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SIX-HUNDRED-FORTY-TWO WORDS ABOUT GOP presidential candidate Rick Santorum's sweater vest in the *Los Angeles Times* last week added refreshing levity and character insight, or was wasted space in the political debate, depending on your point of view. Meanwhile, the struggling economy loomed large over nuanced issues such as Medicare.

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On a mission to reach the most vulnerable

BY ROBIN DEMATTIA
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Bonnie McElveen-Hunter was honored that President George W. Bush appointed her as the first woman to serve as chairman of the American Red Cross board of governors in 2004. And then the Greensboro, N.C., resident got a full indoctrination into why the organization is important.

Within her first month, four hurricanes (Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne) hit.

Sixty days later, Southeast Asia experienced a tsunami. The next year, three hurricanes (Katrina, Rita and Wilma) led to the largest response in the organization's history.

Ms. McElveen-Hunter's experience with these disasters — along with visits to Haiti, Ethiopia and Darfur — reinforced her commitment, and she accepted a reappointment as chairman in 2007. She was also inspired to co-found the



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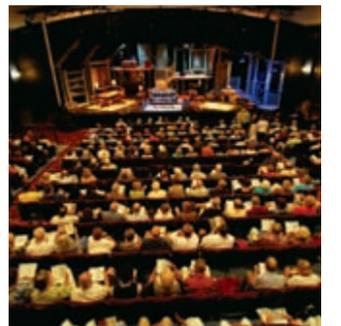
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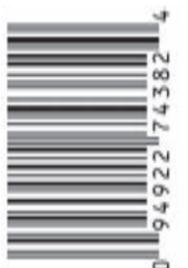
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COMMENTARY

Lean Mean Burger Gyrene



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Tom Monaghan must be having a flashback.

You know, like when a door slams suddenly and the guy across the room drops to the ground, pulls an M-16 out of his sock and blows away his grandmother's tea-cup collection, along with her kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, living room, dining room and lanai because he thought it was — not Jack. Not John. Not Janie, Jackie, or Germaine. No, sir. He thought it was.....*Charlie*.

That's right, Tom Monaghan, one of the richest people in America. A flashback. Or something.

Mr. Monaghan, now 74, is serving burgers in his new Naples hamburger joint, Gyrene (a euphemism for the Semper Fi crowd), while dressed in combat fatigues, like the employees. He calls them "warriors for good."

Let's review the patient's history. This is Monaghan, the conservative Catholic philanthropist. Monaghan, a seeming Horatio Alger of "The City of God," St. Augustine's fifth century book comparing the "heavenly city" with the "earthly city" and insisting that Catholic war is just and you can't be free if you aren't a Catholic. He calls his own particular city of God, Ave Maria.

Monaghan, the hard-times foster-home kid who grew up to enlist in the Marine Corps before later making roughly a billion dollars by building a 6,000-franchise pizza empire called Dominos.

Monaghan, one-time owner of the Detroit

Tigers — of fancy cars, fast jets, big splashy houses and a mid-list ranking among America's 400 wealthiest individuals.

Monaghan, Warren Buffett's friend (but maybe not anymore. Buffett horrified most of his rich friends by insisting last year that he and all of them should have to pay income tax at the same rate as other Americans — at 35 percent, instead of 15 percent. After that, his social calendar probably dried up like a mud puddle in Death Valley).

Monaghan, the man who reportedly spent hundreds of millions of his own dollars to help found and operate not just a Catholic university, but a Catholic town with a Catholic cathedral and a Catholic university in it, one in which he still serves as the Catholic chancellor.

And why exactly did he locate his city of God way out in the farm fields of eastern Collier County near a Seminole Indian Casino?

The answer is obvious, and it wasn't because a developer gave him 900 acres so the company could build his houses. I figure he did it to remind everyone that everything in the world is a gamble.

Even including sanity.

But how can you not admire the sheer energy and ambition all that must have taken? And here's Monaghan still going strong today, several years north of the three-score and ten that the Lord assigned in his full-span plan.

"The days of our years are threescore years and ten," Psalm 90 tells us in the King James Bible — Cambridge edition, of course. You want really stuffy old white men telling you what God and his boys said if you're going to be told in the first place.

"And if by reason of strength they be four-

score years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away."

I don't think so, unless by "fly away" we mean mentally.

Don't worry Grandma, it's just Tommy. He's flown away again. He'll run out of ammo pretty soon, but in the meantime, stay down.

No, Mr. Monaghan sure isn't flying away anywhere, except to Gyrene, which opened a few weeks ago.

There, only two items are served: the Classic and the Deluxe, both burgers and both for \$5.99.

As a former Marine, perhaps — and certainly as an orthodox Catholic — Mr. Monaghan has never been one for choice. Not for privates or lance corporals, not for women, not in what people should be allowed to learn and believe and read and think and do, and not for burger consumers.

I get that. Choice just gets in the way of efficiency, like voting.

"SIR, THE PRIVATE REQUESTS PERMISSION TO ORDER A..."

"Here's your Classic, son. Now shut up and move out. NOW, NOT NEXT WEEK!"

The place serves no drinks, no sides, nothing else. It has no tables, although you can go in and pick up orders. And it delivers — free, at a range of up to 2.3 clicks, or for you Gyrene novices, a mile and a half. The "warriors for good" will deliver orders on scooters within 15 minutes of the call, they say.

Mr. Monaghan's gung-ho business plan depends on simplicity, hustle, mustard, ketchup and cows, along with a rather unusual fashion etiquette for the service industry.

The local paper quoted him optimistically

suggesting that Gyrene could become a fast-food franchise dynasty at least the equal of Dominos, or greater.

And what if he makes a lot of money, again — another billion or so?

Good works, he says. More for the university, for other Catholic causes, for veterans, for who knows what in the great battle between good and evil — which is how Mr. Monaghan has characterized the world.

He may not be all wrong. But when the great battle comes to Ninth Street South in upscale Naples, why wear combat fatigues to serve burgers?

After all, St. Augustine himself never wore combat fatigues. Neither did St. Thomas or St. Francis or Mother Teresa. Only St. Puller wore fatigues, and he had special dispensation (Lt. Gen. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, winner of five Navy Crosses and the most highly decorated Marine in the history of the Corps).

But Mr. Monaghan and his servers wear fatigues — at least the old man did last week, a Neapolitan friend reports.

"I popped in," she wrote to me. "All were in combat fatigues including the man himself, Big Tom. I froze and then exited."

Stay low, Grandma, it's Tommy. He's flown away again.

By the way, Mr. Monaghan's combat-dress servers have to be able to run a mile in 10 minutes, they have to trot from their scooters to the door when they deliver an order, and they have to salute customers.

They learn how to hustle and salute like that at what Mr. Monaghan calls "hamburger boot camp."

Apparently, militarized fast-food hamburgers are God's work. ■



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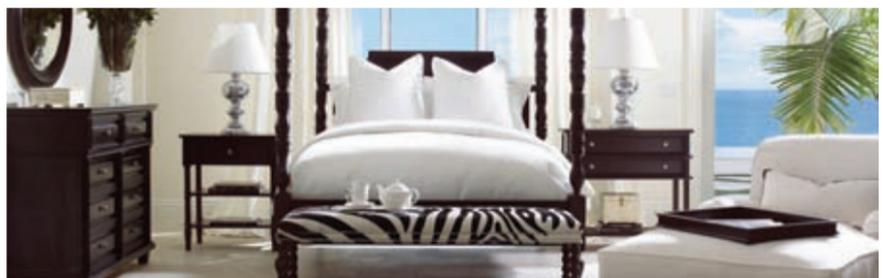
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OPINION

The unsatisfying Mitt Romney



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Romney

Mitt Romney has one advantage over his rivals above all others: He is running a presidential campaign. None of his competitors has been able to manage it in quite the same way.

A Romney rally in Exeter, N.H., was a textbook exercise in traditional presidential politics. The venue was big, a high-school gym. The advance work was flawless. The American flag backdrop was enormous. The three generations of the Romney family arrayed in front of it were so picturesque that they might have arrived straight from a photo shoot for a Tommy Hilfiger advertisement.

When so many commentators have said that, with anti-establishment sentiment running so high, everything is different in Republican presidential politics, Romney has been the old-school candidate. He hews to the familiar instruction manual with a pharisaical devotion. Raise scads of money and build a national organization. Always stay on message and evaluate every move with an eye to the general election. Win endorsements. Take apart opponents precisely to the extent necessary, no more, no less.

As Philip Klein of *The Washington*

Examiner has observed, Romney has been the only guy to show up for the job interview wearing a suit. He hasn't been on a book tour masquerading as a presidential campaign (Herman Cain). He hasn't banked everything on the debates (Newt Gingrich), or showed up unprepared (Rick Perry). He hasn't bet on his performance in just one state (Rick Santorum, Jon Huntsman). Anyone who has won a presidential nomination during the past 30 years would recognize what Romney is doing and why.

Romney's campaign is all technique and no music. His speech in Exeter was schmaltz piled on top of saccharin in a perfect storm of substanceless sentimentality. First, he said he believed in America. Then, he said he loved America. And in conclusion, he quoted verses from

"America the Beautiful." In Romney's case, patriotism is the first refuge of a politician who doesn't dare say anything new or interesting.

Neither of those will ever be a quality associated with Romney. He continues to excel in debates by routinely coming up with answers that feel as though they were produced by a crack marketing team for maximum unassailability. His stumbles are so rare that they become as noticeable as the tiny wobbles of an Olympic skater trying to nail a triple Lutz.

Challenged over the weekend on why he didn't run for re-election as Massachusetts governor in 2006, he said he "went back into business," even though he was already running for president when he left the governor's mansion. Romney wanted to hang on to the scripted presentation of himself as a businessman above all else — plausibility be damned. It was a small falsity that stood for larger worries about his genuineness.

Very few politicians have what it takes to follow the old rules with the proficiency of a Mitt Romney. It takes brains, discipline and managerial skill. But people have trouble warming up to the (almost) flawlessly executing candidate from a flawlessly executing machine. The Romney campaign notwithstanding, there's no rule against inspiring people. ■

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

Guantanamo at 10: The prisoner and the prosecutor



amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

Ten years ago, Omar Deghayes and Morris Davis would have struck anyone as an odd pair. While they have never met, they now share a profound connection, cemented through their time at the notorious U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Deghayes was a prisoner there. Air Force Col. Morris Davis was chief prosecutor of the military commissions there from 2005 to 2007.

Deghayes was arrested in Pakistan and handed over to the U.S. military. He told me: "There was a payment made for every person who was handed to the Americans. ... We were chained, head covered, then sent to Bagram [Afghanistan] — we were tortured in Bagram — and then from Bagram to Guantanamo."

At Guantanamo, Deghayes, one of close to 800 men who have been sent there since January 2002, received the standard treatment: "People were subjected to beatings, daily fear ... without being convicted of any crime."

While Deghayes and his fellow inmates were suffering in their cages, the Bush administration was erecting a controversial legal framework to prosecute the Guantanamo prisoners. It labeled those rounded up "enemy combatants," argued they had no protections under the U.S. Constitution, nor under the Geneva Conventions, no rights whatsoever. Guantanamo became a legal black hole.

When I asked Col. Davis if he felt that torture was used at Guantanamo, he said:

"I don't think there's any doubt. I

would say that there was torture. Susan Crawford, a Dick Cheney protegee, said there was torture. John McCain has said waterboarding was torture, and we've admitted we've waterboarded. There have been at least five judges in federal court and military courts that have said detainees were tortured."

Chained, kept in cages in orange jumpsuits, subjected to harsh interrogations and humiliations, with their Muslim faith vilified, the prisoners at Guantanamo began to fight back, through the time-honored tradition of nonviolent noncooperation. They began a hunger strike. In response, examples were made of Deghayes and the other protesters. He recalled: "After beating me in the cell, they dragged me outside, and then one of the guards, while another officer was standing, observing what was happening, (tried) to gouge my eyes out. ... I lost sight in both of my eyes. Slowly, I regained my sight in one of the eyes. The other eye has completely gotten worse. And they went to do the same thing to the next cell and the next cell and next cell ... to frighten everyone else from campaigning or from objecting to any policies."

Deghayes now has sight in one eye. His right eye remains shut. After his release from Guantanamo, he was sent back to Britain. He is suing the British government for its collaboration in his imprisonment and torture.

Col. Morris Davis, disgusted with the military tribunal process, resigned his position in 2007, and in 2008 retired from the military. He went to work at the Congressional Research Service. After penning an opinion piece critical of the Obama administration's embrace of the military tribunals, which was published in *The Wall Street Journal* in 2009, Davis was fired.

Deghayes notes that the hundreds

of men who have left Guantanamo this past decade have been released because of pressure on governments from grass-roots campaigning. That is why more than 350 separate protests were held this week, on Guantanamo's 10th anniversary. One hundred seventy-one men remain imprisoned there, more than half of whom have been cleared for release, but languish nevertheless.

To make matters worse, in what Col. Davis called a "complete act of cowardice," President Barack Obama signed the National Defense Authorization Act, giving the U.S. government the power to detain anyone, without charge, for an indefinite period of time. Davis explained that it "is not a dramatic departure from what the policy has been for the last few years, but now it's law."

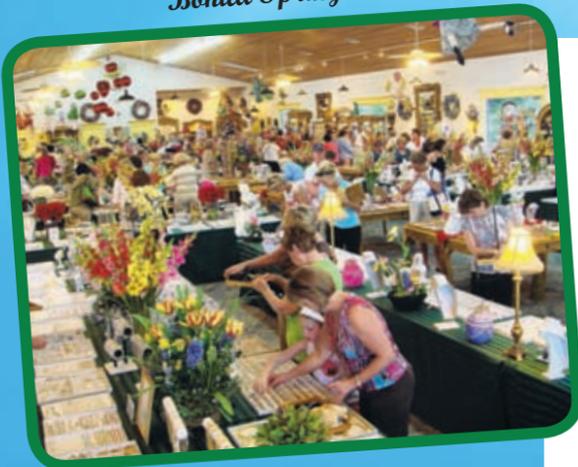
One could imagine an "Occupy Guantanamo" movement, but that would be redundant: The United States has occupied Guantanamo since 1903. Since the U.S. has maintained a crushing embargo against Cuba for more than half a century, presumably because it doesn't like Cuban policies, you'd think the U.S. would exhibit model behavior on its little slice of Cuba. It does just the opposite. Which is why grass-roots movements are so important. With the U.S. presidential race heating up, be assured that the Republican and Democratic parties see eye to eye on Guantanamo. ■

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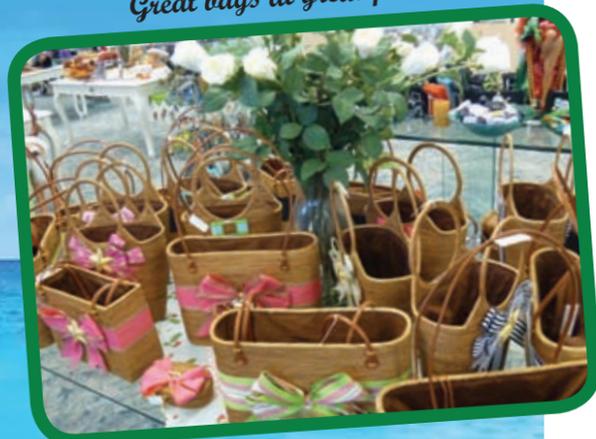


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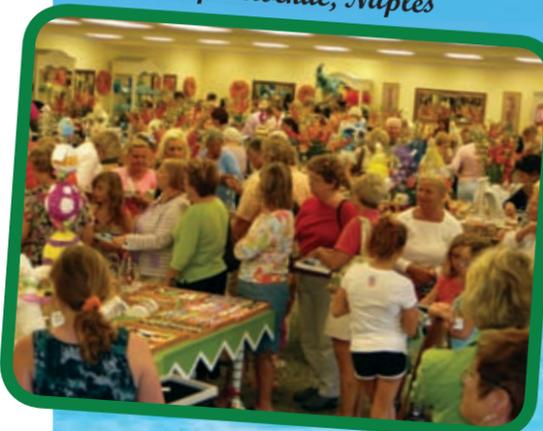


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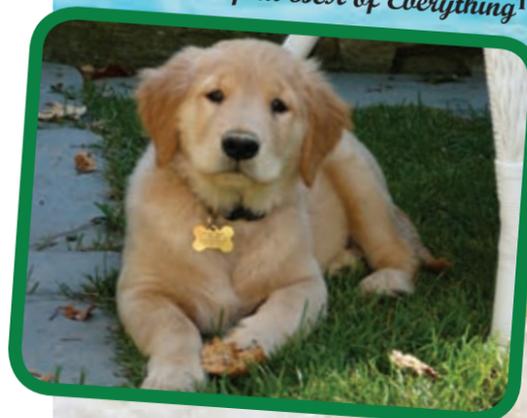
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Just over one year ago, Gov. Rick Scott won election on one promise: to fix Florida's broken economy and get our state back to work.

I've known the governor since long before he decided to run for elective office. He's been a frequent guest on my show, and what I've learned about him is that he is methodical in how he pursues his goals. His mantra is simple and straightforward. He writes down his objectives and the intermediate steps required to accomplish them. Every morning he checks his list and relentlessly works to cross off everything on it.

The concept is at once obvious and simple. And he has perfected the technique and been successful in business as a result.

He's using that same technique to fulfill his campaign promise of fixing Florida's economy.

As governor, he has focused every day on bringing jobs to Florida by eliminating job-killing regulation, holding government accountable and making sure Florida has the best-educated workforce. And the numbers show that his methodical pursuit of those goals is starting to move our state in the right direction.

Since January 2011, Florida has gained

134,800 private-sector jobs, while shrinking government payrolls. For every public-sector job lost last year, Florida is averaging more than nine new private-sector jobs.

This past November's unemployment rate was the lowest we have seen in 31 months, and since December 2010, our unemployment rate has dropped 2 percentage points.

One of the major items on Gov. Scott's master task list last year was reducing the tax burden by delivering \$210 million in property tax cuts, meaning more money for families and businesses and eliminating taxes for almost half of the Florida businesses required to pay the business income tax. This means more business owners have more money to create private sector jobs.

The governor has also held government accountable by vetoing what might be a record \$615 million from the state budget. He has eliminated red tape by consolidating multiple agencies into the Department of Economic Opportunity, and he removed an unnecessary layer of oversight by eliminating the Department of Community Affairs.



Minutes after being sworn into office, Gov. Scott signed executive orders to begin reviewing all regulations to ensure the least possible burden to business and job creation. So far, he has identified roughly 1,100 unnecessary regulations for repeal. A second executive order implemented policy to check the legal immigration status of all new state employees.

Working with the legislature, he has reduced spending by more than \$2 billion, closed a \$3.4 billion budget gap and delivered on his promise to get rid of the taxpayer-funded state airplanes.

But his task list was much longer than that.

He has led the fight to require drug testing for welfare recipients, a common-sense measure for which he has been sued by the ACLU and is now defending in the courts.

This year, with the 2012 legislative session set to begin, the governor has announced three additions to his to-do list:

- Pass a job creation package;
- Keep car insurance costs down by passing PIP insurance reform; and



Talking points with Gov. Rick Scott

Something that's been on your mind: How to get Floridians to brag more about our great state.

Something your mother was always right about: Follow the golden rule.

What makes you laugh: My wife, Ann, when she says something funny.

Last book you read: "How to Win Friends and Influence People," by Dale Carnegie.

What are you most proud of? My family

High school job: Grocery store clerk

Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast: Sunshine added to the people.

What I miss about the Paradise Coast when I'm away: My daughter, son-in-law, grandson and my friends.

■ Pump more than \$1 billion in new state funds into K-12 education. I wouldn't bet against him. ■

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Reporters navigate a forest of information surrounding the 2012 presidential contest. And as the primary season began, newsrooms were staffed overtime to bring some or all of it to readers, viewers and listeners.

"I'll be here at my desk into the night, until there's a winner in New Hampshire," said *Tampa Bay Times* politics editor Amy Hollyfield, as she edited incoming stories recently.

The GOP campaigns — along with scores of reporters — will soon focus on the Florida primary set for Tuesday, Jan. 31. It's crucial for the candidates, now and in the general election.

Florida is ultimately the most competitive of the top five most populous states for candidates, said Ron Elving, senior Washington editor for National Public Radio. And the 10 media markets here are more expensive to advertise in than most states, giving candidates with the biggest war chest an even more significant advantage.

There are myriad other factors at play in the process, as well.

Florida Weekly spoke with some of the biggest newsroom decisionmakers in the country and state, to explore how the media covers the race, taking into account journalists' natural biases.

Reporters who are trained to be objective should also be "more than just stenographers, and inevitably that includes some subjective judgments," explains Richard Stevenson, political editor for *The New York Times*.

Others take a more critical view of that venerable company. Jane Sturges won't read it, instead favoring *The Wall Street Journal*.

