecture.

Ms. Craddock will explain the influences of the dances and music from Africa and Europe, which merged in Cuba around 1803. This marvel is tracked through two centuries, culminating with today's modern Latin dance and music culture. She will also discuss the history of clave, the metronome of Latin music and dance, tracing its roots from West Africa to Cuban Son to today's modern Salsa. Recorded musical segments will be used to augment the lecture.

Also included will be a look at New York's Palladium Ballroom and its role as the catalyst of today's Latin music and dance explosion, including its shining star, Cuban Pete, "The Mambo Man," and his contributions to today's contemporary Latin dance styles.

Immediately following Ms. Craddock's presentation will be a showing of the first-cut edition of the documentary, "Mambo Man." This film pays homage to Pedro "Cuban Pete" Aguilar, one of the most famous, prolific and intuitive



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Pedro "Cuban Pete" Aguilar and Barbara Craddock

Latin dancers of modern times.

With a stellar professional dancing and teaching career, Ms. Craddock has produced and directed many original Latin revues. She performed, taught and lectured worldwide with Mr. Aguilar, from 1998 until his death in 2009. The duo made dance history by collaborating with the Miami City Ballet, and they conceptualized and choreographed an original ballet for the University of the Arts School of Dance in Philadelphia. The recipient of many awards for her contributions to Latin dance, Ms. Craddock is continuing Pete's legacy by sharing her mastery and love of Latin dance and music, especially Mambo, by performing, lecturing and teaching.

For more information, contact Carmen Rey-Gomez at 938-7793 or crey-gomez@hodges.edu. ■

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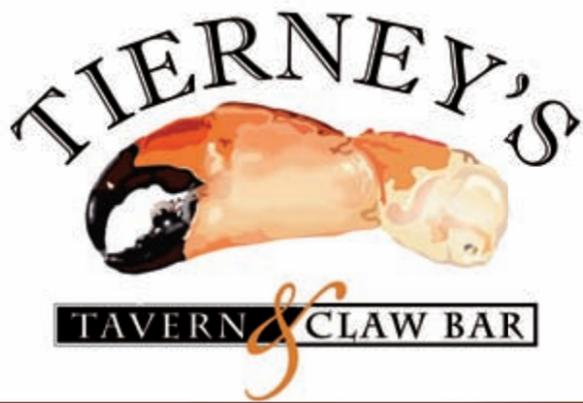
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AUDITIONS

Strike up a position in the Naples Concert Band

The Naples Concert Band holds open auditions for woodwind, brass and percussion players at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday at Gulf View Middle School.

The band's 2011-12 season begins with a performance at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, in the band shell at Cambier Park. This is the 40th year the group has provided free concerts for everyone in the Naples community.

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them with bananas and peanuts amongst her other duties.

Rehearsals will begin Nov. 21, and performances dates Jan. 11-Feb. 4 (preview night is Jan. 10).

Perusal scripts are available for 72 hours, with a \$20 deposit, at the box office, 701 Fifth Ave. S. For more information, call 434-7340, ext 10.



Try out for 'Moonlight & Magnolias'

Auditions for The Naples Players' comedic production of "Moonlight & Magnolias" will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Sugden Community Theatre. No appointments are necessary. Roles are open for one woman age 35-55 and for three men ages late-30s to late-50s.

Michael Scanlon will direct the play, which is set in 1938 and tells the story of producer David O. Selznick, director Victor Fleming and writer Ben Hecht struggling to fashion the screenplay for "Gone With The Wind." Locked in a hotel room for five days, their only outside link is the secretary who provides

There's time to practice for Marco Players

The Marco Players will hold auditions for "Visiting Mr. Green" and "Bus Stop" at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 5-6, at the theater in Marco Island Town Center.

Written by Jeff Baron, "Visiting Mr. Green" is the witty and moving story of two men who unexpectedly teach each other about family, friendship, open-mindedness and forgiveness. The show has roles available for two men age 25-35 and age 65-75. Performance dates are Feb. 15-March 4.

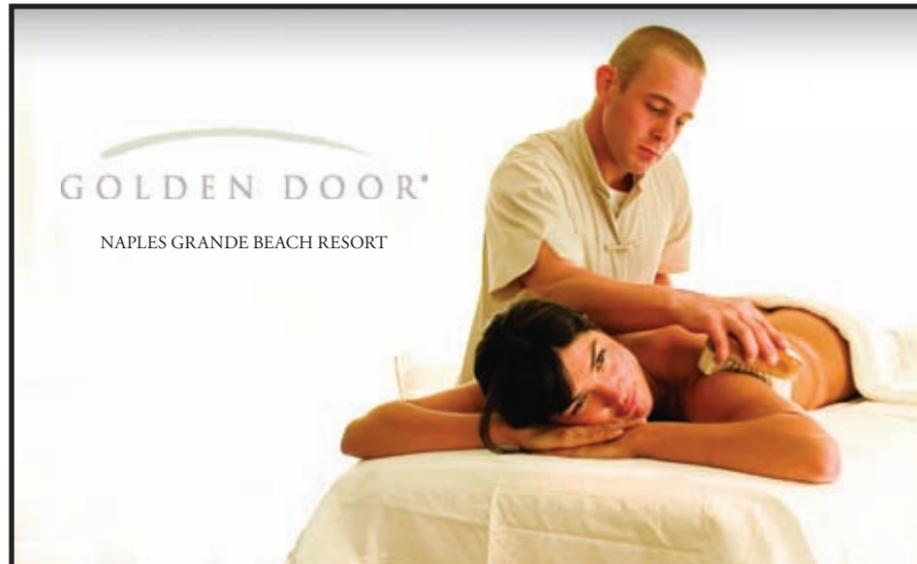
A 1955 play by William Inge, "Bus Stop" is described as "a tale of love and romance for the lonely and hopeful spirit in all of us." The script calls for five men ages 30-60 and three women ages 25-55. ■



