

Possible movie deal in the works for 'super lawyer' Todd Allen who beat Bank of America



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Attorney Todd Allen, left, was celebrated nationally after he foreclosed on a Bank of America in Naples after it mistakenly tried to foreclose on a couple without a loan.

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IT READS LIKE ONE OF THOSE JOHN GRISHAM NOVELS. You know the kind we're talking about: Idealistic young lawyer — fresh out of law school — takes on a seemingly impossible case on behalf of regular folk wronged by a large, powerful entity. No one else wants the case, but idealistic young lawyer takes it anyway. Idealistic young lawyer, through innovative strategy, righteousness and sheer pluck, prevails against what seems to insurmountable odds.

In the end, the regular folk are made whole, the powerful entity is humbled and the idealistic young lawyer becomes a bona fide folk hero.

Yes, classic John Grisham stuff, but in the case of Todd Allen, a Naples lawyer who had been practicing a

mere eight months before he humbled Bank of America and went on to earn a standing as an international symbol of Everyman's fight against the Establishment, this is no fictionalized account. And since Mr. Allen's highly publicized legal battle last June with Bank of America (he threatened to turn the tables and foreclose on the bank), life has taken a series of twists and turns that not even a fiction specialist like Mr. Grisham could have envisioned.

"I think I knew things had really changed when I got a call from Cher's manager wanting to discuss a possible movie deal," says Mr. Allen. "At first I thought it was a prank call, but then I realized it wasn't."

(Movie rights have been assigned to a production company, by the way, which is in the process of developing a

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It's festival time in Southwest Florida

Swamp buggies, panthers, stone crabs and music fill the weekend

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If ever there was an event that truly could be called "down and dirty," it's swamp buggy racing.

Initially begun as a means for hunters and others to penetrate and negotiate the muck and mire that comprise much of Florida's landscape, swamp buggies over time have

evolved into highly sophisticated racing vehicles that compete in what promoters of the Naples Budweiser Fall Classic call "the most bizarre, unique and exciting event in all of motorsports."

This year's race kicks off with a parade along U.S. 41 from Fleishman Boulevard to Third Street South. With a theme of "Celebrating Service to Our Community," the parade sets out at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29.

Also on Saturday, time trials begin, with gates opening at 10:30 a.m. at the Florida Sports Park at 10:30 a.m. At 8 p.m., the Swamp Buggy Dance begins.

The main feature comes on Sunday, when

gates open at 10:30 a.m. and racing begins at noon.

The early hunters and outdoorsmen who informally raced their swam buggies would have a hard time comprehending how their pastime has changed. According to promoters, the informal races began almost 70 years ago and traditionally were timed to coincide with the opening of hunting season.

No longer the sole province of a few aficionados, swamp buggy racing now attracts large numbers of enthusiasts and spectators. In fact, the Budweiser Classic is as much

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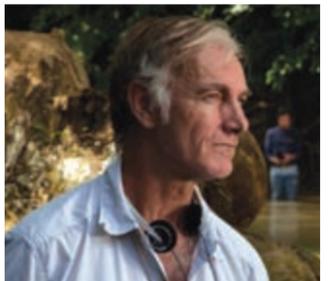
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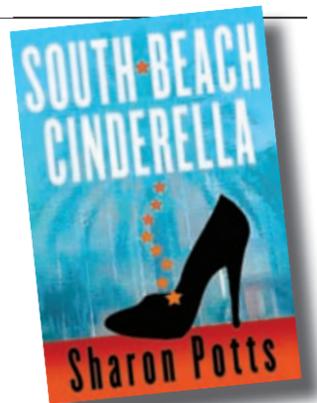
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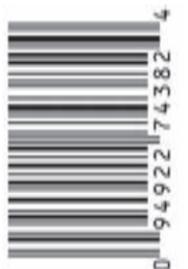
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Herman Cain's preposterous "9-9-9" economic plan got much discussion during the recent Republican presidential debate in Las Vegas. But after the debate, another candidate — Michele Bachmann — was thinking "nein-nein-nein" when Wayne Newton, who on national television repeatedly called her "beautiful" and pawed her as if she were a showgirl visiting his dressing room, clumsily sought to plant a wet, sloppy smooch on the woman he hopes will become the next leader of the free world.

I suppose Mr. Newton felt entitled to a little action; he had just announced his support of Ms. Bachmann's bid for the White House. Still, I believe Ms. Bachmann would have appreciated a nice hefty campaign check more than all of that high-profile canoodling. In a move that almost every American female has perfected (this I know from painful personal experience), Ms. Bachmann skillfully turned so that Mr. Newton's salivating lips landed harmlessly on her forehead.

Serious surgical mischief has been done to Mr. Newton's 69-year-old face. Now that Muammar Gaddafi and Michael Jackson have left the building, Mr. Newton, who is the Michael Jordan of lounge lizards, stands alone as the weirdest-looking

human on the planet. Poor Michele Bachmann; it was so bright after she won that straw poll in Iowa in August. Things have been all downhill ever since, though. What's next in store for this poor woman? Campaign swings with Siegfried and Roy?

To say the Wayne Newton televised tete-a-tete was strange and off-putting would seem to be a given, but, of course, Fox News commentator Greta Van Susteren saw it differently.

"That's pretty hot!" squealed Ms. Van Susteren, who is no stranger to the plastic surgeon's scalpel herself.

Aside from the groping and attempted lip-locking, Ms. Bachmann appeared genuinely grateful for Mr. Newton's endorsement. She has now secured the support of blue-haired, chain-smoking women over the age of 75 who are addicted to slot machines. Judging from recent polls, that roughly doubles her existing voter base.

One might think that the Newton-Bachmann moment represented the apogee of weirdness in the 2012 presidential race, but that is unlikely. It's way early. Who knows what grotesqueries await us down the road? This whole process has been one of surprises, and there has been no bigger surprise than Herman Cain.

Mr. Cain has come from nowhere to challenge Mitt Romney as the early front-runner. I'll admit to this: I like Mr. Cain. He is funny, well-spoken, attractive and energetic. With that said, it must also be noted that he has about as much business being president as, well, Wayne Newton.

If Mr. Cain has given any serious thought at all to foreign policy, he has yet to betray it. And it is most instructive that he is conducting a book tour at the same time he purports to be running for president.

Whenever challenged about his loony "9-9-9" plan, which among other things would impose a regressive national 9 percent sales tax, he yammers about "apples and oranges." I defy anyone to explain what all this talk about fruit has to do with anything.

Pundits praise Mitt Romney for his debate performances, but — in my view — he comes across as overly practiced and robotic. You could accuse the man of masquerading the Kennedy assassination and he would never wipe that plastic grin off of his face. He is the Republicans' 2012 version of John Kerry — and that ain't good.

Yet standing next to Texas Gov. Rick Perry would make almost anyone look like a statesman. I hate to be an "I told you so," but when Gov. Perry entered the race, I wrote a column predicting that he would create an initial stir and then fade fast. He currently is in single digits or low double digits in most polls. My opinion was based on what I had seen of Gov. Perry when I lived in Texas. When it was made clear in debates that he cannot think on his feet, the public and the pundits seemed shocked. I don't know why; he has trouble thinking when he's sitting in an empty room.

Gov. Perry is neither smart nor diligent, but he is a master at raising funds, rewarding cronies and doing whatever it takes to

maintain power. The question I'm waiting for someone to ask the preening cowpoke is this: You came from hardscrabble roots, and you have drawn only paychecks issued by the state of Texas for nearly 30 years. How have you become a wealthy man?

Gov. Perry may yet rally, however. Never underestimate the power of money in American politics. And he has access to tons of cash.

Before this 2012 campaign is completed, I predict that we will have a trove of memories to rival the Newton-Bachmann moment. I certainly hope so.

None of the Republicans appears to have a clue as to what to do about much of anything. And while President Obama is adroit at knocking off terrorists and despots, he is clearly overmatched when it comes to dealing with the economy. Perhaps that's why he sends Vice President Joe Biden out to make a fool of himself on a regular basis. That's what vice presidents are for, one must assume.

Things are bleak and getting no better. There's no marching around that. We need diversions. We need moments like the one Wayne Newton and Michele Bachmann provided. If we couldn't laugh occasionally, we'd do nothing but cry. Unleash the clowns, I say, and let them perform in the three-ring Republican circus that is Fox News.

My dream occurrence? Julia Roberts sticking her tongue in Ron Paul's ear during an interview with Sean Hannity.

As Ms. Van Susteren might say: "Pretty hot!" ■

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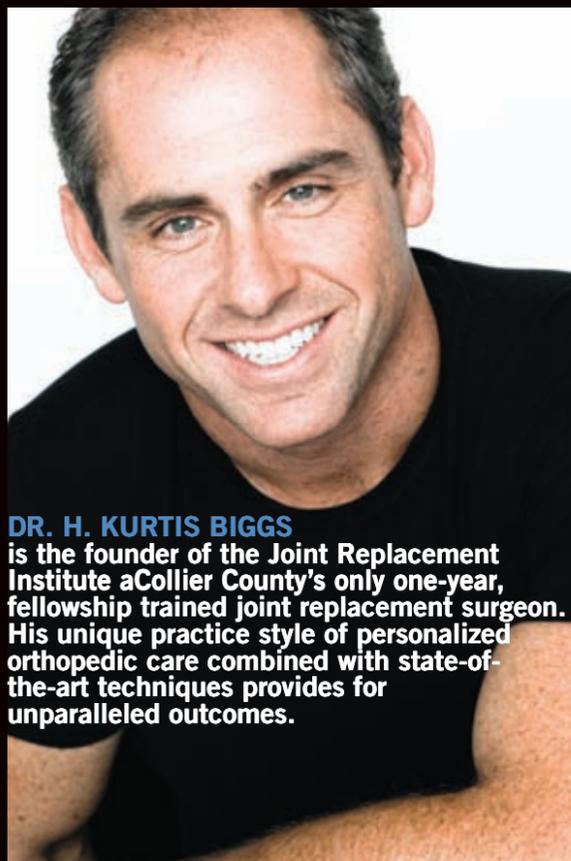
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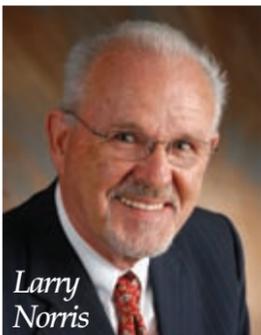


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OPINION**Heed the 99 Percent**

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Far from the street theater and lefty ravings of the Occupy Wall Street protest, ordinary people are posting dispatches about their economic struggles at the "We Are the 99 Percent" Web page. If you put aside the political rants, the stories are a stark pointillist portrayal of the grinding misery of the Great Recession.

And Bank of America has very little to do with it. The recession has added a layer of joblessness on top of punishingly dysfunctional and expensive health-care and higher-education systems. Despite themselves, the people posting at the 99 Percent page aren't really making an implicit case for burning down the financial system, but for blowing up how we handle health care and higher education.

College students and recent graduates are overrepresented. Their complaint comes down to too much debt, and too few job opportunities to get out from

under it. There's the guy with the master's from Harvard who owes \$60,000 and lives off temp jobs. There's the woman who is paying her \$50,000 debt and the \$20,000 debt for her 22-year-old daughter. And on and on.

The representatives of these debt-burdened graduates shouldn't be at Zuccotti Park, but at the American Association of University Professors or some other arm of the academic complex that gouges students. College tuition has been increasing at a rapid clip. Does anyone believe that higher ed is getting constantly better? It's an inflationary spiral. Another running theme is the high cost of health care and the lack of insurance. One man writes of his job "that pays 15 percent less than it did five years ago" even as "health insurance costs are up over 175 percent." Expressing a characteristic plaint in an era of stagnating income, he says "Everything costs more, yet I make less!"

Many of those posting their stories are members of the working class or struggling middle class. There is an undercurrent of family breakdown — the woman whose husband left her after 30 years, the hard-pressed single moms. There are tales of men losing decent-paying jobs.

The puerile ideology of Occupy Wall Street is irrelevant to all of this. Goldman Sachs could be dissolved tomorrow and the wealth of the 1 percent confiscated, and it wouldn't make college or health care cheaper, or create one new job. If the "revolution" yearned for by the protesters is insipid, there's no doubt that the moment calls for bold economic reforms and a rethinking of health care and higher education.

President Barack Obama's misbegotten contribution is a health-care law that won't control costs and will insure more people only while making the current system more unsustainable. Republicans often don't even bother to try to connect their program to the troubles of workers down the income scale. The leading establishment Republican presidential candidate, Mitt Romney, wants to cut their capital-gains taxes. The leading tea party presidential candidate, Herman Cain, wants to raise their taxes.

If nothing else, "We Are the 99 Percent" is a reminder that the suffering is real. ■

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Dr. King would join the movement

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Special to Florida Weekly

When the national memorial to Martin Luther King Jr. was dedicated, President Barack Obama said of Dr. King, "If he were alive today, I believe he would remind us that the unemployed worker can rightly challenge the excesses of Wall Street without demonizing all who work there." The dedication occurred amidst the increasingly popular and increasingly global Occupy Wall Street movement. What Obama left unsaid is that King, were he alive, would most likely be protesting Obama administration policies.

Not far from the dedication ceremony, Cornel West, preacher, professor, writer and activist, was being arrested on the steps of the U.S. Supreme Court. He said, before being hauled off to jail: "We want to bear witness today that we know the relation between corporate greed and what goes on too often in the Supreme Court decisions. ... We will not allow this day of Martin Luther King Jr.'s memorial to go without somebody going to jail, because Martin King would be here right with us, willing to throw down out of deep love."

West was arrested with 18 others, declaring "solidarity with the Occupy movement all around the world, because we love poor people, we love working people, and we want Martin Luther

King Jr. to smile from the grave that we haven't forgot his movement."

Over the same weekend as the dedication, the U.S. military/CIA's drone campaign, under Commander-in-Chief Obama, launched what the independent, nonprofit Bureau of Investigative Journalism, based in London, called the 300th drone strike, the 248th since Obama took office. According to the BIJ, of the at least 2,318 people killed by drone strikes, between 386 and 775 were civilians, including 175 children.

Imagine how Obama's fellow Nobel Peace Prize laureate, Dr. King, would respond to those grim statistics.

In 1963, King published a collection of sermons titled "Strength to Love." His preface began, "In these turbulent days of uncertainty the evils of war and of economic and racial injustice threaten the very survival of the human race." Three of the 15 sermons were written in Georgia jails, including "Shattered Dreams." In that one, he wrote, "To cooperate passively with an unjust system makes the oppressed as evil as the oppressor." King revisited the idea of shattered dreams four years later, eight months before his assassination, in his speech called "Where Do We Go From Here," saying: "Our dreams will sometimes be shattered and our ethereal hopes blasted. ... Let us realize the arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice."

Earlier in that year, 1967, a year to the day before he was killed, King gave his oft-overlooked "Beyond Vietnam" speech at Riverside Church in New York City. King preached, "I knew that I could

never again raise my voice against the violence of the oppressed in the ghettos without having first spoken clearly to the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today, my own government."

With those words, with that speech, King set the tone for his final, fateful year. Despite death threats, and his close advisers urging him not to go to Memphis, King went to march in solidarity with that city's sanitation workers. On April 4, 1968, he was shot and killed on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel.

Deeply impacted at the time by the assassination, we can follow two young men along King's arc of moral justice all the way to Occupy Wall Street. One was John Carlos, a U.S. Olympic track star. Carlos won the bronze medal in the 200-meter race at the 1968 Summer Olympics in Mexico City. Carlos and his teammate Tommie Smith, who won the gold, raised their black-gloved fists in the power salute on the medal stand, instantly gaining global fame. They both stood without shoes, protesting black children in poverty in the United States. Last week, John Carlos spoke at Occupy Wall Street, and he told me after, "I'm just so happy to see so many people who are standing up to say: 'We're not asking for change. We demand change.'"

The other person is the Rev. Jesse Jackson. He was with King when he was assassinated. On a night when the New York City Police Department seemed to be making a move on Occupy Wall Street's first-aid tent, Jackson was there. Just days past his 70th birthday, Jackson joined arms with the young protesters, defying the police. The police backed off. And the arc of the moral universe bent a bit more toward justice. ■

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Kathryn Taubert: Thinking and acting, globally and locally



You may know Kathryn Taubert as the author of a weekly blog in a local publication, "Life in the Slow Lane." Her columns range from humorous to serious and thought-provoking, but they are always entertaining.

Kathryn is a frequent guest on my show. While we often use her column as a platform for our discussion, there's no putting her "on her heels" in the conversation; she's conversant with almost any topic.

I first met Kathryn at Truluck's restaurant when she was performing at the piano bar with the late, great Claude Rhea. My wife, Linda, and I enjoyed grabbing an early dinner in the bar and listening to Kathryn and Claude's wonderful music. Claude, who always wore his signature beret, was an accomplished pianist who didn't read much music but who could play great jazz piano by ear. Kathryn's mellifluous voice was the perfect complement to his smooth jazz style.

Claude died three years ago from a brain aneurysm. It was after his passing that Kathryn and I talked about him, his humor and his music. It was through our fondness for Claude and his memory that we developed our own friendship.

With getting to know Kathryn, I've come to admire her great and varied

accomplishments as well as her skills in music and writing. I sometimes refer to her on the show as "The Last Renaissance Woman."

Kathryn grew up on a farm in Southeast Texas. Her family, especially her father, encouraged her to stretch and grow beyond the female stereotypes of the day. She learned horseback riding at an early age and developed a respect for animals of all species. In college, she majored in biology in with a emphasis in zoology (pre-veterinary program) in college. While in college, she was a cardiopulmonary research assistant at the University of Texas Medical Branch. She also became a trainer at Sea-Arama Marineworld in Galveston.

Today, she's a Professional Association of Diving Instructors master scuba diver and dive master. She's also a Red Cross water safety instructor as well as a Red Cross disaster action team and mass casualty volunteer. Consequently, Kathryn is often on call to volunteer during national disasters.

Recently, businessman Mike Sturgill (aka "Gatorman Mike") petitioned Naples City Council for a conditional use permit that would allow him to sell pictures of tourists "hugging an alligator" in Tin City. Always the animal activist, Kathryn petitioned the council to deny the permit. "It borders on exploitation similar to abuse," she said. "Alligators traveling 80 miles each day, being kept in concrete crates, wearing a muzzle, being picked up by strangers with flash photography in their faces all day long...

it's not educational because it's not natural alligator behavior," she maintained. "Gatorman Mike" prevailed, but Kathryn made her case.

Kathryn lived with the Ewe tribe in Ghana for five weeks in 2009 as part of The Global Network's community service volunteer program. Using scarce resources, she worked with tribe members to build their skills in starting a business and better managing their resources.

Kathryn has been widowed twice, both times due to illness. On a recent show, we discussed how to support another who has suffered a significant loss in their lives. Many of us avoid any discussion for fear of creating uncomfortable feelings. She recommended the art of just listening.

"They were both wonderful men, and it was a privilege to have them both in my life," she said about her late husbands. "I appreciate when friends will take the time to listen to my memories, and I'm sure others do, too."

I find it ironic that Kathryn's blog is "Life in the Slow Lane," because her life has been anything but. I admire her because she is focused, thoughtful and acts on her convictions, and because she contributes in so many ways to the community. ■

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project based on Mr. Allen's improbable saga.)

For those with short memories, the basic outline of Mr. Allen's story goes like this:

Warren and Maureen Nyerges, a retired couple from Ohio, had purchased in 2009, for cash, a \$165,000 home in Golden Gate. Since they paid cash, Mr. and Mrs. Nyerges owned the home free and clear. There was no mortgage.

Bank of America, however, thought differently.

The bank said there was a mortgage and that the couple was behind in their payments. Early last year, Bank of America sought to foreclose on the home. Mr. and Mrs. Nyerges attempted to reason with the bank, but to no avail.

Some two dozen attorneys passed on taking the case. But Mr. Allen agreed to take on Bank of America. He was successful in getting the bank to drop the case, but Bank of America — despite a court order — refused to pay Mr. and Mrs. Nyerges some \$2,500 to cover Mr. Allen's fees.

Things dragged on until Mr. Allen introduced an audacious gambit into the proceedings: He essentially "foreclosed" on the forecloser. Armed with a court order and accompanied by Collier County sheriff's deputies and a moving van, he appeared at the Bank of America branch on Davis Boulevard on June 3 and said he was not leaving until the bank coughed up the couple's fees. If the bank chose not to comply, he said deputies and moving men were prepared to begin hauling furniture, cash, computers and whatever else out of the building, most of which would be sold at public auction.

Because of legal constraints, Mr. Allen cannot discuss in detail what transpired that day at the bank. But the bottom line is that Bank of America, rather than lose its furniture and what little was left of its dignity, issued a check for about \$2,500 to cover the expenses of Mr. and Mrs. Nyerges. Mr. Allen later got another \$3,000 out of the bank to cover his expenses in the case.

The bank also apologized to Mr. and Mrs. Nyerges and blamed the fiasco on an outside attorney it had employed to handle the affair.

Mr. Allen suspected the unusual events might attract some limited local publicity, but he was unprepared for the firestorm of international attention that followed.

The story struck a chord with millions of people worldwide who have battled banks and other lending institutions during the economic meltdown. In a time when individuals seem to have precious little control over how their economic lives are governed, Mr. Allen became a symbol of hope.

"It was the ultimate David versus Goliath story," he says.

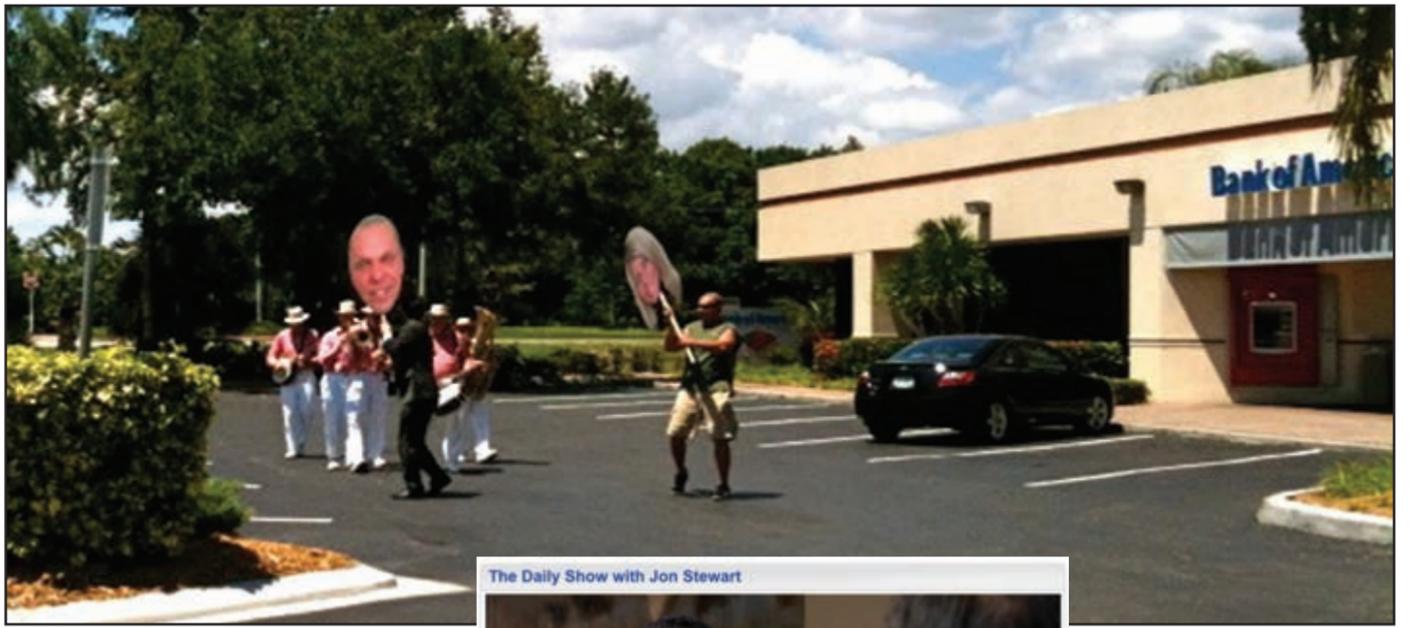
Outside the box

Mr. Allen says he is not sure why some 25 other lawyers turned down the case, but he suspects it has something to do with the way law schools train their students.

"Lawyers are taught that things fit into certain boxes, and if a case doesn't fit a particular box, that presents a problem," he says. "Sometimes lawyers are not the most creative people when it comes to thinking outside those boxes."

The limited local media attention Mr. Allen expected came and went, but the floodgates around the world opened wide and have yet to be shut. The catalyst for the international coverage was when the story appeared in the Drudge Report. From there, the Huffington Post and Fox News picked it up, and soon the story seemed to take on a life of its own.

"I'm still getting calls from places



like New Zealand and Guatemala," says Mr. Allen, who has left his old firm and now practices with Goede & Adamczyk. "Many of them are from attorneys wanting to know how we did what we did."

News organizations from Britain to Brazil have wanted to Mr. Allen to tell his story.

"At one point, I hurt my back," Mr. Allen recalls, "and I had to be taken by ambulance to the hospital. On the way to the hospital, in the ambulance, I was on the telephone, conducting an interview."

In what might be the ultimate test of pop culture stardom, "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" ran a segment on Mr. Allen. In introducing the feature, Mr. Stewart said that with all the depressing economic news, it was important to focus on an "uplifting, feel-good story from the world of finance — and there's only one." In typical "Daily Show" style, Mr. Allen was described as a "super lawyer."

"I thought it was hilarious," Mr. Allen says of the spot.

Then came the movie deal, something Mr. Allen says caught him completely by surprise.

"My wife, who keeps me from getting a big head, teases me about this a lot," he says. "She says if a movie is made, it will probably be one of those "Lifetime" network movies that run at 2 a.m. and only a few women watch."

In truth, however, producers are looking at something more ambitious, although nothing definite has been ironed out yet.

In one of those enduring questions, Mr. Allen is asked whom he thinks should portray him in a film. He says he has no particular actor in mind, but it probably should be someone "sarcastic and with a sense of humor."

A lawyer is born

While Mr. Allen, 33, is new to the practice of law — he graduated from Ave Maria School of Law in 2010 — his interest in the legal profession is longstanding.

A native of Utah, he says he decided to become a lawyer after watching a dedicated attorney help a family member who was in great need.



Todd Allen



COMEDY CENTRAL

LINDA HANSEN / COURTESY PHOTO
Mr. Allen gained national attention when Comedy Central came to town to film a spoof at Bank of America on Davis Boulevard. People in the parking lot are waving faces of the couple Mr. Allen represented in a case against the bank.

A graduate of Brigham Young University, he spent his Mormon mission in small towns in Georgia and says that experience further heightened his desire to use the law as a means of protecting the interests of those who have little clout or influence.

Ave Maria School of Law recruits vigorously at Brigham Young University, he says, and that partially explains how he ended up there. Another factor, though, is Ave Maria's dedication to using the law as a force for social good and not merely as a means of making money, he adds. He says he considers himself to be more of a litigator than a foreclosure specialist, although he soon will begin teaching a class in foreclosure defense at Ave Maria.

According to Mr. Allen, he receives calls almost daily from people with foreclosure problems in other states.

"I have to tell them that I can't help them, that I'm not licensed in their state," he says. "But I always try to do some research and find someone in their area who can help them. Many of the stories I hear are heartbreaking."

Taking a risk

Despite the turbulent nature his life has assumed, Mr. Allen says he stays grounded through family (he and his wife have two children, ages 6 and 2), and with an occasional round of golf.

"I always believed I could use the law to do good, to help people and be successful," he says. "But, no, I never envisioned anything like this."

"And I know at some point this (publicity) will fade, and I'm fine with that."

"What brings me the most satisfaction is simply helping people and sometimes

helping them with more than just their legal problems. People will come into my office in tears, literally. They are crying, desperate. If I can do something that allows them to leave feeling ecstatic or happy or hopeful, then I've done my job."

Cynics might read Mr. Allen's statements and dismiss them as the self-serving blathering of a lawyer seeking solely to capitalize on a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. But Chris Bray, a Naples wealth management specialist and an attorney himself, says those cynics are wrong.

"That's an understandable reaction, because let's be honest, a lot of lawyers are scumbags," says Mr. Bray, who also teaches at Ave Maria School of Law and had Mr. Allen as one of his students.

"That is not the case with Todd. He's not a media whore."

Mr. Bray has become something of a mentor and advisor to Mr. Allen and says he told him there's nothing wrong with using this attention to aid his career.