"They hire people with a bias because the publishers are Democrats. It's too bad but that's the way it is," said Ms. Sturges, Republican state committeewoman and manager of the Republican headquarters in Port Charlotte.

On the other, hand Stephen Hemphing, chair of the Democratic Party of Collier County, says *The Journal* is not as objective as he'd like it to be since the more right-leaning Rupert Murdoch bought it.

The criticisms don't end there.

"Media, and television in particular, tends to like that horse race format," said Jim Nolan, chair of the Democratic executive committee in Charlotte County. He finds the news coverage, as well as candidates' repetitive talking points made in an effort to stay "on message," tiresome.

"I religiously watch the '(PBS) Newshour' because they don't have candidates on," he said. "I understand talking points but after weeks or months, I'm tired of hearing the same things."

With so many sources of news, and so many places to hear different versions, the Internet's popularity has transformed coverage for just about every media outlet in existence. *The New York Times'* Mr. Richardson wrote in 2008 that the political blog, *The Caucus*, is at the "core" of the newspaper's political coverage.

Many cite the 1960 contest between Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy as a time that marks the beginning of modern campaigns, with seemingly made-for-TV candidates often being the most successful.

Joan Didion, in her classic 1988 essay, "Insider Baseball," suggested political campaigns and televised conventions were more showbiz than anything else — maybe a quaint notion today.

"I showed (my students) the Nixon-Kennedy debates," said Phyllis Ershowsky, a principal at PKE Marketing & PR Solutions, and adjunct

professor at FGCU at times during the last four years, as an expert in media communications. "Nixon looked very nervous. He didn't want any makeup so he looked very shiny. You always kind of talk about that historically, but I showed it to my PR strategy students and they really understood the impact the media could have visually."

And with so much information racing over the airwaves and drifting in the glow of a computer screen and inked onto real paper, there are plenty of chances to gloss over the nuance of individual political feeling in favor of broad-stroke terms such as "liberal" and "conservative."

That can be misleading, Mr. Hemphing says. "I'm a fiscal conservative and a social moderate. How do you pigeon-hole a guy like me?"

Fort Myers resident Marilyn Stout, like Mr. Hemphing, describes herself as a "fiscal conservative and a social moderate," and unlike him is a registered Republican, the past-president of the Fort Myers Republican Women's Club.

"The first time I voted was for John Kennedy," she said. "I stood in line. It was cold in Michigan. You can imagine in November it was nasty weather. And I stood in line to go in and place my first vote."

Later, concerned about the amount of money being spent on social programs, she switched her party affiliation to Republican and voted for Ronald Reagan.

"In general, I watch Fox, Bill O'Reilly, etc.," Ms. Stout admits. "That's just our taste. My husband controls the remote; and I don't watch very much television, to be honest. As far as the written goes, that's kind of a mixed bag."

When it comes to the electronic media, said Wichita State University Political Science Professor Melvin A. Kahn, "I think they favor the sensation, the underdog. For example Obama got far more coverage than Hillary did (in the 2008 Democratic primaries)."

He also describes the power of print media, in particular, as being on the decline.

"The media can help to further the definition of a candidate in terms of how they want to interpret it, but in terms of endorsement have far less impact. (For example), *The Union Leader* (in Manchester, N.H.) used to be pretty much the voice of conservatism in New Hampshire and carried a lot of weight. They're the paper of record of New Hampshire, and (even though they endorsed him, Newt) Gingrich was only able to get 10 percent (of the primary vote)."

At 81, Professor Kahn is a self-described "partisan Democrat" who graduated from the University of Florida in 1952, later completing post-doctoral studies at Princeton University. Not all developments since then please him. Today's campaign finance laws "make a mockery of Democracy," in his view. He's disappointed in President Obama's performance, as well as the quality of the entire field of GOP candidates compared to yesteryear. And he is wont to grumble good-naturedly about his son, a wealthy conservative. He still seems to relish talking and thinking about politics, though, in spite of its seedier aspects, the big money or broken promises.

"My wife is very jaded and cynical and I just sort of accept it," he said. "But I like the excitement of it all."

Q&A

Florida Weekly asked similar questions last week of editors or directors of news organizations that follow the race, including the *Tampa Bay Times*, Waterman Broadcasting, National Public Radio, and *The New York Times*. The questions and interviews have been condensed and edited for space.

Here's a quick introduction to those interviewed:

in the know

■ **Amy Hollyfield** is the government and politics editor for the *Tampa Bay Times* (formerly the St. Petersburg Times). She oversees state and national coverage as well as PolitiFact.com., the Times's fact-checking website, which won the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting for coverage of the 2008 election.



Tampa Bay Times

■ **Darrel Lieze-Adams** is the executive news director and manager of promotions for Waterman Broadcasting (NBC-2 and ABC-7), covering Southwest Florida. He has been with the company since 1997.



■ **Ron Elving** is the senior Washington editor for National Public Radio, directing coverage of the capitol and national politics. He was previously the political editor for USA Today and for Congressional Quarterly.



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■ **Richard W. Stevenson** is the political editor for *The New York Times*, overseeing the Web and print operations. He started with the paper in 1985 as a business reporter.



The New York Times

1. How are you going to cover Florida for the GOP primary and for the general election, and will your coverage strategy be different this year than it was four years ago, or, for example, when George Bush won the presidency against Al Gore in 2000?

■ **Amy Hollyfield.** "It's different just in that since the 2008 election we've formed a partnership with the *Miami-Herald*, and we're partnering with PolitiFact... When the candidates are here in Florida we'll definitely strive to be with them wherever they are. That'll be true now and for the general election as well.

"I can tell you we've been working on this race for more than a year, so with each (candidate) we've tried to do a good profile and introduce them to our readers, give them a sense of what the campaigning is like in their state."

■ **Darrel Lieze-Adams.** "As candidates come to Florida we've been covering that. People have switched parties to be able to vote in the primary election... We have covered a lot of stories like that. And day of the primaries the minute we start getting results we'll have them in the evening. We'll probably crawl them across the bottom of the screen and let people know who the winner of the GOP primary is. That's what we do with the general election, too, based on results coming in."

■ **Ron Elving.** "I don't know that anything could ever reproduce Florida in 2000. We did not see that the election would last five additional weeks... In 2004 we spent more time on Florida, and the mechanics of the voting systems there.

So in 2008 and this time I think the primary interest in Florida will be not so much voting problems, but which way the vote will go, (and) the tremendous significance of Florida being the third most populous state. Of the top

say five states, Florida is the most competitive. Florida is the one in the top five that could go either way.

If Marco Rubio (R-Miami) should happen to be the running mate, which I think is a pretty good prospect, that would increase the interest in Florida also... (We'll have) something in the category of a dozen journalists (in Florida to cover the primary.)

■ **Richard Stevenson.** "It's hard to answer that question because we won't really know until the South Carolina primary is over and we have a sense of how the field is and the dynamics of the race. Primary campaigns really change from state to state and in this case in a fairly substantial way. (For instance), how (Mitt) Romney emerges — in a really commanding position or if Romney is badly bruised. It's hard to plan in any specific way. The general answer is we will cover it thoroughly and aggressively in the same way we cover all the other states that play key positions."

2. Many have suggested that the media's coverage of major political contests has become rote and ineffective, a habitual rather than resourceful exercise. Is that true?

■ **Amy Hollyfield.** "I can tell you that's a large reason why in 2007 we started PolitiFact.com. We were looking for an innovative way to cover the 2008 campaign and frustrated by a lack of factual telling of things or calling out people on things."

■ **Darrel Lieze-Adams.** "In my view, absolutely not... Our goal has always been to make sure people are educated, when to vote, where to vote, how to vote. At some point we all have personal responsibility. Our job is to cover the issues at hand and cover the politicians. We ask them the questions that are meaningful and impactful and get those on the air... Unfortunately, I think people remember the negative advertising and jabs and very rarely are they remembering the true issues at hand."

■ **Ron Elving.** I think there is some truth in what Joan writes about the way presidential elections get covered. A lot of it is treated as a horse race, just on the sort of human fascination with races, that is to say contests, any kind of sports analogy you want to choose. I also think with that roteness and sort of kneejerk reaction to the counting of votes, there is also a whole different strain in the way some news organizations pay attention to elections...

There was a great deal of excitement the first time a Catholic was nominated, I'm old enough to remember that (as well as when Jesse Jackson and later Hillary Rodham Clinton were candidates). That was all meaningful beyond the mere horserace aspect because it expressed the aspirations of groups of people who had been essentially closed out.

All these factors, these movements and themes in political life, are always present, 24/7, 3/65. But they're really only brought into sharp contrast in political elections, when candidates are taking positions and running for office."

3. Assuming you're human beings who have opinions, how do you guard against bias?

■ **Amy Hollyfield.** "That's a tough question. I'm conscious of it every day as we're writing stories; who we're going to go be with; where that story's going to play. It's just something you have to be diligent about, have conversations about, and make sure you're not being biased."

■ **Darrel Lieze-Adams.** "I think it's about being fair and truthful. I understand what you're saying about this concern of a bias, but our job is to

gather facts, to gather the truth, and then everything we do goes through multiple checks. One person doesn't have the ability to go out there and put their view on the air. There are usually two or three different levels that we go through before it goes on the air. So someone's bias gets checked and fixed before it goes on the air."

■ **Ron Elving.** "I assume that anyone's sense of judgment, whether they're a *New York Times* reporter or lawyer or day laborer, everyone's judgments are to some degree a product of their life experiences, and the way they react to other people. That would include prejudices and things people have made their minds up a long time ago: east and west of the Mississippi, the North-South divide, the white-black divide, deep-seated judgments. I would think what sets apart a good journalist, and I would include certainly many people I know at *The New York Times*: They have their experiences and notions of what they've learned, but they are also to some degree self aware that we have a mental process that goes on in our own reactions to things. So when I see a candidate emerge, say a Michele Bachmann — and when I have personal roots in Minnesota and knowledge of her religious connections, and on the basis of all that I have a certain set of reactions — I also know that I'm having that reaction based on (who I am). So I ask myself, 'how would somebody as unlike me as possible see Michele Bachman?'"

It's a mental exercise. It is an intellectual exercise which an honest journalist should be engaged in all the time — questioning every set of judgments, every set of facts and every reaction we have to a particular person. That I think is what professionalism ought to

mean in journalism."

■ **Richard Stevenson.** "I think my colleagues here are professionals to the degree they have personal views about candidates or issues. I think by the time they get here they have learned that their professional role demands they put those things aside. Now that doesn't mean we don't want reporters to use their minds and their judgment and to be more than stenographers and inevitably that's involved some kind of subjective judgments. There's no sort of ultimately pure journalism out there. We are human beings and make judgments and bring perspectives based on our personal experience. I also think it's demonstrably true that we aspire every day to not be carrying water for one party or the other or one ideological view, but to look at things with a cold clear eye and report them as they are or at least as close an approximation of value-free vision as we can bring to it."

4. In the daily melee of the campaigns, as you sort through the sexual harassment allegations and negative television ads as well as issues how do you decide what to cover and what to ignore?

■ **Amy Hollyfield.** "We have a mix of what are people are talking about, what's interesting, and what kind of enterprising thing can we bring to the table that no one else is talking about. We definitely want distinct journalism. We want a Florida angle to everything we write and we just want to make our readers smarter."

■ **Darrel Lieze-Adams.** "You cover whatever the issue at hand is. If the big story of the day is the economy and showing signs of strengthening or weakening, those are going to be the things

you go out and chase. If there's a day when there's a major international incident going on, you talk to the candidates about that — whether they're sitting in office or the ones getting elected."

■ **Ron Elving.** "You are constantly trying to serve an audience and also to gain and hold an audience. There is an equilibrium there. While I see it as the responsibility of good journalism to give them information they ought to have, need to have, it is also unrealistic to expect people to stick around if you don't give them information they want to have. Now, those issues overlap. But on the way to making that judgment, that can include whether or not somebody sounds authentic, sounds phony, whether or not they are unlike you. All of those things need to be in the mix."

■ **Richard Stevenson.** "I think there is room for all kinds of coverage when it comes to politics. We are very comfortable delving into the intricacies of Medicare but we're also happy to write an entertaining piece about Rick Santorum's sweater vest. The two are not mutually exclusive. The campaigns are about big issues that define the trajectory of the country, but they're also a process that we get to know the candidates in a personal or visceral way. And they are for better or worse, contests. They are horseshoes. There is a winner and a loser."

5. The intensity of media attention, amplified and compounded today with so many sources of information, might make it hard for anyone to end up being a respected political leader. Is that something you worry about?

■ **Amy Hollyfield.** "I can't say that's

something I worry about. I think if I were a politician that's something I'd be worried about. I worry about being fair, telling smart stories and making sure people know what's going on."

■ **Darrel Lieze-Adams.** "No. They're getting elected in office to represent people — the people who voted for them — and I think it's everyone's right to know everything about that candidate and who they are. It's just better to know everything before the election happens. That intense spotlight is a part of running for public office."

■ **Ron Elving.** "I believe in human dignity... Our role as journalists is to ascertain as many facts about these people as we possibly can. I'm not particularly interested in the lines of inquiry that have no purpose and strip people of their dignity, other than just to sort of achieve that derisive superiority that some people might enjoy. But from my standpoint and NPR's standpoint, we're interested in getting as much information as possible. If someone has real problems with the law in their past, or the manner in which someone has made a living or made themselves wealthy, that is certainly relevant. And the way they've managed their personal relationships, I think that's important."

■ **Richard Stevenson.** "I think we do have a responsibility to bring a skeptical eye to assertions of candidates, to challenge their assertions, to scrub their backgrounds, to look for agendas. But I think it's also important that we not poison the process by bringing cynicism to it. You know, the democratic process is the heart and soul of this country, and it deserves to be treated in a way commensurate with its importance in the lives of every American." ■



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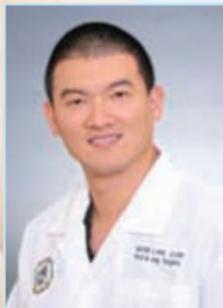


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Obsessions

■ Don Aslett, 76, recently opened the Museum of Clean in Pocatello, Idaho, as the culmination of a lifelong devotion to tidying up. Highlights are several hundred pre-electric vacuum cleaners plus interactive exhibits to encourage kids to clean their rooms. Mr. Aslett told London's *Daily Mail* in December that people who don't understand his dedication must never have experienced the satisfaction of

making a toilet bowl sparkle. ■ Also starting early in life, Dustin Kruse, 4, is so knowledgeable about toilet models and plumbing mechanics that the Kohler Co. presented him with an advanced-model "dual flush" commode for Christmas. Dustin, a fan of the Kohler showroom, has been known to explain toilet technology to other showroom visitors.

Government in action

■ Predator drones are an important weapon against terrorists in Afghanistan, Yemen and other countries, but in June, an unarmed predator was employed stateside to help catch cattle rustlers. The Department of Homeland Security owns eight predators for surveillance and occasionally assists local law enforcement. The cattle rustlers had been arrested, then jumped bail and holed up on their vast ranch near Lakota, N.D., but the predator spotted their exact location on the property, leading to a raid that ended without bloodshed.

■ India's legendarily plodding government bureaucracy had long stymied a snake charmer named Hakkul (a villager in Uttar Pradesh state), who had sought a snake-conservation permit, which had been authorized at one level but delayed locally. In November, finally exasperated, Hakkul walked into the land revenue office in the town of Harraiya with several sacks of snakes (including cobras) and turned them loose, sending clerks and visitors climbing furniture or fleeing. Recent news accounts report that "almost all" of the snakes had been rounded up.

■ A December news release from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control warned of the dangers of *Campylobacter jejuni* bacteria infections on a sheep ranch, but apparently only among workers who used an old-style (19th century) method of castrating the animals. CDC strongly urged that workers stop biting off the sheep's genitals and instead use modern tools.

■ From U.S. Sen. Tom Coburn's periodic list of the most "unnecessary, duplicative and low-priority projects" that the federal government currently funds (announced in December): \$75,000 to promote awareness of the role Michigan plays in producing Christmas trees and poinsettias; \$48,700 for promoting the Hawaii Chocolate Festival; \$113,227 for a video game preservation center in New York; and \$764,825 to study something surely already done adequately by Silicon Valley entrepreneurs — how college students use mobile devices for social networking. Also on Sen. Coburn's list: \$15.3 million in continuing expenses for the famous Alaskan "bridge to nowhere" that was widely ridiculed in 2005 but apparently refuses to die.

Chutzpah!

Convicted serial rapist Steven Phillips was exonerated in 2008, one of a continuing string of wrongly convicted Dallas-area "criminals" proved innocent by DNA testing, and under a formula by state law, he was awarded about \$4 million, tax-free, for his 25 years behind bars. Recently, Mr. Phillips' ex-wife filed a petition in court demanding a por-

tion — even though the couple had been divorced for the last 17 years of his incarceration, and the ex-wife had remarried and had a child. (The ex-wife claims it was Mr. Phillips who originated the divorce and that she had given up on him only because he had revealed a "disgusting" history as a "peeping tom" and flasher.)

Felicitous discoveries

■ Dan D'Amato, 45, partying in an Orlando motel room in December, was accidentally shot by a stranger who was having a dispute with another partygoer. Later, as his wounded hip was being treated at a hospital, doctors discovered and removed two "huge" tumors in Mr. D'Amato's abdomen that had so far gone unnoticed. The tumors were not cancerous but had they not been found, they

would soon have disabled him. ■ At a home in Taylorsville, Utah, in December, one housemate who was pursuing a mouse in the kitchen accidentally shot another housemate. As police investigated, they discovered a 13-year-old girl hiding in a closet. A third housemate, Paul Kunzler, 28, was then arrested and charged with carrying on a months-long sexual relationship with her.

Police report

■ John Whittle, 52, was charged in December with robbing a Wells Fargo Bank in Port Richey, Fla. According to police, Mr. Whittle ordered a beer at the Hayloft Bar shortly after 1 p.m., then excused himself, and a few minutes later, returned to finish his beer. In the interim, police said later, Mr. Whittle had walked down the street to the bank and robbed it.

■ In December, Russell Mace, 55, was caught soon after robbing a Union Sav-

ings Bank branch in New Milford, Conn. A bank employee had spotted Mr. Mace acting "suspicious" in the parking lot, and indeed, he said, Mr. Mace entered, robbed the bank of about \$3,000, and fled to a waiting car. Police, however, identified the car, which they had noted from Mr. Mace's recent arrest for shoplifting. (The "suspicious" behavior the bank employee had noticed, he told police, was Mr. Mace, pants down, defecating, in plain view among parked cars.)

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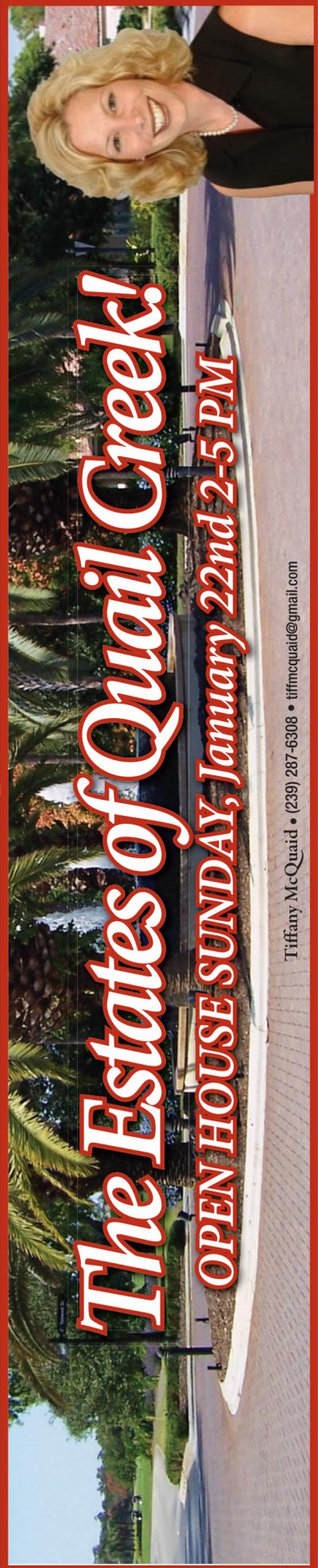
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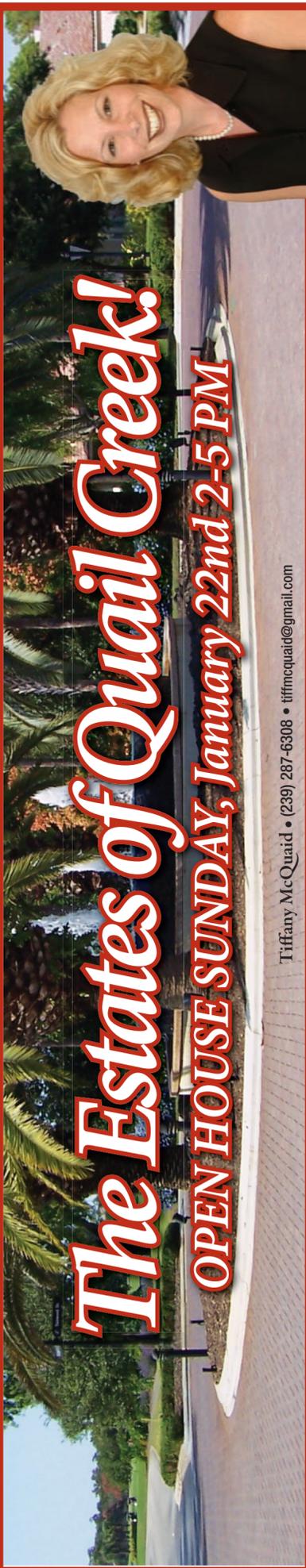
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■ Friday, Feb. 24: "What Do Race Tracks & Naples Have in Common?" — Ruth Ann Burnett will share a treasure trove of knowledge about her Great Uncle John

(Jack) Hachmeister, a colorful character who know how to enjoy life in early Naples. Ms. Burnett will bring dozens of photographs to accompany her presentation.