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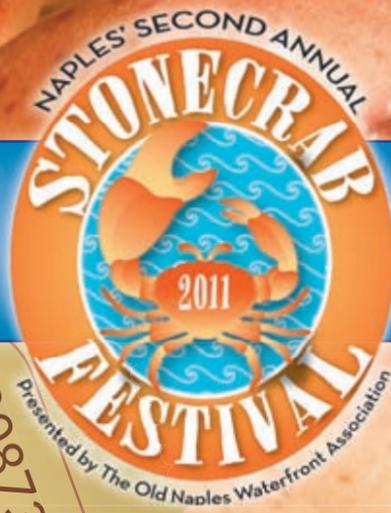
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Veteran filmmaker and novelist Mr. Sayles will deliver the keynote address Saturday, Nov. 5. Mr. Sayles' most recent novel is the critically acclaimed "A Moment in the Sun." The address will begin at 6 p.m. in Schein Hall at BIG ARTS, 900 Dunlop Road, and is open to the public once all the registered conference attendees have been seated. Author Steve Almond ("Candyfreak," "God Bless America") will open.

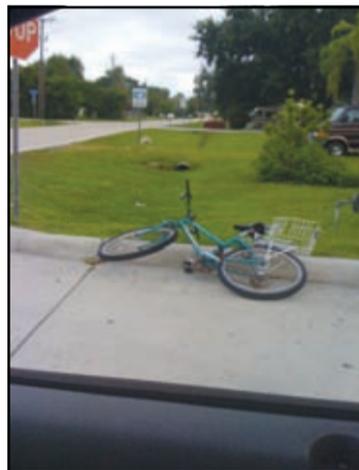
Henry Rollins brings "An Evening of Storytelling" to the conference at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, in Schein Hall at BIG ARTS.

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lins' event are free, but must be reserved in advance.

How to submit

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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 is Sunday, Oct. 23.

A panel of editors will choose one winner from all the entries that have been printed from all the rounds of competition. 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/. ■

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And It Goes Around

BY KORINA CHILCOAT

I'm riding my bike
Riding my bike down the street
Down the street that I live on
Like I used to do when I was 10
But that was a long time ago
Such a very long time ago

That was probably the last time I took
to the seat
Planted my feet firmly on the pedals
Guided the handlebars with only my
right hand
And pushed towards the freedom that
would enter my mind
Wind flowing through my thick tousled
hair
And cooling the heat from my face

I'm riding my bike now, reminiscing
I still can ride with ease like I could
back then
But much has changed, I'm such a dif-
ferent person now
It feels like I'm riding sideways
The time has flown by like the wheels
Turning and turning like a timeline on
pavement
It feels so good just to remember the
joy
Of the feeling of a young girl with the
whole world in front of her
Who didn't know heartbreak, who
didn't know loss or failure or fear
A girl living in a world where anything
was possible if she just believed ■

Left Behind

BY DOBIE PASCO

It started with the little things
Chocolate squirtees
And Halloween candy

The little dress that grandma made
Then childhood braces left behind

Before we knew

Report card grades and
Graduation parties
Were in the past

Today, she will pause
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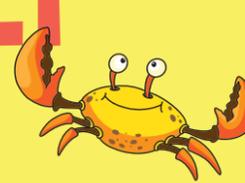
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Ghosts sometimes seem to follow antiques

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drink was spilled on her, she even fell in a pool. Then one day her mother-in-law commented that it was nice to see her wearing her great-aunt's necklace. Did she know that her aunt was a survivor of the sinking of the Titanic?

Haunted antiques seem to be more playful than malicious. No one has told us of a dangerous example. Many have suggested that returning the antique to a better condition or a more comfortable place in the house seems to solve the problem. Do you have a "haunted antique"? Tell us about it at collectorsgallery@kovels.com.

We have heard many stories about "haunted antiques" through the years, and we often ask readers to send us their stories. Clocks seem to be the most likely to be haunted. One reader's mother bought a modern sunburst wall clock in 1952. It stayed on the kitchen wall. In 1982 her father died, and in 1992 her mother began dating. Whenever the boyfriend came over, the clock would make a "grunting" noise. According to the reader "Mother married and her new husband asked that the clock be thrown out, but I put it in the attic. In 2006 they divorced and I brought the clock into the kitchen. It is quiet now. Mother said she should have listened to the clock."