"I encouraged Todd not to be bashful about this; I told him to husband this opportunity," Mr. Bray says. "Let's face it, this is good for his career, and there is nothing wrong with that. I think all of this has been positive and good, not just for Todd, but for people who need hope in today's (economic) environment."

Mr. Bray also points out that Mr. Allen took a risk in assuming the Bank of America case and that he had no way of knowing it would turn into a life-changing event.

"The odds of this case being lucrative at all were very long," he says. "I think Todd took this on for two legitimate reasons. One, he is a young lawyer and this was good experience. Two, he truly does have a passion for representing people whom he believes to be defenseless. He has a passion for the underdog."

Mr. Bray further believes that a movie is "very possible," which certainly would extend Mr. Allen's brush with fame and further spread the word that the "little guy" sometimes does prevail.

Mr. Bray likens a possible movie about Todd Allen to the film that was made about Erin Brockovich. "(Mr. Allen's experience in the bank case) is just a very, very good story," he says. "I could very well see this on HBO or something like that. If you watch 'The Daily Show' segment, you see (the movie) possibilities. 'The Daily Show' writers obviously understood what a great story this is."

This is just a hunch, but perhaps the only people on the planet who fail to see the enormous cinematic potential of this tale are those who occupy the executive suites at Bank of America. ■

UNDERCOVER HISTORIAN

The Lehman Legacy Award: Kicking off a new tradition

BY LOIS BOLIN
SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

"Science and technology revolutionize our lives, but memory, tradition and myth frame our response."

— Arthur Schlesinger

The Latin translation for the word "tradition" literally means to hand over or give for safekeeping. During City Fest, one of the city of Naples' newest traditions, two history-making traditions will kick off the weekend.

60 years of football

Perhaps nothing defines a community more than its Friday night football games, and this Friday, Oct 28, during halftime at Naples High School, the family that helped to launch NHS football 60 years ago will be remembered.

Rex Lehman, an employee of a nursery in Miami, first came to Naples in 1936 to give a landscaping proposal to the Uihlein family of Schlitz Brewery. When William Uihlein made Mr. Lehman an offer he couldn't refuse, he moved to Naples and began a new life as caretaker of the Uihlein estate. Two years later brought his sweetheart Elsie (now his wife) to Naples.

In 1949, Mr. and Mrs. Lehman set off to Fort Myers High School to borrow 20 football uniforms at the request of his friend, William Cambier (the soon-to-be Naples city engineer, who was at the time employed at the Edison Home in Fort Myers). The uniforms outfitted several

six-man teams that learned to play football at Cambier Park, where NHS games were played until 1961.

Mr. Lehman had two goals in mind as he traveled to Fort Myers for those uniforms: He wanted to teach the local boys how to play football, and he wanted to see his grandson, Robert Walker, play. While he did see the NHS boys play their first official game in 1950, he never got to see his grandson play, as a "swamp angel" bite (mosquito) took away the boy's strength.

The Lehman Legacy Award

The first-ever Lehman Legacy Award will be presented during halftime ceremonies at the NHS game Oct. 28. The name of the recipient, a student honored for embodying the spirit of selfless service for high school football, will be inscribed on a trophy that will be displayed in the NHS Wall of Fame.

In addition, the sponsors have donated a family weekend to any Hilton in Florida, a dinner for 12 at Shula's Steak House at the Hilton Naples and a Naples Backyard History private waterfront tour aboard the Bayfront Cove Runner, underwritten by Extreme Family Fun Spot.

Another new tradition

The Old Naples Waterfront Association will present another new tradition, the second annual Naples Stone Crab Festival Kick-Off Party, from 4-10 p.m. at Pincher's Crab Shack at Tin City. A special ceremony at 6 p.m. sharp, in cooperation with the city of Naples and Naples Backyard His-



Rex and Elsie Lehman

tory, will unveil a long overdue Diamond Jubilee historic marker on the site that was one of the city's first economic development centers in the 1920s.

Honorary guests at the unveiling will include these honorary board members of the Old Naples Waterfront Association, who have been closely associated with our community waterfronts: Johnny Morgan (Marco Island), Ben Storter (Everglades City), Duke Turner (Naples Bay) and Lavern Norris Gaynor, whose father's foresight saved Rookery Bay.

The bronze marker is part of the Diamond Jubilee markers program (not to be confused with the national bronze marker program), which celebrated the city of Naples' 75th Anniversary in 2000. It slated 15 historic markers on sites that were significant to the city's business, civic and social life. Only 12 markers were placed, however, leaving Tin City, Combs Fish Company/Kelly's Fish House (coming in

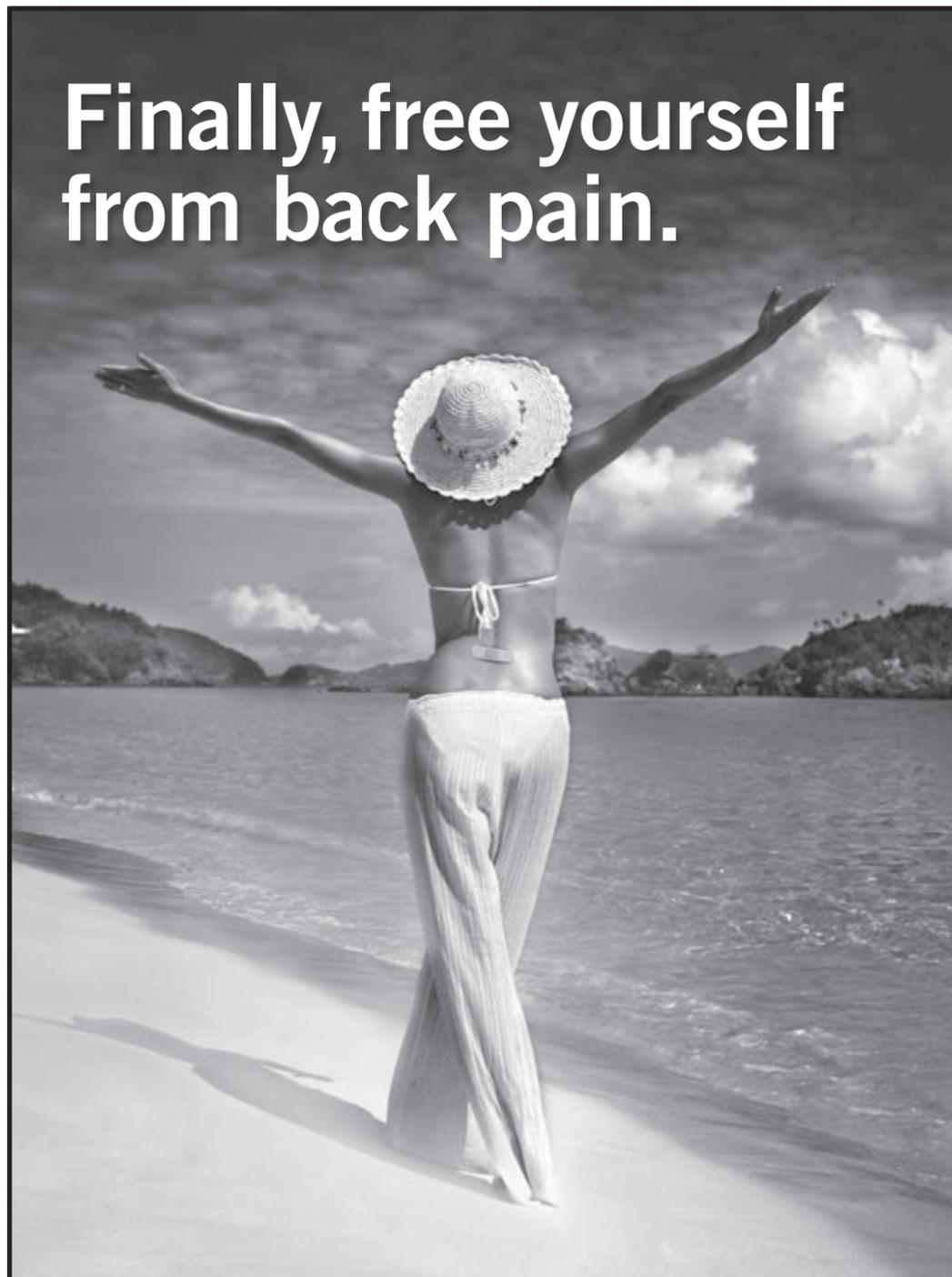
the spring of 2012) and the 1921 Building (which has recently been placed on the National Register of Historic Places) waiting to be recognized for their place in local history.

The bronze marker will read: "Tin City's legacy began in the 1920s when Henry Espenlaub leased his property to the pioneering families of Daniels and Combs, who constructed docks and tin-roofed buildings to service fishing fleets and a clam and oyster shucking/processing plant.

"Its strategic positioning near the Tamiami Trail (est. 1928) and the Naples Depot (est. 1927) made it one of the city's first economic centers and attractions. In 1977, Kenney Schryver led the initiative to transform the abandoned clam factory into its current brand now called Tin City. "Sponsored by: Pincher's Crab Shack, Naples Backyard History and the Old Naples Waterfront Association."

Naples Backyard History welcomes the inaugural Lehman Legacy Award and the second annual Naples Stone Crab Festival as new traditions designed to help connect our community of today to the pioneering faces and places (and memories) of our community back then. ■

— Lois Bolin, Ph.D., is the co-founder of Naples Backyard History, which is headquartered at 436 Bayfront. For more information about programs and events, call 594-2978 or visit www.naplesbackyardhistory.org



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The Phil goes green

Complex implements innovative energy conservation program

The Philharmonic Center for the Arts has implemented the first phase of its "Going Green" energy conservation initiative, which will create a state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly mode of operations while saving the arts complex more than \$85,000 per year in expenses.

The first phase of the five-phase project upgrades the air-conditioning system with two new magnetic chillers, two new cooling towers and four new pumps. It is the first major upgrade to the air-conditioning system since 1988. Later this fall, solar panels will be installed on the plant roof that will be used to heat water in the performance hall.

The "Going Green" initiative is supported by a \$500,000 Florida Clean Energy Grant, which was awarded through the governor's office earlier this year. The Phil was the only organization in Collier County to receive the grant award, which is being matched through private donations.

"This is an important and exciting project that helps make us a leader in energy cost reduction in our region," says Kathleen van Bergen, president and CEO of the center. "Going Green" will be an ongoing project, she adds.

Other elements of the initiative include replacing lights, fixtures and



appliances with more energy-efficient models as well as sealing, shading and renovating entry points to better retain cool air.

The "Going Green" program for the Phil was developed over the past two years. By the end of the current season, the Phil is expected to qualify for certification by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, an internationally recognized green building certification system.

Building Superintendent Alex Pena, who has been with the Phil since before it opened, says "Going Green" will "bring us up to speed with the top energy plants in the region. We've been working toward this for many years. The state grant made the decision easier." He adds phase one "is just the beginning. We're looking at LED lighting and other cutting-edge energy technology for the future." ■

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Forum will focus on county elections

A public forum on "How We Elect County Commissioners" takes place from 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, at the Moorings Presbyterian Church. Sponsors are the Collier County Presidents Council, the League of Women Voters, the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, the *Naples Daily News* and the Greater Naples Better Government Committee.

A panel of experts will discuss alternatives to the current district-based system.

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

Campaign hopes to encourage citizen participation

The 2011 Campaign for Leadership is set for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4-5, at the Naples Botanical Garden. The non-partisan program is designed to encourage citizen leaders to serve on boards and commissions and/or run for elected office. Everyone is welcome.

Speakers and panelists include more than 25 elected and appointed leaders, campaign consultants, party officials, the media and policy experts.

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All organizations that wish to submit

a grant proposal must participate in the community grants workshop that is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday, Oct. 31, at the affiliate headquarters at Coconut Point mall in Estero.

For more information or to sign up for the workshop, e-mail Amy Austin at amy@komenswfl.org. ■

Breast Cancer Awareness Month events continue



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

■ 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.

■ Making Strides Against Breast Cancer

9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 29

The Village on Venetian Bay

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

ticipants are encouraged to wear pink bras over their walking clothes, and the finish line will be a giant pink bra. Info: 403-2204 or www.putonyourpinkbra.com/naples.

■ 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

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2. Lawrence Perillo
3. Kalen Krier and Jacqueline Ouellette
4. Kristin and Rylie Cibellis
5. Barbara Reed and Kristen Griffin
6. Glenna's Gang

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Women Supporting Women took place at Handsome Harry's to benefit the Garden of Hope & Courage and Cancer Alliance of Naples.

1. The evening's theme was inspired by Audrey Hepburn "I believe in pink... I believe in miracles"
2. Augie Greenberg, Sheryl Hillburn and Susan Watts
3. Event founder and breast cancer survivor Alice Carlson
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High fashion

London Fashion Week usually brings forth a shock or two from cutting-edge designers, but a September creation by Rachel Freire might have raised the bar: a floor-length dress made from 3,000 cow nipples (designed to resemble roses). Initial disgust for the garment centered on implied animal abuse, but Ms. Freire deflected that issue by pointing out that the nipples had been discarded by

a tannery and that her use amounted to "recycling." The 32-year-old Ms. Freire, who has worked with mainstream entertainers such as Christina Aguilera, was kept so busy with the animal-abuse angle that she was largely spared having to explain another issue — why anyone would want to wear a dress made with cow nipples. ■

Leading economic indicators

Turned down once before, liquor manufacturer EFAG convinced Germany's Federal Patent Court in September to award trademark protection to its schnapps with the brand name Ficken, which in German translates directly into what in English is

known as the F-word. The court acknowledged that the name is unquestionably in poor taste but is not "sexually discriminatory" and does not violate public morals. In fact, the court noted, the word is widely used in Germany. ■

DMV is a dangerous place

■ The Department of Motor Vehicles office in Roseville, Calif., was closed for a week in July after a driving school student crashed into the building and left a 5-foot hole in the wall.

■ A young man taking a test at the drivers' center in Brisbane, Australia,

in August lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a bench outside the building, hitting his mother, who was waiting for him.

■ A 56-year-old DMV driving tester was killed in July when the woman she was evaluating ran off the road in Williamsburg, Va., and struck a tree. ■

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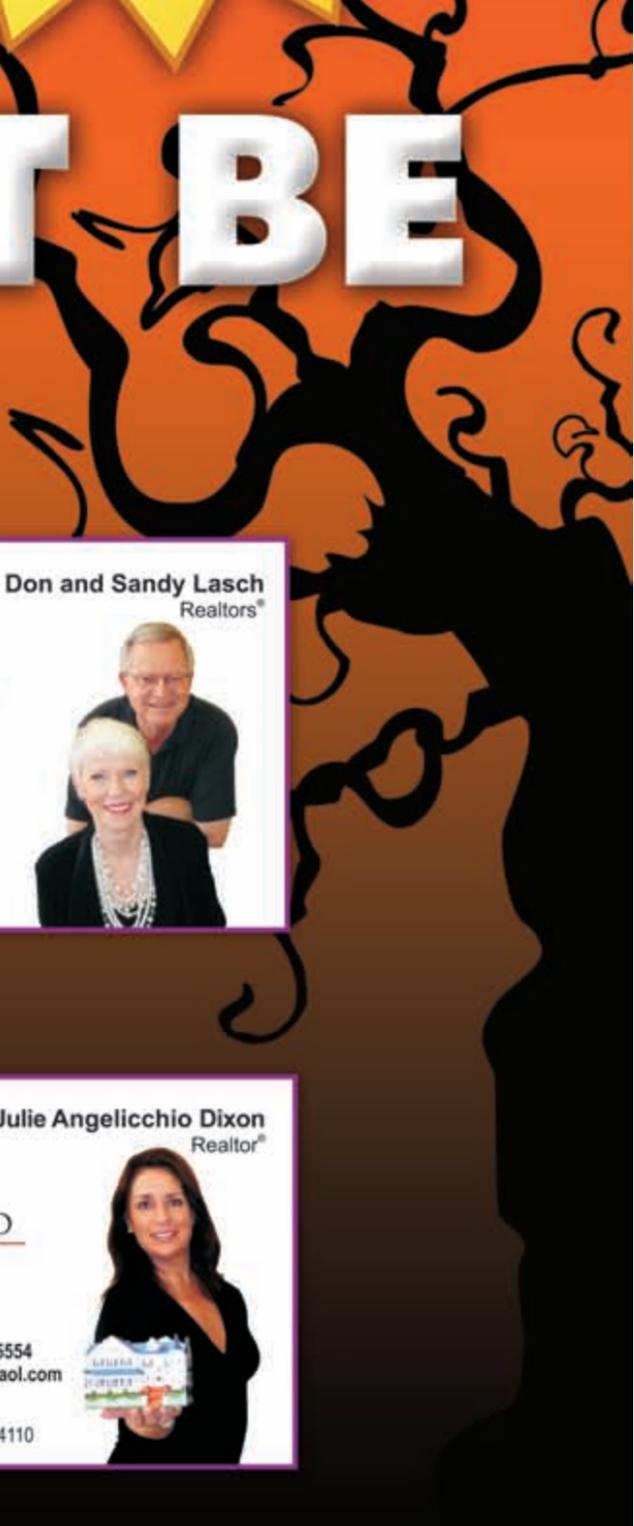
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Arts council seeks recyclables for Tools for Schools program

The United Arts Council is seeking donations of art supplies for its Tools for Schools recycle center. The center serves as a resource for Collier County public school art teachers.

With public schools tightening their belts, teachers in the arts (painting, music, theatre, photography, film, etc.) increasingly find it difficult to secure funding for the supplies they need for a full school year. As the academic year progresses, the United Arts Council often gets calls from teachers who have run out of supplies and are seeking donations.

The public is asked to give unwanted materials and surplus supplies, focusing on art supplies and related equipment that can be used in the arts classroom. Donations for music classrooms and school theater productions are also welcome.

The Tools for Schools center does not accept everyday recyclables that you would normally put in your home's recycle container.

Some donations go directly to gifted students. There's the child who has a real talent for art, but can't afford supplies to practice at home. Or the young teen with a passion for photography, but whose family can't afford to buy the equipment they

in the know

Items needed to stock the shelves in the United Arts Council's Tools for Schools center include:

- >>Paints, brushes and pastels
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- >>Construction paper, photo paper
- >>Poster board and foam core boards
- >>Scissors and matt cutters
- >>Plastic and wood scraps
- >>Stickers
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- >>Costumes and props for drama classes
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Donations can be dropped off at the arts council office, 2335 Tamiami Trail N. Call 263-8242 for more information.

need to pursue their passion. Students like these are the real winners with this program, and their teachers can identify them and secure supplies and equipment for them through the center.

The Tools for Schools center is in the United Arts Council office at 2335 Tamiami Trail N. For more information, call 263-8242 or visit www.collierarts.com.

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.

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Connect with a Classroom grants awarded in 34 Collier schools

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Eighty-six teachers were the happy recipients of classroom grant awards last week, surprised with this good news by volunteers and board members of the Education Foundation of Collier County. A total of 111 grants adding up to more than \$43,700 were delivered to 34 public schools. (See photos of some presentations on page C29.)

Teachers requested classroom funding through the Education Foundation's website, where all grant requests can be viewed and fulfilled by the community. Called Connect with a Classroom, the online program allows teachers to post funding requests from \$25 to \$2,000 to help them provide creative, innovative learning experiences for their students.

The foundation has funded classroom grants for 20 years; the online program was started in 2003. Funding for the most recent grants was provided by: Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union/Suncoast for Kids Foundation; The English-Speaking Union; the specialty Florida Educational License Plate Fund; SW Florida Workforce Development Board; Greater Naples Unit of New York State United Teachers Retirees, Florida; Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate CARES; Harlan and Heather Dam; Conditioned Air; Dave and Betsy Dawson; Lucie Jenny MacCarthy Music Fund of the Community Foundation of Collier County; Big Cypress Basin-South Florida Water Management District; and various community members.

Numerous Connect with a Classroom funding requests remain, and the Edu-

cation Foundation will match contributions dollar-for-dollar (up to \$5,000). Look for a grant that you could fund 50 percent of, and the foundation will ensure that the request is funded in full. See the complete list of requests at www.GetOnTheBusCollier.org/ConnectWithAClassroom or call 643-4755 for more information. ■

Education experts exchange ideas

The Education Foundation of Collier County presents "Getting Ahead: A Connect Now Idea Exchange" from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Guest speakers are:

- **Greg Darnieder**: Senior advisor to the secretary on the College Access Initiative, U.S. Department of Education
- **Ronald Ferguson**, faculty director of the Achievement Gap Initiative at Harvard University; faculty co-director of the Pathways to Prosperity Project and senior lecturer at the Harvard Graduate School of Education; and senior research associate at the Harvard Kennedy School's Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy
- **John Merrow**: Education correspondent, PBS NewsHour; president, Learning Matters
- **David Moore**, senior vice president-programs at the National Academy Foundation.

The evening's sponsors include Bank of America along with e Bella Magazine, GFPAC Attorneys at Law, the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club, the Naples Daily News, Pearson and Waste Management. A cocktail reception will follow the program. Tickets are \$50 per person. For reservations or more information, call 643-4755 or visit www.GetOnTheBusCollier.org ■

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Bentley Village golf marathon will benefit Special Olympics

Think you're up for 100 holes of golf? Find out at the inaugural Par 3 Marathon set for Monday, Nov. 7, at Vi at Bentley Village as a benefit for Special Olympics Florida.

Here's how it works: Golfers complete 100 par three holes at the local qualifying event, which is one of several being held throughout Florida. The two lowest scores at each qualifying event and the top fundraisers will earn an invitation to the Par 3 Marathon Championship Weekend in Palm Beach in early December.

Mayor Bill Barnett is honorary chair of the Bentley Village event. Golf celebrities and Special Olympics athletes will be among the players.

There is no registration fee, but each participant must reach the minimum fundraising requirement of \$500 to participate. Special Olympics provides each golfer the ability to build an easy-to-use, online fundraising page.

Funds raised at the Par 3 Marathon will help Special Olympics Florida provide year-round sports training and competition to 15,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities, at no cost to the athlete or their family, as a means to achieve physical fitness, self-esteem, socialization skills and the life skills necessary to be productive, respected members of their communities.

To register or for more information, visit www.par3marathon.org.



Play a round for a good cause

Here are some charity golf tournaments coming up in the area:

■ **Quality Life Center** holds a tournament Saturday, Nov. 19, at ArrowHead Golf Club. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and tee-off is at 8:30 a.m. Registration is \$100 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch and the chance to win prizes.

Cajun Classic is sponsoring a \$5,000 putting contest. Players will also have the chance to win a Jaguar in the hole-in-one contest sponsored by Audi, Jaguar, Land

Rover of Fort Myers.

A variety of sponsorship opportunities are available starting at \$500.

To register or for more information, contact James Long at 334-2797 or jlong@qualitylifecenter.org.

■ **Swing for the Kids** to benefit the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida takes place Monday, Nov. 14, at The TwinEagles Club.

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Costume drive has 'spooktacular' results

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From pirates, princesses and super heroes to ghosts, goblins and silly characters, more than 300 costumes were collected for Youth Haven children as part of the "Hope for Halloween" costume drive. The outfits were distributed to residents

tion sites included: Seacrest Country Day School, Community School of Naples, Temple Shalom Preschool, My Gym Naples, American Sports Karate, Gymnastic World, Wireless City, Lu Lu Belle, Greater Naples YMCA, Backstage Dance Academy, Wonder Years Preschool, NCH Healthcare Pediatrics and Royal Palm



Kristy Rea, founder of Hope for Halloween, and Dr. Deb Merwin with National Honor Society students from Seacrest Country Day School

in Youth Haven's emergency shelter as well as to children whose families participate in outreach family support and counseling programs.

"Halloween is an important event in a young child's life," says Kristy Rea, "Hope for Halloween" founder and organizer. "Dressing up and trick or treating provides lifelong memories, develops a sense of pride and self-worth and allows children to use their imaginations."

Many local businesses, schools and organizations opened their doors and served as collection sites. "We could not have done it without their generosity & support," Ms. Rea says. Collec-

Academy.

And in true community spirit, National Honor Society students from Seacrest, led by Dr. Deb Merwin, took time away from their studies to categorize and sort by age all of the costumes before delivering them to Youth Haven.

Ms. Rea and her family launched the "Hope for Halloween" program last year, sparked by their love for the holiday and their desire that all children, regardless of their circumstances, have an opportunity to experience the tradition of the holiday.

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Ellen Prager

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Coming up Wednesday, Nov. 2, author and marine biologist Ellen Prager will discuss "Sex, Drugs and Sea Slime - The Oceans' Oddest Creatures and Why They Matter."

Dr. Prager draws on her sense of humor and years of experience in marine science — including a stint as chief scientist at the world's only undersea research station, Aquarius Reef Base in the Florida Keys — to take her audience on a tour of the oddest and most fascinating animals found in our oceans. From the octopuses that can shimmer into invisibility against the sea floor to the quick-striking mantis shrimp that spears or clubs prey using a leg kick that's faster than a speeding bullet, to the sea slugs whose reproductive unions give new meaning to the term "dangerous liaison," due to untimely cannibalism and the strangely well-endowed male conch, Dr. Prager titillates and teaches in equal measure. Her astonishing accounts of undersea life are related with the flair of a born

storyteller — even as they continually bring listeners back to why we should care about these creatures, showing us their importance to the economy, food, drug discovery, and breakthroughs in biomedical or biotechnology research.

Dr. Prager is a freelance writer and consultant for clients such as the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science at the University of Miami, the President's U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, Microsoft Research and Celebrity Cruise Lines. She has appeared on numerous television news shows and in shows for the Discovery Channel. The author of several books, she will sign and sell her newest title, "Sex, Drugs, and Sea Slime: The Oceans' Oddest Creatures and Why They Matter," after the lecture.

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It's a world of worms at Naples Preserve

The new season of nature talks at the Naples Preserve and Eco-Center is all about marine worms. Hour-long presentations by marine biologist Gary Pettit start at 11 a.m. every Tuesday through Dec. 13.

Next up on Nov. 1, Dr. Pettit will discuss earthworms, followed by leeches on Nov. 8.

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.

Plunge into Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival

A new competition for paddlers is expected to draw Olympic-caliber athletes and other skilled competitors to the Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival coming up Nov. 3-6 along the Sanibel Causeway. More than 1,500 paddlers already travel from across North America for the festival; approximately 150 kayakers, outriggers and standup paddlers are expected to participate in the new competition, the Calusa

Classic.

Taking place Nov. 5, the Calusa Classic will feature a 10-mile course in the waters of San Carlos Bay around the Causeway using the Sound Rowers classification for all paddle craft.

The Calusa Dash on Nov. 6 will be a 4-mile competition for standup paddlers and for recreational kayakers with boats 18 feet and under. Organizers expect the Calusa Dash to draw at least 50 standup paddlers. Both the fastest kayak and the fastest standup paddler will be awarded a \$500 first-place prize.

Race director Brian Houston has been a mainstay in the Florida kayak scene for more than 20 years as an instructor, Epic Kayaks representative and Southwest Florida-based naturalist and guide.

Registration for the Calusa Classic and Calusa Dash is being handled by the nonprofit Florida Paddling Trails Association, which is assisting with this year's Calusa Blueway Paddling Festival.

Since 2006, the festival has offered seminars, guided trips, demonstrations, local races, a photo contest, a fishing tournament and social events for paddling enthusiasts. This year's event will include a film festival, on-water instruction and standup paddleboard activities.

The festival serves to highlight public parks along the Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail, a 190-mile, marked saltwater trail along the coast and inland rivers of Fort Myers Beach and Sanibel Island.

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More festival fun

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the plight of the Florida panther through interactive activities about the endangered cat's life and habitat.

Activities include presentations by panther biologists, interactive walks, fun and educational activities for children,

livestock pen demonstration, bluegrass music, food vendors, information from various conservation agencies and organizations in panther territory, and much more. Admission is free.

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

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

Celebrating stone crabs

The second annual Naples Stone Crab Festival as part of CityFest takes place Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 29-30, along the waterfront at Bayfront, Crayton Cove, Naples Bay Resort, Naples City Dock, Port O'Call, Tin City and Naples Harbour-Jack's River Bar. Organized by the Old Naples Waterfront Association, the fun includes music, children's games, a block party and plenty of specials at participating restaurants.

Pincher's Crab Shack hosts the kick-off festivities from 4-10 p.m. Saturday. Music by Deb & Dynamics will begin at 5 p.m., and the ceremonial cracking of the

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Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society, the Greater Marco Island YMCA, Friends of Rookery Bay and the Marco Island Academy.