■ Friday, March 16: "A Voice for the Everglades" — During her 108 years, Marjory Stoneman Douglas not only observed and recorded history, she also made it and wrote about it. In "A Voice for the Everglades," award-winning actress and writer Janina Birtolo brings Ms. Douglas to life, sharing her passion for both nature and life.

Gardenside Chickee Chats are free for NHS members and \$5 for others. Attendees are welcome to explore Palm Cottage and watch an oral history film in the Cottage Theater immediately after each presentation.



Palm Cottage is at 137 12th Ave. S., one block east of the Naples Pier. The cottage and gardens are open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Tour admission is \$10 per person (free for members and children 10 and under).

For more information, call 261-8164 or visit www.NaplesHistoricalSociety.org. ■



Joie Wilson

Start researching your roots at free genealogy workshop

Have you ever wondered if a Revolutionary War patriot ancestor could be hidden in your family tree? Perhaps you are eligible to join the Daughters of the American Revolution or the Sons of the American Revolution.

Find out at a free genealogy workshop offered by the Big Cypress and Marco Island chapters of the DAR from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at Naples Regional Central Library, 650 Central Ave.

Instructor Debbie Duay, Ph.D., has more than 10 years of experience as chairman of lineage research for the

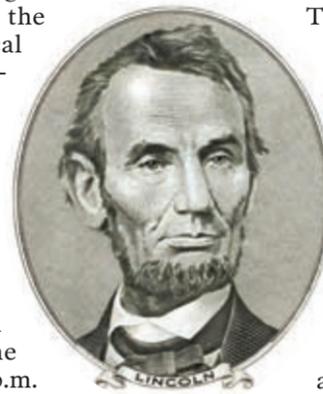
Florida State Society DAR. Through her research skills, Dr. Duay's husband has proven his descent from 38 Revolutionary War patriots, a Mayflower passenger, a Jamestown ancestor, King Edward I of England and Charlemagne.

Dr. Duay has helped more than 200 people join the DAR and SAR, and her free online genealogy tutorials receive more than 75 visitors each day.

Although the upcoming Naples workshop is free, registration is required as space is limited. Call Linda Delaney at 285-3301 or e-mail ldelaney@aol.com. ■

Abraham Lincoln expert to speak on Marco

The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island and the Marco Island Historical Society present world-renowned Abraham Lincoln historian Thomas Schwartz, director of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library & Museum, with "The Life and Legacy of Abraham Lincoln" on Saturday, Feb. 25. The evening begins at 6 p.m.



with a light dinner at JCMI; Dr. Thomas' lecture will start at 7:15 p.m. at the historical society.

Patron tickets for \$45 include the dinner reception and reserved seating at the lecture. General seating for the lecture only is \$25.

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Native Plant Society meetings

The Naples chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society presents "The Biology of Carnivorous Plants" by George Wilder beginning at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 23, at the Naples Botanical Garden. All are welcome.

The society is also planning its annual banquet beginning at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, also at the Garden. Guest speaker Lorán Anderson, professor emeritus of biological science and former curator of the Godfrey Herbarium at Florida State University, will discuss "What Is a Flower? (Gestalt Strategies Plants Employ)."

Tickets are \$35 per person for the banquet and \$20 for the lecture only. Seating is limited, and reservations are required. Call 597-7222 or visit www.naplesFNPS.org.

Extension office has garden classes

Jennifer Hecker, director of natural resource policy for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, presents "Are You Water Wise?" at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at Unity of Naples Church. Cost is \$7 for the session, or \$25 for a series card for admission to 10 workshops sponsored by the Collier County Extension Office of the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

A class in "Bamboo and Propagation" will be led by botanist Jan Abernathie of the Naples Botanical Garden at the same time and place on Thursday, Feb. 2.

For more information, call 353-4244 or visit www.collier.ifas.ufl.edu.

A watchful eye discovers fine lines on a walk at Clam Pass

BY ART RITAS
Special to Florida Weekly

Guided walks at Clam Pass sponsored by the Conservancy of Southwest Florida are up and running for a new season. I guide the walks some days and walk the boardwalk, back dune trail, marshy area and beach most others.

Today, as I move along the boardwalk, I see the vertical lines of drop roots of the red mangrove trees, the parallel silk lines of the masterful orb weavers webs and then, at the bridge overlooking lower Clam Bay, the wavy line of the crowns of the mangrove trees. One lone snag sticks up, a jagged line pointing to the heavens.

I watch an osprey descend, a foot-long fish in its talons, and land on the snag. He secures his position and the fish by grasping with his three stationary talons and adjusting the one that is moveable. He is the only raptor with a talon that works like the human opposable thumb. I watch. He eats.

I've watched similar scenes countless times, but this time there's something different. The osprey has ripped and devoured several pieces of fish, but the fish is still thrashing. This stark example of the food chain evokes more emotion

than flat illustrations in a textbook. Better to see this live than to read about it.

On the back dune trail I use my macro binoculars to see a gopher tortoise half in and half out of his burrow. My binocular eyes stare at the two reptilian eyes, and the eyes stare back. After a time, it seems we have learned something of one another. The tortoise backs into his burrow, and I think of the line of the excavation that runs about 5 feet down and then horizontally for maybe 50 feet.

I emerge from the sandy trail and walk back to a marshy area. Lines of phallic-looking pneumatophores, the breathing tubes that are part of the black mangrove root structure, seem ready to march. I see motion and raise my binoculars to a beautiful sight: a pair of cavorting mangrove buckeye butterflies. When they land, I enjoy a close look at the squiggly white lines and false eyes on their wings.

I move on to Clam Pass for the grand finale: hundreds if not thousands of black skimmers, some perched on a sandy shoal, others in the air doing what they do to deserve their name.

When they are born, their bills, bright red with black tips, are made up of upper and lower mandibles of equal length. But by the time these birds are fully grown,

in the know

Clam Pass nature walks

- **What:** Guided walks sponsored by the Conservancy of Southwest Florida
- **When:** 9 a.m. Monday through Saturday
- **Where:** Clam Pass Park, next to the Naples Grande Resort on Seagate Drive
- **Cost:** Free parking with beach sticker; otherwise subject to Collier County parking fee

the lower mandible has grown longer than upper. I watch as an adult demonstrates. As it skims the water with its bill open, the lower mandible traces — you guessed it — a line in the water. It scoops up a fish, clamps its upper mandible shut, then soars into the air and eats while flying.

The black skimmer's Spanish name is rayador, drawer of lines.

Back on the shoal, other skimmers are resting. A human beachcomber walks through their line and they fly off in a graceful airborne wave, only to return to the beach a few seconds later. Repeated disruptions like this can threaten the existence of these beautiful migratory birds.

Walking back, I reflect on the spirit-lifting quality of the many beautiful lines in nature. Join us on a Clam Pass walk and you may see fine lines you've never seen before. ■

— Art Ritas is a volunteer at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.



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FGCU alumni weekend coming up

Alumni weekend at Florida Gulf Coast University takes place Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 9-11. Events include an art gallery exhibit of "You Call This Art," an etiquette class instructed by Nonnie Owens, author of "Dining with Civility," Eagle Night Out at Bar Louie, a barbecue



and silent auction, alumni basketball game and campus bus and walking tours. Last year's event raised more than \$3,000 to support the university's alumni programs and scholarship efforts.

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Wednesday, Jan. 25, is the last day to ask the elections office to send an absentee ballot through the mail. After that date, voters will be required to pick up their ballot at the elections office.

Completed ballots must be returned in the official ballot envelope provided, and the envelope must be signed by the voter.

Absentee ballots must be returned

to the Supervisor of Elections Office by 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Jan. 31. Those who are returning an absentee ballot by mail should note that as of Jan. 22, the cost of mailing a 1-ounce piece of mail through the United State Post Office goes up from 44 cents to 45 cents.

If you receive an absentee ballot but decide to vote during early voting or on Election Day, bring the marked or unmarked absentee ballot to the polls so it can be cancelled.

Early voting

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- The Marco Island Library, 210 South Heathwood Drive
- Golden Gate Library, 2432 Lucerne Road
- Headquarters Library, 2385 Orange Blossom Drive

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Acceptable forms of identification include a Florida driver license, DMV-issued Florida ID card, U.S. passport, debit or credit card, military ID, student ID, retirement center ID, neighborhood association ID or public assistance ID. If your photo ID does not include your signature, you will be required to provide an additional form of identification that provides your signature.

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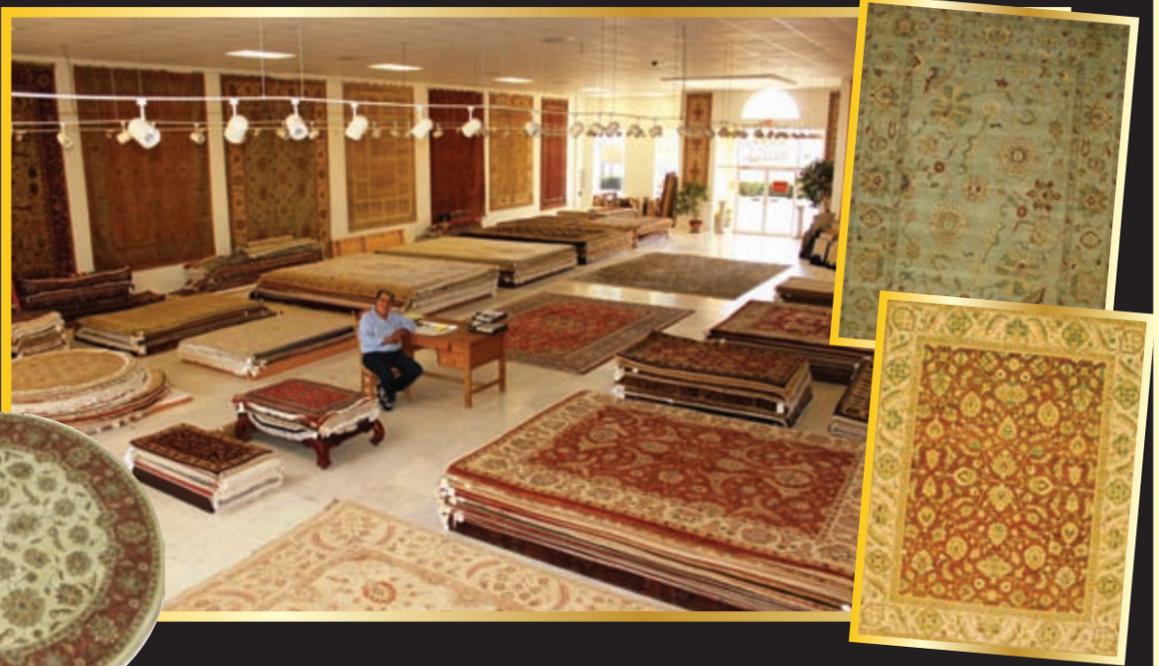
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Iberia in the Round hosts security director

Robert Cohen, security director for the Federal Transportation Safety Administration at Southwest Florida International Airport, will discuss the evolution of the TSA since its inception 10 years ago and the organization's direction for the future at Iberia in the Round on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at IberiaBank on Marco Island. Doors open at 5 p.m. and the program begins at 6 p.m.

Guests will hear about new technologies aimed at keeping Americans safe, what travelers can do to be proactive about their

personal security while traveling and how they can help reduce delays in airport security lines.

The program is free, but seating is limited and reservations are required. Call 403-5169. ■



Cohen

Town hall forum set on Marco

A town hall forum will take place as part of the Marco Island City Council meeting on Monday, Jan. 23.

The forum will allow council members to respond to issues and questions that are not normally addressed

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Questions from the public should be e-mailed no later than Jan. 20 to publicforum@marcocitycouncil.com. ■

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RED CROSS

From page 1

Red Cross' Tiffany Circle Society of Women Leaders with Naples resident Melanie Sabelhaus, vice chairman of the Red Cross board of governors, in 2007.

The Tiffany Circle comprises women who donate at least \$10,000 annually to the Red Cross. The title comes from the Tiffany windows installed in 1917 at the Red Cross national headquarters in Washington, D.C., which depict women who personify virtues at work in the Red Cross movement: hope, mercy, faith, charity, truth and fortitude.

The Tiffany Circle has almost 700 women in 79 chapters nationwide and has raised more \$34 million to date.

Both Ms. McElveen-Hunter and Ms. Sabelhaus recently addressed the 18 Tiffany Circle members affiliated with the Florida's Southern Gulf Coast Region of the Red Cross and other guests during a luncheon at the Naples Yacht Club. The Jan. 10 event was coordinated by Heidi Mangel, a Tiffany Circle member who remembers her grandmothers at the end of World War II folding bandages and knitting sweaters for the Red Cross.

"The American Red Cross reaches the most vulnerable, the least, the last and sometimes the lost," Ms. McElveen-Hunter told the audience of 75 women. "This is mostly women and children. It doesn't matter the country."

Ms. McElveen-Hunter is the founder and CEO of Pace Communications, the nation's largest custom publishing company. She is also a former U.S. Amba-

sador to Finland.

Ms. Sabelhaus, who served as deputy administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, told the luncheon crowd that she got involved with the Tiffany Circle because someone told her women were willing to give, they just hadn't been asked.

Cyndi Doragh of Naples is one example. She attended a Red Cross event the night before the luncheon and became the group's latest Tiffany Circle member.

As a member of the Rotary Club of Fort Myers South, Ms. Doragh traveled with the Red Cross to Alabama, where she has a second home, to deliver supplies and help after the Tuscaloosa tornadoes. "People don't understand how effective the Red Cross is," she said. "You give people a bottle of water and a hug, and that human touch is critical." She sees membership in the Tiffany Circle as "one more step to helping people in need. I'm willing to do the physical part, but I know they need the money, too."

Donna Boortz, a lifetime Tiffany Circle member (which requires a \$100,000 pledge payable over 10 or fewer years) who administers her own foundation, praises the organization's fiduciary oversight. "The Red Cross is at the top of the heap for giving money to service. They consistently use your money well."

Ms. Sabelhaus emphasized the role that women play as the "economic powerhouses of the 21st century."

"Women are the strongest, most powerful voices in philanthropy today. And that brings a lot of responsibility," she told the luncheon group. "How are we going to make a difference in our communities?"

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part of “the greatest humanitarian organization the world” and to inspire younger women to share their commitment.

Ms. McElveen-Hunter concurred. “Women’s leadership in any community is the best investment, because they get things done.”

In comments after her address, she noted that, “Naples is a very generous community. It has a significant amount of philanthropy, and you don’t always get that. The size of the community is not important; its character is what counts.”

About the American Red Cross

The Florida Southern Gulf Coast Region offices of the American Red Cross are in Collier and Lee counties. Together, they cover 3,212 square miles with a population of nearly 1 million.

In addition to domestic disaster relief, the organization provides community services that help the needy; supports and comforts military members and their families; collects, processes and distributes lifesaving blood and blood products; offers educational programs that promote health and safety; and assists international relief and development programs. During the past year, the region offices:

■ Deployed more than 50 volunteers to assist with southern states torna-



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Mary Frank Madera, Cyndy Eitel, Donna Boortz, Nancy Donovan, Michelle Bottrall, Anna Trefethen, Lisa Williams, Heidi Mangel, Melanie Sabelhaus, Bonnie McElveen-Hunter, Julia Bianchi and the newest Tiffany Circle member, Cindi Doragh.

does, Texas wildfires and hurricane relief efforts nationwide;

■ Assisted families impacted by 141 house fires;

■ Supported 900 military families; and

■ Prepared more than 40,000 citizens through Red Cross Health & Safety Services. ■

in the know

Find out more about the Florida Southern Gulf Coast Region of the American Red Cross, which encompasses Collier and Lee counties, at these open house events:

■ Naples: 3:30-6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at 2610 Northbrooke Plaza Drive; 596-6868

■ Fort Myers: 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, at 7051 Cypress Terrace; 278-3401

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Campaign raises \$10 million-plus for Avow Hospice

BY JAMA DOCK

Special to Florida Weekly

The Promise Campaign launched by Avow Hospice in 2009 has generated more than \$10 million in contributions, pledges and bequests since its inception. Monies raised are designated to support un-reimbursed services, grow an endowment and complete campus enhancements. Highlights include funding for:

- Enhanced clinical care;
- Un-reimbursed services such as bereavement support, community grief support and music and massage therapies;
- Workshops related to specific diseases such as congestive heart failure, pulmonary diseases and Alzheimer's;
- A pet memorial garden on the Avow campus; and
- Special community memorial services held by Avow each year, such as the annual butterfly release and Naples Remembering.

"We are truly grateful for the generous contributions from our local community, especially the successful grassroots efforts from residents of Pelican Bay and Vineyards, each of which raised more than \$1 million," says Chuck Hoffman, board member and Promise Campaign chairman.

For years, Mr. Hoffman was a casual supporter of Avow Hospice as he helped his business partner with an annual



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What a deal!

Bargain Box celebrates its new location

BY MOLLIE PAGE

Special to Florida Weekly

Naples' oldest mission thrift store, the Bargain Box, celebrates the grand opening of its new home on Saturday, Jan. 21. Thrifty shoppers in search of a find will surely score and will also enjoy lively performances by Bargain Box singing volunteers and two celebrated local vocalists.

All day long — from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — all merchandise will be discounted 15 percent, and there will be hourly drawings for a chance for one lucky shopper to convert that discount to 50 percent off non-furniture purchases and 25 percent off one piece of furniture. All proceeds always go to Naples United Church of Christ outreach missions, which reach dozens of local charities.



The new location at 153 10th St. S. has almost 7,000 square feet in which volunteers arrange donations that come from the community — about 500 pounds a day in the form of clothing and accessories, books, toys, electronics, dishes and decorative doo-dads as well as household essentials and furnishings.

To honor the store's impact in the community, Becky Weese, the church's director of music, helped a choir member write a special anthem that Bargain Box volunteers who are also members of the Sunday choir will sing at Saturday's celebration. Leelo Basham and Greg Lepore will also sing as part of the program that begins at 1 p.m. with a dedication and blessing by senior pastor Rev. Ron Patterson.

"We're blessed to be able to grow with the community," says Bargain Box store manager Sandy Goldstein. "The new store allows us to accept and sell even more donated items, including furniture. Plus, we can finally showcase many items we've been storing off site because of space limitations in our old store."

"We're seeing so many new faces at the new location," she says. "And our regulars are coming back more often because we are constantly adding to our stock in every department."



Goldstein

With help on both ends from the community — those who donate and those who shop — the Bargain Box has progressively increased its contribution to the church's outreach missions. The grand opening celebration is more of a thank you to the community for its ongoing support, Ms. Goldstein adds.

Parking behind the store and accessible from First Avenue South. For more information, call 262-3802 or visit www.bargainboxnaples.com. ■

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golf tournament benefiting the local non-profit organization. When hospice hit home, however, he moved from supporter to champion.

The vice president of wealth management at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney,

campaign, the country was in a recession. As campaign chairman, you have to be continuously upbeat and optimistic, while secretly remaining realistic. The surprise is that not only did we reach our goal, but we exceeded it. That is particularly pleasing given the state of the economy.

Raising the money was important, but the bigger benefit is the increased awareness of Avow Hospice in the com-



Mr. Hoffman joined the Avow board in 2008 and within months was asked to chair the three-year Promise Campaign. As of November 2011, the campaign had raised \$10.4 million.

Here, Mr. Hoffman reflects on lessons learned along the way.

■ **What made you want to get involved with Avow and its fundraising efforts?** Up north, both my father and mother had been in hospice care... This experience made me want to get more involved locally.

■ **What aspect of fundraising did you find to be easier than expected? More challenging?** For me, the easy part was asking for funds and donations and speaking about Avow. Staying organized and focused was the more challenging part.

■ **Have your efforts yielded any big surprises so far?** As we got into the

community. We were able to really get our message out there and through these efforts, I think we have advanced our fundraising potential going forward.