Q: I bought an old wooden rocking horse for \$50 at a garage sale. It's 27 inches tall and the rockers are 32½ inches long. The horse stands on a platform that has four metal wheels and two wooden rockers. It has a leather saddle and a real hair tail. I wonder how I should clean it. Should I use furniture polish?

Several families reported having wind-up clocks that started ticking or chiming when family members got together weeks after a funeral. But the strangest story we heard was about an antique glass necklace our reader inherited from her husband's family. She told us that whenever she wore the necklace, she had an accident involving water — a glass tipped over, a vase broke, a

A: Rocking horses with wheels were popular toys at the turn of the century. When a child was young, the toy could be used as a rocking horse. When the child was a little older, the rockers were taken off the horse and the child could "ride" the horse on its wheels. You can clean your rocking horse with a damp sponge or cloth with a solution of a mild soap and water. Don't let the wood get too wet and don't use furniture polish.

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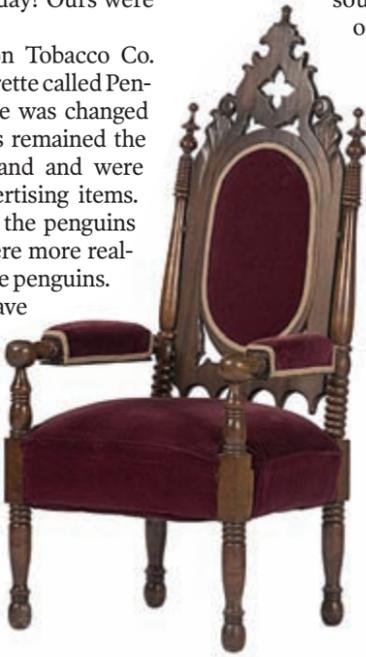


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Q: When I was a kid in the 1950s, my dad used to smoke Kool cigarettes. I remember he got plastic penguin salt and pepper shakers whenever he bought a few packs. We must have had a hundred of those black and white penguins displayed on shelves in the china cabinet. I don't think those plastic shakers are worth much, but they sure do bring back memories. Do you think any are still around today? Ours were thrown out.

A: Brown and Williamson Tobacco Co. began making a menthol cigarette called Penguin in 1931. The brand name was changed to Kool in 1933, but penguins remained the symbol for the cigarette brand and were pictured in ads and on advertising items. Several different versions of the penguins were used. Early versions were more realistic than the later cartoon-like penguins. At first the penguin didn't have a name, then he became "Kenny Kool," and in 1947 he was named "Willie." Penguin salt and pepper shakers named Willie and Millie were first offered as premiums in the late 1940s. You could get a pair by mailing in two empty Kool cigarette packs and 25 cents. The plastic shakers were made by F & F Mold and Die Works (Fiedler & Fiedler Mold and Die Works Co.) of Dayton, Ohio, until the 1960s. Plenty are still around. In fact, they are the most common Kool collectible and are not worth very much. Collectors pay more for the original box, even if it's empty. Value of a pair of Kool penguin salt and pepper shakers without a box: \$10 to \$15.



This 51-inch-high Gothic Revival armchair made in the 19th century seems to belong in a dark castle. It was offered for sale last year by Cowan's Auctions of Cincinnati. It looks like a chair owned by one of our readers — a chair that's supposedly haunted because it "squeaks" in the night. Without a ghost, it's worth about \$400 to \$600.

Q: Where can I find glass tops for a stainless-steel percolator coffee pot? I'm desperate to find a replacement top for my coffee pot.

A: You may find replacement glass tops at your local hardware store. You can also order them from Coffee Maker Outlet (800-251-8824), Classic Kitchens and More (717-840-9537), Amazon.com and other sources that you can find online. The glass "knobs" come in different sizes, so be sure to specify the size you need.

Tip: Put ceramic saucers or glass or plastic plant holders under vases of flowers or potted plants. There are also inexpensive throwaway plastic dishes that have a rim and are exactly the right size and shape for a plant. ■

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HRH Prince Robert of Luxembourg, the 2012 honored vintner

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four continents and seven countries. Domestic producers represent 59 percent of participating vintners.

"We are thrilled to have good friends from California and Oregon who have been extremely generous over the years and are returning to participate," says Bob Clifford, festival co-chair and trustee of the NCEF, which founded the festival in 2001 and has since raised more than \$94.5 million to create and expand charitable programs serving underprivileged and at-risk children in Collier County.

"Each year our call for NCEF's children's causes gets just a little bit louder, and our event gets just a little bit more magical in our efforts to help children in need," adds co-chair Joan Clifford.

Honored vintner

The 2012 honored vintner is HRH Prince Robert of Luxembourg, president of Château Haut-Brion and Château La Mission Haut-Brion. Prince Robert is the great-grandson of Clarence Dillon, who bought Château Haut-Brion in 1935. His family acquired Château La Mission Haut-Brion in 1983. Château Haut-Brion is one of only five of several thousand makers of Bordeaux to produce Bordeaux wines classified as Premier Grand Cru. A generous supporter of NCEF, the prince participated in the 2004 and 2010 festivals. He is among 29 vintners who will personally pour their wines during the 2012 festival.