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

stone crab will take place at 6 p.m. Various activities will take place from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. A portion of the festival's proceeds will benefit local nonprofit organizations including Naples Backyard History, the Freedom Waters Foundation and Lighthouse of Collier.

For more information, visit www.stonecrabfestival.org.

Music on Marco

The second annual Marco Island Beach Music Festival happens from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at the Marco Island Marriott Resort & Spa. Headliners include The Landsharks, Casey Weston



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Casey Weston performs at the second annual Marco Island Beach Music Festival.

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Workshop examines the impact of pet illness, loss

The Brody Project for Animal Assisted Therapy presents "Understanding the Emotional Impact of Pet Illness and Loss," with pet bereavement specialist Jodi Timna, from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, in the community auditorium at Moorings Park.

Sponsored by Avow Hospice of Naples and Pets at Peace, the workshop addresses the emotional needs of pet owners coping with pet illness and loss. Ms. Timna is director of social work for all six South Florida locations of the Animal Cancer Care Clinic. She holds a master's degree in social work from the University of Pennsylvania and has lectured about pet bereavement around the world.

Admission is \$20 per person. To reserve a seat, call Janet Rossano at 353-2818 or e-mail at jbrixl@yahoo.com.

The Brody Project is a nonprofit organization that provides animal assisted therapy to health and human services providers. Moorings Park Retirement Community and the Shelter for Abused Women & Children are current recipients of The Brody Project's services. For more information, visit www.thebrodyproject.org.

Avow Hospice has program about children's grief

Avow Hospice presents a free bereavement workshop for children ages 6-12 who have experienced the death of someone they love. The program takes place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, in the Ispiri community center on the Avow campus.

Creative and therapeutic activities will provide opportunities to express feelings, build coping skills and reinforce positive memories of their loved ones within a relaxed, nonjudgmental environment.

Parents are invited to a group session from 9-10:30 a.m. to learn tips for supporting their grieving children.

The Avow campus is at 1095 Whip-poorwill Lane.

To sign up or for more information, call Raquel Gonzalez, children's bereavement counselor, at 261-4404, ext. 3724.

Collier 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. ■

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— Fred Gmitter, citrus breeder based at UF's Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred

Mixing meds and grapefruit

BY MICKIE ANDERSON

University of Florida Weekly

For years, doctors and pharmacists have warned people to steer clear of fresh grapefruit or grapefruit juice when taking certain medicines.

But University of Florida researchers believe that within the next few years, they'll be able to release a grapefruit-pummelo hybrid that those who enjoy the zingy fruit can consume without risking adverse side effects from their medicine.

The researchers' findings are presented in the current issue of the Journal of the American Society for Horticultural Science.

"We have the possibility to develop new products that are going to be very similar to grapefruit, and we won't have these issues," says Fred Gmitter, a UF citrus breeder based at the university's Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred. "They can be used as a fresh fruit, or people can make juice from them, and all these folks who are on the medicines won't have to worry about them," he adds.

In 1989, scientists doing a study on



COURTESY PHOTO

University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences faculty member Fred Gmitter, a citrus breeder, and Chunxian Chen, a UF associate scientist, display new varieties of grapefruit and pomelo hybrids at UF's Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred.

how alcohol consumption might interact with a prescription drug attempted

to disguise the alcohol's taste by mixing it with grapefruit juice and discov-

SEE GRAPEFRUIT, A27 ►

STRAIGHT TALK

Embracing digital communications to improve health care



Seven of us returned recently from Kansas City and the annual meeting of our health-care information technology partner, Cerner, more eager than ever to face the challenges ahead.

Michele Thoman, chief nursing officer; Jon Kling, microsystem critical care director; Gerald McGinnis, director of nurse informatics; Mark Milner, director of utilization; Rick Plisko, IT executive director; David Vigil, senior director IT works; and I joined 5,000 health-care information technology professionals from around the world at the meeting. Three speeches were particularly memorable:

■ Dr. Denis Cortese, emeritus president and CEO of the Mayo Clinic, captured the spirit of the gathering in his presentation titled "Leading the Possible." His remarks focused on what successful health-care organizations like NCH have accomplished with Cerner.

For almost a decade, Dr. Cortese has shared three questions with audiences and always gets the same response. First: Who wants to be admitted to a hospital tomorrow, even if it is the best hospital in the country? Second: Who

would like to be sick tomorrow? And third: Who wants to be a patient?

The answer to all three, of course, is nobody. We all want to avoid being a patient, yet we don't all practice behaviors to help keep us well. Organizations like ours need to migrate from a sickness system, with huge repair shops, to a prevention program with productive wellness centers like our two facilities. We also need to focus on being a learning organization that strives to be more efficient and that is rewarded for outcomes — meaning how well a patient does, not how much care a patient needs.

■ Dr. Wendy Sue Swanson, a pediatrician noted for her educational blogs, discussed how to escape the confinement of a medical office by using technology to communicate with all those to whom we provide care. With 800 million people worldwide on Facebook, 65 percent of Internet users actively social networking and 83 percent of Americans owning a hand-held device, it is imperative that health-care professionals learn to communicate through technology. This is becoming a trusted new model between patients and physicians.

Insurance company payers need to recognize and reward these interactions that will cost everyone less. While the human touch will always trump technological advances, we should all work to optimize our use of technology to facili-

tate the continuity of care and comfort we deliver.

■ The event concluded with an overview by Neal Patterson, Cerner founding partner and CEO. His vision and innovation created the culture of IT success from which everyone in our community benefits. Cerner, he said, is "genetically reengineering" itself to become a digital institution with the ability to improve quality, safety and outcomes while driving down costs.

Having accomplished the "heavy lifting," institutions such as NCH can now benefit from the artificial intelligence and evidence-based medicine that has been perfected to secure better outcomes. With improved technology, we can better serve our patients and also better understand the dynamics of what we do. Digital technology is the backbone for seismic change in the health-care ecosystem.

My overall takeaway from the Cerner meeting was that by embracing digital, we can provide better quality outcomes in a safer environment and with more capacity to care, even while bending the cost curve downward (as we demonstrated with our own health insurance). That's a noble goal for our hospital and our community. ■

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

GRAPEFRUIT

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ered what is now commonly called the "grapefruit juice effect."

In conjunction with some medicines, including those meant to lower cholesterol, the grapefruit can change how much of the drug is absorbed in the patients' bloodstream, intensifying therapeutic or side effects. Furanocoumarin, a chemical naturally found in some vegetables and fruits, was identified as primarily responsible for the grapefruit juice effect.

The UF study began when Florida Department of Citrus research scientist Paul Cancalon, also based at the Lake Alfred center, asked Mr. Gmitter's laboratory for samples of Florida-grown grapefruit to compare to grapefruit grown in other places around the world.

Mr. Cancalon noticed that the Florida-grown grapefruit demonstrated lower furanocoumarin content than grapefruit grown in other places, prompting him

and Mr. Gmitter to begin checking more grapefruit and pummelo varieties, as well as hybrids, for furanocoumarin levels.

Eventually, Mr. Gmitter says, they found several hybrids with little to no furanocoumarins, including one seedless variety he believes will have wide appeal for consumers.

Besides Mr. Gmitter and Mr. Cancalon, the team included UF associate scientist Chunxian Chen and Carl Haun, a Florida Department of Citrus chemist.

Lisa House, a UF professor in food and resource economics who studies consumer preferences, led two focus groups in Atlanta in early 2011. One group was made up of grapefruit consumers; the other of non-consumers. Although it's difficult to draw big conclusions from a small group, she says, in general, both consumer groups liked the idea of a grapefruit hybrid that didn't interfere with prescription drugs - more so after taste tests.

"Both groups saw it as a fruit to add to their diet, not just something to replace grapefruit," she says. ■

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Support for Parkinson's patients and their caregivers

The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc. holds exercise, speech and art therapy classes at locations in Naples and Bonita Springs for those who suffer from Parkinson's disease. Support programs for families and caregivers are also offered, and various opportunities are available for volunteers at PASFI headquarters, 2950 Tamiami Trail N. A new session of dance classes started this week and takes place from 1-2:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Fleischmann Park in Naples. The organization is looking for a location to hold classes in Bonita Springs on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Attendance is free.

PASFI has recently signed a contract with NCH Healthcare System to hold speech classes at the North Collier Hospital.

Classes will take place once a week for eight weeks, beginning early in 2012.

To sign up for classes or for more information about services and programs offered by PASFI, call Executive Director Ruth Hubing at 417-3465, e-mail pasfied@aol.com or visit www.PASFI.org.

Festival celebrates Good health

Caregiver Services Inc. presents a Back to Good Health Festival from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, at the Golden Gate

Community Center. Free blood pressure, hearing and vision screenings will be provided, and information will be available from numerous area health and home care agencies.

For more information, call 634-6405.

COPD is topic of free program

Juniper Village at Naples hosts a lunch-and-learn program about COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15. Health-care workers can earn one CEU for attending the class that will cover the definition, signs and symptoms of the disease process and the role hospice can play at the end stages.

Vitas Hospice is the presenter and will provide lunch and refreshments. Call 598-1368 to RSVP by Nov. 11. Juniper Village is at 1155 Encore Way.

Free counseling for caregivers

Caregivers of seniors ages 60 and older who are experiencing stress from changing life circumstances can obtain free peer counseling from the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida.

Counseling is coordinated by Margot Escott, a licensed clinical social worker with MHASWFL. Call 261-5405 or e-mail mescott@mhaswfl.org. Ms. Escott can also provide information about the association's other services. ■

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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:

■ 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 cvlagras@eagle.fgu.edu.

■ The kick-off party for **Relay For Life for Naples**: "Diggin' for a Cure" takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3 at Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge. Everyone is welcome to sign up a team or find one to join and to learn more about the event that takes place Friday and Saturday, April 20-21, at Gulfview Middle School.

RSVP for the kick-off party by calling 261-0337 by Nov. 1.

■ 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.

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 Saturday morning, Nov. 19, starting 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).

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

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

The run sets out at 7:30 a.m. along a route that travels Collier Boulevard and crosses the new Jolley Bridge before returning to the park. A noncompetitive, 1-mile walk starts at 7:35 a.m.

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

■ The 2012 **Golden Gate Relay For Life** to benefit the American Cancer Society is set for the Golden Gate Community Center Friday and Saturday, April 27-28.

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

■ The 2012 **Relay For Life of East Collier** takes place 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.

Get ready, get set, go fishing

Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club hosts "Fishing for Courage," the third annual Miracle Limbs-Courage in Motion fishing tournament, on Saturday, Nov. 5. The all-species tourney benefits Florida amputees, including many local war veterans.

It's a fast-paced "scavenger hunt for fish," as anglers try to catch (and release) as many of the 20 identified species as they can and photograph them to accumulate the most points.

For rules and online registration, visit www.miraclelimbs.org. For more information, call 591-8393. ■

Paddlers of all stripes welcome at Marco race

Clean up your kayak and polish your paddleboard for the inaugural Macro Island Kayak and Standup Paddleboard Competition set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 20, at Smokehouse Bay at the Esplande. The event benefits the Marco Island Chamber of Commerce and the Leadership Marco Alumni Scholarship Fund.

Games for kids plus live music and food and drink for all will be available. Spectator admission is \$1 (free for kids 7 and younger). Parking will be free at the Esplanade and Veterans Park.

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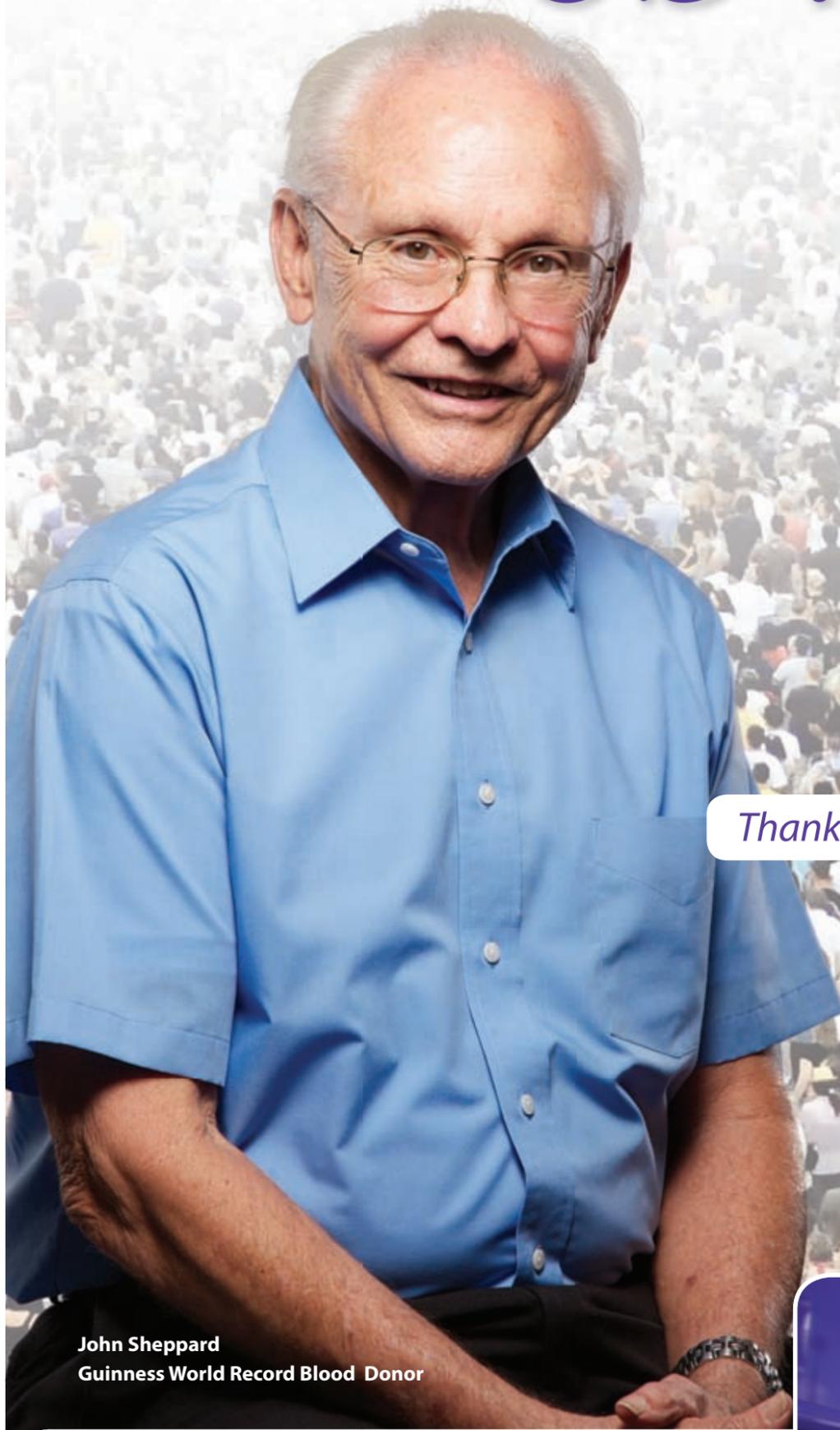
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In less than a couple of generations, our dogs have moved from the barnyard to the backyard to the kitchen to the bedroom to the bed. It's a cultural shift that has passed some pet owners by, however, and that's a shame.

I have always had difficulty understanding why people keep dogs outside. If keeping a beautiful house and yard are of the utmost importance to you, then don't get a dog. If you know someone in your family can't abide a dog in the house, for whatever reason, then don't get a dog. If you can't let a dog be a part of your family, then don't get a dog. (Please note: I am talking about backyard pets here, not working dogs whose social, mental and physical needs are more than met by their daily routines.)

You don't get the benefits of companionship from a dog you see so little. You don't even get much in the way of protection from the pet who has no access to the house. And don't count on outdoor dogs as an early warning system. These animals often become such indiscriminate barkers that you couldn't tell from their sound whether the dogs are barking at a prowler or at a toddler riding a tricycle down the street. Besides, people who keep outdoor dogs seem to become quite good at ignoring the noise they make, as any angry neighbor can vouch.

Experts say many outside pet dogs will

never really bond with owners who interact with them so little. When the puppy is no longer cute and the children grow tired of the care they promised to provide, or when the destructiveness escalates or the neighbors complain about the noise, it's often just easier to dump the dog than solve the problem.

Backyard dogs do indeed often become a problem to their owners. Bored and lonely, these animals develop any number of bad habits. They dig holes in the yard, bark endlessly day and night, and become chewers of outdoor furniture, sprinkler heads and siding. And sometimes, without the socialization all dogs need, they become aggressive, ready to bite anyone who comes into their territory.

If you're considering getting a puppy or dog with the intent of keeping him exclusively outside, please reconsider — for the animal's sake as well as your own and that of your neighbors. For those who love pets, a pristine home is nothing compared to the pleasures of living with an animal who's really bonded to you.

If you have a dog who has been banished because of behavior problems, find someone to help you turn the situation around. Ask your veterinarian for a referral to a behaviorist or trainer who can show you how to overcome the things that are driving you crazy, whether it's house-soiling, uncontrolled chewing or just the ill-mannered exuberance of a dog who doesn't know any better.



Many dogs long to come inside, and need only a little training for basic good manners to be fine indoors.

Allergies are a tad trickier, but an allergist may be able to help, along with attention to keeping the house and pets cleaner, using air cleaners and turning bedrooms into no-pet zones for allergy-free sleep.

It's worth the effort. Once you have a dog you can welcome into your home and your heart, you'll start to reap the benefits of a relationship that's finally being realized to its fullest potential. And that's good news for you both. ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Boo Boo** is a beautiful 5-month-old little guy with bright yellow eyes. A totally sweet lap cat, he purrs to your touch.



>> **Cody** is a friendly Chihuahua mix who's about 2 years old and weighs 18 pounds. He has a great temperament and is good on his leash. He's OK with other dogs and cats, too.



>> **Duchess** is an American bulldog mix who's about 1 year old and weighs 60 pounds. Gentle and affectionate, she's good on her leash and listens to commands.



>> **Momo** is a beautiful, full-figured tabby who's about 8 years old. Her captivating gold eyes seem to reflect her heart-winning personality. She is declawed in the front. As a cat older than 5 years, her adoption is free to a qualified senior citizen.

To adopt or foster a pet

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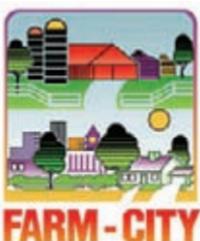
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THURSDAY

RELIEF FROM BACK PAIN

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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE INDUSTRIES



COURTESY IMAGE

Local bankers woo the fee-weary

SWFL financial institutions welcome disgruntled customers

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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WHILE BIG FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ROLL out new monthly fees for standard debit card service, regional and smaller banks in Southwest Florida say they will not follow suit.

That's because most regional and community banks weren't affected by a recent federal rule that limits how much megabanks can profit from so-called interchange fees. That is, the relatively small percentage of a purchase banks collect when you swipe a debit or credit card at a store.

Instead, the action by big banks to keep up profit margins in the wake of regulation has reinvigorated the pitch of the community banker: More per-



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sonal attention, not to mention fewer fees on debit cards, checking accounts and ATM withdrawals.

"Florida Shores would welcome any client disgruntled by the new bank fees to come and experience the joys of community banking," said Dave Barbur, senior vice president of Florida Shores Bank Southwest, which has Venice, Englewood and Fort Myers branches. He adds, "No question about it: I think it's time to advertise something the other guys don't have. You want to seize every opportunity in this competitive market. We'll try to make more consumers informed."

Big banks started testing the monthly debit card fees of between \$3 and \$5 — most of which haven't gone into effect yet in Florida — after the Federal Reserve capped interchange fees.

They used to collect an average of 44 cents per transaction, reports say. The cap reduces that by nearly half, but companies that control the rate could start charging a higher interchange fee for lower-priced items to make up the difference, along with debit fees of course.

"Those larger banks probably stand to lose in excess of \$5 billion in debit card fees in the exchange rate," said Beth Countryman, vice president and client relations manager for Florida Gulf Bank in Lee County. "I understand

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Five Blue Chip Award finalists announced

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Forget television reality shows and take part in an event honoring five local entrepreneurs and their inspiring real-life stories of success at the 17th annual Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award celebration.

Sponsored by BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company and BB&T Bank, the luncheon takes place Thursday, Nov. 3, at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers.

This year's finalists have demonstrated perseverance and innovation, overcoming adversity to keep their companies successful. All five will be recognized at the luncheon, and one

will be awarded the 2011 Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award.

Naples Maid Service

After running a hotel in England for many years, Simon and Gilly Melley chose to pursue the American dream by moving to Naples and opening a cleaning business. Two weeks after they began, they were both injured in a car accident. While they recovered from their injuries, customers began canceling contracts. They discovered the former owner was badmouthing them in an effort to win back clients.

The Melleys lost more than half of their accounts in a matter of weeks. Their savings quickly disappeared, and

Mrs. Melley suffered a heart attack. They used money from their son's college account to pay their workers.

To save the business, they personally met with all of their clients, networked extensively, trained their staff to the highest standards and did a lot of marketing. Through sheer hard work and determination, they slowly turned things around. After three years, they now have 73 clients. Their son, Edward, will begin college in January.

Parson Masonry, Fort Myers

For 25 years, Jay Parson has owned and operated Parson Masonry in Fort

Myers, where he moved at 16 in order to help support his impoverished parents and 12 siblings in South Carolina. He couldn't read well, but he had a gift for numbers and a solid work ethic. He watched masons at work and practiced what they did, undeterred by repeated racial slurs and discrimination.

Mr. Parson took classes to improve his reading and writing skills. Over the years, he's had to deal with numerous health concerns, but always returns to work as soon as he's able. His wife, Gloria, has served as office manager for more than 20 years. Still

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Internet advice and glossy brochures can steer you wrong



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Even Internet financial experts are waiting to be discovered by you. And they're waiting to discover your money.

Here's a bit of wisdom being circulated on the Internet:

"Be careful... as the Internet has all sorts of newfound experts who don't know much about which they write!"

— Abraham Lincoln

Although the quote is obviously a fabrication, a joke now circulating through thousands of e-mails, its sentiment holds much merit.

So this week's column takes a cursory look at investment newsletters, e-mails, columns and the like; it broadly categorizes their content and intent, and maybe helps you as an investor.

There are big firms, smaller firms and independents. And out of all those differences arise some different forms of writing and marketing.

It makes intuitive sense that larger firms will have a great deal of control over the writings, columns, advertisements, e-mails and Internet content of their multitudinous representatives. So when you, as a client or prospective investor, get a glossy letter from such a firm with your adviser's picture on it, you should be questioning whether the contents were the original thoughts of the person sending it. Sometimes, the firm wrote it. The fact that the firm wrote it does not diminish the quality of its content nor relegates your representative to the category of incompetent. No, it just means that you now have information that has been sanitized by the legal department and can be released by the branches. You know nothing more about the unique investment thinking and abilities of your personal representative. And not all are robots or promoters; many are very skilled professionals.

Often the writing of the big firms addresses 401(k)s, Roths, rollovers etc.; these are technical subjects that do not have a specific time expiration (i.e. the writing can be used for a long time); offer expertise; and engender trust. Also, the aforementioned topics focus on accounts where a change of manager/custodian might be eminent. These are all good for an investment adviser wanting to garner new clients. Just remember that writing about technical/legal aspects of retirement accounts has nothing to do with successful investing.

And this is where some of the large, no-frills firms have really shined: low commissions, a wealth of technical information at your disposal, no broker hounding you but a professional readily available to answer your questions. With these firms, you are often getting the expertise for free and then, optionally, creating a relationship. With some larger firms, you are invited into a relationship and then, given the expert information. And this is my impression of the differences.

Now, as to the writing of the smaller firms. Because compliance and legal reviews are "tightened" in small firms, these representatives can actually be much timelier in their writing and have liberty to offer some personal investment expectations, though obviously couched in legal disclosures. This type of free-form writing can give insights into the investment soul of the adviser.

There is much less (or no) approval process behind the writing of independents. Many times, they have a blog, send out massive e-mails, and, if they can really string sentences together, they write an article and it is posted on their own or a third party's investment website. Many times the writer is paying to have the column posted or has paid someone to find a web home. (So when the adviser says he writes for such and such, he actually might be paying the publisher.) Such disclosure might leave a very different impression with the prospective client.)

There is thought to be less rogue writing in a traditional print column as, besides any firm's compliance approvals, there is an editor riding herd over content and expression. Sure, the newspaper/magazine might enjoy controversy... but within the context of responsible writing.

In summary, try to frame the financial writing as you are reading it. If it arouses lots of emotions, then it might be more promotional than investment worthy. Do not translate all good writing/speaking/thinking (or for that matter, designations, degrees, titles and nobility, fancy offices, etc.) into de facto great investing capabilities.

My experience is that people who are good investors and traders are strict in employment of their methodologies; they stick to their knitting; they cut losses short and let profits run. And not many of them are great writers or speakers. Nor are they dashing in appearance; they often lack the look and feel of a pitch man as, in their mind, they are investment professionals and not promoters.

There is wisdom in having several advisers, both generalists and specialists, since not all generalists think alike and some areas of investing require specialists. Get diversity of opinion. It is too important to do otherwise. ■

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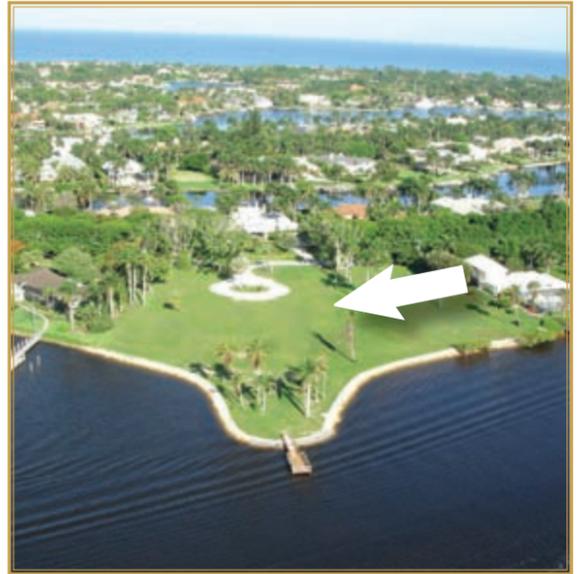
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market fads and programs that put their clients' money at risk — draw on real-life stories Middle Americans who did not lose their live savings in the recession that has redefined investing for financial security and retirement.

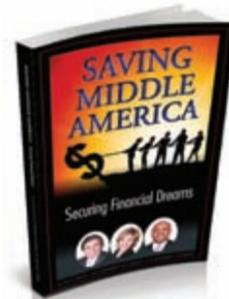
Among the topics they address in "Saving Middle America" are:

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■ How computers manipulate the stock market

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



Moran, Edwards join the ranks of Kentucky Colonels

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Thomas Moran and Robert Edwards of Moran Edwards Asset Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors, have been made Kentucky Colonels because of their "extraordinary contributions to business growth in the commonwealth and for tirelessly spearheading charitable causes that benefit others in great need." The Naples businessmen were nominated for one of Kentucky's highest commendations by Robert Armstrong, vice president-investments of the Louisville, Ky.-based Wells Fargo Advisors.

Mr. Moran serves on the board of Youth Haven and the executive advisory board of the United Arts Council and is chairman of the board for Opera Naples. He is a trustee for the Naples Children

& Education Foundation and a member of the financial advisory committee for the Culinary and Hospitality Education Foundation. He is the former president of The Learning Connection of Naples.

A resident of Naples for more than 40 years, Mr. Edwards serves on the boards of the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, NCEF and the Patty & Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art. He is also on the board of the Washington, D.C.-based Sculpture magazine and the Princeton, N.J.-based International Sculpture Center.

Kentucky colonelships are commissioned for an individual's contributions to his or her community, state or nation and for special achievements. Kentucky's first governor started the tradition by naming his son-in-law a "colonel" in his staff. The official order was founded in

1932 and has since been incorporated as a charitable organization.

The Kentucky Colonels annually distribute in excess of \$1.5 million in charitable and educational funding. In addition to their collective charitable efforts, colonels are Kentucky's ambassadors of goodwill and fellowship around the world. Among their ranks are Presidents George H.W. Bush, Ronald Reagan and Lyndon Johnson; Prime Minister Winston Churchill; Gen. Omar Bradley; astronaut and Sen. John Glen; Bob Hope; and Dave Thomas, the founder of Wendy's.