■ **What was key to the campaign's success?** This campaign journey has been successful because of the efforts put forth by the Avow staff and campaign volunteers. Throughout my involvement, I've met some extremely great people, from patients and family members to Avow employees and donors... I plan to stay involved, even when there's not an official campaign underway. ■

— *Jama Dock is the media relations specialist at Avow Hospice. Collier County's original and only nonprofit, independent hospice, Avow has been serving the community for 29 years. For more information, call 261-4404 or visit www.avowhospice.org.*

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The Leadership Collier Foundation is accepting applications for the Leadership Collier Class of 2013. The program educates local business leaders about the societal and economic challenges facing the Collier County community while highlighting the area's infrastructure, business engines and community issues.

The program begins in the third week of September 2012 and concludes in mid-April 2013.

Deadline for applications is April 15, 2012. The application, program agenda and more information is available at <http://tinyurl.com/LCFapp2012>.

Since 1989, The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce has hosted numerous programs through the Leadership Collier Foundation designed to hone the skills of key leaders and provide them with insight to understand the challenges and opportunities facing Collier County.

St. Patrick's Day parade organizers seek nominations for grand marshal

The Naples St. Patrick Foundation, organizers of the annual Naples St. Patrick's Day Parade, is accepting nominations for the 2012 parade grand marshal.

The 34th annual parade takes place Saturday, March 17, in Old Naples.

Jim McEvoy, president of the foundation, says the honor of grand marshal will go to "someone who is a real contributor to the Collier County community through actions, leadership or volunteerism." The

written nominations should include background information on the candidate and the name, address and telephone number of the person making the nomination.

Nominations should be e-mailed to Mr. McEvoy at irmusic@embarqmail.com or mailed to the Naples St. Patrick Foundation, 300 Fifth Ave. S., Suite 101, Naples FL 34102. The deadline is Friday, Feb. 10, after which a committee will review all nominations and select the winner.

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NONPROFIT NEWS

Soup's on for fifth annual Empty Bowls lunch

The fifth annual Empty Bowls soup lunch to benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank takes place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at Cambier Park. A \$10 donation gets a handmade pottery bowl to take home (while supplies last) and a ladle of soup with a chunk of bread for lunch.

At least 1,500 bowls made by Collier County students will be available, and 40 area restaurants will serve up specialty soups from seafood chowder and roasted mushroom bisque to minestrone, split pea and beef barley.

A silent auction will have works by area artisans Myron Gifford, Ruth Hablutzel, Annabelle Johnson, Gabrielle Nappo, Jim Rice and Joan Shapiro, among others.

Entertainment throughout the afternoon will be by the Barron Collier High School drum line, Brian Rapasz and the a capella boys choir, Rika, Gabby, Corinna, Livvy and The Ramos Bros.

Title sponsor is Panera Bread, and additional sponsors are Ace Hardware; Allegra Printing; Bond, Schoeneck and King; the city of Naples; Laquana Clay; Master Piece Mixers; Publix; Taylor Rental/Party Plus Naples; Sweetbay; VITAS; and Whole Foods.

Students from the following schools have made bowls: Avalon and Vineyards elementary schools, East Naples middle and Barron Collier, Golden Gate, Gulf Coast and Lely high schools. Special assistance has been provided by Adam Meistrell and the Extreme Potters Guild, North Collier Junior



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Soup lovers clambered for lunch at the 2011 Naples Empty Bowls event.



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The 2011 silent auction lineup of bowls by the Barron Collier Potters Guild

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CLUB NOTES

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■ **Ikebana International-Naples** members and guests will enjoy a performance of Japanese folk and Samurai dance by Satomi Hirano when the chapter meets at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. The meeting will also include a session of Kanzashi, the art of making hair ornaments with fabric much like origami. Ikebana supplies will be available for purchase (cash or check only).

Attendance is free and all are welcome. Reservations are requested, however, and can be made by e-mailing ikebananaples@me.com. For more information, visit www.ikebananaples.com.

■ **The Naples Garden Club** presents event stylist and floral designer Kathy Whalen with "A Passion for Parties" at its meeting beginning at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, Moorings Presbyterian Church. Ms. Whalen will discuss how her love of flowers that was nurtured in childhood lead to a career built around artistry with flowers. A designer and instructor at the New York Botanical Garden for 15 years, she has worked on a presidential inauguration and an event for Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, among many others.

Admission is free for club members and \$10 for others. Register online at www.naplesgardenclub.org or for more information, e-mail info@naplesgardenclub.org.

The club's 2012 House & Garden Tour set for Saturday, Feb. 4, is sold

out. There is a stand-by option, however. Those who want to give it a try should arrive at the Naples Botanical Garden 45 minutes before their preferred departure time and put their name on the list. Buses leave the Garden at 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. and at 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Last year, 1:30 p.m. was the best time to get a stand-by seat. Seats are released to those on the list on a first-come, first-served basis when ticket-holders don't show up. Tickets are \$85.

■ **The Ohio State Alumni Club** of Naples holds its monthly happy hour social from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, in the Parrot Room at Harold's Place. Everyone is welcome. RSVP by calling 248-7408 or e-mailing jimdebs@comcast.net.

■ **Kesher SWFL**, a new social group for Jewish young professionals, kicks off with "Schmooze and Brews" from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at Doc's Beach House in Bonita Springs. All are welcome. For more information, e-mail outreach@kesher-swfl.org.

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CLUB NOTES

■ The **Cleveland Club** celebrates its 14th anniversary with a dinner dance on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at Heritage Bay Country Club. All Clevelanders are welcome. The club's second dinner dance of the season will be held Saturday, March 24, at Cypress Woods Country Club.

Tickets to both evenings are \$30. For reservations, call Diane Corcelli at 992- 6723.

■ The **Naples Orchid Society** celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2012 and has chosen the ghost orchid, an orchid native to Southwest Florida that only exists in the wild, as its golden anniversary logo. All funds raised this year will benefit Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary's education program.

Society meetings and events take place at Moorings Presbyterian Church.

The celebratory season kids off with a buffet dinner and silent auction beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2. Wynn's Catering will provide the meal, and guest speaker Michael Coronado of R.F. Orchids in Homestead, Fla., will discuss the recent World Orchid Conference and his orchid trip to Indonesia.

Cost is \$25 for NOS members and \$35 for others. Sign up at www.naplesorchidsociety.org. For more information, e-mail info@naplesorchidsociety.org.

■ **Women's Cultural Alliance**, an affinity group of the Jewish Federation

of Collier County, has 700 members and more than 250 courses, events and trips planned for the new season. Annual membership is \$60.

For more information, call Jane Hersch at 948-0003 or visit www.womensculturalalliance.com.

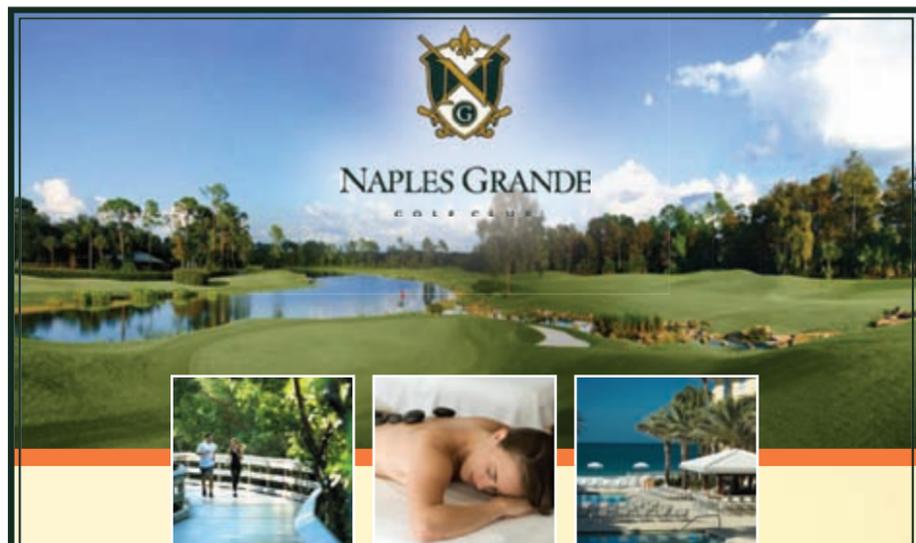
■ The **Naples Newcomers Club** welcomes women who have been permanent residents of Naples for no more than five years and who want to meet others who are new to the area.

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

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

■ The **Bonita Springs Newcomers Club** welcomes women who have lived in Bonita for less than three years. Luncheons are held at area country clubs on the third Thursday of every month (December meeting is on the second Thursday).

Members must attend five luncheons a year and pay annual dues of \$40. For more information, e-mail bonitanewcomers@gmail.com or visit www.bonitaspringsnewcomersclub.com. ■



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FAITH NOTES

Interfaith adult education series set to begin on Marco Island

The Marco Island Clergy Association's 2012 Interfaith Community Educational Series begins Wednesday, Jan. 25, at New Life Community Church of God and continues through March at various houses of worship on the island.

Titled "Embracing with Love and Understanding," the adult education series provide an opportunity to learn about one another's faith at weekly lectures and discussions. All begin at 7 p.m.

For the first session, Rev. Thomas McCulley will discuss Pentecostal Christianity. The series continues as follows:

■ **Feb. 1** at the United Church of Marco Island, where Rev. Richard Adair

will discuss Congregational Christianity; ■ **Feb. 8** at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island, where Rev. Rita Partin of the Cupbearer Ministry will discuss her denomination;

■ **Feb. 16** at St. Mark's Episcopal Church with Rev. Kyle Bennett;

■ **Feb. 29** at Wesley United Methodist Church with Rev. Kirk Dreiser;

■ **March 7** at the Family Church of Marco Island with Rev. Tim Neptune;

■ **March 14** at San Marco Catholic Church with Father Tim Navin;

■ **March 20** at Marco Presbyterian Church with Pastor Bill Lyle; and

■ **March 22** at Marco Lutheran Church with Rev. Kevin Koenig.

Marco temple invites all to open house

The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island welcomes everyone to an open house from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22. Guests will be Rabbi Edward Maline, cantorial soloist Hari Jacobsen and other members involved in the leadership of the temple.

From Friday night Shabbat services to festival and holiday services, adult education programs, the Saul Stern

Cultural Series (see story on page C13) and the Jewish Film Festival, JCMI is at the center of Jewish life on Marco Island and surrounding area.

The JCMI is at 991 Winterberry Drive. Reservations for the open house are appreciated and can be made by calling the JCMI office at 642-0800 or Harvey Brenner at 304-0737.

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FAITH NOTES

Bonita Christian Forum hosts Lee Strobel

Award-winning journalist and best-selling author Lee Strobel will speak at the Bonita Christian Forum at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, at First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs.

Mr. Strobel was an investigative journalist for the *Chicago Tribune* — and an atheist — when he embarked on a two-year investigation of the evidence for Jesus. He became a Christian in 1981 and went on to become a megachurch teaching pastor, television host

and author.

More than 20 books later — “The Case for Christ,” “The Case for Faith,” “The Case for a Creator” and “The Case for Easter” — he is one of today’s leading apologists. His newest book is a novel titled “The Ambition.”

Forum events are free and open to the community. For more information, call 992-3233 or visit www.bonitachristianforum.org.

JCMI hosts wine expert for Italian dinner

The Sisterhood and Men’s Club of the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island host an Italian-theme wine dinner with wine expert Ron Kapon beginning at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at JCMI, 991 Winterberry Drive.

Mr. Kapon has more than 50 years of experience in the wine and spirits field. His family’s business, Acker, Merrill and Condit, was established in 1820 and is the oldest wine merchant in the United States. In 1995, he launched

the wine program at the International School of Hospitality and Tourism at Fairleigh Dickinson University in Hackensack, N.J., where he continues to teach and where he has established the Ron Kapon Wine Library with a donation of more than 4,000 books, magazines and articles. He was recently honored by the James Beard Foundation.

For reservations or more information, call 642-0800. ■

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Bingo season is well under way at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island, 991 Winterberry Drive. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. for a free kosher hot dog supper, and the first game is called at 7 p.m. 642-0800. See more photos on page C31.



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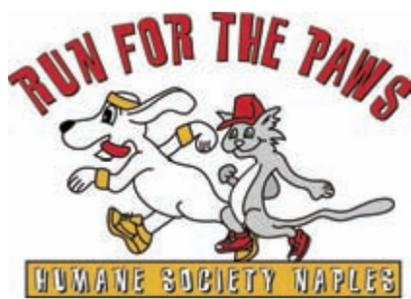
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■ Individuals and teams can still sign up for the fourth annual **WINK News Feeds Families Hunger Walk** that sets out Saturday, Jan. 21, at Miromar Outlets. At press time, the fundraiser for the Harry Chapin Food Bank was still \$70,000 short of this year's goal of \$250,000. The food bank helps feed the hungry throughout Southwest Florida by distributing groceries to more than 150 agencies in the five-county area.

To sign up or for more information, call 334-7007, ext. 132, or e-mail Marta Hodson at martahodson@harrychapinfoodbank.org.

■ Gulf Coast Runners and Humane Society Naples are warming up for the sixth annual **Run for the Paws 5K** run/walk to benefit HSN. Starting time is 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Naples Municipal Airport. Early registration through Jan. 21 is \$20 per person; sign up Jan. 22-27 for \$25 per person and on the day of the race for \$30 per person (\$10 for students in high school and younger).



Pets must be on non-retractable leashes and up-to-date with vaccinations. Runners/walkers with pets must start at the rear of the pack and cannot interfere with other participants or pets.

For more information, call 643-1555 or visit www.hsnaples.org.



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The Club at Sterling Oaks invites the public to a tennis open house including a demonstration clinic and adult round robin from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22. Sign up for the free afternoon activities by calling 566-1800 or visiting www.SterlingOaksTennis.com. A limited number of new memberships are available.

■ The Naples Pathways Coalition Bike Brunch on Sunday, Jan. 29, promises a bike ride that can be as fun and relaxing or as challenging as participants want to make it. Everything starts and finishes at Lowdermilk Park.

Continental breakfast and registration open at 6:30 a.m. The 100-mile ride sets out at 7 a.m., followed by the 62-mile ride at 8 a.m., the 30-mile trek at 8:30 a.m., the 20-miler at 9 a.m. and the 10-miler at 10 a.m. A 3-mile walk for those who prefer to hoof it also sets out at 10 a.m.

An all-you-care-to-eat brunch donated by Moe's Southwest Grill will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the beach, where music, volleyball, a hula-hoop contest and a scavenger hunt will also take place. Ride support ends at 3 p.m.

Participation is limited to the first 600 registrants. For registration fees and forms and more information, visit www.naplespathways.org. ■

Free clinic will cover sled hockey basics

The Florida Sled Hockey Association hosts a free introductory clinic about the sport from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Fort Myers Skatium.

Sled hockey is an accessible version of ice hockey, adapted for people with physical disabilities.

"Our players don't just learn to play hockey, they also learn teamwork and life skills, develop stronger self-esteem, and respect for others," says Ron Robichaud, coach of the Florida Eels sled hockey team and the man who brought the sport to Florida two years ago with programs in Fort Myers, Tampa, Fort Lauderdale and Rockledge.

Players and coaches from around the state will be on hand at the Fort Myers clinic to explain the sport, demonstrate skills and facilitate on-ice lessons and scrimmages. It will be the FSHA's third clinic in Southwest Florida and the seventh statewide.

"Our goal is to get 10-15 new athletes for our program this year," Mr. Robichaud says.

Attendees should wear warm clothing (jeans and sweatshirts). All equipment will be provided.

The clinic is sponsored by Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida and the city of Fort Myers Skatium.

"A big part of our mission is helping people with disabilities overcome their barriers to independence," explains Goodwill spokeswoman Kirsten O'Donnell. "If you've ever seen wheelchair basketball or rugby, you know that people with disabilities have unlimited potential. It's just sometimes hard to find opportunities."

The Fort Myers Skatium is at 2250 Broadway, ear downtown and the City of Palms Park. For more information about the clinic, call Mr. Robichaud at (207) 252-7134 or e-mail floridasledhockey@yahoo.com. ■

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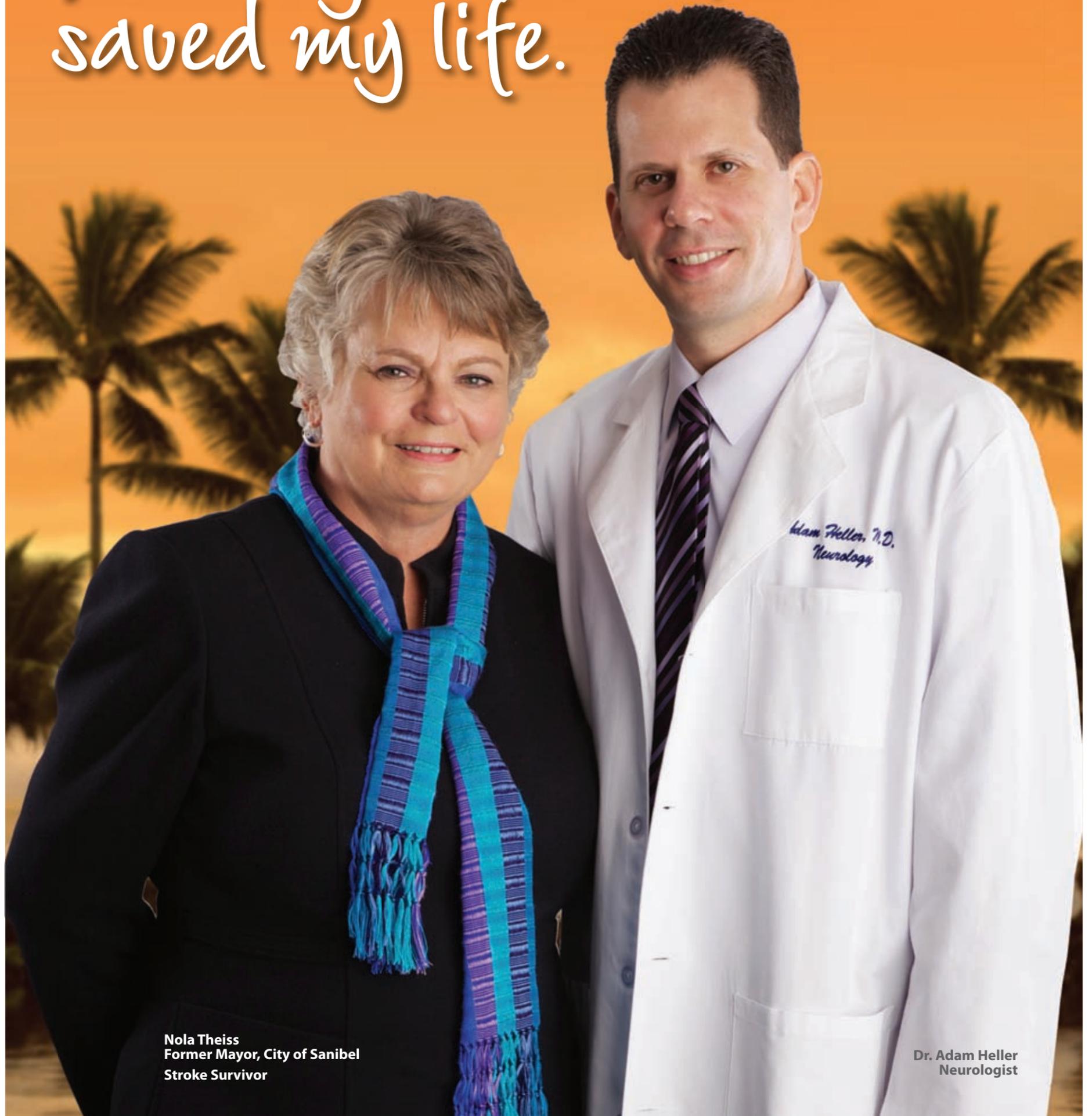


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PASFI also holds exercise, speech and art therapy classes at locations in Naples and Bonita Springs for those who suffer from Parkinson's disease. Support programs for families and caregivers are also offered, and various opportunities are available for volunteers at PASFI headquarters, 2950 Tamiami Trail N. Also, an anonymous donor has offered to cover the costs of PASFI members taking part in a program at Naples Equestrian Challenge.

A one-time, free workshop about "Parkinson's Medication Dos and Don'ts" will be presented by Dr. Daniel Deutschman at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 27, at the United Church of Marco Island, 320 North Barfield Drive. Continuing education credit will be available for mental health professionals provided by the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida. Space is limited, and registration is required.