The 2012 Naples Winter Wine Festival: "Believe in the Magic" takes place Jan. 27-29. Ticket packages are \$8,500 per couple or \$20,000 for reserved seating at the same vintner dinner for two couples.

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FRIDAY, OCT. 21, 9 P.M.
PBS Arts from Seattle:
Pearl Jam Twenty

In honor of Pearl Jam's 20th anniversary, award-winning director and music journalist Cameron Crowe creates a definitive portrait of the seminal band carved from over 1,200 hours of rarely and never-before-seen footage, plus 24 hours of recent concert and interview footage.

SATURDAY, OCT. 22, 10:30 P.M.
Are You Being Served?

Set in the antiquated Grace Brothers department store, this innuendo-laden comedy with a penchant for slapstick has been a BBC classic since the 1970s.

SUNDAY, OCT. 23, 8 P.M.
Nature
Radioactive Wolves

The historic nuclear accident at Chernobyl is now 25 years old. Filmmakers and scientists set out to document the

lives of packs of wolves and other wildlife thriving in the "dead zone" that surrounds the remains of the reactor.

9 P.M.
Masterpiece Mystery!
Case Histories - Part 2

Jackson meets a crime novelist caught in a road rage incident while he searches for a drowning victim's identity.

MONDAY, OCT. 24, 8 P.M.
Antiques Roadshow
Atlantic City - Hour 2

A collection of Enrico Caruso memorabilia and a pair of heirloom boxwood and ivory figurines possibly by sculptor Simon Troger.



TUESDAY, OCT. 25, 10 P.M.
Women, War & Peace
Peace Unveiled - Part 3

Follow three women in Afghanistan who organize to make sure women have a seat at the negotiating table with the Taliban. Tilda Swinton narrates.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26, 9 P.M.
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COMING UP AT THE PHIL

Here's some of what's ahead at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

■ Robert Flynn Johnson, collector and curator of the Edgar Degas artwork currently on display at the Naples Museum of Art, presents **"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.

Cost is \$25 for adults and \$20 for Naples Museum of Art and Friends of Art members.

■ Pops conductor Michael Berkowitz (Liza Minnelli's music director), Tony Award-winning singer Debbie Gravitte and the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra present **"Beyond the Rainbow: The Music of Judy Garland"** at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27.

Tickets start at \$28.

■ The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra performs **"Arthur Fiedler's Favorites!"** at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29.

Tickets start at \$37 for adults and \$22 for students.

■ Huey Lewis and The News take the stage at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2, with classic hits including "Heart of Rock & Roll," "Workin' for a Livin'," "Hip to Be Square" and "The Power of Love."

Tickets start at \$79.

■ Tony Award-winning **Audra McDonald** (also seen in ABC's "Private Practice") joins the NPO to kick off the orchestra's 30th-anniversary season

New this season! RUSH tickets for the orchestra

As part of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra's 30th-anniversary season celebration, the Phil is offering \$15 RUSH tickets for NPO performances throughout 2011-12.

Two hours before each NPO event in the main performance hall, 50 RUSH tickets for \$15 will be available at the box office on a first-come, first-served basis. For orchestra events in Daniels Pavilion, 15 RUSH tickets will be available.

RUSH tickets will be sold for all NPO series concerts as well as special events such as the ABBA and Beatles tributes and the orchestra's concerts with Ricky Skaggs and Kansas.

This offer does not apply for the Nov. 5 opening night gala, the New Year's Eve gala or the "Thank You Myra" gala on Jan. 14.

on Saturday, Nov. 5. A wine and hors d'oeuvres reception begins at 7 p.m., and the performance starts at 8 p.m.

Guest conductor Ted Sperling will lead the program of show tunes, classic songs from the movies and original pieces written especially for Ms. McDonald, who goes directly to Broadway after this performance to star in the new production of "Porgy and Bess."

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Huey Lewis and The News perform on Wednesday, Nov. 2.

■ Musicians from the **Philharmonic Youth Orchestra** play alongside professionals from the NPO, and by themselves, in the first **Major/Minor Concert** of the season at 7 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7. Youth Orchestra Concerto Competition winners will also be featured.

Tickets are \$15.

■ **Kansas**, with founding members Steve Walsh, Rich Williams and Phil Ehart, teams up with the NPO at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9.

A staple on classic rock radio, Kansas has found new audiences with its college symphony tours and through popular video games "Guitar Hero" and "Rock Band." The group's signature sound — combining harmonic but hard-driving rock with complex symphonic arrangements — lends itself perfectly to this orchestral setting.

Tickets start at \$59.

■ Benise, "**The Prince of the Spanish Guitar**," presents his newest music and dance extravaganza, "The Spanish Guitar," at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10.