Moran Edwards Asset Management Group manages in excess of \$2 billion in client assets (as of June 30) and has served the Naples community for 30 years. ■

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residents of the Dunbar community, they hire and train people who might not otherwise have such opportunities and business thrives.

Pies & Plates, Punta Gorda

Cindee Murphy opened her Punta Gorda store in 2003. The following year, Hurricane Charley destroyed the store as well as Ms. Murphy's home and those of her family, friends and staff. The storm impacted the city's economy for about 18 months. Nonetheless, Ms. Murphy learned her way around insurance forms and power tools and reopened 18 days after Charley.

Then the recession struck. And last summer, a vehicle drove into the glass-plate front of the building, causing substantial damage. As retail sales plummeted, Ms. Murphy expanded her cafe offerings. She also started a culinary school, which attracts more customers, and a "guinea pig club" that rewards those who try new offerings. Next up: a wholesale bakery operation.

The Pita Pit

Justin O'Brien was a mortgage broker and Tim Goff was a real estate agent when the two longtime friends decided to get into the restaurant business in 2006. Both in their early 20s, they chose a Pita Pit franchise.

The recession hit just as they opened at Gulf Coast Town Center in 2007. Realizing they had a lot to learn, the partners threw themselves into their business, going door-to-door at Florida Gulf Coast University residence halls, handing out coupons and menus and offering free delivery. Putting in 60- to 70-hour workweeks, they paid themselves the bare minimum and reinvested everything into the business.

Making the best of real estate prices in the down economy, they bought a location in Tampa in 2009 then added three former Quizno's locations in Fort Myers. A Naples store followed in August. Today, they continue to work alongside their 55 employees, acting as supervisors, trainers and role models.

Suncoast One Title

Sandy O'Grady and her husband, a disabled veteran, moved to Punta Gorda in 2000 from Dover, Del., intending to retire. Not long after, she went to

work at the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office. Three years later, an acquaintance suggested they open a title company together. They opened Suncoast One Title in 2004.

A year later, the partner wanted to leave. Ms. O'Grady bought him out, then discovered he had not paid the company's bills or reconciled escrow accounts as required by law. With the state threatening to shut the business down, Ms. O'Grady tapped into her retirement savings and established a small line of credit in order to save the company. Then the recession hit.

She laid off her five employees and hired one person to handle the office while she hit the streets to market. Despite a number of health problems, she networked at area chambers and promoted other local businesses, all of which helped grow her business. She now has two full-time employees and two part-time workers, and business is getting better each day.

About the awards luncheon

The doors open for networking at Harborside Event Center at 11 a.m., and the program begins at 11:30 a.m. For reservations and more information, call Stacey Mercado at 433-7189 or e-mail smercado@bbandt.com. ■

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PORT ROYAL - RUM ROW

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



PORT ROYAL - KINGS TOWN DRIVE

Dramatic views over Treasure Cove from this architectural masterpiece designed by renowned architect Kasimir Korybut. Elegant, yet comfortable, tropical living. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$5,950,000



PORT ROYAL - FORT CHARLES DRIVE

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PORT ROYAL - RUM ROW

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PORT ROYAL - CUTLASS LANE

Cutlass Cove is a coveted address by people who appreciate its safe harbor, proximity to Gordon Pass, and its membership eligibility to join not only the Port Royal Club but, in addition, the Cutlass Cove Beach Club. The size of the property permits a substantial building envelope with sought after southwest exposure. \$3,850,000



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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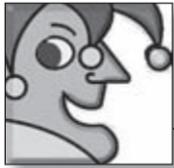
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But not all insurance is equally valuable. Don't waste money buying insurance you don't need.

Consumer Reports magazine listed several kinds of insurance policies that most people don't need. Here are some of them:

- **Mortgage life insurance.** It's cheaper to use term life insurance to cover your mortgage debt, should you perish.
- **Credit-card-loss prevention insurance.** This has been known to cost more than \$100 per year, but by law, your losses due to card theft are capped at \$50 per card.
- **Cancer insurance.** Regular health insurance plans often cover medical expenses related to cancer treatments. So don't buy this unless it's offering more than you have, at a reasonable price.

- **Accidental death insurance.** Since you're extremely unlikely to die via an accident, term life insurance is a more logical investment.

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- **Flight insurance.** You're extremely likely to survive every flight you take. If you're worried about premature death, look into term life insurance.

Even life insurance can be unnecessary for some people. If you're single and childless, for example, and no one depends on your income, skipping it may be best. Life insurance is meant to protect critical income streams.

Learn more about insurance and choosing it well at www.fool.com/insurancecenter and (the not-unbiased) www.iii.org. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Bought Too Soon

My dumbest investment was buying into Vonage several years ago. I was taken with its technology and bought at its IPO at around \$17 per share. It dropped fast and is trading below \$3 per share now. — J.S., Canton, Ohio

The Fool Responds: It's often smart to avoid initial public offerings (IPOs). They've been known to surge upon their debut, only to settle down later, hurting their early investors. Remember, too, that it's never enough for a company to have an exciting technology or a wonderful product. Krispy Kreme Doughnuts had millions of fans, but it still ended up causing many shareholders much pain, as franchisees filed for bankruptcy and debt ballooned. Vonage, meanwhile, had been racking up losses and piling on debt when it IPOed, and it's still on shaky ground, with a falling customer count and shrinking cash flow.

Don't take unnecessary chances with your money; remember that there are lots of attractive stocks out there, many of which have little to no debt and strong track records. Don't be lured by seemingly low prices, either — even \$1 stocks can be too expensive. ■

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Ask the Fool

The Right Number? It All Depends

Q What's so bad about reverse stock splits?

— B.A., Worcester, Mass.

A They rarely involve companies in the pink of health. It's mainly outfits in trouble that execute reverse splits, in order to prop up their stock prices.

Imagine a stock trading at \$2 per share. If you own 150 shares and the company executes a 1-for-10 reverse split, you'll end up with 15 shares, priced around \$20 each. Note that before and after the split, the value of your shares is the same: \$300. All that happened is that the company increased its stock price by decreasing its number of shares.

Some reverse splits happen so companies can avoid being delisted from stock exchanges that have required minimum price levels — or not have their stock ejected from any mutual funds that aren't allowed to own stocks priced below \$.50.

It's often smaller, less well-known firms that do reverse splits, but here are some companies you may have heard of that executed them: Citigroup, AIG, AT&T, 7-Eleven, Priceline.com.

If a company you're interested in plans a reverse split, consider that a big red flag. Odds are, it's in trouble. And if you see that a beleaguered company is suddenly trading at a higher price, that may signal a reverse split more than an operational turnaround.

Q What's "profit-taking"?

— A.T., Wilkes Barre, Pa.

A When a stock price suddenly surges, some investors will sell their shares, taking their profits and moving the proceeds into some other investments. If many investors sell their shares, this will have the effect of depressing the stock's price for a while. So you're likely to hear now and then that such-and-such stock is down due to some profit-taking. ■

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Name That Company

You probably don't know my name, but you should. I trace my history back to 1909, when the Hanover Pretzel Co. started churning out OldeTyme Pretzels. Today, based in Charlotte, N.C., I'm a big snack-food company with brands such as Cape Cod, Tom's, Jays, Krunchers!, Grande, Padrinos, EatSmart, Archway, O-Ke-Doke, and Stella D'oro. Two major snack companies merged in 2010 to form me.



One of them is especially active in making snacks for private labels and third parties. I was the first to sell potato chips in foil bags. I rake in more than a billion dollars annually. Who am I? ■

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

The Motley Fool Take

Food Fight at Darden

Sometimes, free breadsticks aren't enough. Thinning margins and sluggish sales at Olive Garden ate into casual-dining juggernaut Darden Restaurants (NYSE: DRI) in its latest quarter.

The company behind Red Lobster, Olive Garden and LongHorn Steakhouse saw net earnings slip 6 percent, while revenue rose 9 percent, approaching \$2 billion.

Disruptions caused by Hurricane Irene weighed on Darden's performance, but profitability still would have inched slightly lower on a storm-free basis. New openings and sales growth at Red Lobster and LongHorn were more than enough to offset the 2.9 percent eatery-level decline at Olive Garden.

There's no point in wondering what exactly is going wrong at the Italian chain. Multi-concept operators are rarely running on all cylinders. A year earlier, it was strength at Olive Garden that helped pull up a stalled Red Lobster.

Besides, there's more to running a successful restaurant chain than sales growth. Darden saw food and beverage costs rise faster than sales, as it didn't pass on higher commodity costs to its diners. And it's not just Darden being affected by rising costs.

Analysts will be watching how food and beverage costs are holding up elsewhere, but there won't be a lot of hope for casual dining companies until the economy improves and restaurateurs can wean diners off margin-chomping promotions. ■



Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to The Motley Fool

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BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

■ **The Above Board Chamber** welcomes Gene Landrum, founder of Chuck E. Cheese, for a discussion about "Hitting Your Target Market" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, at the Hilton Naples. Joining Dr. Landrum on the panel will be Naples public relations professionals Clay Cone and Sue Huff. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for others. Prepay at www.aboveboardchamber.com. For more information, call 981-7426.

■ A members-only reception for the **Executive Club of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** takes

place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, in the pavilion at Waterside Shops. The gathering is sponsored by Yamron Jewelers. Free. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ **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 Associa-**

tion 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.

■ The **Marco Island Chamber of Commerce** invites members and guests

to the monthly After Five from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, at Arturo's Restaurant, 844 Bald Eagle Drive. Cost is \$5 for members, \$10 for others. Call 394-7549 or visit www.marcoislandchamber.org.

■ **The Collier Building Industry Association** will have a pre-grand opening party at Clive Daniel Home (in the former Robb & Stucky showroom in Naples) beginning at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16. Call 436-6100 or visit www.cbina.net.

■ **The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Business After 5 from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits, 2700 Immokalee Road. Cost is \$5 for members, \$25 for others. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events. ■



FEES

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COUNTRYMAN

them having to pass that fee on. We're just so fortunate it doesn't affect us."

The cap was supposed to be a boon for merchants, who would then presumably pass the savings on to consumers, at the expense of big bank's profit margins. The new rules, which started in October, only affect banks that control \$10 billion or more.

"This is one of the few times that the community banks have had an advantage over the larger banks and the reason is we don't have the same restrictions that the larger banks have," said Gary Tice, CEO of First National Bank of the Gulf Coast in Naples.

Local banks also have an advantage in good-neighbor appeal these days.

"As a community bank, we do the right things for the community," said Ms. Countryman. "We're members of the same churches and PTOs and we shop at the same grocery stores. One of the things we do see at a community bank is the customers — in and out of the bank — still like you. So it's a

delight to work here."

Fort Myers resident Chris Faulkner now has an account with Regions Bank. He plans to end his relationship with that company and look elsewhere after he heard it was planning to charge a monthly fee for using a debit card.

Bank of America, SunTrust, JPMorgan Chase and Wells Fargo are also examples of national banks that will soon start charging for using the plastic check cards in Florida, or are testing fees in other states. Citibank is trying out a new monthly fee for checking accounts if you don't have at least \$15,000 in one or more accounts with the bank.

"I was pretty upset when I heard about (new debit card fees)," said Mr. Faulkner, who is also an active supporter of the movement to occupy public places in an effort to bring about a better economic climate for all. "Everybody's trying to pinch a penny and get as much profit as they can; profits over people."

Switching banks

Local bankers have not noticed an exodus from big banks as a result of the increased fees, such as the one Netflix experienced when it raised prices. But the new debit fees haven't started in Florida yet.

"We've had some inquiry," said Mr. Barbur. "I think as the implementation date (of debit card fees) approaches, those inquiries will turn into new account activity. But right now, folks are checking around. They're asking about the accounts, what our fee structures are."

Ms. Countryman of Florida Gulf Bank said there has been an increase in the number of checking accounts it is



TICE

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— Chris Faulkner, Fort Myers

opening. Mr. Tice said it can be tough to convince a customer that switching banks is worthwhile. That's because the accounts are often tied to a web of automatic-withdrawal bill payments such as electric, credit cards, auto loans and other things.

Smaller banks want to make the switch painless.

"We make it very easy on you," said Mr. Tice, noting that the bank will try to do the work of setting up new bill payment withdrawals for you.

Local banks have various offers that add up to no checking or debit fees.

At Florida Gulf Bank, if you use an ATM from another bank, they won't charge you on top of it. Many times, both banks will charge you the ATM fee. A checking account is free if an employer has an account with the bank.

"We have very few of what we call those nickel and dime fees," said Ms. Countryman.

Florida Shores still offers a free basic checking account and First National Bank of the Gulf Coast says if you open an account before the end of the year it will guarantee no new fees on that deal for life.

A drawback to smaller banks is a smaller menu of account options.

"We don't have this huge product menu," Mr. Barbur said. "You might (choose from) 15 different accounts at a big bank."

Lower retail prices?

It's no guarantee that merchants who lobbied for a cap on interchange fees — in particular, big box stores — will pass that savings on to consumers as promised.

"If (banks) are standing to lose \$5 billion, merchants are standing to gain \$5 billion," Ms. Countryman said. "You're not standing to see those prices come down at stores. But it's the bank who's the bad guy."

Mr. Tice agreed, saying, "What they actually told (Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin, a Democrat who sponsored the bill to cap interchange fees), was if you are able to reduce our fees, we can pass on lower costs to consumers. But you can't evaluate that."

An e-mail to Walmart's communications department asking if it had reacted by lowering prices, or if it felt it had an obligation to because of the new legislation, went unanswered.

Jenna Reck, public relations spokesperson for Target, responded to a phone call by e-mail: "Interchange fees are a significant issue for Target, as they are one of Target's largest single-expense categories. These fees represent hundreds of millions of dollars every year. We are in a competitive marketplace as a retailer, so any reduction in industry operating costs may likely result in lower prices to consumers." ■



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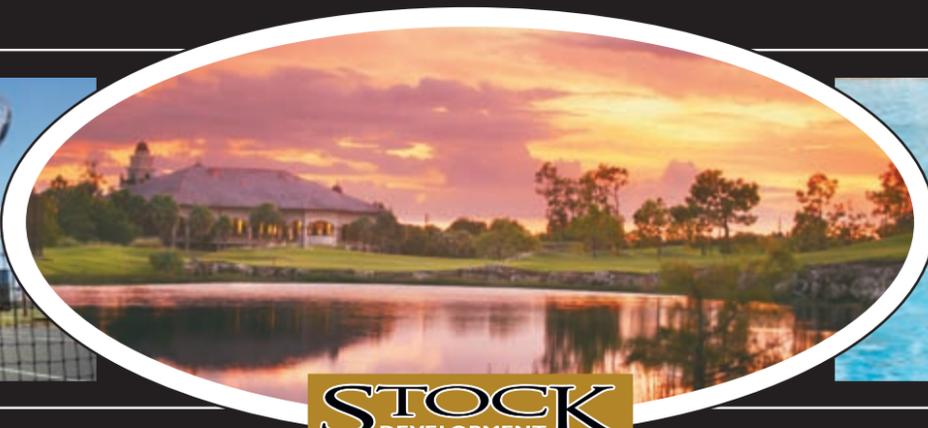
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Located in the gated community of Glen Eagle Golf and Country Club, this single-family home has 1,738 square feet of living space. Built in 2003, the residence has an open floor plan with three bedrooms and two bathrooms and a combination of tile and carpeting. The home has volume tray ceilings, formal dining room, kitchen with granite counters and 42-inch cabinets, and a breakfast area. Priced at \$249,000, the pool home has a tile roof, two-car garage, paver driveway and manicured landscaping.

Community amenities include a golf course, tennis courts, clubhouse, restaurant, fitness center, library and pool. The development is conveniently located, minutes away from downtown Naples and the beaches. Contact listing agent Mary Schouw of Keller Williams Realty on Marco Island at 248-1057. ■

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CAPE CORAL

This single-story pool home was built in 2004 near Cape Harbour and boasts 2,474 square feet of living space. The home features high ceilings, tile in the main areas and new carpet in the bedrooms. The kitchen has black granite counters and upgraded stainless appliances. It has an adjacent dining area and overlooks an expansive great room that has arched wall niches for a centerpiece widescreen television.

The master bedroom includes a sitting room with access to the pool area. The master bath has dual sinks, a garden tub and black granite counters. The home has three bedrooms and a den/office that can become a fourth bedroom.

The pool has a pool bath, and landscaping along multiple sides of the screened enclosure offers plenty of lanai and pool privacy. The front yard has maintained landscape beds with palm trees, flowering plants and bushes of varying size. A decorative driveway leads to a two-car garage. Priced at \$250,000, the home is a traditional sale. Contact listing agent Bill Black of Re/Max Realty in Cape Coral at 242-2000. ■



BONITA SPRINGS

In the Bonita Springs gated community of Hunters Ridge, this second-floor coach home has golf course and lake views and is located diagonally across from the community pool. Built in 2006, it is in pristine condition because the owners have used it several months a year.

The 1,950-square-foot residence has three bedrooms and two bathrooms and includes multiple rooms that allow the homeowner to be flexible with their use. A bonus room can be converted to a third bedroom, office or den, while a room next to the living area can be a formal dining area, den or office. "The size and the layout are great," says listing agent Earline Lawrence of Prudential Florida Realty in Bonita Springs. "They added features that you won't always have. They put in some custom window treatments and nice quality shades for the lanai."

The residence, which has a two-car garage, has a prime location — midway between Fort Myers and downtown Naples. It is just 6 miles from the beach and close to restaurants and shopping. Contact Ms. Lawrence at 287-0905. ■



PORT CHARLOTTE

This single-story ranch home is located along a wide sailboat canal in one of the best boating locations in Charlotte County. The home has a heated pool, and a pool cage that was new in 2005. A boatlift was added in 2008, and the dock was updated in 2009. With 100 feet of seawall, the property is two minutes away from the open water of Charlotte Harbor. "It's prime waterfront," says listing agent Donna French, broker/associate at Century 21 Almar & Associates in Port Charlotte.

The residence, which had a new roof put on in 2005, has 1,714 square feet under air. With an interior of neutral colors, the home has three bedrooms in a split plan and two bathrooms. "It has a very inviting floor plan," Mrs. French says. The home is near the Port Charlotte beach area, "a nice activity area," Mrs. French adds, because of a fishing pier, boat ramp, tennis courts and playground that cater to all ages and interests.

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• 2 Bedrooms, + Den, 2-Baths
• Golf Course & Lake Views
• Quiet Cul-de-sac Location
• Lanai Overlooking the Golf Course
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EXECUTIVE ESTATE IN COQUINA SANDS
• 5 Bedrooms, + Den, 6.5-Baths
• Over 7,000 S.F. of Luxury Living
• Marble Flooring & 3-Fireplaces
• Saline Pool, Spa & Waterfalls
• \$5,950,000 MLS 211013938
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QUAIL WEST GROTTO ESTATE
• 4 Bedrooms, + Study, 5.5-Baths
• Separate Guest House
• Private Lanai w/Grotto & Waterfalls
• Situated on Private 1 Acre
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STUNNING COACH HOME
• 3 Bedrooms, 3-Baths
• Golf, Lake & Preserve Views
• Over 2,800 S.F. of Living Space
• Volume Detailed Ceilings
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BEAR'S PAW VILLAS
• 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3.5-Baths
• Sweeping Lake Views
• Immaculate, Spacious Home
• 2 Master Suites
• \$475,000 MLS 211015201
• Jo Ellen Nash 239.537.4785

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9400 HIGHLAND WOODS BLVD., #5202
• Highland Woods
• 2 Bedrooms, 2-Baths
• 2nd Floor Residence, Turnkey Furnished
• Lanai Overlooking the Golf Course
• \$149,000 MLS 211514708
• Sandy Kass at The Fagan Team 239.292.4044

NAPLES



525 KINGS TOWN DRIVE
• Port Royal
• 4 Bedrooms, 3.5-Baths
• Gulf Access & Dock
• Over 3,400 S.F. of Living Space
• \$5,200,000 MLS 211513683
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SPECTACULAR RESIDENCE
• 4 Bedrooms, + Den, 4.5-Baths
• Movie Theater w/2 Level Seating
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• Sweeping Views of the Lake
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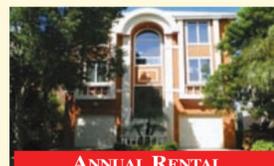
GULF ACCESS IN ROYAL HARBOR
• 2 Bedrooms, 2-Baths
• Just Minutes to 5th Avenue
• Dock w/Boat Lift
• Volume Detailed Ceilings
• Beautifully Landscaped
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• Expansive Water, Golf & Preserve Views
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• 5 Bedrooms, + Den, 4.5-Baths
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3690 BAY CREEK DRIVE
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BONITA BAY



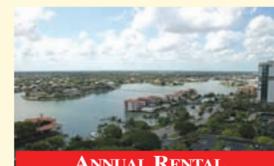
5635 TURTLE BAY DR., #9
• St. Simone at Pelican Bay
• 3 Bedrooms, 2-Baths
• Beautiful Granite Throughout
• Great Community Amenities
• \$379,000 MLS 211514996
• Frank Dekevich 239.877.4193

NAPLES



2101 OUTRIGGER LANE
• 4 Bedrooms, + Den, 3-Baths
• Custom Island Kitchen
• Water Views From All Windows
• Screened Lanai w/Heated Pool
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• 3 Bedrooms, 3.5-Baths
• 18th Floor Corner Residence
• Beautifully Renovated
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• 5 Bedrooms, + Den, 6.5-Baths
• Private Dock & Boat Lift
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• Spacious Pool, Spa & Outdoor Kitchen
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BEAUTIFUL LONG LAKE VIEWS
• 4 Bedrooms, +Den, 4.5-Baths
• Island Gourmet Kitchen
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• Almost 4,000 S.F. of Living
• \$1,590,000 MLS 210035895
• Martinovich & Nulf 239.398.3929

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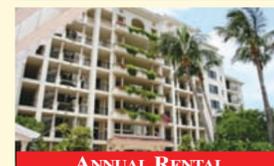
SERENE LAKES VIEWS
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• Private Elevator & Iron Staircase
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16683 LUCARNO WAY
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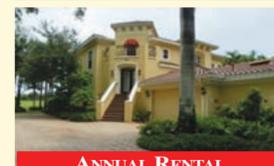
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BONITA SPRINGS



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UNOBSTRUCTED GULF VIEWS
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• Intimate Low-Density Building
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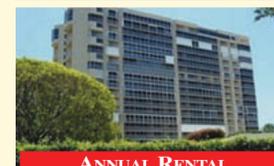
IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES
• 5 Bedrooms, 3-Baths
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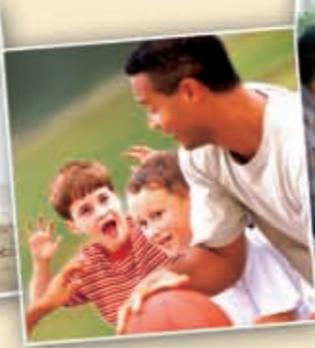
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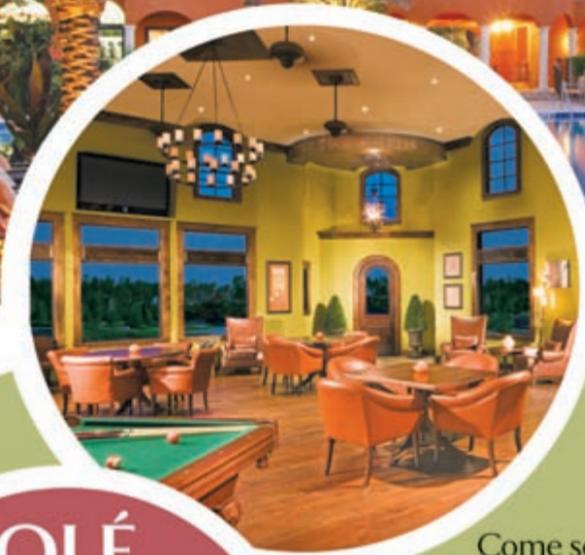
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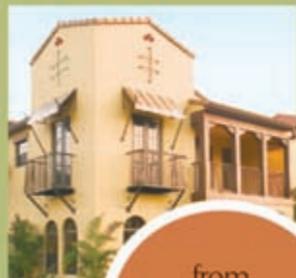
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Santa Maria	2004	2/2.5/1	\$210,440	\$189,990
Santa Maria	1804	2/2.5/1	\$213,060	\$198,060
Santa Maria	2104	2/2.5/1	\$213,860	SOLD
Santa Monica	1906	2/2.5/1	\$215,780	\$199,990
Santa Monica	2005	2/2.5/1	\$215,620	\$199,990
Santa Monica	2006	2/2.5/1	\$215,270	\$199,990
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Santa Monica	1806	2/2.5/1	\$220,380	\$205,380
San Clemente	3303	2/2/1	\$232,100	\$217,100
Santa Cruz	1602	3/2.5/2	\$242,715	\$227,715
Cordova	2301	2/2.5/2	\$239,740	\$224,990
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SOLD
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Oakmont with custom heated pool. Back facing West, side load garage, bridge views from patio. **\$369,000**



Oakmont 3BR,2.5 BA with private pool on wide easement lot. Wood floors, clean, and ready for new owner. **\$379,000**



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Elegant golf course estate home, 6,000 SF A/C, 6BR/5.5BA, resort-style pool & lanai. Exclusive member privileges.
\$2,995,000 | Julie Rembos | 595-1809



MEDITERRA - IL TREBBIO
Moroccan-inspired masterpiece has nearly 4,800 SF, built using the finest building materials. Private cul-de-sac.
\$2,950,000 | Thomas Gasbarro | 404-4883



QUAIL CREEK
Expansive golf views. Home theater, 4BR+den and 7,440 A/C SF. Two-storied screened lanai and 4.5-car garage. \$1,575,000
Sharon Kaltenborn/Terri Moellers | 248-1964



TIBURON - SERAFINA
Golf views, stunning 4BR/5.5BA home, 21' ceilings, dream kitchen, 2nd master upstairs, 1BR/1BA casita. Pool & spa. \$1,395,000
Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887



KENSINGTON - KENSINGTON GARDENS Golf equity membership is included with this exquisite 3BR/3BA+den estate home. Country club living, pool & spa.
\$1,299,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685



WYNDEMERE - LODGINGS
Expansive golf views, 5BR/4BA + family room estate home, 1.5 lots. Oversized lanai, pool/spa. Membership required.
\$995,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



OLDE CYPRESS
Privacy abounds with views of pool/preserve. Functional 4BR/3.5BA+den home. Championship golf, membership optional. \$874,900
Sandra McCarthy-Meeks | 287-7921



WYNDEMERE - VILLA FLORESTA
Stylish villa with knockout views of lake/golf course! Like-new home, completely finished pool/deck. Perfection! \$699,900
Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9090



MEDITERRA - VERONA
Private cul-de-sac lot in a neighborhood with 36 estate sites/homes. Sports/golf memberships, beach club, tennis. \$690,000
Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887



WYNDEMERE - GRASMERE
A crisp, contemporary feeling in this 4BR/2.5BA stunning home. Lush landscaping. Social/golf membership required.
\$675,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



TIBURON - CASTILLO
Exquisitely turnkey furnished 3BR penthouse. An exclusive Medallion Golf Membership, a \$50,000 value, is included.
\$649,000 | Patrick D. O'Connor | 293-9411



WYNDEMERE - LODGINGS
Masterfully updated, 4BRs, 3BAs. Mexican tile and wood floors. Sun patio with koi pond. Membership required.
\$625,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



VINEYARDS - VALLEY OAK
Breathtaking golf course views! Very private 4BR/3BA with den & loft, pool/spa. Low fees, PGA championship golf.
\$599,000 | Mara Muller | 272-6170



WYNDEMERE - GRASMERE
Charming home with abundant privacy, 3BR/2.5BA former model, family room, volume ceilings, pool. Membership required.
\$585,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



MEDITERRA - BRENDISI
Every upgrade possible & preserve views from this exquisite 3BR/3BA coachhome. Den has built-ins, oversized lanai.
\$569,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



VINEYARDS - CAMELOT PARK
A spacious home, lovingly cared for in a popular golf course community. Rare 5BR + den plan, pool with park views.
\$564,500 | Patricia Bucalo | 248-0694



WYNDEMERE - PRESERVE
Lovely 3BR+den remodeled home with private garden & koi pond. New kitchen, newer flooring. Membership is required.
\$557,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



VINEYARDS - VISTA POINTE
Fabulous golf & lake views! Beautifully upgraded 2BR/2.5BA+den. Private membership golf available, many amenities.
\$529,000 | Chris Wortman | 273-2007