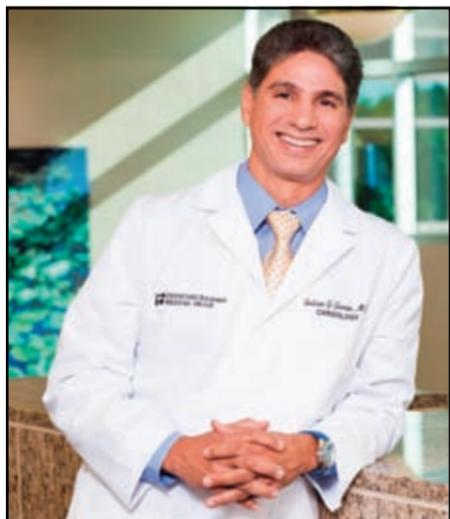
To sign up for any of the above or for more information about services and programs offered by PASFI, call Executive Director Ruth Hubing at 417-3465, e-mail pasfied@aol.com or visit www.PASFI.org.

Marco bank presents 'Health Plus' lectures

IberiaBank has partnered with Physicians Regional Healthcare System to host the "Health Plus" lecture series at the bank's Marco Island branch. The first lecture set for 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, and will feature cardiologist and vein specialist Julian Javier in a discussion about the latest treatment options for vein diseases, including sclerotherapy and laser therapy procedures that can eliminate varicose and spider veins.

Orthopedic surgeon Frederick Buechel will be the guest speaker on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

All are welcome, but seating is limited and reservations are required. Call 403-5169. ■



Javier

Sleeplessness can spike heart attack risk

BY SHAYNA BROUKER
University of Florida

A new study in Norway found that insomnia can increase the risk of heart attacks.

The 11-year study of more than 50,000 Norwegian adults found that those who had trouble falling asleep most nights over the period of a month had a 45 percent higher risk of heart attacks. People who had trouble staying asleep had a 30 percent increase in heart attack risk. And waking up groggy in the a.m. more than once a week was linked with a 27 percent greater chance of having a heart attack.

It's not the first study to suggest a link between sleep and blood pressure. Researchers in Greece found that waiting an hour to snooze after eating decreased the risk of stroke by two-thirds. More studies are needed to

pin down the connection between sufficient sleep and a healthy heart, but scientists think it may have something to do with sleep apnea. Sleep apnea is a condition that causes sufferers to temporarily stop breathing during slumber, and it's a risk factor for heart disease, too. The periodic interruption of sweet slumber can create a vicious cycle of extreme drowsiness.

So what can you do if sleep seems to escape you at night? Make sure to establish a bedtime routine to wind down from the day.

Drink some tea, turn off electronics and dim the lights. Ban blue lights from TVs, alarm clocks and cell phones in the bedroom. Limit naps to 20 minutes, finish exercising three hours before bed and avoid caffeine in the afternoon. If nothing eases your insomnia, talk to a doctor. It may be a sign of an underlying problem, like depression or asthma.

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find all these qualities in a single physician is rather close to a miracle.

She is the proven product of your comments about the NCH medical staff in your recent Straight Talk column. I only spent around 20 minutes with her, but I could not believe that she took the time to learn about my medical history and to show that she cares. For the first time in my life, I wrote a letter to a doctor telling her how much it means to me that she will be my doctor. I am sure she will keep up with each and every one of the specialists I see to be sure that she always knows my total medical picture...

My deep and sincere thanks, Mollie.

For a hospital administrator, it doesn't get much better than that kind of praise for a caring physician. In her note, Ms. Ottina also alluded to the new reality in modern health care: a patient's relationship with additional "specialists" beyond the primary physician.

Today's more sophisticated system introduces patients to many highly trained, highly educated and highly caring specialists, each focused on one particular aspect of care... Beyond

relationships with these specialists, a patient comes in contact with physician assistants, nurse practitioners and a host of other well-meaning and well-trained associates who assist in so many important ways.

Obviously, with the introduction of more sophisticated technology, including electronic medical records, the responsibility for all of us to remain "high touch" in an increasingly high-tech world has become more challenging. Comforting with compassion and care remains our mandate, from the time a person enters an office waiting room, like at our Naples Heart Institute, to the moment his illness subsides and they receive palliative care from people like Gwen Kolegue and her colleagues.

Each of us at NCH has a duty to ensure that our patients receive the most knowledgeable, attentive and empathetic care we can offer. In so doing, we will guarantee that those we care for truly stay "connected" to NCH. ■

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

TO YOUR HEALTH

Blood center needs Type O donations

The Community Blood Center is in urgent need of Type O blood to replenish reserves in Collier County. Donors of all blood types are urged to give now, as demand increases during the winter/spring season.

Donate at the following Community Blood Center locations:

■ **Naples:** 311 Ninth St. N., on the first floor of the NCH Medical Plaza. Complimentary valet parking for all blood donors. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday; and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday. Call 436-5455.

■ **Bonita Springs:** 9170 Bonita Beach Road, in Sunshine Plaza. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Thursdays and Fridays. Call 495-1138.

For a list of Community Blood Center bloodmobile locations and times, visit www.givebloodcbc.org.

Yoga, meditation offered for vets

Instructor Dina Radcliffe will begin a series of free yoga and meditation to help military veterans alleviate symptoms of stress and enhance their health and well being. Hour-long classes take place at 1 p.m. Wednesdays at the Golden Gate Community Center.

Although participation is free, space is limited and reservations are required. Call Ms. Radcliffe at 280-9095.

Lighthouse classes for visually impaired

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

For more information, call 430-3934 or visit www.lighthouseofcollier.org.

Free counseling for caregivers

Caregivers of seniors 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.

Free seminars at Physicians Regional

The following free seminars are coming up at Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge, 6101 Pine Ridge Road:

■ "Skin Cancer: What You Should Know," by dermatologist Robert Tom-sick at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25.

■ "New Tools to Identify Sports Concussions," by neurologist Michael Finkel at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26.

For more information or registration, call 348-4180 or visit www.physiciansregional.com/events. ■

Dogs have their day in the Garden

People and their canine companions are invited to explore Naples Botanical Garden at the third annual Dog Day in the Garden from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, with canine-focused activities, demonstrations, programs and vendor showcases. Here's the schedule:

■ **10 a.m.** - Doggy yoga (bring leash and mat), Luminaire "Foto" booth and doggy "Foto" contest

■ **11 a.m.** - Canine protection demonstration, activities and crafts for kids

■ **11:30 a.m.** - Collier County narcotics-sniffing canine demonstration; noon, doggy ice-cream eating contest

■ **1 p.m.** - Agility course and demonstration

■ **1:15 p.m.** - Doggy talent contest

■ **2:30 p.m.** - Doggy fashion show

This year's Top Dog sponsor is Olde Naples Animal Wellness Center, with additional support from Animal Spe-

cialty Hospital of Florida, Bamboo Café, Florida Weekly, Petco and Sabal Palm Animal Hospital.

Participating vendors and organizations include: Brookes Legacy, Collier County Domestic Animal Services, For Footed Friends, Grey Muzzle, Humane Society Naples, Love Yoga Studio, Lucky Dog Company, Luminaire Foto, North Naples Fire Department, Paws for Love, Pucci and Catana Pet Boutique, Shady Palm Pub, Tastebuds Custom Catering, The Brody Project, The Collier County Sheriff's Office and the Lucky Dog Company.

Admission is \$12.95 for adults and \$7.95 for ages 4-14 and non-member dogs. Kids under 4, Garden members and member dogs are admitted free.

Dogs and their owners can return to the Garden every Sunday from 9-11 a.m., Tuesday from 8-11 a.m. and Thursday from 3-5 p.m. For more information, visit www.naplesgarden.org. ■

Class will introduce pet owners to animal assisted therapy

The Brody Project for Animal Assisted Therapy hosts The Delta Society Pet Partners Team Training Course for pet owners interested in becoming certified animal assisted therapy volunteers. The course takes place from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 21-22, in the Northern Trust building at 4001 Tamiami Trail N.

Cost is \$75 per person, including the Pet Partners manual. For families sharing a book (i.e., parent and child or a couple), the cost is \$100.

Participants do not bring their pets. Prerequisite skills required of pets will be outlined, and animal and handler team evaluations will be scheduled after owners successfully complete the Pet Partners course.

For more information or to enroll in the Pet Partners training, contact instructor Judy Peter at (941) 764-0303 or via e-mail at Pete22roc@aol.com. For information about the Brody Project, visit www.TheBrodyProject.org, and for the Delta Society visit www.DeltaSociety.org. ■

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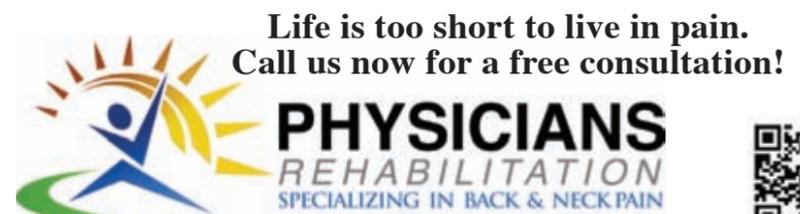
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PET TALES

Botox for pets

Nearly all drugs for animals are crossovers from human medicine

BY DR. MARTY BECKER

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When you pick up a prescription from your veterinarian, do you know that it's likely a "people med" your pet is getting? It's true! Aside from flea- and tick-control products and some non-steroidal anti-inflammatories, most of the medications your pets receive are crossovers from human medicine.

■ And when I say "most," I mean "almost all." Some 80 to 90 percent of the drugs used in veterinary medicine come from human medicine. This so-called "off-label" use of human drugs allows veterinarians to treat medical conditions (and species) that aren't always priorities for drug companies when it comes to developing and selling medications.

■ Some of the medications may be used for different health conditions in animals than in people. For years I'd get raised eyebrows when talking about dogs prescribed Viagra (in dogs, it can be used to treat a heart condition) or Botox (used to treat problems caused by deep skin folds in some dogs). More routinely (and less surprisingly) prescribed are "human" antibiotics, anti-anxiety medications and many other drugs that pretty much treat the same issues in both people and pets.

■ The practice of veterinary medicine is challenging, that's for sure. We have to work with multiple species, none of whom can say, "It hurts here, Doc!" And we have to know more about pharmacology than our



The lid may say "animal," but chances are your pet's medication is something your own doctor would prescribe.

physician counterparts. After all, in human medicine, all drugs are FDA-approved, meaning that they have undergone significant scrutiny for safety and efficacy — but only in one species: ours. The guidelines for use are fairly clear.

■ But when a veterinarian believes a particular human medication can help an animal, she'll prescribe based on information that's often not quite as regulated with regard to its use in animals. This has been the case for decades, of course, but the practice has only really been legal since 1994, when Congress passed the Animal Medicinal Drug Use Clarification Act regulating the conditions under which "off-label" use is acceptable.

■ Even before the legislation was in

place, however, there was a working system for prescribing human drugs to pets. Veterinarians relied on peer-reviewed studies, clinical trials and published formularies that included suggestions for safe uses and dosages of human medications given to companion animals.

■ Today, with the legal issues cleared up, veterinarians and their patients have more options and better access to medications. Veterinarians have always been glad to provide in-house pharmaceutical services, and general pharmacists, too, have usually been willing to fill prescriptions written by vets. But recently, online retailers and specialty pharmacists have recognized that pets are an expansion market. These developments open the door to even more changes, including discussions on generic meds and walking out of your veterinarian's practice with a prescription instead of a pill bottle.

■ Chances are you won't be taking a prescription for Viagra or Botox with you the next time you go to the veterinarian's office, but you should still talk with the doctor about your pet's treatment options. A good veterinarian will discuss what medications your pet will need, tell you what screening tests may be required for safety beforehand, what side effects to look for after you get home and answer all your questions before you go. Your veterinarian should also encourage you to call with questions or concerns.

■ Good communication, after all, is as important a part of good medicine as, well, medicine. ■

pets of the week



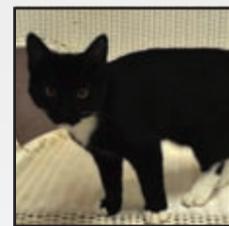
■ Dewey is a cocker spaniel mix who's about 2 years old. Handsome and friendly, he's 16-pound sweetie who loves to run, fetch and go for walks on his leash and likes people, cats and other dogs.



■ Tango is a sweeter-than-marmalade guy who's about a year old. He's an affectionate cuddler who gets along with everyone.



■ Shanti is a tricolor beagle mix who's not quite 2 years old. She weighs about 22 pounds and has a happy temperament around people, cats and other dogs, too.



■ Star is a pretty tuxedo girl who's 6 months old and loves being held and petted.

To adopt or foster a pet

— This week's pets are from Collier County Domestic Animal Services. Adoption fees for cats are \$60 and dogs are \$85 and include sterilization surgery, vaccinations, pet license, ID microchip and a bag of food. Visit DAS at 7610 Davis Blvd. from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. For more information, call 252-7387 or visit www.colliergov.net/pets.

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when commissioned to paint a sailor in the midst of a shipwreck?"
— Horace, "Ars Poetica"

"Although many board games have a jargon all their own, there is a generalized terminology to describe concepts applicable... to nearly all board games....Game Piece (or counter or token or bit or meeple or mover or pawn or man): a player's representative on the game board...."
— Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, re: board games

"Here, then, is a great mystery. For you who love the little prince... nothing in the universe can be the same if somewhere, we do not know where, a sheep that we never saw has — yes or no? — eaten a rose..."

Look up at the sky... Is it yes or no? Has the sheep eaten the flower? And you will see how everything changes... If this should happen, please comfort me. Send me word that he has come back."

— Antoine de St. Exupery, "The Little Prince"

"Never use exclamatory punctuation in a column."

— anonymous free press editor

OMG! These are f'ing good graphics. It really seems like I'm walking out



of a cabin into the woods.

And look at the detail! Look at those eggshell shards on the ground, under the tree right by the cabin door. You can even feel the immediate arousal of a stream of consciousness: Are these deleted fragments of a hard-boiled victual? Or the spoils of an avian dream broken? Or is it an abandoned active vehicle not necessary post its successful temporal/spatial rendezvous?

Nothing that I know of escapes my notice. I have even retained the little yellow seraka leaf that stuck to my left temple. Or was it yours? Who can own such things?

I have compassion for board game meeples. Who is your meeple of

choice? A dragon eating its own tail? Or perhaps a couple of distinguished bodies melted. But mostly I fancy a meeple given merely momentary form out of endless moves slowed down to cold honey.

It could be a little girl with wooden pepper-shaker. Sitting under a white blanket, she clutches the shaker in her right hand. It has a man's face with heavy lidded eyes painted on the top and a red heart painted on its shuddering breast.

Where is the salt vehicle? The girl doesn't notice her own empyrean eyes and her own emblazoned fluttering heart. She only envisions a climbing up the attic stairs to a walking on a floor now solid but once porous and squishy in dreams. She peers out the square window centered in the inner triangle of the outer gabled roof. She sees below a small wooden shed surrounded by lilac color and scent. And behind the shed: an alley. In the alley she finds herself, staring into a water puddle that shows her a sun coming to live in her retina, no mere squatter. What outpours is not rain, but the salt born of meeple liberation.

An ocean ensues. An iron bird flies overhead. Inside there is a small boy clutching an action figure in his left hand, head between his legs. There is no crash. But neither is there any palpable rescue.

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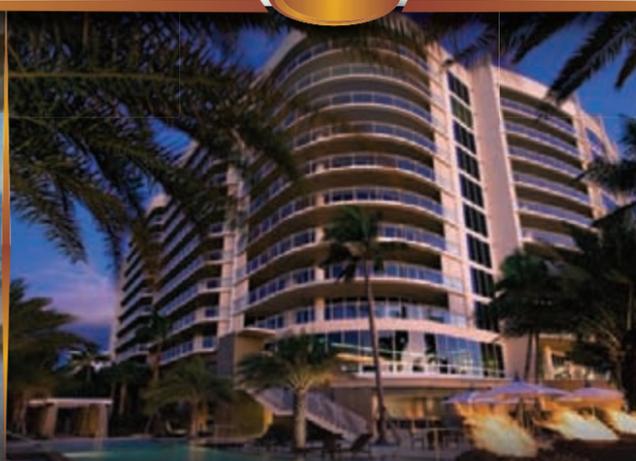


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BY NANCI THEORET
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ART IS MORE THAN JUST PRETTY PAINTINGS hung on a gallery wall, a sculpture in a public plaza or a play or concert at a local theater. It's an essential part of a community, contributing \$271 million to the economies of Charlotte and Collier counties alone, based, respectively, on four- and eight-year-old studies. Factor in time and the results of a yet-undetermined impact in Lee County that will unveiled this summer, and the economic impact could come close to the \$1 billion mark in the tri-county Southwest Florida region.

The impact of nonprofit arts and cultural groups to Lee County's economy

will be released this summer as part of a collaborative study by Americans for the Arts and the Alliance for the Arts, which last year culled data from 127 nonprofit organizations, including traditional venues and organizations like galleries, theaters and concert venues as well as community cultural centers and advocacy agencies.

"It's the most comprehensive study ever done in Lee County," says Lydia Black, executive director of the 900-member alliance. "It will tell us our return on investment for the arts."

Similar studies in Charlotte and Collier demonstrated an impact of \$21 million and \$250 million, respectively —

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Entrepreneurs Law School for small business owners

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Florida Gulf Coast University hosts the 13th annual Entrepreneurs Law School presented by the Small Business Development Center at FGCU on Saturday, Jan. 28. Sponsored by Pavese Law Firm, Relevanza, Wells Fargo, Markham Norton Moesteller Wright & Company and Great Florida Insurance, the workshop gives small business owners and entrepreneurs a chance to ask questions and hear from area attorneys about small business legal issues.

The day begins at 8:30 a.m. with continental breakfast provided by Costco,

and the first sessions start at 9 a.m. Attendees will choose from tracks of 50 minutes each on subjects including:

■ "Which Entity is Right for your Business," presented by Jon Skelton, Pavese Law Firm;

■ "Building a Business with Proper Planning," Carmen Dellutri, The Dellutri Law Firm;

■ "Contract Negotiations and Incorporating Employment Law into your Small Business," Christina Harris Schwinn, Pavese Law Firm;

■ "Business Succession Planning," Mary Vlasak Snell, Pavese Law Firm;

■ "Everything Legal: Stump the

Attorney," Donna Flammang, Brennan, Manna & Diamond;

■ "Distressed Property Options and Workouts," Mary Sanders, Sanders Law Firm; and

■ "The Business Owners Guide to Commercial Leases," presented by the Law Offices of Holly E. Crosby, P.A.

After lunch, a panel discussion will take place on the effects of small business bankruptcy from a legal, tax, finance and insurance perspective. Panelists include Eric Molina, Pavese Law Firm; Barbara Melvin, Wells Fargo; Reggie Blackmon, Great Florida Insurance; and Joni Norton, Markham, Norton,

Moesteller, Wright & Company, P.A.

"Business owners often come to the SBDC for confidential business consulting and have legal questions," says Suzanne Specht, assistant director of the SBDC and program coordinator for the annual Entrepreneurs Law School. "This workshop is a great opportunity for them to meet and consult a variety of attorneys on the different legal matters."

Registration in advance is \$99 and includes breakfast and lunch. Cost on the day of the workshop will be \$199.

Register at www.sbdclawschool.com or call 745-3700 for more information. ■

MONEY & INVESTING

Hi-ho the Derry-o the judge stands alone



Judge Jed S. Rakoff, Southern District of New York Federal Court, stands alone against: the Securities and Exchange Commission; the prestigious law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison; and their client, the once mighty but now too-big-to-fail bank, Citigroup.

As to the specifics of the standoff: the SEC sued Citigroup in October 2011 for selling \$1 billion in mortgage-backed CDOs while secretly shorting the securities, which one Citigroup trader allegedly called "a collection of dog s---." Shortly after filing, the parties agreed to settle, but Judge Rakoff refused to sign off on the deal, blasting the SEC in a blistering ruling for letting the megabank settle for "pocket change without admitting wrongdoing" (Courthouse News Service, Dec. 29, 2011).

This case is unique and of high interest for numerous reasons.

First, this litigation could become the first subprime mortgage case in which fraud is admitted. Prior to Judge Rakoff's stance, James Cox, a securities law professor at Duke University, aptly lamented, "We're never going to put a face on this (2007-2008) crisis. It's going to be the crisis of anonymity" (Bloomberg, Jan. 3, 2011, "The Top SEC, Settlements of 2011" by Joel Stonington).

Second, the judge's refusal is precedent setting. Per a Dec. 15, 2011 SEC press release, the SEC claims that, "... the court's new standard is at odds with decades of court decisions that have upheld similar settlements by federal and state agencies across the country. In fact, courts have routinely approved settlements in which a defendant does not admit or even expressly denies liability" (<http://sec.gov/news/press/2011/2011-265.htm>).

The SEC statement about "routine approval" of its settlements is so very unfortunately true. In fact, the SEC "filed a record 735 enforcement actions in 2011 and collected \$2.8 billion in settlements (Bloomberg, Jan. 3, 2011, "The Top SEC Settlements of 2011").