The performance blends Latin rhythms and rock 'n' roll with video and choreography. Benise won an Emmy for his PBS special "Nights of Fire!"

Tickets start at \$49.

■ Sarasota Opera presents Puccini's "**Madama Butterfly**" at 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13. The tender, tragic love story about a trusting geisha who gives up everything for love will be performed in Italian with English supertitles.

Tickets start at \$129. ■

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Chef gets into step for literacy agency

Performing in his kitchen — a milieu he knows best — Chef Pyro Rodriguez can salsa as he creates a soufflé, or macarena while whipping up meringue. When it comes to ballroom dancing, however, he claims his mojo disappears and leaves him with two left feet. Time will tell about his dancing ability, but his success as a chef is assured.



RODRIGUEZ

Mr. Rodriguez is one of seven amateur dancers paired with a professional to raise money at Literacy Volunteers of Collier County's fifth annual "Dancing with the Stars for Literacy" coming up Friday, Nov. 11, at Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. He got a kick-start to join the ranks of dancers from his life partner, Kelly Anderson. Mr. Rodriguez signed up because, like Ms. Anderson, he believes in the importance of literacy and was ready to dance his part.

Ms. Anderson, an optometrist with Eye Centers of Florida, won LVCC's third annual dance-off, both as a fundraiser and as a performer. Last year, she danced a spirited exhibition routine. She's sitting out this year, however, as she is expecting the couple's first child the day after Christmas. Instead, she will serve as one of the evening's three judges.

In between his kitchen duties, Mr. Rodriguez has made time to work on his dance routine with his professional instructor and dance partner, Lori Vallieres.

"Now he knows he has two right feet," Ms. Anderson says.

Tickets to "Dancing with the Stars for Literacy" are \$175 per person. Call LVCC at 262-4448 for reservations or more information.

Arts council plans patriotic salute

The United Arts Council of Collier County hosts its annual fall fundraiser, "A Patriotic Salute to the Arts," on Saturday evening, Nov. 12, at The von Liebig Art Center. The festivities help kick off Celebrate the Arts Month.

Guests will enjoy an evening of visual and performing arts showcasing area artists and musical and theater groups. Trevor Earl will entertain, and gourmet food stations will be set up throughout the center.

For tickets or more information, call 263-8242 or visit www.CelebrateTheArts.org.

NAACP hosts 29th annual banquet

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 evening is the major fundraiser to meet needs of the operational budget and programs of the local branch.

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.naacpcollier-county.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. 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.

Step out and dance for Sunlight Home Sunlight Home for expectant women and teens invites everyone to put on their dancing shoes for an evening with Cahlua & Cream on Friday, Nov. 4, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Tickets are \$60 per person. Proceeds will benefit mothers and babies at Sunlight Home, where they are empowered to overcome poverty, abuse and homelessness through education, training and spiritual growth. For more information, call Linda Hale at 352-0251 or e-mail Linda_lee_hale@yahoo.com.

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. For tickets or more information, call Ali O'Connor at 643-1880, ext. 18, or e-mail events@hsnaples.org.

Saddle up for 'Bootstrap Boogie' Naples Equestrian Challenge holds its sixth annual "Bootstrap Boogie" barn dance Saturday evening, Nov. 12, at NEC headquarters off Goodlette-Frank Road north of Pine Ridge Road. Live country-western music, a mechanical bull, line dancers and "Pony Pie Bingo" are all part of the fun. NEC provides therapeutic riding and other equine-related programs for Collier County children and adults with disabilities. For more information, call 596-2988 or visit www.naplesequestrianchallenge.org.

Youth Haven hosts Olympian skater

Olympic speed skater and eight-time medalist Apolo Anton Ohno will be the guest speaker at Youth Haven's "Home Hope Healing" luncheon Thursday, March 22, at the Naples Grande. Tickets are \$250 per person, or \$1,000 for two people and a pre-luncheon reception with Mr. Ohno. Sponsorship opportunities from \$2,500 to \$15,000 for business and individuals are available now.



OHNO

Youth Haven provides a home for children who have been removed from their families by the authorities because they are in grave danger of further physical or sexual trauma, emotional abuse and/or neglect. For more information, contact Jamie Gregor, Youth Haven director of marketing and communications, at 687-5153 or jamie.gregor@youthhaven.net.

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, 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. For the third consecutive year, Arthrex has signed on as the platinum sponsor. 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.

Step back to old Havana

Guests will be transported to vintage Cuba for "An Evening in Old Havana" at the David Lawrence Foundation's signature destination-drive gala on Friday, Jan. 20, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. From the décor to the cocktails and music, everything will be reminiscent of Havana's opulent social clubs of the 1930s. 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.

Tiffany has keys for Marco benefit

The Greater Marco Island American Cancer Society and Tiffany & Co. host "Keys for a Cause," an evening of glamour and giving, from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17 at Greystone Manor on Marco.

With the \$100 cost of admission, each guest will receive a key. At the party, they will find a locked glass box containing a Tiffany gift box. If their key opens the glass box, they will be invited to choose a Tiffany gift provided for the evening. Gifts will include crystal, silver and leather items from the current Tiffany collection. Additional keys will be available for purchase for \$50.