WYNDEMERE - GOLF COTTAGES
Sunsets, golf course and lake views. Updated 3BR, 2.5BA. Wide plank cherry floors. Screened heated pool/spa.
\$495,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



WYNDEMERE - VILLA FLORESTA
Beautifully updated kitchen, improved master/guest baths. Social or golf membership required (limited discounts).
\$475,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



WYNDEMERE - PRESERVE
Long lake and golf course views! Attached 3BR villa. Family room, upper loft & heated pool. Membership is required.
\$475,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES
Forever views across the lake & golf course! Impeccably maintained 3BR/2.5BA home, private lanai with large pool. \$450,000
Pat Callis | 250-0562



OLDE CYPRESS
Exceptional three bedroom plus den villa home is tastefully furnished. Southern exposure, private pool and spa. \$449,900
Sandra McCarthy-Meeks | 287-7921



STONEBRIDGE - THORNBROOKE
1849 Pondsides Lane - Gorgeous golf/preserve views! Tastefully updated, mint condition 3BR pool home. Bundled golf, tennis. Furnished. \$443,800
Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



TIBURON - BOLERO
Incredible golf views, charming 1st floor carriage home, decorated by Robb & Stucky. Social membership included. \$459,000
Sharon Kaltenborn/Terri Moellers | 248-1964



WYNDEMERE - COMMONS
An absolutely stunning, 3BR/2BA remodeled end residence overlooks golf course. Social or golf membership required.
\$425,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



WYNDEMERE - VILLA FLORESTA
One-of-a-kind courtyard home. Championship golf, tennis, fitness center. Social/golf membership required. Furnished.
\$425,000 | Susan R. Payne | 777-7209



OLDE CYPRESS
Elegant, open 2BR+den plan, heated pool and golf course views. Award-winning clubhouse, social membership included. \$399,000
Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887



AUDUBON COUNTRY CLUB
Irregular size cul-de-sac lot with great views over golf course. Clubhouse, many social & recreational activities.
\$299,900 | Teri Purvis | 860-6226



WYNDEMERE - CYPRESS COMMONS Totally renovated 2BR/2BA+den with oversized lanai overlooking lake. Membership is required. Clubhouse with pool.
\$299,000 | Roxanne Jeske | 450-5210



WYNDEMERE - COMMONS
Ultra spacious 4th floor 3BR/2BA corner condominium. Glassed-in lanai, lake and golf views. Membership required.
\$299,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



STONEBRIDGE - ASHTON OAKS
Panoramic golf views! Spacious 2BR, first floor coach home. New carpet, granite countertops & stainless appliances. \$289,000
Gordie Lazich/Nick Stepan | 777-2033



VINEYARDS - CONCORD
Expansive golf/lake view. Pristine 2nd floor 3BR/2BA, new turnkey furnishings are negotiable. Clubhouse, pool/spa.
\$219,000 | Lori Pheasant | 289-5720



VINEYARDS - SONOMA LAKES
Large sun-filled spaces, beautiful architectural details & picturesque lake views. Comfortable 2BR + study home.
\$199,900 | Michael G. Lawler | 571-3939



VINEYARDS - SILVER OAKS
Well-priced 2BR/2BA condominium. SW exposure, golf views. Clubhouse, pool, memberships available. Renter is in place
\$194,900 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



WYNDEMERE - WATER OAKS
Great price for a 2BR/2BA with 2-car attached garage. Walk to club & all of its amenities. Membership is required.
\$190,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



WYNDEMERE - COURTSIDE COMMONS Furnished, 2 masters, 2 glassed-in balconies, wood burning fireplace & volume ceilings. Club membership required.
\$125,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



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



VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES Casual elegance describes this 4BR+den with the feel of an Italian Villa. 7,018 total SF, boat dock with Gulf access.
\$2,550,000 | Pat Callis | 250-0562



Open Mon.-Sat: 10-5 & Sun: 12-5
VANDERBILT BEACH - MORAYA BAY 11125 Gulfshore Drive - Naples newest beachfront condominium offering the ultimate in sophisticated resort living. Views of the Gulf, Bay & preserves.
From \$2,500,000 | Call 239-514-5050



PELICAN MARSH - BAY LAUREL ESTATES Southern exposure, estate size lot. 2-story 4BR/4.5BA + family room home opens to 4,000 SF of outdoor living space. \$2,325,000
Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887



VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES Spectacular 5BR/4.5BA + den waterfront home with over 5,500 sq. ft. of exquisitely appointed living space. Dock.
\$1,997,777 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



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 5-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
Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887



VANDERBILT BEACH - MANATEE RESORT Stunning Penthouse with bay & Gulf views. Tastefully decorated 3BR/3BA + office, cabana & boat dock. \$1,690,000
Pat Callis/Kathryn Tout | 250-0562



VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES Timeless newer custom construction. Exquisitely appointed, Deep-water canal access to Gulf dock with dual boat lift. \$1,595,000
V.K. Melhado/Marlene Suarez | 216-6400



OPEN SUN. 1-4
PELICAN MARSH - MUIRFIELD 8791 Muirfield Drive - Expansive and serene SW lake views! Impeccably maintained and updated 4BR/3BA+den home. Family room opens to pool. \$1,225,000
Sharon Kaltenborn/Terri Moellers | 248-1964



VANDERBILT BEACH - REGATTA I Panoramic Gulf & Bay views. Pristine, beautifully decorated 3BR/3BA. Boat slip & 2-car garage included. Furnished.
\$925,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



VANDERBILT GULFSIDE I Professionally decorated, updated 2BR/2BA. Tommy Bahama decor. Tropical Gulf vistas. Gated, gardens, pool/tennis.
\$899,000 | Pat Callis | 250-0562



OPEN SUN. 1-4
PELICAN MARSH - 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



VANDERBILT GULFSIDE Stunning sunsets & glorious sounds of the surf. Tasteful decor, 2BR/2BA+den. Gated, 8 acres of park-like gardens.
\$780,000 | Pat Callis | 250-0562



VANDERBILT BEACH - LA SCALA Furnished, gorgeous end residence with incredible Bay views, 3BR/2BA across from beach. Boat dock may be purchased. \$775,000
Mary Catherine/Larry White | 287-2818



VANDERBILT GULFSIDE Stunning Gulf views, in a gated eight acre site on the beach. Spacious 2BR, pool, tennis courts, on-site manager.
\$739,900 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



VANDERBILT BEACH - REGATTA I Sweeping Gulf/Bay vistas, 3BR/2BA, 10' ceilings, private 2-car garage. Gated, steps to beach, 2 pools, clubhouse.
\$725,000 | Patricia Bucalo | 248-0694



VANDERBILT BEACH - REGATTA I View of the Gulf & Bay! Delightful 3BR/3BA condominium. Resort amenities, boat docks for purchase. Walk to beach.
\$640,000 | Cindy Thompson | 860-6513



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
Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887



PELICAN MARSH - ISLAND COVE Elegant 2BR/2.5BA with lake views, privacy, optional den/3rd bedroom suite, fine finishings and extended lanai. \$575,000 | Linda Perry/Judy Perry & Penny/Bob Lyle | 261-6161



OPEN SUN. 1-4
PELICAN MARSH - 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



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



VANDERBILT BEACH - REGATTA III Furnished 3BR/2BA end residence. West exposure, deck with private access to pool. Good rental history! Walk to beach.
\$569,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



VANDERBILT YACHT & RACQUET CLUB Steps to beach, magnificent bay views! Two master suites, pristine condition. Gated entry, tennis, pool & docks. \$399,990 | Kelly Kent & Jennifer/Dave Urness | 250-5480



PELICAN MARSH - AUGUSTA 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



PELICAN MARSH - CLERMONT 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



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



PELICAN MARSH - RAVENNA This darling, upgraded coach home has it all! Easy maintenance lifestyle. Private end residence. Golf lake views. \$375,000
Janet Rathbun | 860-0012



PELICAN MARSH - VENTURA Expansive great room & kitchen. "Spinnaker" floor plan, 3 BR plus loft/den, lanai with pool. Attached 2-car garage. \$375,000
Pat Duggan | 216-1980



PELICAN MARSH - CLERMONT 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



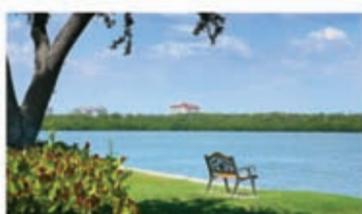
VANDERBILT TOWERS Large 1BR floor plan close to the beach. Bay & Gulf views. Tommy Bahama-style turnkey furnished. Rental potential.
\$324,500 | Philip Mareschal | 269-6033



PELICAN MARSH - RAVENNA 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

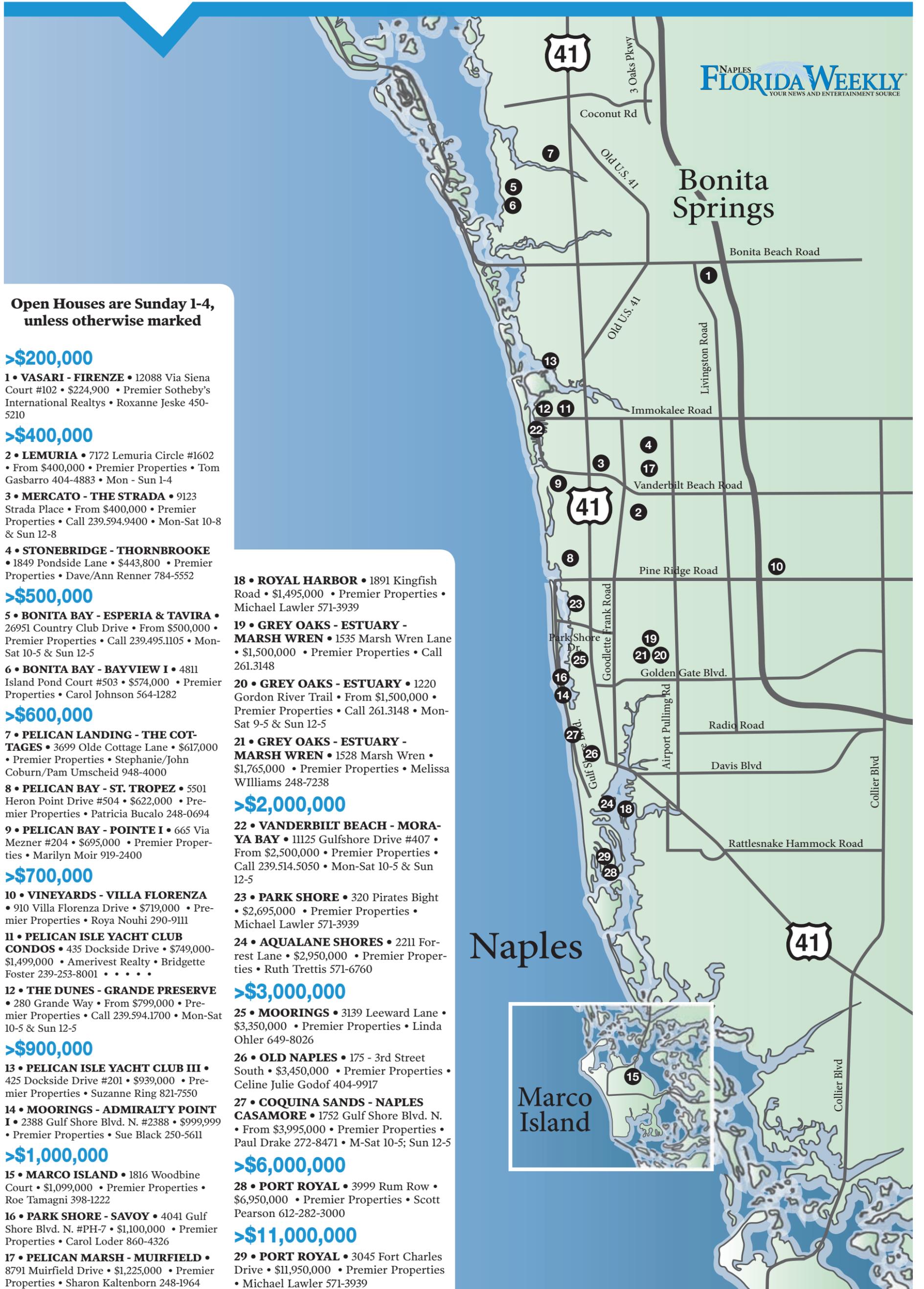


PELICAN MARSH - ARIELLE Long lake views & sunsets from this 3BR plus den, 2,661 total SF upstairs corner residence with 2-car garage. \$310,000
Sharon Kaltenborn/Terri Moellers | 248-1964



VANDERBILT TOWERS I Beautiful efficiency, just footsteps from beach. Great marina views. Perfect getaway, generous rental policy. Bring offers!
\$210,000 | Philip Mareschal | 269-6033

Florida Weekly's Open Houses



Open Houses are Sunday 1-4, unless otherwise marked

>\$200,000

1 • VASARI - FIRENZE • 12088 Via Siena Court #102 • \$224,900 • Premier Sotheby's International Realtys • Roxanne Jeske 450-5210

>\$400,000

2 • LEMURIA • 7172 Lemuria Circle #1602 • From \$400,000 • Premier Properties • Tom Gasbarro 404-4883 • Mon - Sun 1-4

3 • MERCATO - THE STRADA • 9123 Strada Place • From \$400,000 • Premier Properties • Call 239.594.9400 • Mon-Sat 10-8 & Sun 12-8

4 • STONEBRIDGE - THORNBROOKE • 1849 Pondsides Lane • \$443,800 • Premier Properties • Dave/Ann Renner 784-5552

>\$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 • BONITA BAY - BAYVIEW I • 4811 Island Pond Court #503 • \$574,000 • Premier Properties • Carol Johnson 564-1282

>\$600,000

7 • PELICAN LANDING - THE COTTAGES • 3699 Olde Cottage Lane • \$617,000 • Premier Properties • Stephanie/John Coburn/Pam Umscheid 948-4000

8 • PELICAN BAY - ST. TROPEZ • 5501 Heron Point Drive #504 • \$622,000 • Premier Properties • Patricia Bucalo 248-0694

9 • PELICAN BAY - POINTE I • 665 Via Mezner #204 • \$695,000 • Premier Properties • Marilyn Moir 919-2400

>\$700,000

10 • VINEYARDS - VILLA FLORENZA • 910 Villa Florenza Drive • \$719,000 • Premier Properties • Roya Nouhi 290-9111

11 • PELICAN ISLE YACHT CLUB CONDOS • 435 Dockside Drive • \$749,000-\$1,499,000 • Amerivest Realty • Bridgette Foster 239-253-8001 •

12 • 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

13 • PELICAN ISLE YACHT CLUB III • 425 Dockside Drive #201 • \$939,000 • Premier Properties • Suzanne Ring 821-7550

14 • MOORINGS - ADMIRALTY POINT I • 2388 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. #2388 • \$999,999 • Premier Properties • Sue Black 250-5611

>\$1,000,000

15 • MARCO ISLAND • 1816 Woodbine Court • \$1,099,000 • Premier Properties • Roe Tamagni 398-1222

16 • PARK SHORE - SAVOY • 4041 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. #PH-7 • \$1,100,000 • Premier Properties • Carol Loder 860-4326

17 • PELICAN MARSH - MUIRFIELD • 8791 Muirfield Drive • \$1,225,000 • Premier Properties • Sharon Kaltenborn 248-1964

18 • ROYAL HARBOR • 1891 Kingfish Road • \$1,495,000 • Premier Properties • Michael Lawler 571-3939

19 • GREY OAKS - ESTUARY - MARSH WREN • 1535 Marsh Wren Lane • \$1,500,000 • Premier Properties • Call 261.3148

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

21 • GREY OAKS - ESTUARY - MARSH WREN • 1528 Marsh Wren • \$1,765,000 • Premier Properties • Melissa Williams 248-7238

>\$2,000,000

22 • 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

23 • PARK SHORE • 320 Pirates Bight • \$2,695,000 • Premier Properties • Michael Lawler 571-3939

24 • AQUALANE SHORES • 2211 Forrest Lane • \$2,950,000 • Premier Properties • Ruth Trettis 571-6760

>\$3,000,000

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

26 • OLD NAPLES • 175 - 3rd Street South • \$3,450,000 • Premier Properties • Celine Julie Godof 404-9917

27 • 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

>\$6,000,000

28 • PORT ROYAL • 3999 Rum Row • \$6,950,000 • Premier Properties • Scott Pearson 612-282-3000

>\$11,000,000

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



PINE RIDGE
Resort-style home with tropical pool & spa area. Prime location with over an acre in an equestrian friendly area. \$6,950,000
Larry/Mary Catherine White | 287-2818



VILLAGES OF MONTEREY
Magnificent new home on a beautiful long lake view cul-de-sac lot. Salt water pool, spa and covered living area.
\$1,595,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



PINE RIDGE
Close-in, yet private neighborhood. Picturesque home overlooks lakeside dock. Separate 2BR guesthouse. 1 acre+.
\$1,395,000 | Sue Black | 250-5611



MERCATO - THE STRADA
"Capture the Extraordinary!" Over 2,200SF, 3BR with SW glimpse of the Gulf! Dining & shops outside your front door! \$1,370,000
Barbi Lowe / Trish Lowe Soars | 216-1973



PINE RIDGE
Charming older home on 1.65 acres on beautiful Mockingbird Lake. Southern exposure. Near beach. Being sold 'AS IS'. \$1,295,000
Sue Black | 250-5611



PINE RIDGE
Private, 2.09 acres. 5BR/2.5BA main home with upgraded kitchen & pool. New 2BR/2BA guest house. Horses are allowed. \$1,295,000
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



PINE RIDGE
Private & secluded 1.29 acres on lake. Over 3,000 SF main residence, separate 2BR/1.5BA guest house, sold 'As Is'.
\$1,250,000 | Sue Black | 250-5611



THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE GRANDE EXCELSIOR
Private enclave, spectacular Gulf of Mexico view. End location, upgraded appliances. The ultimate resort lifestyle.
\$1,249,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



THE DUNES - THE GRANDE PRESERVE GRANDE DOMINICA Unsurpassed views of the Bay & Gulf. Model perfect residence. Private membership beach and on-site clubs, gated.
\$1,199,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE GRANDE PHOENICIAN Magnificent Gulf views! Enjoy wonderful penthouse living in this 3BR/3BA. Gas cooktop, wine cooler, granite. \$1,199,000
Jennifer/Dave Urness/Gayle Fawkes | 273-7731



THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE - GRANDE GENEVA Enchanting 3BR+den model residence, magnificent Gulf views. Private Beach Club, state-of-the-art amenities on-site.
\$1,150,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



THE CROSSINGS - STONEGATE
Mint condition, updated 4BR+den home on .67 acre lot. Spacious, bright, large lanai with solar heated lap pool/spa.
\$999,900 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE GRANDE PHOENICIAN Magnificent water/golf view! Tastefully furnished 3BR. World-class amenities, near beach. \$989,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness & Gayle Fawkes | 273-7731



VILLAGES OF MONTEREY
Sprawling 5BR/4BA+den pool home, S. exposure lakefront lot. Clubhouse, 24-hr guarded gate, 3 Har-Tru tennis courts.
\$949,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



PELICAN ISLE YACHT CLUB III
425 Dockside Drive - Island living! Condominium convenience, 3BR/3BA lives like a home. Yacht Club equity membership included. Turnkey.
\$939,000 | Suzanne Ring | 821-7550



PELICAN ISLE YACHT CLUB II
435 Dockside Drive #703 - Breathtaking Gulf views! Spacious 3BR/3BA. Member owned Club - tennis, pool/spa, fitness center & beach shuttle!
\$925,000 | Suzanne Ring | 821-7550



VILLAGES OF MONTEREY
One-of-a-kind pool home on cul-de-sac loaded with special features. 5BR+den. 3,829 A/C SF, stone & wood floors.
\$845,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE
280 Grande Way - Magnificent views over Gulf, preserve and golf! Very spacious 3BR+family room, 3BA floor plans. Membership to private Floridian Beach Club and the Plantation Club. Grande Phoenician from \$875,000. Grande Geneva from \$900,000 | Call 239-594-1700



BANYAN WOODS
Spectacular custom designed S. exposure courtyard home with large backyard. Lap pool, highest quality finishes.
\$775,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE GRANDE PHOENICIAN Lovely 4th floor residence in move-in condition. Beautifully appointed 3BR. Preserve, water & golf view! \$690,000 | Gayle Fawkes & Jennifer/Dave Urness | 250-6051



THE DUNES - BARBADOS
Water, Water, Water! Fabulous Views! Numerous upgrades, beautifully decorated 3BR/2BA. Resort amenities, gated.
\$689,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



THE DUNES - CAYMAN
Panoramic Gulf Views! Beautifully decorated 3BR/2BA. Guard-gated community offering a fantastic resort life style.
\$659,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



THE CROSSINGS - MILL RUN
6941 Mill Run Circle - Sunny & spacious 4BR/3BA + den pool home on large southern exposure lot. Freshly painted, meticulously maintained.
\$644,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



VILLAGES OF MONTEREY
Absolutely meticulous, immaculate lakefront home has private lanai with large pool/spa. Updated kitchen & baths.
\$599,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



EDEN ON THE BAY
Overlooking lake, 3 bedrooms + den, 3 full baths. Granite countertops in kitchen, heated pool/spa. Outdoor kitchen. \$599,900
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



LEMURIA
Newer construction, low-density in a gated community. Built in 2007. 4BR/3BA coach home with superb appointments.
\$595,000 | Tom Gasbarro | 404-4883



AUTUMN WOODS
Meticulous, neutral, sunny and spacious lakefront two-story 4BR. Completely neutral colors and 2.45 A/C SF.
\$497,959 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



THE DUNES - ANTIGUA
Turnkey furnished 3 bedroom, 2 bath with 1,895 A/C SF. Light and bright. Walk to the beach! \$489,000 | Gayle Fawkes & Jennifer/Dave Urness | 250-6051



MARINA BAY CLUB
Great sunset views! Recently renovated 2BR/2BA end residence on the Bay. Tennis, swimming & boating are available.
\$478,500 | Suzanne Ring | 821-7550



COVE TOWERS - NEVIS
Nearly 2,700 SF with granite, stainless appliances, Siematic cabinetry and bamboo flooring. Doubled-gated community.
\$449,000 | Tom Gasbarro | 404-4883



LEMURIA
New, never lived in! Over 3,000 SF open plan with lake views! Quality features, 4BR/3BA and 2-car attached garage.
\$499,000 | Kristin Mikler | 370-6292



THE CROSSINGS - MILL RUN
A great value in a wonderful neighborhood, 3BR +den home offers many new features. Gated, pool, tennis & clubhouse. \$447,000
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



BANYAN WOODS - RESERVE II
Peaceful lakefront setting, incredible 2nd floor coach home. Private elevator, upgrades, 2-car attached garage.
\$435,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980



LEMURIA 7172 Lemuria Circle
New luxury community of 3 or 4 bedrooms, 3 bath condominiums with open floor plans, high ceilings and attached 2-car garages. Prices from the mid \$400s. Thomas Gasbarro | 404-4883



THE STRADA AT MERCATO
Located just North of Vanderbilt Beach Rd. on U.S. 41. Mercato features residential, retail, Whole Foods Market, restaurants and more. Upscale contemporary living from the \$400s. Call 239-594-9400

GLEN EDEN
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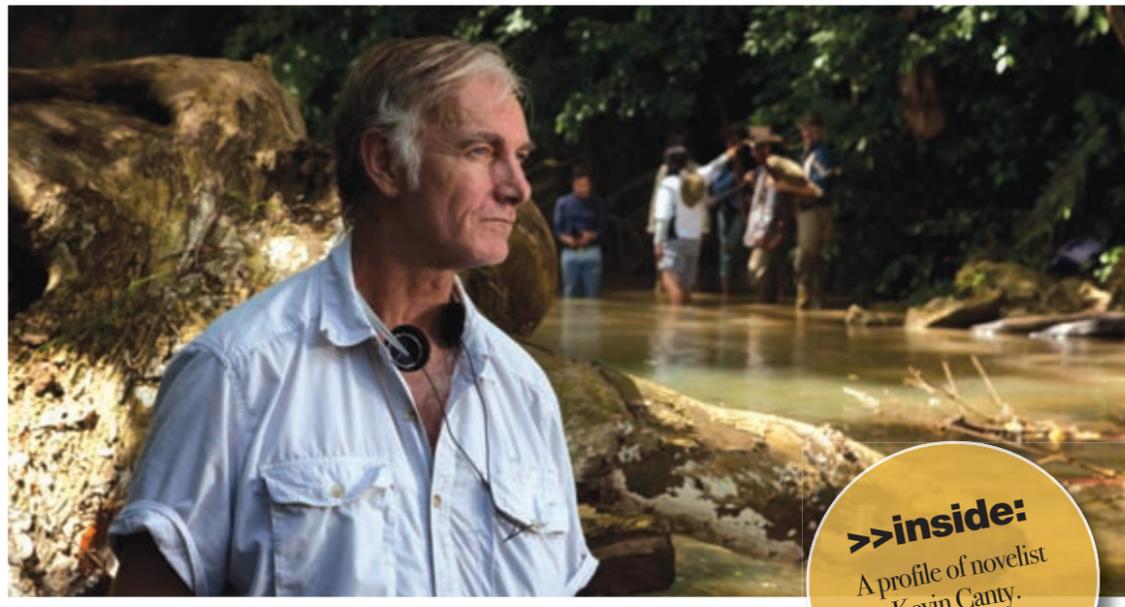
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THE WRITE STUFF



"A Moment in the Sun" John Sayles' latest novel. See story, C5.

Below, Sayles on the set of his movie "Amigo."



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A profile of novelist Kevin Canty.
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SANIBEL ISLAND WRITERS CONFERENCE KEYNOTE SPEAKER IS JOHN SAYLES

BY NANCY STETSON

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JOHN SAYLES HAS ALWAYS DONE THINGS HIS OWN WAY.

So it's not surprising that in a world of shortened attention spans, abbreviated text messaging and no-longer-than-140-character Tweets, he's written a 955-page novel.

"A Moment in the Sun" is an epic, sweeping novel covering a five-year span, from the Yukon gold rush in 1897 to the Spanish-American War and Philippine-American War.

Mr. Sayles employs not one, but four main protagonists as well as a host of other characters, including more famous ones, such as Mark Twain, President William McKinley and his assassin, Leon Czolgoz. The action takes place in half a dozen countries.

Though perhaps best known for his filmmaking ("Matewan," "Lone Star," "Eight Men Out," "Passion Fish" and "The Secret of Roan Inish," among them), he was a novelist before

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'Others' play key roles in A.R. Gurney's 'Later Life'

BY HEATHER THOMSON

Special to Florida Weekly

In their early 20s, when Austin and Ruth met in Italy, a spark flared between them but never ignited. Having missed their opportunity, they went their separate ways. Now, some 30 years later and with five divorces between the two (four being Ruth's), fate brings them together again at a penthouse party in Boston.

The romantic comedy "Later Life" by A.R. Gurney centers on these two

characters and their possible reunion, which unfolds as they are surrounded by 10 other partygoers. The Naples Players present it through Nov. 19 in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre.

It's a pretty straightforward story, but what makes the tale unique is that while Ruth and Austin have become static and unmoving in their lives, the characters around them are dynamic and willing to change. Perhaps this is why Mr. Gurney decided to have two actors play five other partygoers each.

"You have a very realistic situation and realistic dialogue, but with that you've got two people playing five characters each. They're the playwright's representations of all those roles that are open to people in life," Paul Graffy, director of The Naples Players production, explains. "Ruth and Austin, because they are both in a rut per se, only play those single roles. That's really what Gurney was getting at. It's pretty erudite."

To say that Ruth and Austin are

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The boyfriend bear test



I recently read a terrible true story. I can't help but pass it along, the way you pass along spoiled milk after taking a sip.

"This is terrible," you say. "Try it."

A man was hiking with his wife in the mountain range north of Bucharest. They met other hikers along the trail and split into two parties, both groups headed for a hostel where they would spend the night. They took divergent paths so that the man and his wife separated, but when the husband arrived at the inn he found the other hikers there without his wife.

The sun had set behind the mountains and the light was already draining from the day. The husband doubled back, following the path the second group had walked earlier, until he found his wife's backpack beside the road. Her shoes were there, too, alongside scattered pages from their guidebook. He called her name. From the woods, she shouted back.

"Don't come any closer," she said. "Go find a gun."