The diversified portfolio of settlements included: foreign bribery; Ponzi schemes; insider trading; municipal bond underwriting fraud; backdating executives' options; and heavy emphasis in sub-prime mortgage crisis fraud.

Notable 2011 SEC settlements include: the former CEO of Countrywide Financial, Angelo Mozilo (charged to have misled investors about subprime loans while unloading personal stock and options worth \$139 million); and JP Morgan Securities (charged with misleading investors in a complex mortgage deal). Egregious... but settled.

Third, if Citigroup winds up admitting fraud (or in trial, is convicted of fraud), well then... the individual investor can make additional filings against Citigroup for more financial relief with-

out incurring the hefty cost of proving such fraud! Now, finally, the little guy might have a chance at taking on the behemoth and being made whole.

Fourth, the judge, in my opinion, didn't like how the SEC cut the settlement pie. Per Courthouse News Service, "Shortly after filing, the parties (SEC and Citigroup) agreed to settle for \$285 million, with \$95 million going to the victims." It seems the investor, who was the party wronged and who is due the money, gets "pocket change," per Judge Rakoff. So the SEC's idea of fair allocation is big bucks (\$190 million) to the U.S. government... which some would protest is grotesquely high compensation for having failed proper oversight in 2007-2008 period.

Of course, the SEC spins it differently... as in it is the champion of the wronged, small investor. The SEC claims, per its Dec 15, 2011, press release, "In cases such as this, a settlement puts money back in the pockets of harmed investors without years of courtroom delay and without the twin risks of losing at trial or winning but recovering less than the settlement amount — risks that always exist no matter how strong the evidence is in a particular case."

Beyond all this, there are fascinating twists and turns to this story. The following quotes are taken from the Courthouse News Service column; they barely do justice to that column's coverage of the SEC's and counsel's heavy-handed actions. So consider a full reading. Meanwhile, here is my simplified version.

After rejecting the settlement, the Judge set a summer trial date. The SEC didn't like the response and went about trying to get a stay from the Court of Appeals... but done in a "misleading" way. Per Judge Rakoff's writings to the Court: "At approximately 4:20 p.m., the Court of Appeals granted the SEC's request for a temporary stay. Virtually simultaneously, at 4:21 p.m., this court, totally unaware of any of the filings in the Court of Appeals, issued its Memorandum Order denying the stay. The Court of Appeals therefore rendered its decision without having received this court's memorandum order and having before it only the materially misleading papers of the SEC." You don't have to be a lawyer to know that this judge is mighty perturbed by the lack of forthrightness.

Continue to look for news coverage and a continuance of this exciting story. ■

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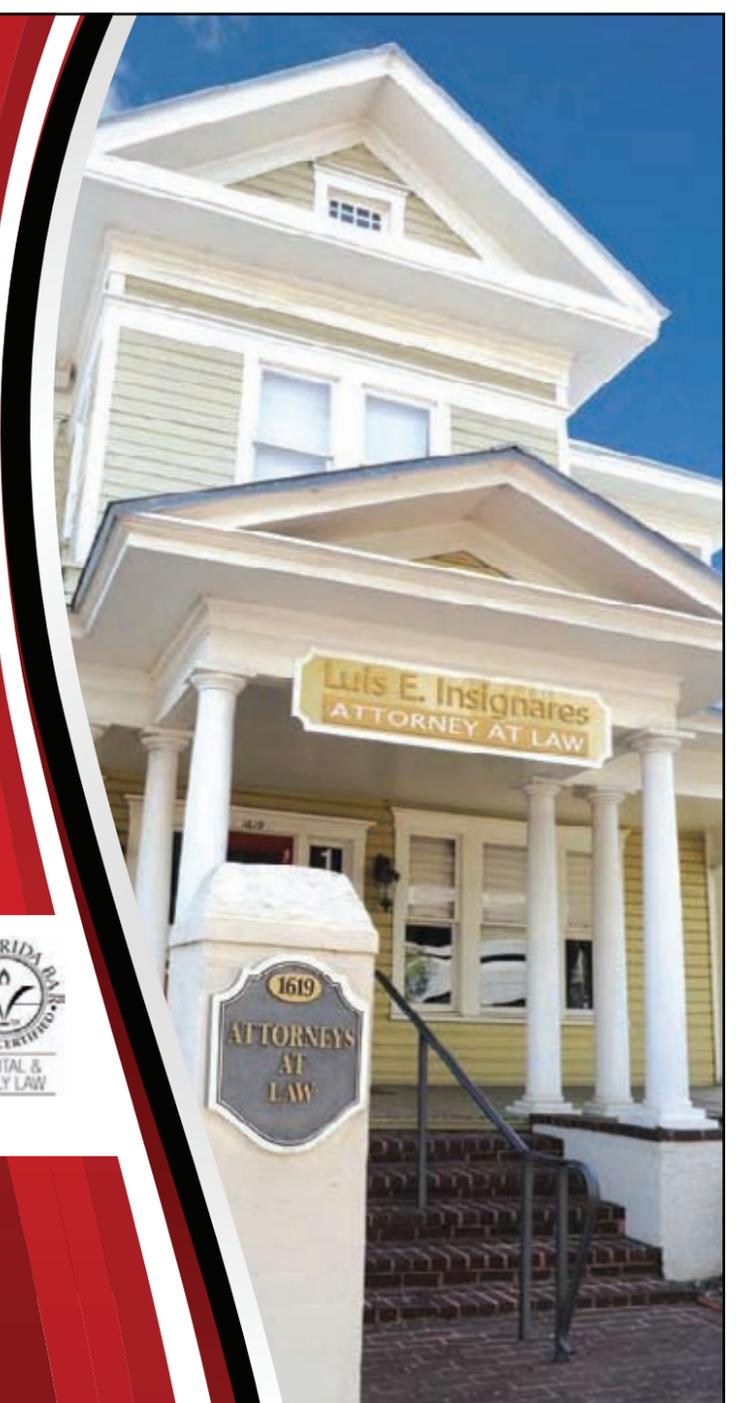
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PORT ROYAL - RUM ROW
With captivating long water views of Galleon Cove, this beautiful Costa del Sol architectural masterpiece captures the essence of Florida's indoor-outdoor lifestyle. Located on one and one-half Port Royal lots, this five bedroom home is designed for glorious water views. Port Royal Club membership eligibility.
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ON THE MOVE

Awards & Recognition

B-Squared Advertising won silver awards from the National Association of Home Builders for Best Brochure, Best Display of Community Branding and Best Color Advertisement, all created for Moraya Bay in Naples. The awards mean the Naples-based advertising, marketing and public relations firm qualifies for the International Association of Home Builders awards that will be announced in February.

Kathleen Bridget Sullivan has been named the January Designer of Distinction at Miramar Design Center. The principal designer of Naples-based Kathleen Bridget Sullivan Interiors, she is a national and Naples chapter member of the Interior Design Society. She has worked on the HGTV "Designer Challenge," designed rooms for the Newport Design Show House and participated in the Design Home featured in Boston Magazine. Recent residential projects include homes in communities in Naples, Bonita Springs and Estero.



Sullivan

Banking

John Tenney has joined Shamrock Bank of Florida as vice president, loan officer. Originally from Ludington Mich., he has been in Southwest Florida for the nine years and most recently was with Fifth Third Bank of Florida. He studied finance at Western Michigan University.



Tenney

Board Appointments

Paul Belfore, senior vice president and private banking manager for Iberia Bank, has been appointed to the advisory board of Eden Autism Services. Mr. Belfore is also a member of the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile advisory board and volunteers as a youth basketball coach at YMCA of the Palms. He has a degree in economics from Allegheny College and is a Certified Retirement Services professional.



Belfore

Christopher Marsala, an attorney with the law firm Cardillo, Keith & Bonaquist, P.A., has been elected to the board of directors of the FGCU Eagles Club, a support organization for Florida Gulf Coast University's athletic program.



Marsala

Cyndee Woolley, a Naples-based public relations, community outreach and social media consultant, is chair-elect for 2012 for the Public Relations Society of America-Sunshine District. She is a past president of the Gulf Coast Chapter of PRSA, a past-president of the Public Relations Marketing and Advertising Association of Collier County, chair of the Farm City BBQ and a member of the 2012 class of Leadership Collier. She will co-chair the PRSA Sunshine District leadership development program called QuickStart.



Woolley

William Raveis, chairman and CEO of William Raveis Real Estate and Home Services, has joined the board of trustees of the Guadalupe Center. Mr. Raveis' career includes positions with United Technology and Westinghouse International, where he was responsible for Westinghouse's computer systems and worldwide operations. In 1974 he opened William Raveis Real Estate and Home Services in Fairfield, Conn. The company now includes William Raveis Mortgage, William Raveis Insurance and William Raveis Attorney Network.

Deborah Russell, principal with Cummings & Lockwood LLC, has joined the board of directors of the Naples Historical Society, bringing expertise in estate planning, charitable gift planning and trust and estate administration.

Chamber of Commerce

Cotrenia Hood has been named vice president for business development for the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. A graduate of Southeastern University, Ms. Hood has served the chamber as an account executive for the past year and has also managed the chamber's Council for International Visitors in Collier. Prior to joining the chamber, she was director of membership for the St. Tammany West Chamber of Commerce in Covington, La. From 1994-2007, Ms. Hood was artistic director and choreographer for the American All-Star Company, which developed themes, managed dancers and managed productions for seven Superbowls.



Hood

Insurance

Ruth Villanueva has been promoted to customer concierge, a new position at Ted Todd Insurance Agency. Ms. Villanueva is originally from Lima, Peru, and has been with the agency for four years, most recently as an agency manager.



Villanueva

Nonprofit Organizations

Dottie Giles has joined the staff at the Naples Historical Society as museum coordinator.

Ellen Fischer, already a staff member at the Naples Historical Society, has taken on new responsibilities as program coordinator.

Rosanne Winter, Ph.D., has been named executive director at Youth Haven. She succeeds Ron McSwiney, who retired in December. Dr. Winter has held leadership positions in public and private school systems in Ohio, California, Virginia and Florida. She served as the district-wide director of instructional technology for Fairfax County, Va., public schools before moving to Naples, where she was principal of Naples High School from 2004-06. Most recently she has worked as a consultant in organizational improvement. She has taught in psychiatric hospitals and residential treatment centers. She earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Kent State University and a doctorate from George Mason University in Virginia. ■



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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.
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PORT ROYAL - GALEON DRIVE
This enchanting Port Royal residence offers a tropical motif, including rich wood finishes, stone flooring, and tongue and groove ceiling treatments. There are direct views of Limpkin Cove with ample green space for gardening and outdoor entertaining. Port Royal Club membership eligibility.
\$3,450,000



OLD NAPLES - 3RD STREET NORTH
Just steps to the beach and nestled in the heart of Old Naples, this stylish single-story home sits among lush tropical gardens that include mature mahogany, palm and citrus trees. The home was substantially rebuilt in 2007, including a new master suite addition. Large rooms feature French doors that open to a private patio and garden areas.
\$2,475,000



OLD NAPLES - 14TH AVENUE SOUTH
Perhaps one of the finest locations on the navigable waters abutting Old Naples. This Southern exposure waterfront bungalow and the lush tropical gardens which surround are nestled just one block to the historic 3rd Street South shopping and dining district.
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GREY OAKS - DAY LILY PLACE
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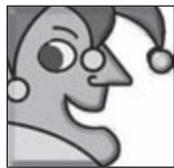


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ship agreement to study a stock carefully before voting on whether or not to invest in it. Many clubs tend to own solid blue-chip companies, hanging on for years, not months or weeks. These kinds of habits can lead to market-beating performances.

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Investment clubs can be terrific. Learn more about them at www.betterinvesting.org, www.bivio.com and www.fool.com/investmentclub/investmentclub01.htm. There are many helpful books on how to form and run investment clubs, too, such as "Starting and Running a Profitable Investment Club" by Thomas E. O'Hara and Kenneth S. Janke, and "Investment Clubs for Dummies" by Douglas Gerlach and Angele McQuade. They're out of print, but you can find them at Amazon.com or Half.com, and perhaps even at your library.

Next week: tips on running a club. ■

My Dumbest Investment

A Typo Tale

I asked my broker to buy me 100 shares of EnerNOC, whose ticker symbol is ENOC — or so I thought. The order I actually placed was for shares of ENCO. That turned out to be a tiny biotech-related company called Encorium Group, not the much bigger energy company. I figured it out when he called to ask why I wasn't buying 1,000 shares, since the stock sold for about 54 cents. I finally sold my ENCO shares for about 21 cents each.

— D.L., Washington, D.C.

The Fool Responds: Encorium, a penny stock, was recently trading for about 12 cents per share, serving as a good reminder of how volatile and risky many pennies can be. You're not alone in mixing up ticker symbols. Many people expect Intel's ticker to be INTL, but it's INTC. Similarly, Apple's is AAPL, not APPL, and Coca-Cola is KO, not CO or CC.

Be careful and precise when placing trade orders. Online, a brokerage will often show you a summary of your order for you to check. Look it over and make sure it's the right company before confirming. ■



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

Last week's trivia answer

Founded in 1906 and based in Virginia, I'm a media and marketing company with a bunch of broadcast, digital, mobile and publishing companies under my umbrella. My network of websites, including CareerBuilder.com and HighSchoolSports.net, reach 52 million people monthly. My Captivate network delivers news, entertainment and advertising to 9,500 elevators and hotel lobbies across America. I own 82 daily newspapers, about 200 weekly publications and hundreds of others, along with 23 TV stations. My USA Today has the country's largest print circulation and is a mobile force, too, with more than 7 million of its apps downloaded. Who am I? (Answer: Gannett) ■



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Ask the Fool

Explaining the Prime Number

Q What's the prime rate?
— T.W., Norwich, Conn.

A It's the interest rate that banks charge their best (lowest-risk) commercial customers. It matters because many other interest rates, such as those for mortgages, home equity loans, credit cards and other business loans, take their lead from the prime rate. A car loan rate, for example, might be calculated by taking the current prime rate and adding a certain amount to it.

The prime rate doesn't change every day. It stays put for a while until major banks change their rates, generally moving in step with economic conditions. (That often happens when the Federal Reserve changes its discount rate, which is what it charges banks that borrow short-term money.)

There actually isn't a single prime rate. Each bank may set its own, but the major commercial banks tend to use the same one most of the time. You'll find the prime rate in most newspapers' business sections.

Q How can I find out who's on a company's board of directors?
— N.B., Ashland, Ky.

A You'll frequently find a list of a company's board members on its website. Look for links labeled something like "Company Information," "About Us," "Investor Relations" or "Corporate Governance." You can also just call the company's investor relations department and ask.

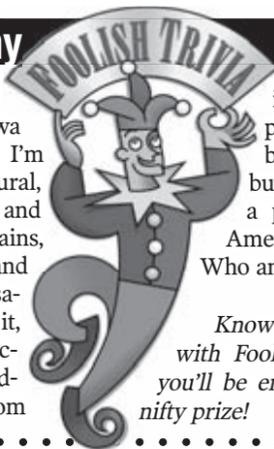
Most annual reports will list the members of the board, often with a glossy color photo of the gang. Another option is to check out the reports that the company files with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

The annual 10-K report is your best bet, and you can get it by entering the company's name or ticker symbol at <http://finance.yahoo.com>. It's a long and informative document. ■

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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

AT&T in 2012

The proposed \$39 billion merger between AT&T (NYSE: T) and Deutsche Telekom's T-Mobile USA is history, but AT&T's future still holds promise.

AT&T had hoped to increase the number of its radio frequency licenses with the merger. Instead, as part of a breakup fee in the agreement, AT&T will have to fork over \$3 billion worth of spectrum and roaming agreements to T-Mobile, along with \$3 billion in cash.

So job No. 1 for AT&T in the new year will be to gain additional spectrum just to tread water. It's waiting for the FCC to OK its deal to buy \$1.9 billion worth of spectrum from Qualcomm.

The biggest reason AT&T is going to need as much spectrum as it can get is to catch up to Verizon in the race to smother the country with 4G LTE coverage. Verizon seems to have quite a head start in that regard. Its LTE network covers 179 cities across the country, vs. just 15 cities for AT&T.

The coming year is definitely going to be challenging for AT&T, but it's certainly not in dire straits. The company just upped its quarterly dividend for the 28th year in a row.

Think twice before selling off your AT&T shares in a panic. That 6 percent dividend yield can be quite effective as an anti-anxiety pill. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Qualcomm.) ■

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.

■ **Partner 4 Performance**, a networking group for small business owners, meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Thursday and from 8:30-10 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month at Patric's in Mission West Plaza. Cost is \$10, plus \$12 for the lunch meeting. For more information, call 948-0050 or visit www.partner4performance.com.

■ **PRACC**, Public Relations, Marketing and Advertising Professionals of Col-

lier County, starts the new year with a media panel discussion Thursday, Jan. 19, at McCormick & Schmick's. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Sign up by e-mailing info@PRACC.org or by calling the message line at 436-2105.

■ The **PC Business Users Group** will hear about "The Latest in Technology" from a representative of Best Buy from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. For more information, visit www.PCBUG.com.

■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its first Business After 5 of the New Year from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at Naples Day Surgery

at the NCH downtown campus, 311 Ninth St. N. Attendees will tour one of the first and largest outpatient surgery centers in the area. Register at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **Public Relations Society of America-Gulf Coast Chapter** meets at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker and professional organizer Marla Ottenstein will discuss "The Key to Success: Get Organized." Ms. Ottenstein will offer tips on how to organize your clients by organizing yourself. Cost is \$24 for PRSA members, \$29 for non-members and \$15 for students. Reservations must be made by Jan. 20. Sign up at www.gulfcoastprsa.org or call Denyse

Mesnik, chapter president, at 659-7303.

■ **Leadership Collier Foundation alumni** will meet for a box lunch and hear from Naples Mayor-elect John Sorey beginning at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Professional Development Center at 615 Third Ave. S. Graduates of Leadership Collier, Growing Associates In Naples and the Leadership Institute are welcome. Cost is \$10. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **East Naples Merchants Association** meets for Business After Business at 5:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month. For location and more information, call 435-9410 or 643-3600. ■

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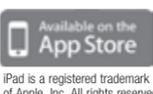
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ART SCENE

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a number Elaine Hamilton, executive director of the United Arts Council of Collier County, says has likely doubled since the study's completion eight years ago. "It's definitely half a billion now."

As part of the Lee County study, the alliance surveyed 1,000 audience members and participants at 50 small and large venues and events.

"We asked about any costs associated with the arts - what they spent for dinner and a show, if they bought a dress, paid a babysitter or bought gas," says Ms. Black. "What was interesting to us was the diversity of ZIP codes. There were more folks than we expected from out of town, from Collier and Charlotte, at small local events. We were pleased to see that in some of the data collected. We learned there's a large group of tourism coming in our direction because of the arts and culture. We were also surprised by some of the organizations we didn't know, and are getting to know better."

Nationally, the nonprofit arts and culture industry generates \$63.1 billion in spending by organizations and an additional \$103.1 billion in event-related spending by their audiences, according to Americans for the Arts.

The Alliance for the Arts has previously delved into the impact of the arts in Fort Myers as part of the redevelopment of the historic River District, says Ms. Black. In 2010 24 arts-related organizations in Fort Myers had a combined \$10 million budget, employed more than 100 full- and 200 part-time staff and pumped money into local government and businesses through taxes, supplies, marketing and other business needs. An arts and prosperity survey conducted five years ago showed a \$7 return on every dollar spent on the arts.

"The arts are not just entertainment value, but important for the economic recovery for a community," Ms. Black says.

It's not just big venues like the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall or the Naples Philharmonic adding to the economic impact. Smaller groups — barbershop quartets in Naples, a community center in Alva and quilting clubs in Englewood — also contribute to the region's bottom line. Whether large or lean, organizations and individual artists are adapting to the economic downturn by reducing ticket prices or producing smaller, less expensive artwork, says Ms. Hamilton. "The Naples Players has had 90 percent capacity the past three years despite the recession."

Arts groups are also collaborating to offer joint events — "fundraisers and friend-raisers that provide an opportunity for people to be exposed to the arts," says Ms. Black.

The Alliance for the Arts partnered with ArtFest Fort Myers, the Florida Rep and other arts agencies for November's second annual Taste of the Arts, one of many Southwest Florida events designed to promote the arts.

The three-day ArtFest in February brings the gallery to the streets of downtown, exposing residents and visitors to 200 artists that often don't participate in other area arts fairs. The event, says executive director Sharon McAllister, is about bringing the arts experience to the public.

"Our creative ability to do things impacts the community," she says. "By living in this community leaders of the arts organization bring talent to the community, people like (Florida Rep producing artistic director) Robert Cacioppo or Lydia Black. Could you imagine what our



BLACK



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Above and right: The 2011 Ole Art & Jazz Festival at Lely Resort.

community would be like without people like Robert, Lydia or myself?"