For more information, call 642-8800. Tickets are \$300 per person. Volunteer and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Elizabeth Davison at 434-7183 or Elizabeth@hopeforhaiti.com. ■



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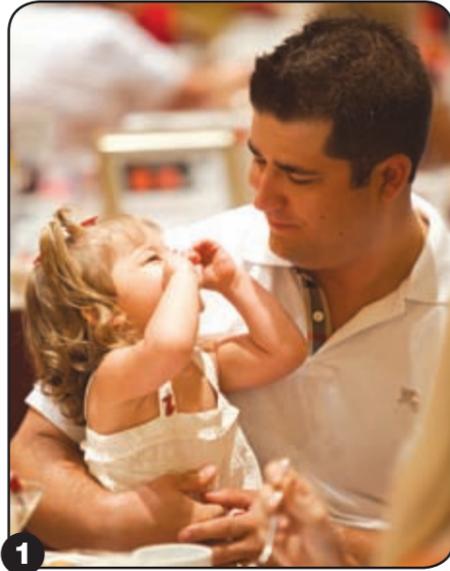
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'Breakfast in Red' with the American Heart Association

1. David Smith with Grace, a survivor of cardiovascular disease
2. Keynote speaker and cardiovascular disease survivor Laurie Van Brunt
3. Sonya Sawyer and Jenny Oister, both members of the AHA Circle of Red
4. Lindsey Logue of NBC-2
5. More than 250 men and women attended the breakfast at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point.

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Sunday brunch at Saks for Bosom Buddies



1. Brenda O'Connor and Delores Fell
2. Lynette Aurelius, Jenny and Kellie Jacoby, Ann Bares
3. Lisa and Paige Butterfield

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Opening reception at The von Liebig for the 49th Founders Juried Awards



- 1. Helen Brown Conner, Bill Conner and David Arrowsmith
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- 3. Kelly Altemier, Colleen Miller, Tia G. and Eileen Laibinis
- 4. Andy Owen, Muffy Clark Gill, Joan Sonnenberg and Warren Gill
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PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

➤ **Fernandez the Bull**, 1201 Piper Blvd., Naples; 254-9855

This restaurant has thrived for years at its 1265 Airport Road location. Now, with its sleek second location, even more people can enjoy the authentic Cuban cuisine served up by the hospitable Fernandez family and staff. I can recommend the Cuban nachos, an inventive mix of thinly sliced fried plantains, savory chicken, cheese sauce, capers and parsley (plan to share this one); calamari in a well-seasoned tomato sauce with pepper and onions, a refreshing departure from fried calamari; ropa vieja, a classic dish of shredded flank steak in a tomato sauce with peppers and onions; and shrimp and scallops in white wine, garlic and capers. Yucca in creamy garlic sauce, black beans and yellow rice and sweet fried plantains were great sides. For dessert, you can't go wrong with the flan or the tres leches cake. Beer and wine served.

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

➤ **Martin Fierro Restaurant & Steak House**, 6002 Radio Road; 659-5996

Carnivores will be rewarded for taking the time to find this Argentinean-style steakhouse tucked into a small strip center on Radio Road. The house specialty is parrillada, or a meat platter containing a cornucopia of animal flesh served on an open grill over smoldering wood

chips. Although fairly meat focused, the kitchen conjures up an excellent ceviche. A grilled salmon entrée delivered to a nearby table looked so good I was sorry I hadn't ordered it. Appetizers of steamed mussels and veal tongue vinaigrette were also delicious. There are no fancy trappings here, no leather booths or tuxedoed servers. Prices are modest and vegetables accompany entrees without an added charge. For dessert, dulce de leche crepes came filled with rich, gooey caramel cream topped with generous mounds of real whipped cream. Service is leisurely but hospitable. Beer and wine served.

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

➤ **O'mei Chinese Cuisine**,

14700 Tamiami Trail; 254-8973
Lovers of authentic Chinese food finally have a place in which to celebrate a widely misunderstood cuisine. Mark and Mary Cheng bring an elegant new standard to the region with their exceptional food and service. You'll find no egg foo yung or crab Rangoon on this menu, just imaginative, artfully plated real Chinese food. Never mind the name: Order the salted pepper calamari, which consists of tender tubes of squid fried to perfection and topped with toasted garlic and onion. The Peking duck is always available and well worth ordering. Chilean sea bass with two sauces — hearty black bean and delicate garlic — was terrific, as were the mango prawns, with sweet mangoes and hot red peppers

topped with pine nuts. Service was as polished as the cuisine. Full bar.