The man peered through the growing twilight and saw his wife squared off against a bear. He ran back to the hostel and begged the owner for a gun.

The owner refused but called the local hunting party. The man ran back to his wife. She was on the ground and the bear stood over her, moving his snout across her belly. She made small mewling noises in the back of her throat.

The hunting party arrived and fired a warning shot. The bear dashed into the woods.

The man ran to his wife and checked her pulse, which was already fading. They had arrived too late. She died that night, and he sat with her body at the hostel waiting for officials to arrive.

For me, the story asks more questions than it answers. Why did they split up? How did the other hikers not know where she was? Why didn't he stay with his wife when he first saw the bear?

Perplexed, I shared the

story with a good friend. ("This is terrible. Try it.") We sipped cups of tea in an outdoor café and I found myself shaken with the retelling. When I finished, she said, "I like to think I'm the kind of person who would run toward the bear."

I realized then what upset me most about the story: I like to think the same thing.

What's more, I want my partner to be that kind of person too.

"You never know what you'll do in that kind of situation," a man said when I told him

the story recently. We sat facing each other over dinner while I quietly evaluated his potential. He was rugged and outdoorsy, which I liked, but also arty and sort of faux-deep, which I didn't.

"I mean, you think you'd run toward the bear," he said, "but you just don't know."

I nodded sympathetically and made low moaning noises as if I understood and, yes, agreed. But the truth is I was already crossing him off my list. This is a non-negotiable quality. Before I get serious with a man, I need to know he'll wrestle a bear for me. ■



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Elizabeth Smith, nature painter



■ **What is your medium of choice?** At present, I'm using ink and watercolor in my nature journal, combining images with written observations that are descriptive or imaginative. I love to paint in watercolor as well; it's a medium that never fails to astonish me.

■ **How do you describe your style?** It could be described as realistic, but it's also a bit naive. I look for the wonder in nature and try hard to capture that attribute. My background is in graphic arts, and I've created illustrations for guidebooks and for children's coloring books. This style still informs my hand.

■ **Where did you grow up?** I was born and raised in Iowa. I grew up wandering the woods along the Mississippi River and the grasslands in the south central part of the state.

■ **When did you discover your creative talents?** I remember drawing as early as 4 and 5 years old; it seems like since then, I've always had a crayon or a pencil in my hand.

■ **What inspires you?** The beauty I find in nature inspires me; whether it's a bright leaf, a flitting bird or a contorted seed pod. On my Lizardart Facebook photo page, I have an album titled "My Curiosity Cabinet" that contains small paintings and sketches of collections of various nature objects I've found on the ground in different places. Often the small and commonplace nature object catches my attention.

■ **How has living in Naples inspired you?** Our area is graced with green spaces and unique habitats a day trip away; one can visit the beach, coastal scrub, mangroves forests, slash pine flatwoods, tropical hardwood hammocks or cypress swamp!

■ **Where do you work?** And what might we be surprised to find in your work area? I often sketch outside, especially in the cooler months. I have a portable art kit that tucks into an old camera bag. Other times I work at home, usually at the kitchen table or the end of the kitchen counter. You might be surprised to find some interesting specimens — perhaps a dead cicada or butterfly.

■ **Are you a full-time artist?** I'm a full-time artist in my head, but not with my hands at this point in my life. I work with my husband in the custom cabinetry field, and I'm also a guest teacher for Collier County schools.

■ **How do you use technology in your work?** I use a digital camera and a scanner, cropping and editing in PhotoShop. I have a website and a blog, and I belong to LinkedIn, Facebook and Flickr, an image-sharing platform. I use these mainly as an online "gallery" to show examples of my work.

■ **Outside of your art, what are you passionate about?** Reading! Exploring new places, experimenting with media and sharing what I've learned with others.

■ **What are you reading now?** I just finished "Seasons of Real Florida" by Jeff Klinkenberg, a wonderful collection of essays. I'm currently reading the novel "Everglades" by Randy Wayne White and "Losing It All to Sprawl: How Progress Ate My Cracker Landscape" by Bill Belleville. I think I'm going through a Florida phase.

■ **What awards have you won?** I think the award I received from the Florida Native Plant Society for my contribution to education is the most fulfilling.

■ **What would you want to be if you weren't an artist?** A teacher, naturalist or biologist.

■ **Which artist would you most like to meet, and what would you ask him?** Leonardo da Vinci. I think I would be content just to watch him make his marvelous drawings and paintings!

■ **Where can we see your work?** At www.lizardart.com, or my nature journal on my blog, A Nature Art Journal in Southwest Florida (<http://natureart-journal.blogspot.com>). ■

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Kevin Canty's prose: Beauty out of chaos

BY NANCY STETSON
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"Death was waiting for all of them. This did not seem like an excuse not to live."

— Kevin Canty, "Everything"

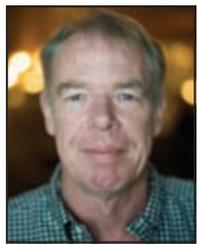
Novelist Kevin Canty never thought he would die.

He recognized that people die and knew conceptually that he would too. "But I never thought it applied to me," he says.

"I don't know if everyone thinks that way. But for me, I was never going to die — until recently," he adds. "You wake up one morning, have a little smudge of ash on your forehead, and you think, 'Oh, crap. Me too.'"

"It's a startling revelation."

It's also a compelling impetus for writing.



CANTY

"Someone told me a little while ago that one of the things about writing is you can only really write about what you're interested in, and not in a casual way, but to sustain you through the year or

two or three or four, through the life of the novel," he says.

So Mr. Canty writes about "the things that keep me up at three in the morning, staring at the ceiling: regular stuff, like figuring out how not to be young in a country where you're not supposed to be old, and how to be alone in a country where you're supposed to be with someone else, and considering the approach of death through other people."

That's what inspired his 2010 novel "Everything," he says.

He'd gone through a highly chaotic few years in which his father died and his marriage of almost 30 years broke up.

"I was very much in the whirlwind for a long time, trying to figure out a way to negotiate my way through it," he says.

While "Everything" is not autobiographical, the theme "seems to come out of things that were cropping up in my life," the author says. "It did seem very dizzy there for a while. Still does."

He dedicated the book to his good friend and fishing buddy, Buck Crain. "He was fighting a good fight against recurrent melanoma," he says. Although Mr. Cain died before the book was out in print, he did see the galleys, Mr. Canty says.

How did I get here?

"Everything" is the story of RL, a fishing guide in Montana. He's divorced, and his only child is off to college but home for the summer. The widow of his best friend who died 11 years ago is a hospice worker. And RL has opened his house to a former college girlfriend who's undergoing chemotherapy.

As they deal with major transitions and changes in their lives, all of the characters are trying to figure out: How did I get here and where do I go from here?

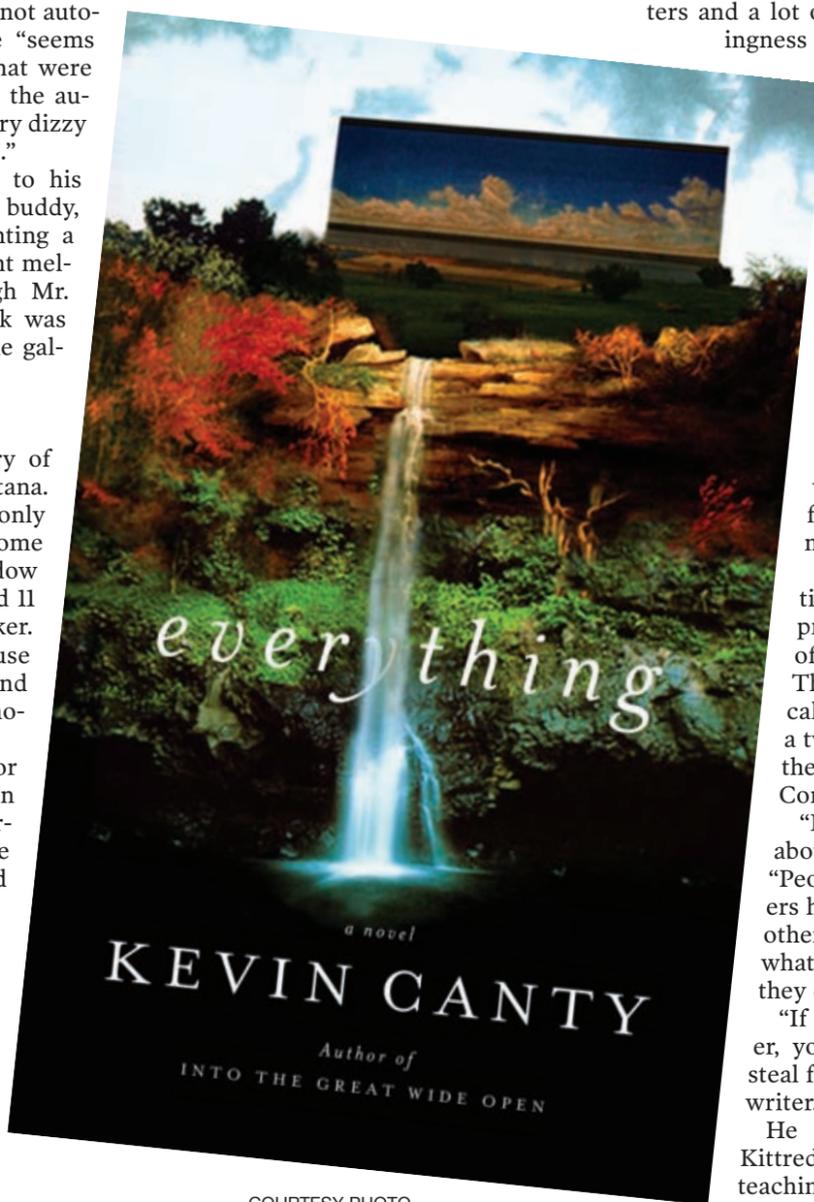
The novel is beautiful in its lyricism and truth.

"There is a lot of booze and heartbreak in the book, yet it is full of optimism and humanity," wrote Vendela Vida in *The New York Times*.

The *Minneapolis Star-Tribune* called it Mr. Canty's finest work.

Mr. Canty's writing is spare, but not like an almost-empty room that feels too stark and bare. Instead, his prose is like the simple curved line of a vase or drawing: pleasing in its deceptive simplicity.

Bart Schneider in the *San Francisco Chronicle* wrote: "The novel is told in deft minimalist sketches, so understated in the telling that scenes often sneak up



COURTESY PHOTO

In "Everything," Kevin Canty uncovers the human heart.

and, ultimately, dazzle. Once the scenes begin to accrue, you realize that you're in the hands of a master craftsman."

Making every word count

The author says he had "a secret ambition" for "Everything."

"I had been reading a lot of 19th-century books with many, many charac-

ters and a lot of plot and a lot of willingness to do big things: births and deaths... I didn't want to write a 900-page triple-decker, but I wanted a lot of that same sweep, a lot of different point-of-view characters and a lot of events... in a more compressed kind of way.

"I wanted to put a lot of pressure on the sentence, be as compressed as I could, and not waste a lot of words. That's what every writer works for, that sense of economy."

Mr. Canty teaches fiction writing in the MFA program at the University of Montana at Missoula. Though he's on sabbatical this year, he's teaching a two-day workshop during the Sanibel Island Writers Conference.

"I think I'll do a thing about how to 'steal,'" he says. "People starting out as writers have to learn how to read other writers and figure out what they're doing, and what they can borrow from them."

"If you steal from one writer, you're a plagiarist; if you steal from 100 writers, you're a writer."

He cites a colleague, Bill Kittredge, who maintains that teaching creative writing is "the only profession made up entirely of tips."

Since the completion of "Everything," Mr. Canty allows, his life continues to be somewhat chaotic, even though, "I don't think I have a taste for chaos, particularly."

"I write almost every day. It does become a way of working through things... I think writing is my way of understanding what happens around me." ■

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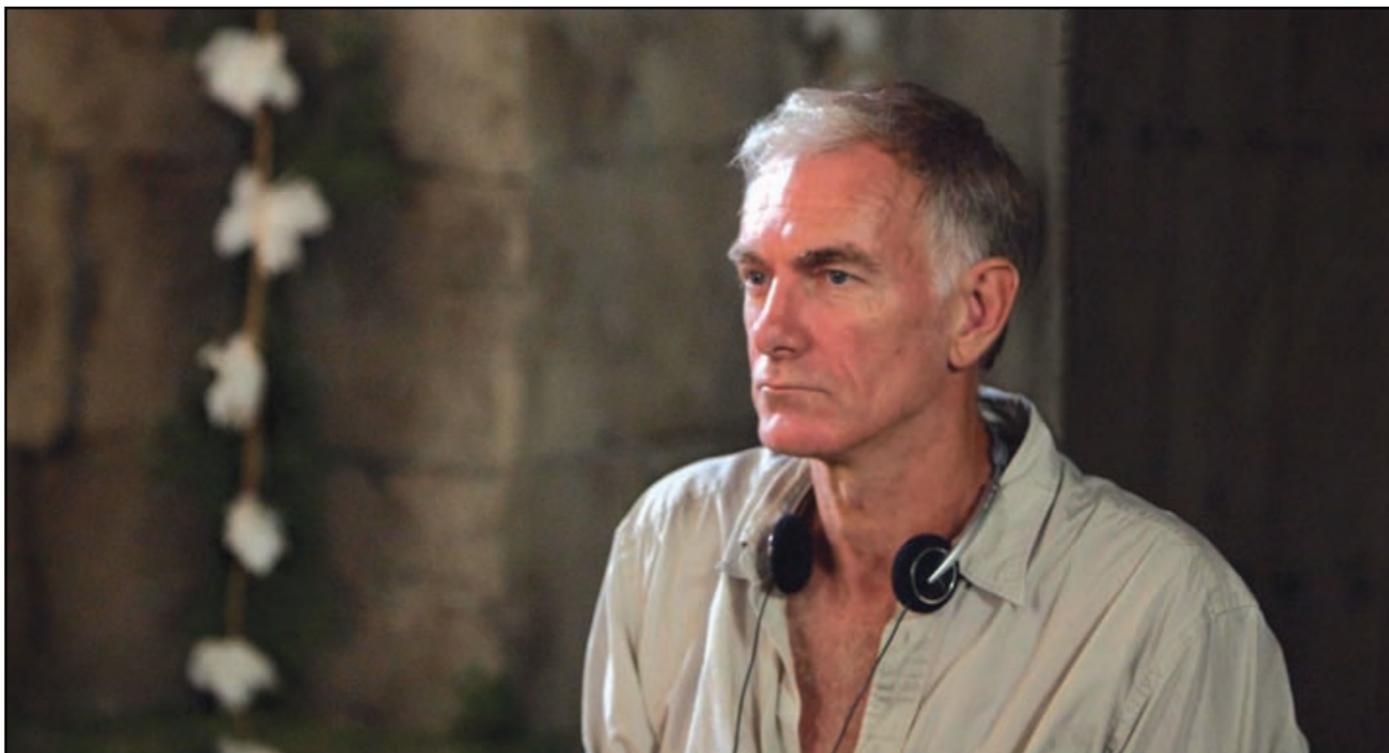
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he made his first movie. He won an O. Henry Award for his short story "I-80 Nebraska" and then published two novels, "Pride of the Bimbos" and "Union Dues," as well as a short story collection called "The Anarchists Convention" before writing and directing the film "Return of the Secaucus 7" in 1980.

He's been called the father of independent filmmaking. His most recent film, "Amigo," which also deals with the Philippine-American War, is his 17th.

Mr. Sayles is the keynote speaker at the Sanibel Island Writers Conference coming up Nov. 3-6. He will speak at Schein Hall at BIG ARTS from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5.

He'll talk about how "history is not a photographic record of what went on, that it's this constantly changing conversation about who we decide we are," he says. "Movies get made of historical events, and depending upon when they get made, they may tell you more about the time in which it was made, rather than the history of what went on."



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John Sayles is equally at home writing novels and making movies.

It's the same with historical novels and historians, he adds. "The conversa-

tion changes with the time that you're in. Sometimes new facts are dug up. Some-

times it's: 'Let's look at it this way.' When you're living during a certain

John Sayles' new heavy book

If John Sayles' "A Moment in the Sun" were a boxer, it'd be a heavyweight champion, one that's not only tough, but pretty, too.

The stats?

The book is 955 pages long, 9.1 inches tall and 6.3 inches wide. It's 2.8 inches thick and weighs 2.6 pounds.

Kirkus, which gave it a starred review, called it a "cat-squasher of a book."

It's a tome that makes you wish you owned an e-reader so you could read it on a lightweight gadget. At the same time, however, it makes you glad the

publishing industry still makes print books, because it's so physically beautiful.

"Looks like a Bible, doesn't it?" says Mr. Sayles, referring to its thickness.

He's pleased with the job his publisher, McSweeney's Books, did with it.

"They have made a commitment to the book, the object," he says. "They don't do that many books, and they take a lot of care with the ones they do (print.)"

The cover, with its fancy gold lettering and silver filigrees, makes "A Moment in the Sun" look as if it were published in

the early 1900s.

Care was taken with the binding to ensure that the massive book holds together, Mr. Sayles says. But it's surprisingly light, because of the paper that was used, he adds.

"They made a daunting book not quite so thick and not so heavy."

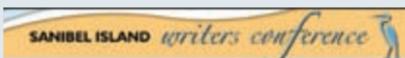
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time in history, "You haven't seen the end of the movie," he continues. "You don't know what's going to happen next, if it's going to turn out well or badly."

When judging others' actions from the past, he says, it's important to remember that, "They didn't have the history books. They were going with the information they had in the moment — and usually a very narrow view of what was going on. We get to read the whole book."

Imperialist inspiration

Mr. Sayles says he became interested in writing "A Moment in the Sun" when he ran across the phrase, "Philippine-American War." He knew a lot of history, but had never heard of that before.

"Psychologically, Americans went from thinking of themselves as the champions of liberty going down to Spain to free the Cuban people from the shackles of imperialism, to thinking: Well, maybe we could be imperialists too... Why can't we be like the British and the French and have an empire?"

"It was an extremely racialized time, and the American policy was based on an idea of racial superiority."

People have asked whether his latest movie "Amigo," a fictional account of the Phillipine-American War, is an intentional allegory between that war and Vietnam, or Afghanistan, or Iraq.

He responds that the comparisons are unavoidable. "Our country is occupying another country, and no matter what the ostensible reason for doing that, you have someone in between."

"In 'Amigo,' the mayor wakes up and thinks, 'How much can I cooperate without collaborating, and how much can I resist without getting killed?' Certainly the mayor of a French village in 1944 had to think the same thing. Someone in Afganistan gets up and thinks that about the Americans in his village. It's a continuing human condition."

Novelist and filmmaker

A modern Renaissance man, Mr. Sayles writes novels, short stories and screenplays, directs and acts. He made

three music videos for Bruce Springsteen: "Born in the USA," "I'm on Fire" and "Glory Days." He's also worked on screenplays for other directors, including "Apollo 13," "The Howling" and "Jurassic Park IV."

He received a MacArthur Fellowship in 1985 for his films and writing and is equally at home with both media.

"For me, it's all storytelling," he says. "Human beings tell stories for a reason and like to hear stories for a reason."

"Some stories are about defining yourself, whether as a nation or a people or as a person. As a person, you find something in that story that tells you something about yourself you want to know or believe. Other stories are about escaping what you know..."

"I think the most popular stories are a combination of these things: a character or a couple characters who the reader can identify with — this is who I would hang out with or who I would be — and the arc has something for you to think about personally. Maybe it takes you some place you would never have gone yourself, or imagined yourself. The combination of familiar and exotic often makes a good story."

He can do things in a book he can't in a movie, he says. In a movie, he explains, "You've got to deal your story out in a certain rhythm," because viewers will watch in one sitting of about 90 to 135 minutes (the longest film he's made). With a novel, however, "People aren't going to sit down and read even a 200-

page book in one sitting. They might put it down, leave it, come back to it in a week. It's a different relationship to the audience in your storytelling and in the rhythm of the writing."

"In a movie, it's: What happens next? We're 20 minutes into a movie, and we better know who all the characters are."

"For me, it's all storytelling. Human beings tell stories for a reason and like to hear stories for a reason."

— John Sayles

In a book, you have a lot more time."

Movie-making is a collaborative art, with production designers, composers, actors, etc. Writing is a solitary activity.

"In a book, if there's going to be something described, I have to do the describing," he says. "There's also that thing that in a book, you can be basically God. If you say the sun is shining, it is. On a movie set, you can say it's a sunny day all you want, but if the clouds are covering the sun, you can't make them go away."

Finally, he says, "If I'm writing well, I can make the reader feel a lot of things or know a lot of things. But it all has to go through their heads first."

"When you're watching a movie, there's stuff that's just visceral... music does things, cutting does things that you don't interpret through your brain, it just goes right to your gut. You've got those weapons that are not verbal, that are not written."

Maintaining independence

How has he maintained his independence in filmmaking over more than three decades?

"By being very lucky," he says. "A lot of it is, I make my living as a screenwriter for hire. I get paid very well for when I do work. When we run into a wall and no one will finance a movie, I write something that we can finance ourselves. I make something for a lower budget, and can keep moving forward."

"We've been doing this for 30-35 years and 17 movies. Only Woody Allen makes more (movies) than that."

"Directors who have much more commercial success and are much better known than I am are having a tough time getting movies made these days. It's hard to get the green light with other people's money."

It's become even more difficult now for independent filmmakers.

Fewer theaters are willing to show independent films, art films or foreign films. "Most screens, 95 percent of them, are dedicated to mainstream Hollywood projects," Mr. Sayles says. Yet, the Sundance Film Festival receives 2,000 feature films from first- and second-time directors.

"But there are not thousands of independent screens," he says. "So you have thousands of movies chasing after hundreds of screens."

But Mr. Sayles keeps on. "I'm very lucky in that I can write anywhere, and on two or three different projects at the same time," he says. "It's a gas: My work fills the space that's allotted. I can write a screenplay in three days or three weeks. Or five weeks."

"I write longhand, on a computer, on scraps of paper... I'm pretty lucky that way. I don't have to have a special discipline, a special room or have it be quiet."

"It's how I make a living." ■

in the know

Sanibel Island Writers Conference presenters

Presenters at the Sanibel Island Writers Conference include novelists, poets, non-fiction writers, journalists, songwriters, agents and editors. This year's guests are:

Steve Almond
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Dan Bern
Nickole Brown
Kevin Canty
Ron Currie
John Dufresne
Carmen Edington
William Giraldi
Barbara Hamby
John Hoppenthaler
Christopher Joyce
David Kirby
Henry Rollins
Robert Root
John K. Samson
Christopher Schelling
Laurel Snyder
Darin Strauss
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Tom Williams
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The Henry Rollins Evening of Storytelling takes place Nov. 4 and is sold out.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Weekend Best Bets



■ **Oct. 28-30** – *Forme du Femme/Bras for Life*. Marco Island Center for the Arts. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.com.

■ **Oct. 29** – Collier County Band Show. 377-2001 or www.prhsmarchingpride.org.

■ **Oct. 29** – Film: *History is Not a Mystery*. Naples Historical Society. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

■ **Oct. 29** – Florida Panther Festival. North Collier Park. 252-4000 or www.floridapantherfestival.com.

■ **Oct. 30** – Music Makers Show Band. Cambier Park. 597-3240 or www.musicmakersshowband.org.

Theater

■ **Later Life** – By The Naples Players through Nov. 19 at the Sugden Community theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org. See story page C1.

■ **Chapter 2** – By The Marco Players Nov. 2-20. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.com.

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

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

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

■ **Ghost Train** – Seminole Gulf Railway presents a Halloween ghost train murder mystery Oct. 28-30. \$75. 275-8487.

■ **Rumors** – By Florida Repertory Theatre, Fort Myers, Oct. 28-Nov. 19. 332-4488.

■ **Handle with Care** – By Gulfshore Playhouse Oct. 28-Nov. 20, with a preview Oct. 27. Talk-backs with the playwright take place after the 8 p.m. performance Nov. 10 and the 3 p.m. performances Nov. 13 and 20. 261-PLAY or www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

Thursday, Oct. 27

■ **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. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

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

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

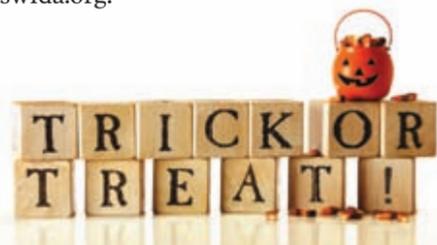
Friday, Oct. 28

■ **Pickin’ and Grinnin’** – David Parnley and Continental Divide perform their brand of bluegrass at 7 p.m. in the bandshell at Cambier Park band shell. 213-3058.

Saturday, Oct. 29

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

■ **Dancing Horses** – The Southwest Florida Dressage Association presents “How Do You Do That?,” a symposium on moving horses up the levels of dressage, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at DaVinci Farms in Fort Myers. 543-4032 or www.swfda.org.



■ **Halloween Alternative** – Marco Presbyterian Church hosts “Trunk or Treat” from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Church members decorate their car trunks and provide the treats. Children are invited to come in costume and “Trunk or Treat” from car to car. Enjoy a dunk tank, bounce houses, a costume contest and more. 394-8186 or www.marcochurch.com/news.

■ **Trunk Show** – Petunias of Naples hosts an Elana Kattan fall fashion close-out trunk show from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. 852 Fifth Ave. S.

■ **Family Fun** – 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 Festivities** – Celebrate “Mall-O-Ween” from 5-8 p.m. at Miromar Outlets. Trick-or-treating, children’s costume contests, music and a pie-eating contest are just part of the fun. www.MiromarOutlets.com.

■ **High School Bands** – The Collier County Band Show with performances by all seven high school bands in Collier County, begins at 7 p.m. at Lely High School. See story page C12.

■ **Music on Marco** – The second annual Marco Island Beach Music Festival take places at the Marco Island Marriott today and Sunday. Performers include Casey Weston from “The Voice.” 642-2607. See story page A1.

■ **Pops Tribute** – The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra performs “Arthur Fiedler’s Favorites!,” a tribute to the great pops maestro, at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.



Grammy Award-nominee Claire Lynch, IBMA Female Vocalist of the Year, performs with her band at The Stage in Bonita Springs beginning at 7 p.m. Nov. 3. Dinner and show is \$35. 9144 Bonita Beach Road. Reservations required: 405-8566 or www.thestagebonita.com.

■ **Halloween at Fred’s** – Fred’s Food, Fun & Spirits hosts a Halloween Party featuring the Lost Rodeo. The theme is “Florida Cracker,” and the best costume wins a gift certificate to Fred’s. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

■ **Guitar Workshop** – Bluegrass performer Kenny Smith conducts a guitar workshop at 4 p.m. at My Favorite Guitars. \$25. Reservations: 530-7425 or 287-2035.

■ **Bluegrass Tunes** – Kenny and Amanda Smith perform from 6-8 p.m. at South Collier Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. Free. 252-7542.

■ **Foreign Film** – The Italian Cultural Society presents “Ciao, Professore!” at 6:45 p.m. at The Norris Center, 755 Eighth Ave. S. \$5 donation. www.italianculturalsociety.com.

Sunday, Oct. 30

■ **Fall Films** – The FGCU Renaissance Academy presents and screening and discussion of “Divided We Fall” (Czech Republic, 2000) from 1-4 p.m. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737.

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

Monday, Oct. 31



■ **Pet Party** – The Happy Howlin’ Yappy Hour runs from 3:30-6:30 p.m. at Camp Bow-Wow. Human and canine costumes are encouraged. 3382 Mercantile Ave.

■ **Say B-I-N-G-O** – Bingo at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island begins with a free kosher hot dog dinner at 5:30 p.m. The first game is called at 7 p.m. 991 Winterberry Drive. 642-0800.

Tuesday, Nov. 1

■ **Book Talk** – Discuss David Baldacci’s “The Whole Truth” at 2 p.m. at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. 263-7768 or www.colliergov.net/library.

Wednesday, Nov. 2



■ **Sand Creations** – The 25th annual American Sandsculpting Competition and Beach Festival is set for today through Nov. 6 on Fort Myers Beach. 454-7500 or www.sandsculptingfestival.com.