In Charlotte County, nonprofit arts organizations generated \$21 million in economic stimulation in 2008, says Judy Malbuisson, executive director of the Arts and Humanities Council of Charlotte County, a consortium of arts, culture, social and civic groups.

"We describe ourselves as the chamber of the arts," she says. "Our mission is to promote what our members are doing, bring people to the arts and arts to the people."

The council backs events like Art Sensation, photography expos, plein air festivals and the Visual Arts Center's biennial national art show, and works with the Military Heritage Museum and Charlotte Symphony. It was also instrumental in launching Frontier Days and Empty Bowls, an annual fundraiser that fights hunger and introduces newcomers to ceramics. Both events were started with grants from the council, says Ms. Malbuisson.

Groups promoting the arts have also had to slash budgets as the elimination of federal grants increased competition for those remain.

"It used to be that we would receive one grant for every 10 we applied for. Now it's one out of 20," says Ms. Hamilton, whose organization is also funded by membership fees and donations. "Our county has 59 nonprofit groups and 100 galleries and artists' studios. We've lost some because of the economy but we've grown in seven years. The arts were one of the factors that influenced me to live here."

Southwest Florida — a melting pot of transplanted residents from other places — tends to encourage a more personal, hands-on experience with the arts that in turn multiplies its impact on residents and community.

"I'm from New York, and you went to the museum, the theater or a concert," says Ms. Malbuisson. "Here, you can get involved. I call this the 'greenhouse of the arts.' When I was with the Charlotte Players, people auditioned who had master's degrees in theater but became a nurse to pay bills. There were people who had never been on stage before and were starring in shows a couple of years later."

"Art is like everything to a community just as infrastructure and a good health-care system," says Ms. McAllister. "If you don't have good symphonies, theaters and visual arts, people won't move here or raise their children here. The people you need for a strong community will not live where there isn't art or culture." ■



COURTESY PHOTOS

ArtFest Fort Myers brings tens of thousands of people to downtown Fort Myers every year. The crowd spends money on art, but also at nearby restaurants and shops.

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Clive Daniel Home hosts the Naples Press Club



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Wake Up Naples with the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce



1. Jennifer Edwards with Kevin Brachle, Dwight Brock and Michael Calow
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3. Michael Wynn
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NETWORKING

Celebrating 10 years at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort



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2. Orly Stotts and Sean Nolan
3. Betty Markovic and Nicole Geraghty
4. Amy Gravina, Jerry Thirion, Sharon Arnold and Patricia Murphy
5. Randy Smith and Sandra Pals
6. Kathy Swank and Andrea St. Cyr
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Young Professionals-Naples networking at The Ritz-Carlton



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2. Joe Jo Jennings, Jorian Weiner and Darryll Adams
3. Jennifer Alvarez, Charlie McDonald and Alexis Michelangelo
4. Brittany Marcotte, Mike Emmans, Elena Ramos and Deanna Desruisseaux
5. Kristian Lodge, Crystal Hoover and John Brown
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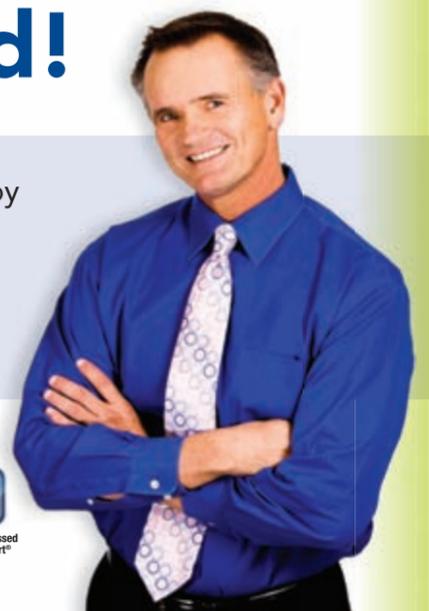
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CBIA begins 2012 quarterly panels with local officials

The Remodelers Council of the Collier Building Industry Association will hold the first quarterly builder roundtable of 2012 from 4:30-6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at CBIA headquarters. The series of four events for construction professionals and city and county government agencies is designed to help improve processes associated with new residential construction and remodeling in Naples and Collier County.

Panelists for the first quarterly session will be: Jamie French, Tatiana Gust, Mike Ossorio and Jim Von Rinteln, all from the Collier County Growth Management Division; and Paul Bollenback from the city of Naples Building Department. Topics will focus on:

- Issues that result in permits being rejected, and what contractors can do to rectify;

- What types of permits contractors can apply for online with Collier County; and

- Ways the government agencies and those in the industry can partner to eradicate unlicensed activity.

Registration is \$15. For reservations, call Carrie Horner at the CBIA, 436-6100, ext. 201, e-mail carrie@cbia.net or visit www.cbia.net. ■



COURTESY PHOTOS

Stock reports home sales soar in 2011

Stock Development had a banner year in 2011, topping 300 new home sales and generating more than \$200 million in sales company wide.

According to Brian Stock, CEO, new home sales were up 30 percent overall with a sales volume exceeding \$124 million, representing a 42 percent increase over 2010. Lely Resort registered 154 sales, and Secoya Reserve and Black Bear Ridge had another 34 sales.

SEE STOCK, B20 ►

House Hunting:

18145 Via Portofino Way at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club

Gracious outdoor living areas distinguish this waterfront home in Portofino at Miromar Lakes. A front entry courtyard introduces owners and guests to the calm, clean design of this London Bay Home. Another courtyard off the kitchen offers an outdoor respite with a serenity fountain and covered trellis.

At the back of the home, the view through double French doors is of the pool and expansive outdoor living area complete with summer kitchen, fireplace and space for a private dock.

Contemporary design lines accentuate a wide gallery that spans from the foyer, through the kitchen and into the living area, creating a space that's ideal for entertaining friends and family.

In 3,343 air-conditioned square feet, this distinctive residence has two bedrooms, a den, two full and one half baths, a breakfast bar, built-in desk and spacious pantry. A chef's delight, the kitchen has dramatic Absolute Black granite countertops and Wolf/Sub-Zero appliances. The finest of flooring by

Walker Zanger is featured throughout the main living spaces. The interlocking paver driveway leads to a two-car garage.

Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club has been honored with more than 100 awards, including National Community of the Year, the only Florida winner in 31 years. 18145 Via Portofino Way is being sold fully furnished for \$2 million. Call Jeff Garard at Miromar Realty, 425-2340, or visit www.MiromarLakes.com. ■

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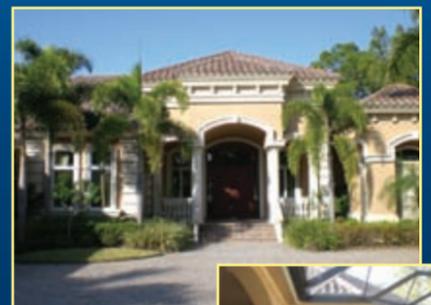
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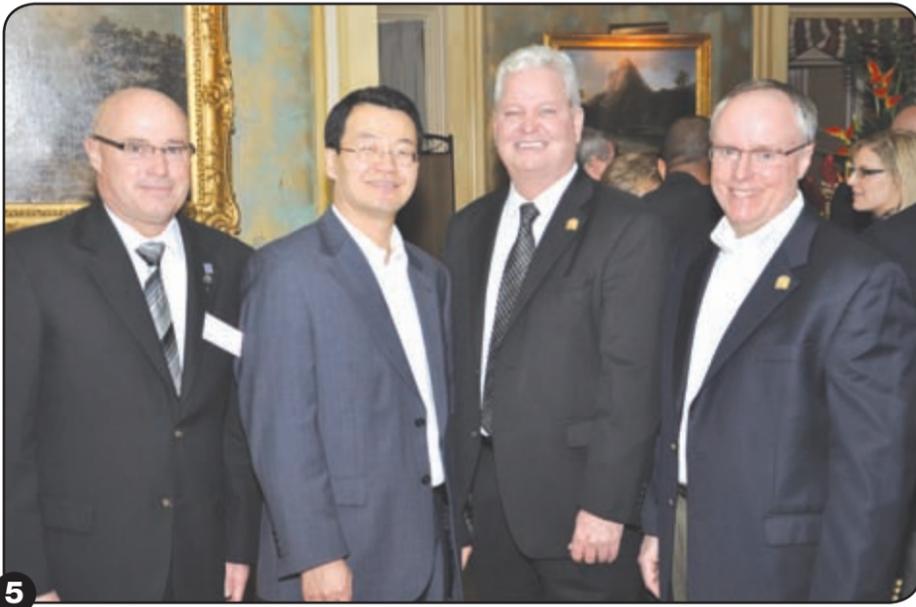


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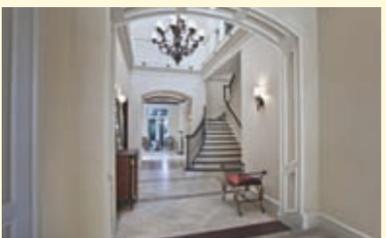
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Naples organizer set for closet seminar at Miromar

Professional organizer Marla Ottenstein presents "Get Organized: Clean your Closets and Dress like a French woman" at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at the Miromar Design Center. Part of the center's three-day Home Design Show, the 45-minute presentation will include time for questions from the audience and will address how to:

- Organize your life by organizing your wardrobe;
- Maximize wardrobe selection

and minimize fashion frustration;

- Shop "smart" and dress chic like a French woman;
- Decide what you can and can't live without; and how to
- Creatively dispose of "stuff" you can live without.

A member of the National Association of Professional Organizers, Ms. Ottenstein writes the bi-monthly column "Get Organized" for the Naples Daily News and also lectures at the

Naples campus of FGCU's Renaissance Academy on how to get organized and how to downsize. Guests at her Miromar Design Center program will enjoy complimentary cupcakes by Kelly Livingston of Kelly Kakes.

The seminar is free with no advance registration required, but space is limited to 400 people. For more information, call 390-8207 or visit www.MiromarDesignCenter.com. ■

STOCK

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"Our building division led the way with 300 new home sales, an astounding 51 percent increase over the previous year," Mr. Stock says, adding the average sales price of the homes sold was up 12 percent.

Elsewhere within the Stock family of companies, Noble Title conducted 492 closings, an 11 percent increase over 2010; Stock Financial more than doubled its revenue in 2011; and Serenity Pool & Spa recorded a 240 percent increase in sales, with 191 pool packages sold. The company launched five new residential projects in 2011 and has plans for more in 2012, Mr. Stock says.

"By the beginning of last year, most of the single-family neighborhoods at Lely Resort and Paseo were nearly sold out," he says. "As a result, we debuted two new major neighborhoods — Lakoya at Lely Resort and Esperanza at Paseo (in Fort Myers).

Lakoya is a 242-acre enclave with a

private gated entrance, classical gardens, choreographed fountains and paved walking paths. Phase I of Lakoya offers 149 homes across five series of floor plans. Homes have lake, golf course and nature preserve views. Eleven furnished models are open.

Esperanza, the northern phase of Paseo, is encircled by the pristine environment of Six Mile Cypress Slough. It features newly redesigned versions of Paseo's existing single-family homes and a brand new twin villa product being offered by Stock Construction for the first time. Furnished models open this month with a grand opening set for Friday, Jan. 27.

Expanding its luxury home operations, Stock became a preferred builder at Mediterra and closed on 11 home-sites in the Buonasera neighborhood of estate-sized single-family homes.

The company also launched sales in the two neighborhoods it acquired in late 2010. Secoya Reserve is on Livingston Road north of Immokalee Road; Black Bear Ridge is on Vanderbilt Beach Road east of I-75 and west of CR 951.

Expansion plans for 2012 include the

launch of the final neighborhood at Olde Cypress and sales of new custom-built homes at Quail West. Stock is also preparing to release details of a new Build-On-Your-Lot program that will allow homebuyers to choose from dozens of award-winning Stock floor plans and have them built on their home sites throughout Southwest Florida.

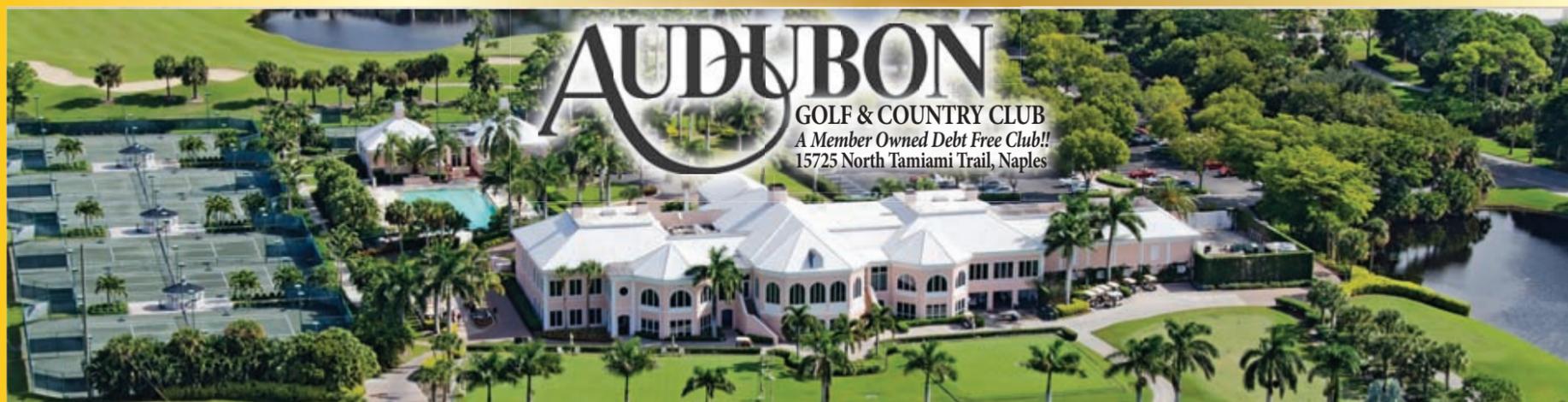
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Stock has more than 40 furnished models on display across five communities.

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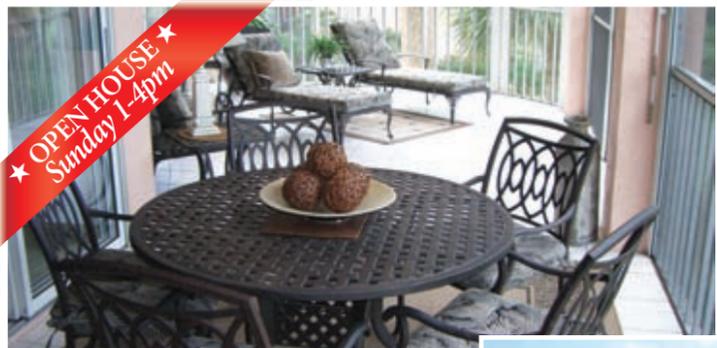
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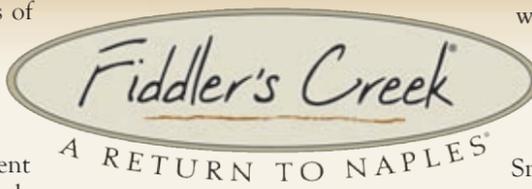
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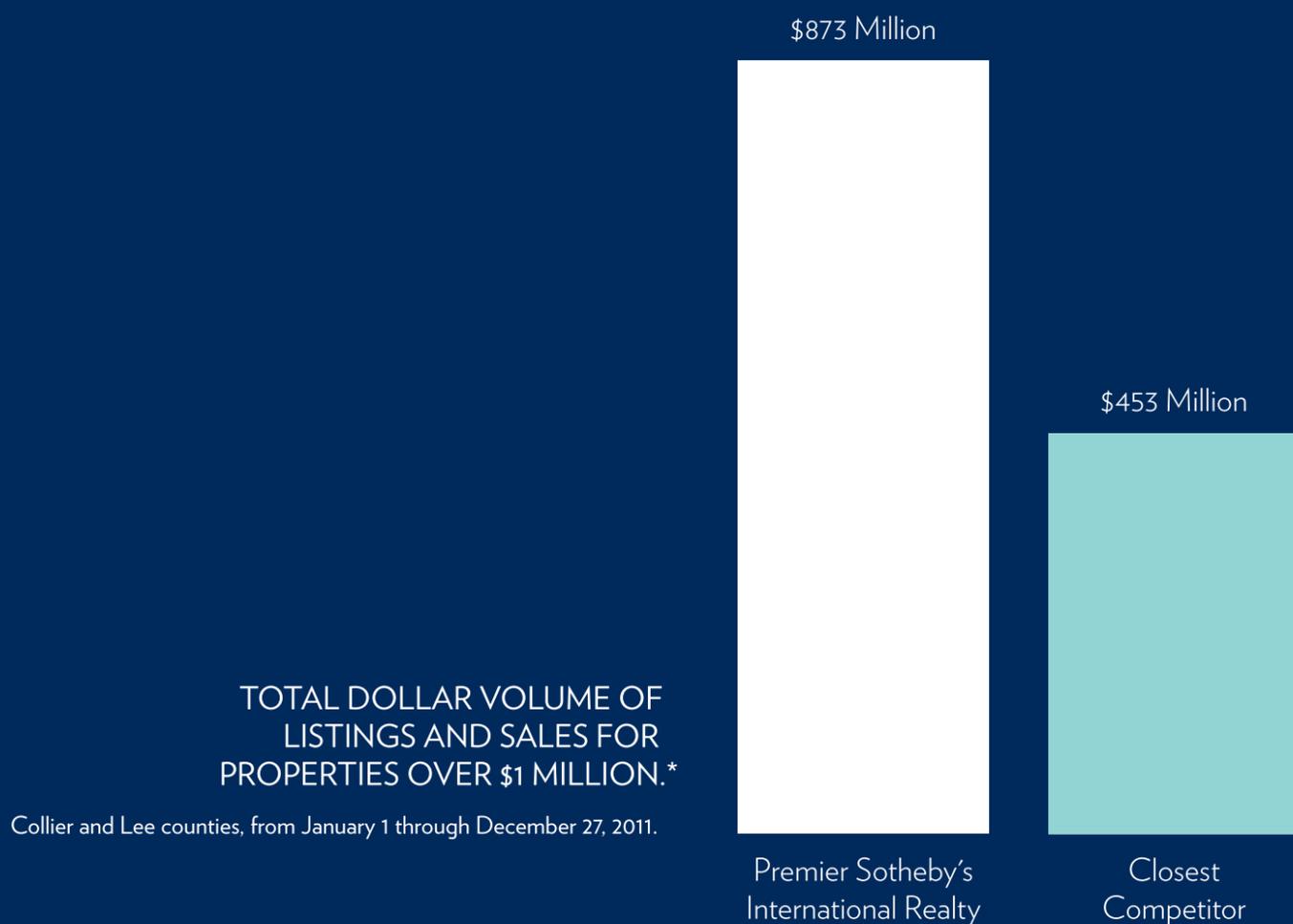
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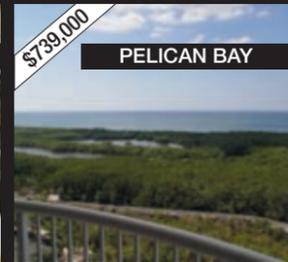
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VANDERBILT GULFSIDE II #902 - Remarkable Gulf/bay views, 2BR/2BA+den beautifully remodeled beach condominium. Exotic finishes, feels brand new. \$1,000,000 Carol Sheehy/Cliff Donenfeld | 340-9300



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VANDERBILT BEACH - REGATTA I PH08 - Sweeping Gulf/Bay vistas, 3BR/2BA, 10' ceilings, private 2-car garage. Gated, steps to beach, 2 pools, clubhouse. \$675,000 | Patricia Bucalo | 248-0694



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THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE - GRANDE PHOENICIAN #406 - Lovely 4th floor residence in move-in condition. Beautifully appointed 3BR/2BA. Preserve, water & golf course view! \$675,000 | Gayle Fawkes and Jennifer/Dave Urness | 594-9494



THE DUNES - THE GRANDE PRESERVE - GRANDE GENEVA #402 - Gated enclave. Private elevator, spacious 3BR with gourmet kitchen. State-of-the-art amenities. Concierge Center. \$649,000 | Philip Mareschal | 269-6033



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MARINA BAY CLUB #1002 - Awesome views of the Bay, Gulf & preserve from this stunning 10th floor condominium. Great room concept 2BR/2BA. \$499,000 | Suzanne Ring | 821-7550



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MARINA BAY CLUB #408 - Tranquil view over pass to the Gulf! Professionally renovated with almost everything brand new! Turnkey furnished. \$410,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



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899 Caxambas Drive - Private setting on Barfield Bay with direct access. Fishing pier/boat dock. Custom-built Slocum & Christian home. \$2,850,000
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MADEIRA 350 South Collier Blvd. #704 - On a most desirable floor height, 3BR/3.5BA beachfront condominium. Elegantly appointed and turnkey furnished. \$2,699,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