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

➤ **Survey Café**, 10530 Wilson St., Bonita Springs; 992-2233

A meticulously restored 1940s-era wood-frame house just off Old 41 has become a charming little café serving breakfast, lunch and, on weekends, dinner. Owners Ben and Lori Nelson, with the help of Chef John Federici, have skillfully woven the old (the lovely house) with the new (free Wi-Fi) as well as the delicious. Possibilities include: buttermilk biscuits, omelets, alligator cakes, flatbreads, salads and smoothies. The Mango Madness smoothie contained mangoes, organic juice, banana and organic vanilla yogurt in proportions that gave it a bright but not overly sweet flavor. The Portobello Panini and Nelson's Reuben were simple but well prepared, served with sides of potato salad and corn relish. A slice of rich Key lime pie finished the meal off perfectly. Eat inside or on the sprawling deck. Beer and wine served.

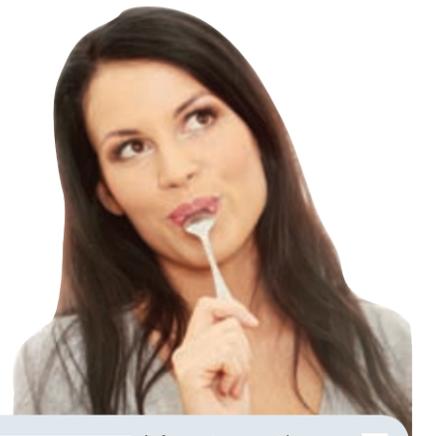
Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★½
Atmosphere: ★★★★★½
Reviewed November 2010

➤ **Sweet Tomatoes**, 10940 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 597-1112

This location of the healthy salad bar chain boasts a contemporary farmers' market design, with exposed ceilings and high windows plus photographs of appetizing

produce at the peak of ripeness. The food found along the buffet line is equally fresh, with lots of healthy choices including salads, soups, hot entrees, breads and desserts. All the vegetarian items are clearly labeled. Vegetarian Morocco garbanzo and lentil soup was hearty and well seasoned, as was fire-roasted green chile and corn chowder with bacon. There are white and sweet potatoes along with toppings, a handful of pasta offerings and a make-your-own-sundae station that was especially popular with the many children dining there with their parents. An added bonus is that dinner is less than \$10 per adult and \$5 (or less) for children. Soft drinks served.

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



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★★★★★ Superb	★★ Fair
★★★★ Noteworthy	★ Poor
★★★ Good	

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CUISINE

Agave puts sophisticated spin on humble, homespun food

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Agave, the plant from which tequila derives, is a succulent that produces a single flower and then dies.

Perhaps equally singular is the arrival of a restaurant that introduces something fresh and exceptional to the Southwest Florida dining scene. Agave Southwestern Grill in Naples is just such a newcomer.

A blend of Northern Mexican and American Southwestern cuisines, Executive Chef Thomas Rieman's menu puts a sophisticated spin on humble, homespun food the likes of which hasn't been seen in Naples. (The closest comparison in culinary concept might be Cantina Laredo in Fort Myers.) It hits you as soon as you open the heavy, carved-wood door and walk past the tortilla-making station. It hits you again when you heft the heavy, copper-plated menu and realize that you want to try at least a dozen dishes — and again as you watch a “creator” churn avocados into lush guacamole at tableside.

Tequila fans might think they've died and gone to heaven when they see the 200 varieties listed in addition to dozens of fruit-and-herb infused margaritas; you can even order flights to conduct your own taste test of either. With the Agave Tequila Passport program you can track your tastings over time and earn a \$75 gift card each time you hit 25.

What's more, Agave doesn't go for the usual Mexican restaurant look. The dining room combines modern and rustic, but there are no cattle skulls, oversized sombreros or red, white and green flags in sight. From the walls to the dishes to the server uniforms, the color palette is earthy burnt orange, mustard yellow and black. Rough timbers are suspended overhead next to oversize pendant lamps. There's a glass-enclosed tequila room for private tastings, as well as a 15-foot tequila tower that showcases the offerings.

Clearly, no expense was spared in designing the restaurant, which was conceived by the team that developed Angelina's Ristorante in Bonita Springs.

We arrived at about 5:30 on a midweek evening and were able to get a table right away, but reservations might be a good idea. The areas around the bar and the main dining room soon were filled to capacity. The former were quite noisy, though the din was muffled enough that we



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The tableside guacamole preparation at Agave is popular. Servers wheel around a cart with ingredients for diners to choose.

didn't have to shout at each other in the dining room.

Our server quickly sold us on the tableside guacamole (\$8.50) to get things started while we waded through the menu.

Not being a straight-tequila sipper, I opted for a mango-sage margarita (\$9) made with fruit puree, fresh herbs, Cointreau, lime juice and a splash of 7Up. It was refreshing — not too alcoholic and not too sweet. The sage was subtle but there. My companion's sangria (\$13 a carafe) had a nice little kick and full-on fruit flavors.

Free chips and smoky chipotle salsa were served for snacking while we waited for the guacamole show.

The advantage of tableside preparation, besides the entertainment value, is that you can customize the dip to your own taste. Roasted garlic, jalapenos, queso fresco, lime juice, cumin, red onion, cilantro? Si. Bacon? No, gracias. The server even asks if you prefer it chunky or smooth. The result was sumptuous perfection; the citrus brightened the mild avocados, and the roasting took the sting out of the garlic. We scooped and scooped well after we should have stopped — it was that addictive.