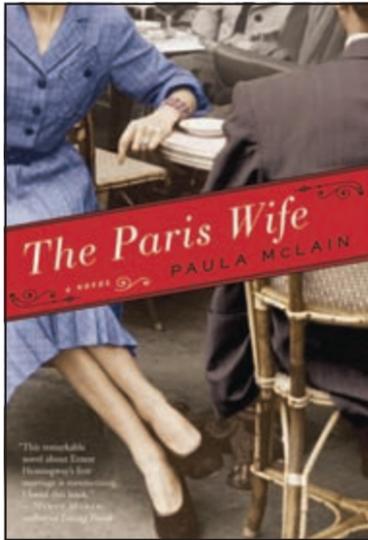
■ **One-woman Show** – “Conversations with History: La Vie Divine! Conversations (Early Bird Special)” starts at 3:30 p.m. at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. Enjoy a one-woman portrayal of the French actress Sarah Bernhardt. 263-7768 or www.colliergov.net/library.

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

■ **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.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Coming Up



■ **Book Talk** – Discuss Paula McLain's "The Paris Wife" at 2 p.m. Nov. 3 at Headquarters Regional Library, 2385 Orange Blossom Dr. 593-0177 or www.colliergov.net/library.

■ **Art & Supper** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents "Alla Prima, Alla Fun (Guitar)" from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Nov. 3 at 26100 Old 41 Road. Learn to paint in one setting and enjoy a wine and pizza dinner. \$42. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Park It** – "Exploring South Florida's Four National Parks" starts at 2 p.m. Nov. 3 at the Golden Gate Branch Library, 2432 Lucerne Road. 252-4542 or www.colliergov.net/library.

■ **Cultural Program** – The Renaissance Academy and Continuing Education & Off-Campus Programs at Florida Gulf Coast University present a symposium about Guatemala and the ancient Maya culture from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 3 at the Sugden Welcome Center. \$60. <http://registerra.fgcu.edu> or 425-3270.

■ **Live Music** – The Claire Lynch Band performs at 7:15 p.m. Nov. 3 at The Stage in Bonita Springs. 405-8566 or www.thestagebonita.com.



DOWNTOWN FORT MYERS

■ **Art in Fort Myers** – Art Walk takes place from 6-10 p.m. Nov. 4 in the historic River District of downtown Fort Myers. www.fortmyersartwalk.com.

■ **Jazz Tunes** – The FGCU Bower School of Music presents a jazz ensemble concert at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 4 Free. 590-7851 or pharkins@fgcu.edu.

■ **Art Event** – HotWorks.org presents the eighth bi-annual Estero Fine Art Show at Miromar Outlets Nov. 5-6. Activities include Florida Blue's Youth Art Competition. www.HotWorks.org, Info@HotWorks.org or 755-3088.

■ **Foreign Films** – The South County Regional Library presents a series of award-winning foreign films starting with "Troubled Water" at 2 p.m. Nov. 5. 21100 Three Oaks Parkway. 533-4440 or 533-4415.

■ **Broadway Superstar** – Audra McDonald joins the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra to kick off the orchestra's 30th-anniversary season Nov. 5. Enjoy an hors d'oeuvres reception at 7 p.m., followed by the performance at 8. \$129. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Youth Theater** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs Youth Theater Department presents "Dress Rehearsal for Murder" at 7 p.m. Nov. 5 and at 2 and 7 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay, 26811 S. Bay Dr. \$5. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Art Demos** – The Galleries of Crayton Cove host Demo Day from 1-4 p.m. Nov. 5. Studios and galleries are open, with artists giving demonstrations. 659-2787 or guessfisher@comcast.net.

■ **Outdoor Concert** – The Bonita Springs Concert Band, under the direction of Dr. Dennis Hill, opens its fourth concert season at 2 p.m. Nov. 6 in the band shell at Riverside Park on Old 41 in Bonita Springs. Bring a chair and refreshments.

■ **Major/Minor Concert** – Musicians from the Philharmonic Youth Orchestra play side by side with professionals from the Naples Philharmonic

Orchestra in the first Major/Minor Concert of the season at 7 p.m. Nov. 6 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. \$15. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Night Out** – Ladies Night Out runs from 6-10 p.m. Nov. 7 at Mongello's Restaurant, 4221 Tamiami Trail. The events benefits American Cancer Society-Naples Chapter. Enjoy dinner, entertainment by Barry Nueman & Co., a fashion show and an auction. \$24.95. 793-2644.

■ **Rock On** – Kansas, with founding members Steve Walsh, Rich Williams and Phil Ehart, teams up with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra at 8 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Latin Extravaganza** – Benise, "The Prince of the Spanish Guitar," presents his music and dance show "The Spanish Guitar" at 8 p.m. Nov. 10 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Pastel Society** – The Southwest Florida Pastel Society hosts its second annual Show of Small Works Nov. 11-22, with an opening reception from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 11 in the Galciglia Gallery at Hodges University, 2655 Northbrooke Dr. 596-2257. ■

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ARTS COMMENTARY

The return of the well-cast, well-acted 'Woolf'

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Theater can be such an ephemeral art. It's here, and then it's gone.

You can always re-read a book or watch a movie on DVD whenever you want.

But once a play's run is over, it's over.

There are, of course, revivals of shows, but they generally occur anywhere from five to 10 or more years later, and typically have different casts.

So while it's the same, it's also different.

The production of "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" running at the Herb Strauss Theater on Sanibel Oct. 27-Nov. 5 is one of those rare exceptions.

It's the same Laboratory Theater of Florida production that played at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in Fort Myers last October. Same director, Annette Trossbach, and same cast: Stephanie Davis as Martha, Scott Carpenter as her husband George, Nykkie Rizley Ptaszek as Honey and Doug Landin as her husband Nick.

Some BIG ARTS board members who saw the show last fall in Fort Myers negotiated with Ms. Trossbach to bring it to the island's Herb Strauss Theater (with which BIG ARTS is now affiliated). The company will give eight performances,

at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 27-29, and Tuesday-Saturday, Nov. 1-5.

Laboratory Theater plays can be wildly uneven. Part of this is the venue (sound can bounce around and echo in the spacious Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center downtown), and part of it is the inexperience of some of the actors. Ms. Trossbach has creative ideas and takes risks, but her casts aren't always skilled enough to execute her vision.

I attended the company's production of "MacBeth" a few years ago, and wound up leaving at intermission. While the staging was creative, many of the actors didn't seem to know what they were doing. I discovered later that some of the cast had never acted before.

An emotional evening

But "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" was a different experience. Well cast and well acted, it took the audience on a roller coaster ride of emotions, leaving them emotionally spent by the end of the third act. By its last weekend of performances, the show was completely sold out.

"I don't do 'Bye Bye Birdie,'" Ms. Trossbach says. "I do things that are of cultural importance. 'Who's Afraid' falls into that category."

Edward Albee's play won the Tony Award for Best Play. And although it was selected by the Pulitzer Prize jury for Best Drama, that award's advisory board overruled the jury, and no prize was given in that category that year.

"It was because of the blue language," Ms. Trossbach says. "Everyone unanimously thought the writing was so good. It's very layered, very rich. It's one of my favorite plays of all time."

The good news is, if you missed it downtown, or if you like it so much you want to see it again, you can. The bad news is tickets to the Herb Strauss Theater are \$42 — more than twice what they cost in Fort Myers. And if you don't live on Sanibel, add on the \$6 toll.

The Herb Strauss Theater is a much smaller venue, which both audiences and actors like. It's very intimate, and audiences will feel as though they're right in George and Martha's living room.

An intense revival

For Ms. Davis, who's known around town as the Downtown Diva, revisiting the play a year later has been an intriguing experience. She's had to relearn her lines. Lines from plays stick with her for a month after a play ends, she says, "But then they're gone. Gone, gone, gone."

"Honestly, I had forgotten how intense the role is, how intense the whole play is," she says. "(In rehearsal) Annette was saying she was seeing a lot more color and layers to our performances than last year. I think that's because, for me, I've experienced different things this year. Nothing major, but I'd have to say I think I've grown up another year; I'm another year older, another year wiser."

The play is set over the course of one evening during which George and Mar-

tha verbally spar and get increasingly drunk. They've invited a young couple back to their home. The couple is both an audience to George and Martha's twisted insults and fighting as well as unwilling participants.

Though their relationship is tempestuous, "I believe that at their core they are very much in love with each other, but they don't know any other way to interact with each other than these games and this aggression," Ms. Davis says. "I do think there are so many tender moments and funny moments between George and Martha during the show."

"You'll be on stage and doing a scene, and all of a sudden, you have a line and you're interacting, and the audience just bursts out with laughter. There are so many hysterically funny moments in this play. I was surprised last year during the run, hearing the laughter from the audience."

"You're laughing, and then you're crying — that is not a cliché." ■

in the know

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?"

>> **When:** Oct. 27-Nov. 5>> **Where:** The Herb Strauss Theater, 2200 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island>> **Tickets:** \$42 (\$20 for ages 17 and younger)>> **Info:** 472-6862 or

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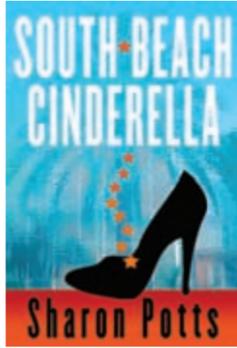
FLORIDA WRITERS

Sharon Potts shows how (not) to find the ideal mate



“South Beach Cinderella,” by Sharon Potts. CreateSpace. 338 pages. \$12.99 (paper), Kindle edition \$2.99.

Although she is an established author of suspenseful mysteries, Sharon Potts decided the best way to switch genre tracks was to publish her latest, a comedy-romance, through e-book and print-on-demand publishing. Let us hope she brings her fans along to enjoy her work in a different mode.



turned-freelance-accountant and unpublished author whose life is a battle against conventionality. Neil’s peculiarities make him seem like a lone wolf. Often unkempt, comfortably ignorant about fashion, oscillating between shyness and outspokenness, he’s nobody’s Prince Charming. He’s a guy who makes do with the necessities of life and values repairing above replacing. He has a kind of earthy know-how, and he’s loyal to his friends.



COURTESY PHOTO Sharon Potts

And though he is no one’s idea of a match for Frankie, he truly loves her.

If this weren’t a Cinderella story, it would be more like The Princess and the Frog. The test for Princess Frankie is whether or not she can see beyond the fact that Neil is a misfit in a conventional society and understand that he is a prince with regard to what really matters. At first it doesn’t help his cause that Neil is a friend of — surprise — Frankie’s free-spirited mother.

Frankie Wunder, real estate agent and wife of super-dentist Warren Wunder, is an earnest but misguided character whom Ms. Potts portrays with empathy and wry, satiric strokes. When her childless marriage to her cheating husband falls apart, Frankie works herself up into a campaign frenzy to find true love and motherhood. Naively optimistic, she projects her versions of the ideal mate on a series of men whom she hardly knows, inevitably finding disappointment and slowly beginning to share the opinion of many of her friends that there just aren’t any good men out there.

“South Beach Cinderella” has several other areas of interest. Frankie’s conversations with those in her circle of lady friends are richly comic, as are the vividly drawn portraits of individuals. The author also presents readers with an insider’s satirical analysis of the recent Miami area real estate scene. Readers gain insights into various communities almost as if Frankie were working as their agent.

Why the frenzy? Well, she’s desperate to have children, she’s 35, and she hears that clock ticking. This panic, in part, makes her a bit delusional about the true merits of the men she meets.

All in all, “South Beach Cinderella” is a pleasantly hopeful, solidly crafted and thoroughly escapist romance that still engages some important questions about success, relationships and personal responsibility. ■

Ms. Potts captures the humorous and awkward aspects of entering the dating game after more than a decade of married life. Frankie makes hilarious missteps, and the detached reader can often predict that things will turn out badly given Frankie’s sense of urgency and her blindness to obvious clues. Though she’s highly intelligent, her antennae are muddled. She builds dream men out of spoiled goods. And she’s a bit scary in pushing her happy family agenda.

— Sharon Potts took her first creative writing course at the University of Miami after retiring from the business world nine years ago. Her work has received numerous awards, including the 2010 Benjamin Franklin Award for best mystery/suspense novel, as well as a starred review in Publishers Weekly. On her website, Ms. Potts offers this advice for today’s writers hoping to get published: Don’t try to rush the process. Accept constructive criticism and try to make your book as good as it can possibly be. And she says the best advice she’s ever gotten regarding writing is: Keep the characters real. Don’t force them to do things that are inconsistent with their temperament or motivation. It will irritate your readers. Find out more at www.sharonpotts.com.

Frankie’s background, which includes a father she never knew and a hippie mother whose parenting style she has rejected, partially explains her needs and her confused state. Slowly, she gains greater insight and a more balanced perspective.

Crucial to the novel’s success and vision is Frankie’s friend Neil, a lawyer-

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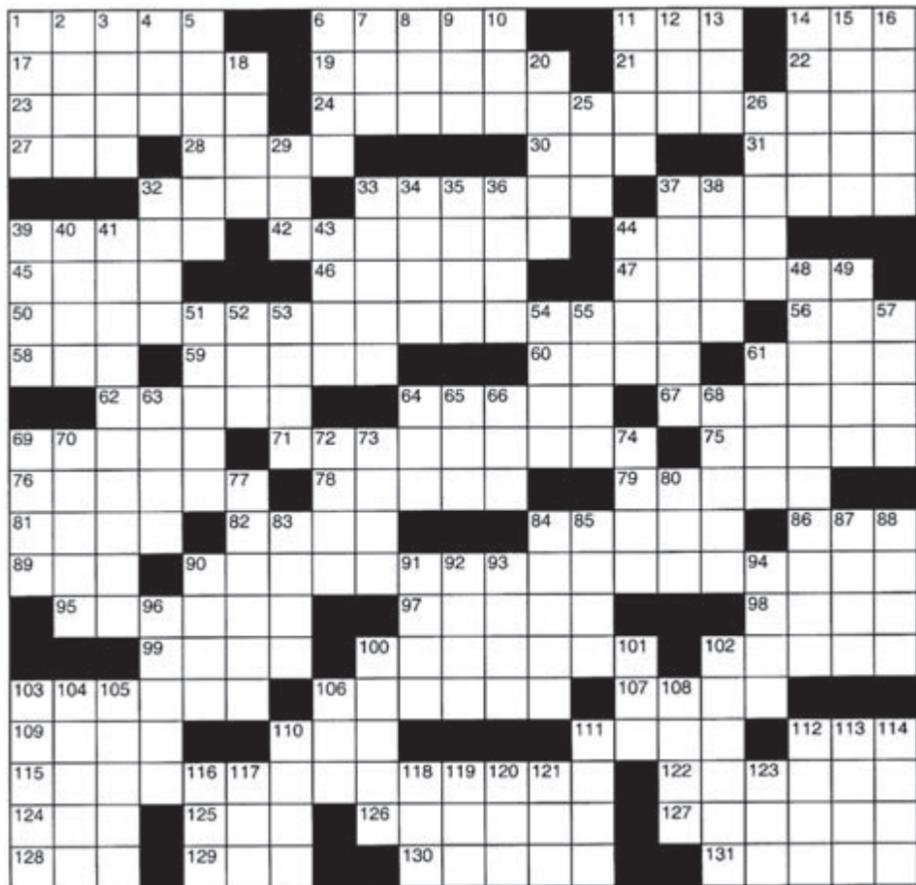
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 - 5 Word with bomb or tomato
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 - 9 Remnant singer
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 - 108 Grimm creature
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 - 113 Clove hitch, for one
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 - 119 — page
 - 120 — Jima
 - 121 Beatty or Brooks
 - 123 Actress Sara

SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

■ **SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Good news -- you finally get to the bottom of that pesky mystery you've been trying to solve for weeks by using some gentle persuasion to get someone to break his or her silence.

■ **SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) The best time to take on that important task is now. Move forward one step at a time so you can assess your progress and, if need be, change direction.

■ **CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) The new opportunities you hoped to find this month are beginning to open up. Study them carefully to be sure you make the choice that's best for you.

■ **AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Turn a disappointment into a learning experience. Check out possible weaknesses in your approach and strengthen them. A loyal colleague offers good advice.

■ **PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your new situation offers opportunities to help you get the skills you'll need in order to stop swimming in circles and finally move straight toward your goals. Go for it.

■ **ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A work-related situation that started last month takes on increasing importance this week. The choice is still yours as to how it will evolve. Be careful not to make quick judgments.

■ **TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) "Careful" is the watchword for the pru-

dent Bovine this week. Don't let your emotions overwhelm your logic. Try for balance as you maneuver through a touchy situation.

■ **GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Your energy levels rise to meet the challenges that will mark much of this month. New opportunities beckon. Look them over, but proceed cautiously before making any kind of decision.

■ **CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your private life can be a problem this week, as a partner becomes more difficult. Resist a reaction you might regret. Instead of walking away, try to talk things out.

■ **LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You should be your usual sunny self these days, as you bask in the admiration you adore. Enjoy it as you move into a new arena to confront an exciting upcoming challenge.

■ **VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your perseverance reserves will be tapped frequently this week as you deal with the problems involved in making a new situation work for you. But it'll all be worth it.

■ **LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You'll find fewer roadblocks turning up as you continue to move ahead with your plans. Expect some important news to come your way by mid-November.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a sharp, logical mind and a quick intellect. You would make an excellent mystery writer. ■

By Linda Thistle



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WRITING CHALLENGE

Writing Challenge wraps up, judging begins

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

Throughout the past several months, *Florida Weekly* has provided writers with photo prompts to inspire them to pen prose and poems. We've printed our



writers who submitted their work. ■ favorites from week to week right here. This week we feature the final selections. The short story and poem were based on the photo of the bicycle.

This week 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. Thanks to all the great

To keep your balance

BY WENDY NICHOLS CLARK

The Greene County bus schedule is more like a suggestion. Maybe the bus would show up at half past the hour, but more likely it would show up within 10 minutes on either side of the printed time. I hedged my bets and walked out of my house at 9, which under ordinary conditions, would have put me at the bus stop roughly nine minutes later. My kids' future depended on me catching that bus.

In my "borrowed" black suit and pumps — my purse and portfolio strapped into a metal basket behind the bicycle seat, I coast down High Avenue. It had taken me a half dozen wardrobe changes to get out the door. The long flowing skirt and suede jacket seemed too Bohemian; the red wrap-waist dress — Jonathon's favorite — too seductive. My neighbor Angela told me I should use every advantage, but a nursing mother has no business wearing low-cut, jersey knit to a job interview. The sales person at Nordstrom's assured me the wide-legged pants and crepe jacket, nipped at the waist, struck a perfect balance of professional and chic, with an appropriate hint of sexy. My last job was almost seven years ago as an art designer at a small ad agency in Chicago. I'd quit working when Jonathon and I were married to pursue my painting, but when Michael was born, I'd happily traded in my acrylics for Crayolas.

I stood in front of the antique cheval mirror, tied a scarf around my neck and tucked the price tag inside. The suit would have to be returned. It wasn't until I walked out my front door and nearly broke my neck tottering down the front steps in my neighbor's high heels that I realized I'd need an alternative means of transportation to the bus stop. I'm a Birkenstock and bare foot kind of gal.

Just last week, I'd sold Jonathon's 1994 Mustang Cobra — the last purchase he'd managed to squeeze in as a bachelor before we were married six years ago. The next day, as if Jonathon were seeking revenge from the afterlife, the transmission went out on my Subaru Forrester. Dave Szymanski was fixing it for me. Poor Dave, I'd practically become his second wife. When Jonathon was killed, I got 50 husbands. His brothers at the Rocksborough police force were taking care of me now. They'd finished the kitchen renovation, replaced a leaky toilet and dug a new sewer line. They would probably offer to pay my mortgage, but I'm too ashamed to tell anyone there are three of them, a mountain of credit card debt and a timeshare.

I found the bike in the junkyard we call a garage, wedged between a wheelbarrow and a twin box spring. Mine had two flat tires and Jonathon's was hanging upside down from the ceiling in a completely inaccessible corner. I wrestled the bike

free, maneuvered it out the side door, strapped my purse and portfolio in the basket and jumped on. Now, coasting down the hill into town, I try to remember where this bike came from. It must have been among the piles of garage rubble the previous owners so thoughtfully left behind when we bought the house. Actually, it's not a bad bike, a hybrid Schwinn with a much more generous seat than I'm used to on my touring bike, and the basket is certainly handy right now. It fits me perfectly, which is something since I'm nearly 6 feet tall, and the tires are hard, as if the bike were waiting for me. Maybe the universe is telling me it's going to be OK, that I'll get the job, pay off the mortgages, and keep the house. I don't want this job. I hate the thought of leaving Michael and Emma in daycare while I trudge off to the city to design cereal boxes and dog food ads. I've half considered phone sex as a career alternative. The hours are perfect for a single mom. I imagine my mother-in-law Evelyn's horrified reaction if she were to find out. It might be worth selling my dignity for that. There's not much I'm qualified to do but wipe bottoms, change diapers and cut food into tiny pieces. Maybe they'd hire me at the old folks home down the street.

I'm lucky to have this interview. I've sent out over a hundred resumes, and not one single call. I'm sure my mother-in-law, with all her country club cronies, could have made a few connections, but I can't have her know how bad things are. Part of me wouldn't mind telling her what a mess her perfect son strapped me with, but I'd never betray my husband that way. That and I won't give her the leverage. She'd be all too happy to "help."

As I round the corner onto Main Street, I hear the rumble of a diesel engine as the Route 9 bus into Port Authority passes me, a blur of silver and whining gears. I'm four blocks from the stop. "Wait!" I yell, peddling like mad. "Hold the bus!" The last passenger glances my direction before she disappears inside the bus. The door hisses closed and the bus pulls away. I jump off the bike and run, waving my arms overhead. "Wait!" I scream. The bus slows, and I yell again as it rounds the corner and rumbles out of sight.

I pick up the bike. It's 24 miles into the city. The next bus is in an hour. A cab would cost a week of groceries. I walk the bike back toward town.

A minivan pulls over. The passenger window goes down and a woman with a blonde perky ponytail leans across the front seat. "Do you need a ride?" Her pretty face is all worry and concern. Good Lord, of all people. It's the second-to-last person I want to see, next to my mother-in-law.

I shake my head. "I'm fine," I say biting my trembling lip. "Really. I'm fine." ■

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Philharmonic guest conductor will lead high school bands in the national anthem

Stuart Chafetz, frequent guest conductor with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, will conduct "The Star Spangled Banner" at the Collier County Band Show beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at Lely High School. Tickets are available at the gate.

All seven Collier County high school marching bands will participate, giving Mr. Chafetz the opportunity to conduct all of the high school band students in Collier County simultaneously. He will leave the stadium immediately after conducting the national anthem to head to the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, where he'll lead

the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra in "Arthur Fiedler's Favorites" beginning at 8 p.m.

The program will feature some of Mr. Fiedler's favorite selections, including Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsody" and Gershwin's "Strike Up the Band." The conductor promises a Halloween favorite or two as well.

Tickets to "Arthur Fiedler's Favorites" start at \$37 for adults and \$22 for students. For more information or to order tickets, call 597-1900 or visit ThePhil.org.

See more about what's coming up at the Phil on page C18. ■

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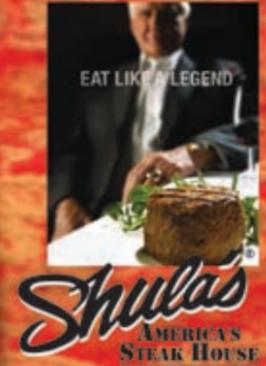
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Standing at center are Erin Laughlin and James Little as Ruth and Austin. Surrounding them are fellow cocktail party guests, played by Dave Gardner (left and second from right) and Bonnie Knapp (second left and right). Ms. Knapp and Mr. Gardner play 10 different characters in A.R. Gurney's "Later Life."

LATER

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stuck could be an understatement. Unwillingness to change or fear of connection with others could be their ultimate problem. "It's been a challenge, because my character especially is very restricted," says James Little, who portrays Austin. "As an actor, I want to act on my emotion, but sometimes (director Mr. Graffy) tells me to pull back because Austin is so reserved.

"Ruth is waiting for Austin to reach out and make that connection with her, but the question is: Is he able to?"

For Erica Laughlin, the Ruth to James's Austin, "It's been hard. You want to be that person who acts on their emotions, but instead you have to

play that straight man. I get a moment or two of levity, but the play is real, and it's subtle. I play the role different every night because I'm looking for that 'right' way to do it. It's a different way to grab the audience's attention."

And so it has become the task of the "Other" characters to represent the emotional needs of Austin and Ruth: Do they have infinite possibilities, as they did back when they met in their 20s? Or is this the last chance?

The Others embody Ruth's and Austin's basic needs and wants. The story moves forward with their help, and they juxtapose the main characters.

David Gardner plays the five Other Men. "This gives me the opportunity to dig deeper into the kinds of projects that I really enjoy doing," he says.

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"I think one of the undercurrents of the show is that Austin is incapable of change. It's interesting that Gurney wrote this and intentionally had two people play five characters. They contrast the characters that can't change."

Bonnie Knapp, who plays the Other Women, agrees. "I move from one eccentric type of character to another, but it's exciting. I wouldn't say that [playing five people] has been hard," she says. "All of them are so different, with so many different goals. I think our jobs are simply to share those [goals] with Austin and with Ruth."

"Later Life" is also a very sympathetic portrayal of people who are stuck only playing one role in life. The multiple character arcs allow the audience to sympathize and relate to everyone, no matter what your age or stage in life. It is a universal story in that regard; it

just happens that these people are in the middle of their lives.

The play works on two levels, says Mr. Graffy: "It's great for audiences that love to come to the theater just to be entertained, because it's funny and it's also dramatic; the characters are palatable and relatable." It's also great, he adds, for theatergoers who "search for something richer in the theatre experience, people who want to head straight to Starbucks or to get a glass of wine and talk about it afterwards."

A play aimed for universally diverse audiences, "Later Life" promises to be entertaining and relevant for all. ■

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Auditions set for February production of 'Doubt'

The Naples Players will hold auditions for "Doubt," the Pulitzer Prize-winning drama by John Patric Shanley, beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12, at the Sugden Community Theatre.

Cast openings include one man in his late 30s, a woman age 50-60, another woman in her 20s and an African American woman age 40-50.

John McKerrow will direct the production. Rehearsals begin Dec. 6, and performances in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden will be Feb. 1-25 (preview Jan. 31).

"What do you do when you're not

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■ **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.

■ Photographer J. Tomas Lopez presents "**SLR: Digital Camera, Lenses and Accessories**," a class designed for those who want to take imaging to the next level, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4-5. Participants will receive instruction on shooting, composing, lighting, lens selections, tripod, light meters and understanding the difference between film and silicone.

Mr. Lopez is the director of electronic media at the University of Miami. His photographs are in collections at the Smithsonian and the International Museum of Photography, among other. Cost of the workshop is \$300.

■ Tony Award-winning **Audra McDonald** (also seen in ABC's "Private

Practice") joins the NPO to kick off to the orchestra's 30th anniversary season 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." Tickets start at \$129.

■ 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.

■ Joe Leonardo, professor emeritus at Temple University Theater Department, discusses "Madama Butterfly" in the first of the **Opera Classics lecture** series beginning at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9. Up next in the series is Dr. Leonardo's

discussion of "The Divas of Opera" at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 11. He will examine legendary female opera singers of the 20th and 21st centuries - their lives, their art and their legacies.

Both lectures take place in the Toni Stabile Building just south of the Philharmonic Center. Tickets are \$40.

■ The rock band **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." Tickets start at \$59.