Equally enthralling was the kitchen, which we observed through a glass wall. An expeditor inspected each dish before it was allowed to leave the kitchen, and servers passed in and out with corps-like precision. The restaurant, at least in this its first month, is very thoroughly staffed and supervised. Our server apologized

Tamale fillings include tender braised pork with red salsa.



Agave's version of tres leches cake includes bananas and coconut.



for being new, but he was fine.

Next came a ceviche, margarita de camarones (\$10.50), or rock shrimp marinated in a fresh salsa of tomato, onion, jalapeño, cilantro and tequila-lime vinaigrette. The shellfish were tender, not rubbery, just barely cooked through by the citric acid. The flavors were well balanced, too, so the chilies and cilantro didn't overwhelm the shrimp.

Deciding on entrees truly was difficult. We wanted to try chile rellenos and grouper tacos and hamburguesa with toppings such as chipotle mayo, bison chili and cumin crema. If you order platos en fuegos, Agave's version of fajitas, you get another flashy tableside presentation that includes high-flying flaming tequila.

What we finally settled on did not disappoint.

The menu offers four authentic Sonoran moles, long-simmered sauces made with chilies and nuts and seeds, which can be paired with various meats and seafood. I opted for poblano mole with pechuga de pollo (\$16.50), or grilled chicken breast. Interestingly, the chicken was prepared “airline”-style — with the rib cage removed but the first wing segment or drumette attached. Anyway, it was perfectly cooked on Agave's wood-fired grill so that it had a bit of a crust but was still succulent within. The mole was draped over the breast, so that I tasted a little with each bite — and that's just enough. Poblano mole's multi-layered blend of

myriad spices and Mexican chocolate, which has its own cinnamon and smoke notes, is a complex flavor experience that is best approached in small doses.

The dish was accompanied by nicely seasoned black beans and Mexican rice and a deliciously sweet and moist jalapeño-cheddar corn cake.

The same sides also came with the tamales rojo de puerco (\$16.50). These were delicate masa tamales stuffed with braised pork laced with salsa roja. The meat was incredibly tender, and the cornmeal dough melted in the mouth. Two tamales at first seemed skimpy for the price, but it turned out to be filling enough — especially since we still had dessert to contend with.

The chocolate bread pudding (\$3.75) had a mousse-like interior and subtle hints of chili and spices; it was sweet but not cloyingly so.

The tres leches con coco cake (\$3.75) proved to be the only disappointment of the evening. This is a favorite dessert of mine, and I liked the addition of coconut and banana. But the sponge cake typically is drenched in a syrup made with three kinds of milk, and this one was dry except for the very bottom.

One misstep aside, Agave left us eager to return and explore more of the Southwest. ■

If you go

Agave Southwestern Grill

2380 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples; 598-3473

Ratings:
Food: ★★★★★½
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★

>> Hours: 11:30 a.m.-midnight daily
>> Reservations: Recommended.
>> Credit cards: Accepted.
>> Price range: Appetizers and ceviches, \$7.50-\$16.50; most entrees, \$16.50-\$29.50 (platters for two up to \$39.50).
>> Beverages: Full bar with 200 tequilas and dozens of margaritas, draft craft beers.
>> Specialties of the house: Northern Mexican meets American Southwest cuisine, gourmet burgers.
>> Volume: High.
>> Parking: Adjoining lot with valet.
>> Website: www.agavenaples.com

★★★★★ Superb
★★★★ Noteworthy
★★★ Good
★★ Fair
★ Poor

food & wine CALENDAR

> **Saturday, Oct. 22, noon**, Alexander's Restaurant: Chef/owner Alexander Bernard prepares an elegant and hearty autumn menu, with a cooking demonstration, tastes of all the dishes, class of wine or beverage and recipe booklet; \$55, 4077 Tamiami Trail N.; 262-4999. Reservations required.

> **Wednesday, Oct. 26, 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.

> **Wednesday, Oct. 26, 6-8 p.m.**, The Good Life of Naples: Shelly Connors shares recipes for think ahead-make ahead appetizers you can create the day before a party, including melted

tallegio flatbreads with spice walnuts, roasted garlic and green olives; smoked mozzarella and sundried tomato spread; farmhouse fig and manchego crackers; and the perfect cocktail meatball; \$50, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4664. Reservations required.

> **Thursday, Oct. 27, 5-7:30 p.m.**, Decanted/Naples Princess: Sample a variety of wines and cheeses from Decanted Wines aboard a sunset cruise in the first of these monthly events through May; \$50, 550 Port O' Call Way; 434-1814. Reservations required.

> **Friday, Oct. 28, 6:30-9:30 p.m.**, Whole Foods: Get in the spirit of Halloween with live music, free beer and wine samples and finger foods for pur-

chase plus a costume contest; Mercato; 552-5100.

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 Galleria Shoppes at Vanderbilt, Airport Pulling and Vanderbilt Beach roads.

> **Sunday, 8 a.m.-noon**, Freedom Park farmers market, 151 Golden Gate Parkway. ■

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