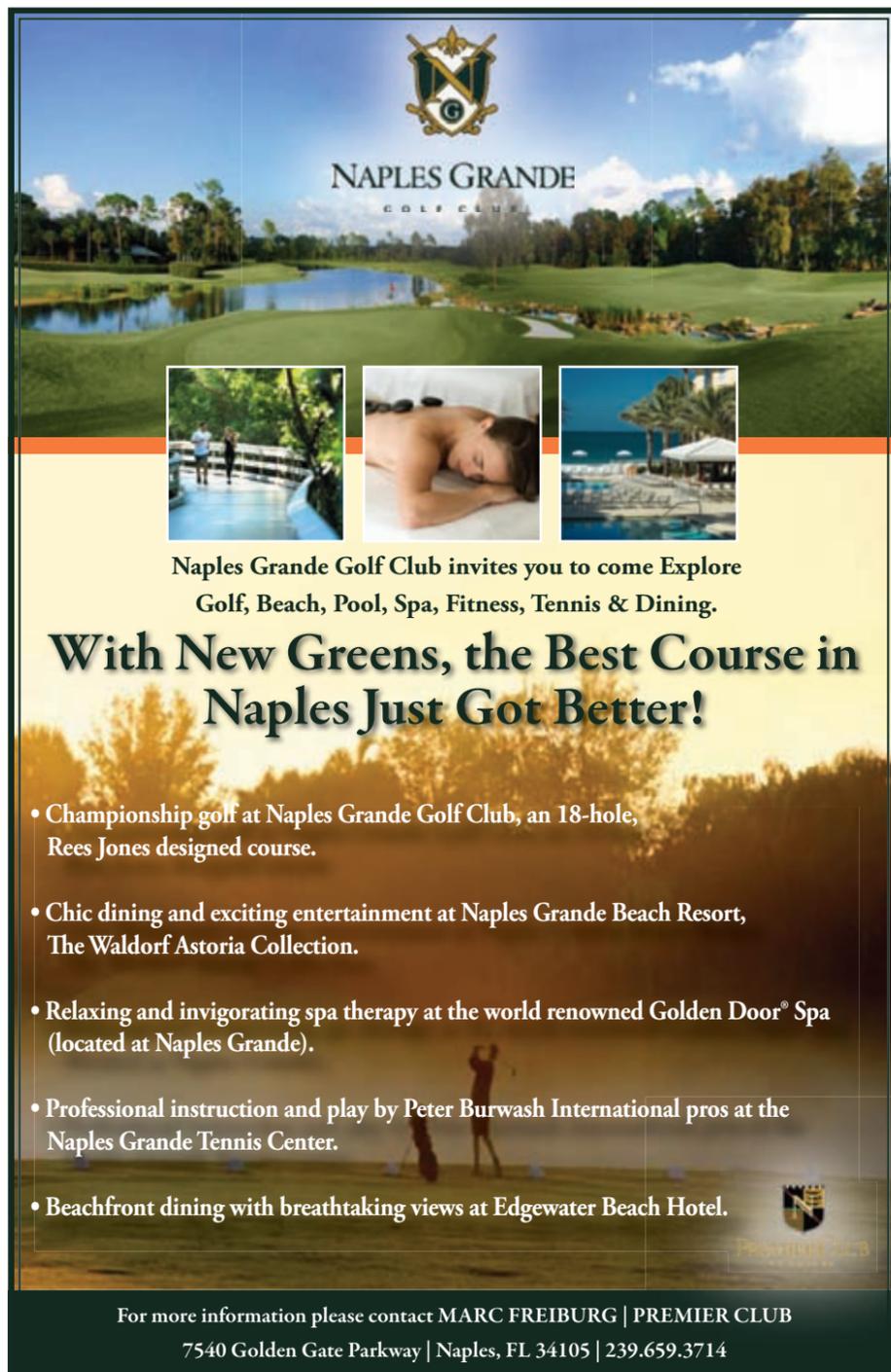
■ Benise, "**The Prince of the Spanish Guitar**," presents his newest music and dance extravaganza, "The Spanish Guitar," (which has been called "the Latin 'Riverdance,') at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10. The performance blends Latin rhythms and rock 'n' roll with video and choreography. Benise won an Emmy 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.

■ **Elaine Newton**, professor emerita of humanities at York University in Toronto, will discuss Jonathan Franzen's "Freedom" at the first program in the new season of **Critic's Choice** in the Phil's Lifelong Learning series. Presentations are at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, in the Daniels Pavilion and at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19, in Hayes Hall. Tickets are \$32.

The Critic's Choice series continues with: "The Tiger's Wife," Dec. 8 and 10; "The Paris Wife," Jan. 5 and 7; "The Weird Sisters," Feb. 9 and 11; "Room," March 8 and 10; and "The Thousand Autumns of Jacob de Zoet," April 12 and 14. ■

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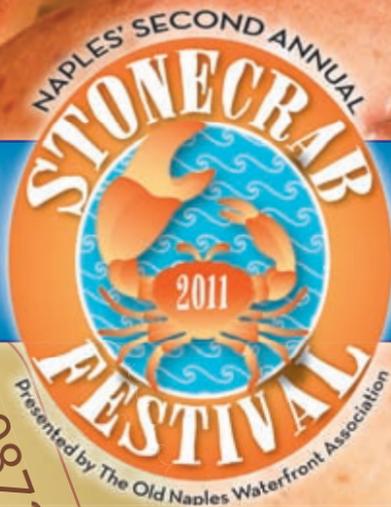
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CLUB NOTES

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 new orchid species.

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.

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■ The **German American Club Gemuetlichkeit** begins a new season of get-togethers with a dinner dance show the Alpine Sonnenschein Express Trio from Disney World on Friday, Nov. 11, at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 7100 Airport Pulling Road. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner is served at 5:30 p.m.

Admission is \$25 for members, \$30 for others. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 774-1582.

■ **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).

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Q: I heard that glass caskets were once made in the United States. Is that true?

A: Yes. Pressed-glass caskets were made from about 1915 to 1924, but there are patents for glass caskets dating to the 1860s. Early records show that a company in Orville, Ohio, made glass caskets in 1877. It was a midwestern industry. At least 12 Midwest companies made glass caskets, most using a 1915 patent registered by James DeCamp. Most were small children's caskets because adult-size caskets were so difficult to make. That's why large glass caskets were reserved for "holy" people and other important people. Some glass caskets can be seen in Catholic churches in the United

States and abroad. Most caskets used today weigh 150 to 200 pounds. An adult glass casket weighed more than 300 pounds and if dropped or hit, it might break, an undesirable event at a funeral.

Q: I bought an antique solid-oak ice box about 35 years ago. There is a brass plate on the front that says "Challenge, Trademark, Iceberg, Challenge Corn Planter Co., Grand Haven, Mich." The patent date of April 12, 1887, is stenciled on the back. Can you give me any history of the company and estimate the value?

A: Challenge Corn Planter Co. was in business in Grand Haven from 1883 to 1929. The company made ice boxes (now we use refrigerators) as well as corn planters. Ice boxes were first made in England during the 19th century. The wooden box was lined with tin or another metal and insulated with sawdust, straw or seaweed. Blocks of ice were delivered by the iceman. Other methods of refrigeration were developed in the late 1800s. Electric refrigerators were first sold commercially in 1913. Your ice box is worth \$300 to \$500.

Q: I have a pair of Rosenthal porcelain doves in mint condition. They were purchased in Europe before or during World War II. Each is marked "Rosenthal Germany Handgemacht" with the crown-over-X mark in the center. There's also a name under the mark, but I can only make out the first initials, F and H. I would like to sell the figurines, but I have seen their price listed at \$200 all the way up to \$1,300. Please help.

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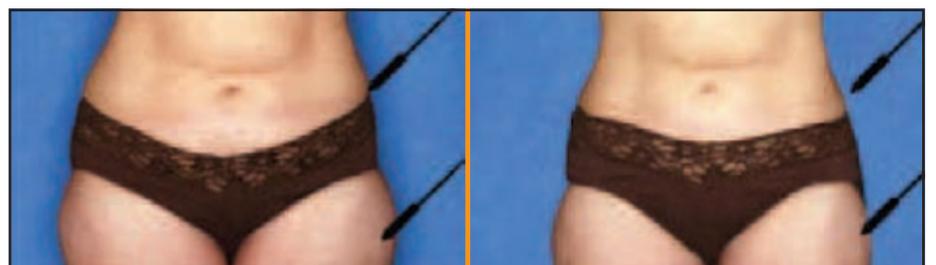
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A: The other mark on your doves is "F. Heidenreich" for Fritz Heidenreich (1895-1966), who worked for Rosenthal from 1919 until 1960. He headed Rosenthal's art department in Selb, Germany, starting in 1946. Heidenreich designed the doves in the 1930s, but they were made for decades. That's why the price can vary considerably. It depends on the age of the doves and their condition. And if what you saw online were asking prices, you may never know if they actually sold at those prices.

Q: I discovered that our family has five silver-plated spoons with figures of girls on them along with five different names: Annette, Cecile, Emilie, Marie and Yvonne. They are not particularly shiny. Can you tell me anything about them, their value and whether I can use any cleaning supplies to brighten the spoons without damaging them?

A: You have a set of Dionne Quintuplet spoons. The end of each handle has a figure of one of the girls. The identical quintuplets were born in Callander, Ontario, Canada, on May 28, 1934. They became wards of the state when they were only a few months old. They were put under the guardianship of Dr. Alon R. Dafoe, the doctor who delivered them, and lived in the Dafoe Hospital and Nursery across the road from the family farm. Their mother opened a souvenir shop on the farm and sold items picturing the girls and souvenirs like "fertility stones" from the farm. The publicity about



Halloween is more fun with displays like this Vegetable Man. Its age is unknown, but bidders at a Morphy auction in Denver, Pa., thought it was worth \$19,550.

their birth made the quintuplets famous throughout the world. Up to 6,000 visitors a day came to watch the girls play, and I was one of them. The area known as "Quintland" became the biggest tourist attraction in Ontario. The girls returned to live with their family in 1943. Thousands of special dolls and souvenirs were made picturing the quints at different ages. Emilie died in 1954, Marie in 1970 and Yvonne in 2001. Annette and Cecile still live in Canada.

You can use any brand of silver polish to clean the spoons, but if the silver plate has worn off, no amount of cleaning will help. A set of spoons like yours is worth \$60 to \$75.

Tip: Wash your hands before handling old paper collectibles. The oil from your hands will cause damage. Museum personnel wear white cotton gloves.■

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► **FRIDAY, OCT. 28, 9 P.M.**

PBS Arts from Miami: Miami City Ballet Dances Balanchine and Tharp



Witness the grace and beauty of one of America's finest dance companies, Edward Villella's Miami City Ballet, in a trio of signature works by George Balanchine and Twyla Tharp.

► **SATURDAY, OCT. 29, 9 P.M.**
As Time Goes By

Jean and Lionel try to rekindle their flame after a 38-year separation.

► **SUNDAY, OCT. 30, 8 P.M.**
America in Primetime

The Man of the House - Part 1

Learn how the man of the house has

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► **9 P.M.**
**Masterpiece Mystery!
Case Histories - Part 3**

Jackson is injured in a train wreck and acquires a teenage sidekick who saves his life but insists that he return the favor by finding her missing employer.

► **MONDAY, OCT. 31, 9 P.M.**
Will Ferrell: The Kennedy Center Mark Twain Prize for American Humor

The 13th Kennedy Center Mark Twain Prize salutes comedian Will Ferrell in a celebration featuring a star-studded cast of Ferrell's friends and colleagues. (Re-airs at 10:30 p.m.)



► **TUESDAY, NOV. 1, 8 P.M.**
**Secrets of the Dead
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Beginning in the 1950s, American and Soviet scientists engaged in a dangerous race to see who could build and detonate the world's largest bomb.

► **WEDNESDAY, NOV. 2, 9 P.M.**
Steve Jobs: One Last Thing

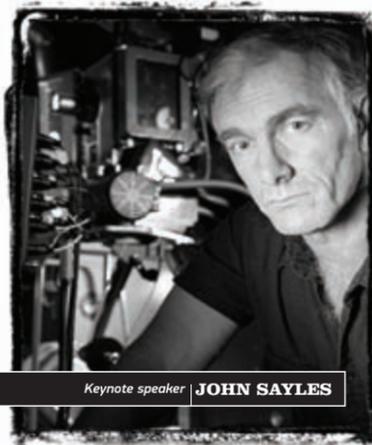
In the aftermath of the death of probably the most inspirational computer designers and innovators of the 21st century, this film takes an in-depth look at the life and work of Apple boss, Steve Jobs to examine how and why he revolutionized our world. ■

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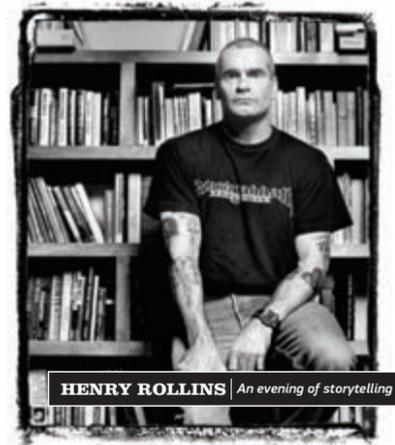
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Place your bets on library casino night

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For tickets or more information, call 262-8135 or visit www.collier-friends.org.

Wrap up your holiday shopping

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, from jewelry and make-up to lingerie and Tupperware. See the full list of vendors at rookery-bay.org/partyofallparties.

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.

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. Sponsors include CupCrazed, The Arlington, Naples Illustrated, Costco Naples, Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort and Old Naples Wholesale Wines.

For more information, call the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center, 417-6310.

Dance the night away for Sunlight Home

Sunlight Home for expectant women and teens invites everyone to put on their dancing shoes for an evening with Cahlua & Cream (above) 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 home-



lessness through education, training and spiritual growth.

For more information, call Linda Hale at 352-0251 or e-mail Linda_lee_hale@yahoo.com.

Humane society holds 13th annual tea

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.

Take some tea 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.

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Wishmakers Ball in 'Black and White'

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Individual tickets are \$200 and sponsorships start at \$3,000. Premium tables are also available starting at \$5,000. For tickets or sponsorship information, contact Lesley Colantonio at 992-9474 or lcolantonio@sflawish.org.

Dancers getting in step for literacy

Chef Pyro Rodriguez can salsa as he creates a souffle, 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.

Mr. Rodriguez is one of seven amateur dancers paired with professional for Literacy Volunteers of Collier County's fifth annual "Dancing with the Stars for Literacy" on Friday, Nov. 11, at Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. He got a kick-start to join the ranks of dancers from his life partner, optometrist Kelly Anderson. Mr. Rodriguez signed up because, like Dr. Anderson, he believes in the importance of literacy and was ready to dance his part.

Dr. Anderson, who is on staff at 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 and this year. She's sitting out this year, however, as she

is expecting the couple's first child the day after Christmas. Instead, she'll serve as one of the evening's three judges.

Tickets are \$175 per person. Call LVCC at 262-4448 for reservations or more information.

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.

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2. Laura Zion, Carrie Fowle and Daniela Magura
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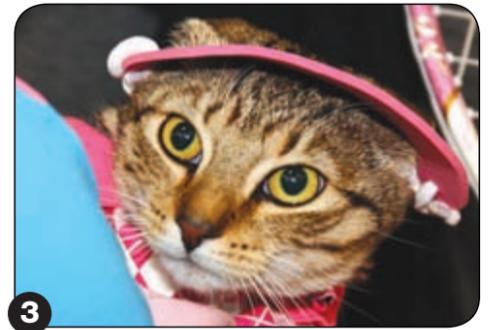
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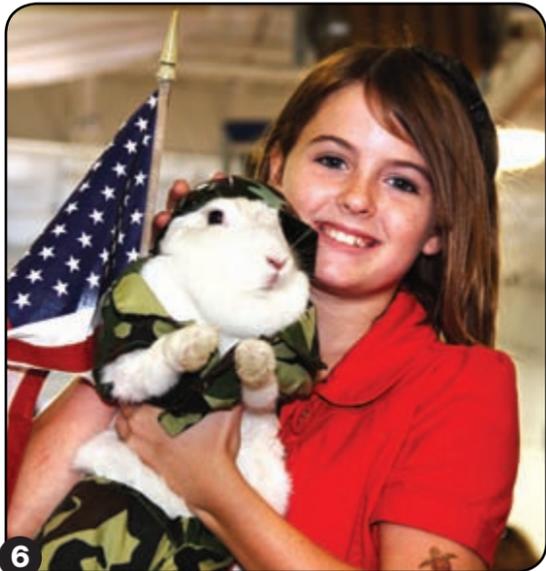
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1. "The Witches of Eastwick"
2. Judges Mike Flounlacker, Bill Barnett, Lindsey Logue and Cindy Pierce
3. Pouncy, the lone cat in the competition
4. Brian Frye with Brutus, Melanie Giles and Gertie, Melissa Taylor and Ruby, Jolene Munzenrieder and Jackie-O
5. "I Dream of Jeannie"
6. Holly Hazen with Miss Marshmallow
7. Keilah Hernandez with Dakota
8. Jill McKee with Jack as "Dogtanian and the Two Muttsketeers"
9. This pirate pit bull took the prize for Scariest Costume
10. Looking for a hydrant

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SOCIETY

Collier County classrooms welcome Education Foundation grants



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1. Pelican Marsh students happy to hear about their teacher's classroom grant
2. Donna Desimone's class cheers her on at Golden Terrace Elementary School.
3. Nicole Bien celebrates with some of her students at Pine Ridge Middle School.
4. Pat Smith's students at Barron Collier High School react to the good news about their teacher
5. Allison Bringardner and her class at Poinciana Elementary School
6. Carole McPhee, holding certificates, with her class and some colleagues at Veterans Memorial Elementary School

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VINO

The wine writer writes about some of his favorites



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People frequently ask me what my favorite wines are, so I thought it was about time to put that list in writing. Some are no longer available, some you will have to search for, and the rest are available, although you might have to settle for a younger vintage.

What makes a wine a favorite? In some cases, the wine shines all on its own. Sometimes, it's how it pairs with food. And in other cases, it's the occasion and the people with whom I drink it.

Here, then, are my favorites — so far:
 ■ **Beau Vigne Cult 2007**, by David Phinney: This Napa Valley cabernet sauvignon is from the Stag's Leap appellation, and this vintage was made by David Phinney, founder of Orin Swift Cellars. Deep and rich in color, medium- to full-bodied, with a big nose and intense flavors of black cherry and currant fruits, licorice and graphite, it has great balance and a lasting full finish.

■ **Beaulieu Vineyards Georges de Latour Private Reserve 2007**: The original private reserve cabernet sauvignon from Napa Valley, first made in 1936, with its classical blackberry, plum and spice nose. Dark purple in color with flavors of dark cherry and blackberry, a touch of oak and minerals, ending with a well-balanced

tannic finish.

■ **Caymus Vineyards Special Selection Napa Cabernet Sauvignon 2007**: Big, inky purple color with aromas of dark berries, cassis and licorice, concentrated black cherry, blueberry and spice on the palate, followed with firm tannins leading to a long lingering velvety finish.

■ **Chateau d'Yquem Sauternes 2003**: In the Bordeaux Classification of 1855, Chateau d'Yquem was given the unique rank of Premier Cru Supérieur, ahead of all other Sauternes, an indication of the highest year-to-year quality in the district. Rich yellow-gold in color, it starts with a beautiful intense bouquet of honeyed apples and vanilla, and is full-bodied and medium sweet. The incredible nose leads to concentrated pineapple and honey flavors with a refined, silky smooth finish that keeps on going.

■ **Chateau Lafite-Rothschild 1970**: This well-known Bordeaux from Pauillac has



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Staglin Family Vineyards Cabernet Sauvignon 2008.

been on top of the wine world for centuries. I served this treasure for my parents' 50th anniversary in 1996, and my mother remarked it was like drinking velvet. It is dark ruby in color, with concentrated flavors of ripe berries mixed with minerals and spicy, oaky scents. Truly elegant, the 20 percent merlot made it graceful and soft on the finish.

■ **Domaine Serene Pinot Noir Willamette Valley Evenstad Reserve 2006**: Medium dark red color, it possesses red and dark berry aromas with a touch of mineral and spice. On the palate it offers complex black raspberry, cherry and raspberry flavors with good tannin structure and a smooth, well-rounded lingering finish.

■ **Dominus Estate 2007**: Produced by the owner of Chateau Petrus, this wine shows a deep ruby color, with intense aromas of black and blueberry fruit and a touch of cedar, followed on the palate with kirsch and black cherry mixed with

plum. Big and chewy, and Bordeaux-like in its structure with good acidity and tight tannins, with a lasting mineral finish.

■ **Oestricher Lenchen Auslese Christ-Eiswein 1970**: A great Rheingau from an established estate, the frozen grapes were picked Christmas morning in 1970. Golden in color with an intense bouquet and flavors of peaches and apricot, followed by spice and mineral flavors to an elegant extended finish.

■ **Staglin Family Vineyard Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon 2007**: Dark purple in color with raspberry and floral notes on the bouquet, with layers of black cherry, plum, chocolate, licorice, and spices on the palate. Richly elegant, with an amazingly long finish.

■ **Tablas Creek Esprit de Beaucastle 2008**: This Rhone-style wine is full-bodied, richly flavored and dark ruby in color. It starts with a rich, spicy berry nose, followed by concentrated layers of red and black raspberry, black cherry, licorice and spice flavors. Fresh and approachable, it has good acid balance and ends with a long, tight finish.

■ **Volnay Les Angles Premier Cru 1969**: Made by Henri Boillot, this wine more than any other showed what a beautiful red Burgundy could be. Fragrant with black cherry and raspberries on the nose, medium in body and with rich, full flavors of cherry and kirsch. The wine finishes with an earthiness and minerality as it lingers in the mouth. ■

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Pig out at Seminole Casino's barbecue festival



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Seminole Casino hosts the Pigs in Paradise National Championship BBQ Festival Friday-Sunday, Nov. 18-20. Five nationally renowned barbecue aficionados will cook their best ribs, pulled pork and brisket as they strive for another championship win.

Lovers of barbecue can eat their fill and see performances by recording artists Burns and Poe, One Night Rodeo and JJ McCoy. There will be celebrity judges, daily pig races and rustic artisans displaying their crafts.

Among those competing for best barbecue will be National Ribfest Grand Champion Johnson's Famous BBQ. Other contenders have multiple awards from high-profile contests around the country, and one has appeared on the Food Network.

Festivities start at noon Nov. 18, continue Nov. 19 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Nov. 20 from noon to 6 p.m. For more information, call (800) 218-0007 or visit www.seminoleimmokaleecasino.com. The casino is at 506 South First St., Immokalee.

Absinthe serves up two-for-one

Absinthe, the North Naples restaurant named after the anise-flavored spirit, is launching a "Taste Absinthe" deal with an added daily lunch service (11 a.m.-2 p.m.), an extended dinner menu (5-11 p.m.) and a new Sunday brunch (11 a.m.-3 p.m.). "Taste Absinthe" offers two-for-one pricing on all food and refreshments until Dec. 30.

Owners and brothers Armand and Elton Alikaj focus on authentic Mediterranean cuisine that is characterized by the use of olive oil and a minimalist approach to cooking with an emphasis on taste and the freshest ingredients. The Absinthe menu stems largely from the brothers' experiences traveling and eating through the coastal regions of Southern Italy, Greece and Albania.

Absinthe is in the Galleria Shoppes at Vanderbilt, corner of Airport and Vanderbilt Beach roads). Lunch ranges from \$7-\$16; dinner appetizers, \$7-\$15 and main dishes \$19-\$28; Sunday brunch starts at \$7, with unlimited Blood Marys or mimosas for \$15 and unlimited Bell-

inis for \$20.
Call 254-0050 for reservations.

World Wine Tour helps sick kids

Help the Ronald McDonald House help the families of sick kids at the fourth annual World Wine Tour, set for Thursday, Nov. 10, at Bell Tower Shops in Fort Myers. Sample wines from around the world as well as appetizers at participating restaurants and merchants while enjoying live entertainment by the Chicago Mob, which plays high-energy blues, Motown, classic rock and soul.

Tickets are \$25 each or two for \$40, including a keepsake wine glass.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida supports programs that improve the health and well-being of children in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry counties. The Ronald McDonald House provides a home away from home for families of hospitalized children, and the charities' mobile van delivers medical and dental services to underserved children.

For tickets, call the Ronald McDonald House at 437-0202.

All the oysters you can eat

Real Seafood Company holds an oyster fest dinner at 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 12. Enjoy unlimited fresh oysters prepared five ways — raw, grilled, fried, steamed and Florentine — along with a three-course dinner for \$39.95 per person.

The dinner includes a spinach salad with raspberry vinaigrette, chargrilled wahoo with sweet potato-plantain gratin and chocolate ravioli with berries and cream. Bottomless glasses of wine and select micro-brewed draft beers will be available for \$9.95 per person.

Real Seafood is at 8960 Fontana Del Sol Way. Reservations are required. Call (888) 456-3463.

Learn the mechanics of organics

Worden Farm, a certified organic farm, hosts a fundraiser full of family activities starting at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30, at the Punta Gorda property. A workshop for farmers will take place Monday, Oct. 31.

Sunday activities include making caramel apples, bobbing for apples and a 7 p.m. showing of the award-winning film "What's Organic About Organic?" Admission of \$20 (free for children 12 and younger) will benefit Florida Organic Growers, a nonprofit organization based in Gainesville that supports and promotes organic agriculture and healthy and just food systems. Film director Shelley Rogers and FOG Executive Director Marty Mesh will lead a question-and-answer session following the screening.

Farmers Chris and Eva Worden will host a free farming workshop starting at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 31. It will cover practical information and advice about sustainable nutrient, pest, weed and disease management options for vegetable farmers and will include presentations by several experts.

Worden Farm sells certified organic produce via a membership program as well as at farmers markets in Sanibel and Naples.

For information on either day's activities, call (352) 377-6355 or visit www.foginfo.org.

Love serves as World Chocolate juror

When the fourth World Chocolate Masters competition took place last week in Paris, Southwest Florida's own Norman Love was among the jurors in the international rivalry. A veteran of international pastry and chocolate competitions himself, this time Mr. Love evaluated and rated the ornate creations of the 19 finalists who came from around the world. Frank Haasnoot of The Netherlands won this year's competition.

To learn more about the contest, visit www.worldchocolatemasters.com.

Olive Garden opens at Coconut Point

An Olive Garden with a Tuscan farmhouse design opened Monday at Coconut Point in Estero. The restaurant will serve dinner only through Friday (4-10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 4-11 p.m. Friday), and will open for lunch at 11 a.m. Saturday.

Olive Garden is at 8091 Plaza Del Lago Drive.

Bonita Bay Club welcomes new chef

Certified Executive Chef P. Richard Brumm will join the Bonita Bay Club staff in November. He is coming from Inverness Club in Toledo, Ohio.

"We conducted a nationwide search for a strong, passionate leader and culinary professional who will inspire our kitchen staff to create consistently outstanding cuisine," says Dan Miles, general manager and COO of Bonita Bay Club. "We found that and more in Richard. He runs a creative, from-scratch kitchen, expertly mentors the talent of staff members and interns, has strong operational skills and relates extremely well to club members. He's a great fit for Bonita Bay Club."

Bonita Bay Club offers a limited number of golf memberships to non-residents. For details, call 949-5061 or visit www.bonitabayclub.net. ■



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Chef P. Richard Brumm, Bonita Bay Club



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Norman Love, right, takes part as a juror in the fourth World Chocolate masters competition in Paris.

food & wine CALENDAR

► **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 purchase, plus a costume contest; Mercato; 552-5100.

► **Friday, Oct. 28, 7-9:30 p.m.**, Inn at Pelican Bay: Artichoke & Company presents a Tuscan wine dinner; \$42.50, 800 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 263-6979

or e-mail kmurano@artichokeandcompany.com.

► **Saturday, Oct. 29, noon-1:30 p.m.**, Whole Foods: Celebrate Oktoberfest with a storewide party featuring foods to taste in each department and a chance to vote on your favorites; Mercato; 552-5100.

► **Wednesday, Nov. 2, 5-7 p.m.**, Decanted Wines: Check out some of the new wine vintages from California, Oregon and Europe; \$25, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations required.

► **Wednesday, Nov. 2, 7 p.m.**, Caffe dell'Amore: Discover the flavors of Bolgheri, a coastal region of Tuscany, with wines from the vineyard of Poggio al

Tesoro and a five-course meal featuring Etruscan salad, antipasto, pasta and beans Bolgheri style, wild boar hunter style and a Tuscan cheese plate; \$89, 1400 Gulf Shore Blvd. N.; 261-1389. Reservations required.

► **Wednesday, Nov. 9, 5-7 p.m.**, Decanted Wines: Winemaker Anthony Bell of Bell Winery introduces his hand-crafted cabernet sauvignon; \$5, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations required.

► **Saturday, Nov. 12, 2:30 p.m.**, Naples Tomato: Learn how to make mozzarella and buratta and take home a pound of mozzarella curds to make more at home; \$35, 14700 Tamiami Trail North; 598-9800. Reservations required.

Farmers markets

► **Wednesday, 1:30-5:30 p.m.**, St. Monica's Episcopal Church, 7070 Immokalee Road; 591-4550.

► **Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**, the Government Complex farmers market, 3335 U.S. 41 E.

► **Saturday, 7:30-11:30 a.m.**, Third Street South, behind Tommy Bahama's between Third Street and Gordon Drive.

► **Saturday, 7 a.m.-noon**, the Bonita Springs Lions Club market at the Promenade, 26851 South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs. ■

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