1051 Barfield Drive South - Magnificent Caxambass Pass views! Four BR with approx. 80' of dock, 16,000 lb. lift & direct deep water Gulf access. \$1,980,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

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

HIDEAWAY BEACH 616 Waterside Drive - An exquisite custom built 3-story contemporary home that backs up to the Gulf & preserve. Panoramic view, pool/spa. \$1,850,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

MADEIRA 350 South Collier Blvd. #1007 - Designer finishes & numerous upgrades highlight this residence. Lovely beachfront building, incredible Gulf views. \$1,695,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

MADEIRA 350 South Collier Blvd. #906 - Beautifully turnkey furnished and designer decorated, beachfront 3BR, 2.5BA, 2.631 A/C SF and 2,974 total SF. \$1,575,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

1048 Admiralty Court - Distinctive, custom-designed Mediterranean styled 4BR/3BA+den home. Long water views, quick boating access to Gulf. \$1,139,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685

MADEIRA 350 South Collier Blvd. #806 - Beautifully finished, luxury 3BR/2.5BA beachfront residence. Great Gulf & Island views. Superb building amenities. \$1,299,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

HIDEAWAY BEACH 357 Morning Glory Lane - Stunning 3 story custom home with 33' volume ceilings, marble floors, granite counters, elevator, & pool/spa. \$1,279,000 | Cathy Rogers | 821-7926

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

1816 Woodbine Court - Gorgeous, direct access, River-area 3BR/3.5BA pool home completely remodeled in 2008. Expansive waterway views. \$1,099,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

SANDCASTLE II 720 South Collier Blvd. #1303 - Southwest exposure, Gulf views, nicely renovated beachfront condominium. High ceilings, granite. Pool, spa, tennis. \$1,099,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685

160 Peach Court - Magnificent bay views, tip cul-de-sac lot with 171' of waterfront. Expansive lanai/pool. Deep, quick river access. \$1,045,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

OLD MARCO VILLAGE 1064 Gayer Way - Immediate, direct Gulf access custom-built 3BR/2BA Florida cottage. Manicured grounds and spectacular water views. \$999,900 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

CAPE MARCO - MONTERREY 980 Cape Marco Drive #1605 - Gorgeous Gulf & Island views from this tastefully decorated 3BR/2.5BA. Open plan, Tennis Center has Har-Tru courts. \$999,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

1131 Vernon Place - Old Florida style home w/quick direct access & 160 ft of waterfront, large wraparound verandas, new floors & paint. \$889,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

SOMERSET 780 South Collier Blvd. #114 - Absolutely stunning 2BR/2BA beachfront end residence. Crescent Beach views, wraparound balcony & upgraded kitchen. \$889,000 | Cathy Rogers | 821-7926

1389 Bayport Avenue - Built in 2006 and remodeled in 2009. FURNISHED 4BR/3BA. 3,000+ A/C SF. AMAZING upgrades! Three-car garage. \$799,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

CAPE MARCO - MONTERREY 980 Cape Marco Drive #805 - Views of the Gulf from this furnished 3 bedroom, 3 bath with wood floors, 9' ceilings, and double door entry. \$790,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685

SOMERSET 780 South Collier Blvd. #510 - Wonderfully decorated beachfront 2BR/2BA with magnificent views! Great rental history, gated community has 2 pools. \$749,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-068

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

HIDEAWAY BEACH 831 Hideaway Circle East - Exceptional home, location & price! Meticulously maintained 3BR/2.5BA + den home. Heated pool/spa, preserve views. \$700,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

911 Moon Court - Super value for this custom 4BR/3BA waterfront home with nearly 3,000 sq. ft. A/C. Boat house with indirect access. \$699,900
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CHALET 520 S. Collier Blvd. #603 - Expansive 2BR/2.5BA beachfront condominium. Sensational Gulf views, SW exposure. Newly furnished, updated kitchen. \$699,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685

921 Heron Court - Charming Nantucket cottage feel, nearly everything is brand new. Dock, direct access water frontage. Pool & spa. \$699,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133

720 South Barfield Drive - Beautiful inland home in the desirable Estate Area with bay views! Lush landscaping, open lanai with pool & spa. \$698,500
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1955 Sheffield Avenue - Builder's home in a private setting with walk out lower level & views of Barfield Bay. Three-story, 5BR, pool/spa. \$697,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

1633 Barbarosa Court - Immaculate JJ Baker open plan 3BR/3BA home. Heated pool, waterfall spa, southern exposure, 2 boat docks & 2 lifts. \$695,000 | ML Meade | 293-4851

1261 Laurel Court - Gorgeous direct access 3BR/3BA + den home around the corner from the Marco River. Protected bay, beautiful views! \$695,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

GULFVIEW 58 North Collier Blvd. #1808 - Magnificent beach & Gulf views from this lovely 2BR/2BA beachfront condominium. Professionally furnished, turnkey. \$695,000 | Darlene Roddy | 404-0685

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

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

348 Nassau Court - Renovated in 2008, this outstanding home has many upgrades throughout. Spacious 4BR/3BA+den, golf course views! \$649,900 | Cathy Rogers | 821-7926

CRESCENT BEACH 100 North Collier Blvd. #805 - Absolutely beautiful front residence with full view of Crescent beach. Fitness center, spa/sauna, covered parking. \$649,000 | Cathy Rogers | 821-7926

HIDEAWAY BEACH 871 Sea Dune Lane - Open plan 3BR/3BA, loft with summer kitchen. Pool/spa, new A/C in 2010, exterior painted 2011. Resort amenities. \$635,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

850 South Barfield Drive - Beautifully renovated 4BR/3BA home, over 3,100 sq. ft. under air, over 5,000 total sq. ft. Private large pool area. \$629,000 | Cathy Rogers | 821-7926

HIDEAWAY BEACH - ROYAL MARCO POINT III 6000 Royal Marco Way #256 - Spacious 2BR+den with many upgrades. Great Gulf/River views! Steps to beach. Clubhouse, pool, tennis, golf. \$620,000 | Laura/Chris Adams | 404-4766

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

ROYAL MARCO POINT I 3000 Royal Marco Way #311 - Attractive 3BR/3BA end residence, multiple balconies for optimum views. Golf, tennis, fine dining, steps to beach. \$525,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

931 Heron Court - Fantastic boater's location, deep-water dockage, quick direct access, 177 ft. of waterfront. Scenic views, 3BR/2BA. \$550,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

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

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

150 June Court - An outstanding, spacious 4BR/2BA waterfront home within 2 miles to beach. Open lanai/pool offers western exposure. \$520,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

NAUTILUS 848 Collier Court #301 - Absolutely stunning renovated 2BR/2.5BA + den with over 2100 SF includes new kitchen & baths. Boat slip included. \$514,900 | Cathy Rogers | 821-7926

SANDCASTLE II 720 South Collier Blvd. #106 - Tasteful beachfront condominium with Gulf views! Redesigned kitchen, new flooring, new tile, & wraparound balcony. \$499,900 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

HIDEAWAY BEACH - HABITAT 828 Hideaway Circle East #444 - Perfect penthouse overlooking golf/Gulf! Spacious 3BR/3BA, 2,800SF A/C. Glassed-in lanai, carefree beach lifestyle! \$490,000 | Jim Prange/Nikki Prange-Carroll | 642-1133

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

1362 Bayport Avenue - Scenic & tranquil views from this gorgeous golf course home. Beautifully remodeled 3BR+den with pool/lanai area. \$475,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

961 Mendel Avenue - Immaculate 3BR/2BA residence featuring 1795 SF, new stainless steel appliances, & private lanai/pool area! \$459,000 | Cathy Rogers | 821-7926

1562 Jamaica Court - Amazing long & lush fairway views! Spacious 1,200 SF lanai with heated pool. Custom-built 3BR/2BA plus loft home. \$454,000 | Roe Tamagni | 398-1222

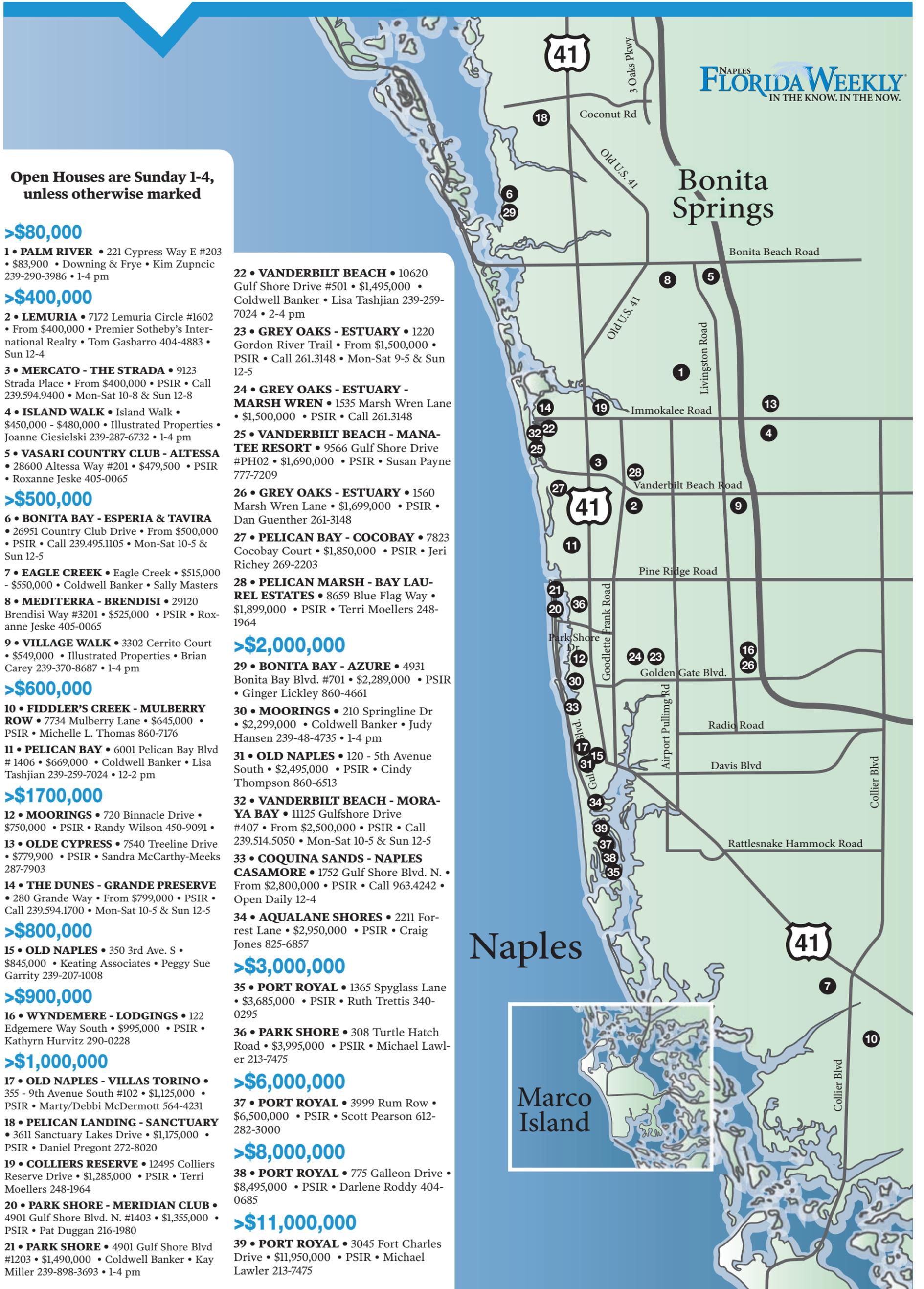
362 Bald Eagle Drive - Captivating SW bay views & sunsets. Well-maintained 3BR/2.5BA home. Upgraded kitchen. Expansive lanai & pool area. \$414,370 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 595-5983

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

BAYFRONT PLACE 790 West Elkcam Circle #101 - A 35 foot dock w/lift provides direct Gulf access, 3BR/2BA garden condominium, 2 pets allowed. Turnkey furnished. \$399,900 | Dave Flowers | 404-0493

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— **Shawna Hamic**,
actress



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Les dreams come true

Shawna Hamic in "Master of the House" during a performance of the 25th anniversary "Les Misérables" tour.

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Actress lands role that inspired her as a girl

BY **NANCY STETSON**
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SHAWNA HAMIC DREAMED A DREAM. Now she's living it. When she was 11, she saw a national touring production of "Les Misérables" with her parents at the Ahmanson Theatre in Los Angeles.

In the middle of the show, she leaned over and whispered to her mother, "Ma, I'm gonna be her one day." "Oh, Cossette?" asked her mother, thinking her daughter wanted to play the little girl.

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Mamet's 'Race' starts soon at The Norris Center

Gulfshore Playhouse presents David Mamet's thought-provoking "Race," the Broadway hit about a law firm taking on a racially charged case, Jan. 27-Feb. 12 at The Norris Center. A preview performance is Jan. 26.

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a white man charged with a crime against a black woman. A true case of he said/she said, "Race" will make you question what you thought, what you

heard and what you think you know. Mr. Mamet, a Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright known for his distinct style of dialogue aptly referred to as "Mamet speak," also directed the Broadway production of "Race," which

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Easy listener



“I saw them — ”
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 “ I ’ l l see you

tonight,” I said.
 “Your friends will be there? The guys?”
 I snuck out before she had the chance to follow.
 Here’s the thing about this tiny fireball: She searches for men constantly — in bars, in clubs, at the grocery store — but she thinks all the

good men are hiding. Why else, she says, can’t she find a man?

What she doesn’t realize is that it’s not her search that’s flawed. It’s something more personal.

At the bar that night, I drank a round with my guy friends before she showed up. Over hard cider and a plate of cheese fries, I quizzed Miguel on his required qualities for a girlfriend.

“Number one,” he said, “we have to have a physical attraction.”

“OK, OK.” I’ve grilled enough guys to know the standard. “But what else?”

“She has to be a good listener,” he said.

In fact, nearly every man I’ve asked over the years has rated being a good listener in his top five girlfriend qualities. Most put it in their top three.

But when my chatty friend stopped by the bar, she wasn’t interested in listening to anything the guys had to say. Instead she brought her own talking points.

“Your friend sure talks a lot,” Miguel said later as we left the bar.

I often wonder why women with otherwise great qualities hurt their chances in love by making the men they meet their verbal dumping grounds. Instead of rattling on, my red-haired friend would do better to pause, take a deep breath and give sincere listening a shot. Perhaps when she isn’t chasing the sound of her own voice she might finally find what she’s looking for. ■



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Holocaust Museum & Education Center hosts 'Project Tolerance: Faces of Anne Frank'

The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida presents "Project Tolerance: Faces of Anne Frank" on exhibit through January.

One of the world's most recognized Holocaust victims, Anne Frank kept a diary of her and her family's lives while hiding in an attic from the Nazis. Sanibel artist Myra Roberts's 30 original oil paintings of Miss Frank's life took nearly two years to create. They depict the innocence and joy that was ultimately lost in Miss Frank's young life.

"Project Tolerance: Faces of Anne Frank," is the focus for Ms. Roberts's artistic and social commentary on the intolerance and bigotry that still plagues the world today.

"Art that raises consciousness is vital," the artist says. "My hope is that through this project, we can make the world a better place to live."

Fort Myers journalist Ella Naylor has collaborated with Ms. Roberts for the Naples exhibit. Ms. Naylor's new book, "Faces of Tolerance: Everybody Counts,"



Anne Frank, Kind Spirit, by Myra Roberts

details the lives of some Holocaust survivors living in Florida and also features interviews with people who have been marginalized or faced intolerance and prejudice. Included are the homeless and disabled, and victims of homophobia and racism.

"It is my dream that through our work, we will spark thought and enlightenment about intolerance and hatred," Ms. Naylor says. "If we start taking the time to see each other as people all belonging to one human family, we can begin to live more peacefully as a planet."

The museum will host the artist and writer for a discussion at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25.

A portion of proceeds from art, catalog and book sales will benefit the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida. Ms. Roberts and Ms. Naylor also give multimedia educational presentations on the project.

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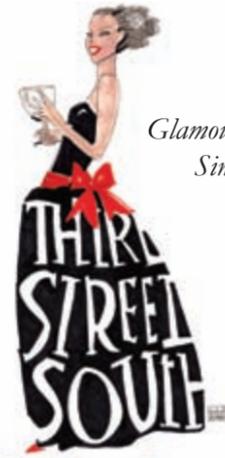
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LES DREAMS

From page 1

"No, I'm going to be Madame Thenardier one day," Ms. Hamic told her.

"I didn't want to be the kid. I wanted to be the person who made people laugh," she explains, adding it was the role that made her realize she wanted to be an actor.

"It showed me that you could be a performer for a living, you could tour the country," she says.

And now, 24 years later, she's doing exactly that.

Ms. Hamic is touring in the 25th anniversary production of "Les Misérables," playing the very role that inspired her to become an actor: Madame Thenardier, an innkeeper's wife who steals from the dead and cheats the living. The character, who is Ms. Hamic's polar opposite, helps provide the comic relief for the show.

"I'm living my dream," the actress says.

When the tour played Los Angeles for seven weeks, at the very same theater where she'd first seen the show, her parents and grandmother attended the big opening night. Life had come full circle; her family was in the audience, and she was on stage performing the role that had inspired her career.

The national tour plays at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts in Naples Jan. 24-29. Limited tickets remain available.

Local roots

Local theatergoers will surely remember Ms. Hamic from her roles at the now-defunct Naples Dinner Theatre, where she performed shows such as "The Pirates of Penzance" and "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" (in which she stood on a desk and belted out the gospel-tinged "Brotherhood of Man").

And she was the lead in "Once Upon a Mattress," playing the irrepressible Princess Winifred who, upon making her first appearance on stage, spat out a mouthful of water, having just swum the moat. In those performances, you could feel the audience perk up the moment she stepped on stage.

Theatergoers just love her. She possesses that certain ineffable quality, that inner glow, that draws them to her, even when she's only part of the chorus.

Feather in her cap

"We all knew she'd become famous somehow, because she was meant to be a performer," says Neapolitan Debi Guthery, who acted in "Mame" with Ms. Hamic at the dinner theater in the 2003-04 season.

"We're all waiting for her to be on Broadway. She's just wonderful. She has the 'it' factor. She has that drive and the talent. She's a triple threat: she can dance, sing and act," says Ms. Guthery, recalling that Ms. Hamic was the dance captain for "Mame."

"It's really cool that Shawna gets to play that role (in 'Les Miz')," she says. "I'm very happy for her. But it's not a big surprise. I always knew I would see her somewhere, someday, in a big show or on a big tour."

The role, Ms. Guthery adds, should help Ms. Hamic "get a leg up on the competition when she gets back to New York. It's great to have this national tour on her resume."

Ms. Hamic says coming back to Naples is "kind of a homecoming."

"I loved doing shows at the Naples Dinner Theatre," she says. "I'm sad it won't be there. So much started there for me." The theater closed in April 2007.



Shawna Hamic and the company of the 25th anniversary tour of "Les Misérables"

DEEN VAN MEER / COURTESY PHOTO

She remembers sitting backstage several years ago, talking with fellow actor Joe Spieldener about the shows that had inspired them to be in theater.

Mr. Spieldener, who played the Pirate King in "The Pirates of Penzance" with Ms. Hamic, is also performing in "Les Miz" as Grantaire and is the understudy for Javert, one of the lead characters.

After Naples she performed at Mt. Gretna Playhouse in Pennsylvania, where she got her equity card. She moved back to New York City and started doing readings and shows with the New York Musical Theatre Festival. There, she says, "I was performing in small things and getting close to big shows."

A couple of years ago, the festival named her its Next Broadway Sensation, an award for which she beat out hundreds of other contestants. Her prize: a fully produced cabaret show at Joe's Pub in New York City.

In 2010, she was cast in "Twist," a show directed by Debbie Allen that played at the Alliance Theater in Atlanta.

Her role

When she learned there was going to be a 25th anniversary national tour of "Les Miz," she says, "I said, 'Well, it's mine.'"

But her agent thought she was too young for the role and wouldn't submit her. So Ms. Hamic went to an open call and auditioned on her own.

First, she auditioned for the casting director.

Then she was called back to audition for the director and music director, who liked her enough to ask her to return for a work session.

"It's more like a preparation," she explains about a work session, "to see how you work together, how you respond to their direction. They say, 'Try it this way,' 'Try it that way.' It's just a way of getting to know you a little bit more, and to see if you'll be a good fit."

During the 40-minute session, she says, the director said to her, "You're having a really good time."

And she was.

"It was one of the very few times I wasn't nervous (during an audition), even a little bit," she says. "Not a single stitch. No nerves at all."

The director asked why she wasn't nervous.

"So I told him the story about (seeing 'Les Miz' as a child and how) I told my mother, 'That's going to be me.' I said, 'Even if this is all that happens, I'm going to enjoy every single second I'm in this room.'"

Then she was called back for an unexpected second work session, with the director of the London production. His direction was the opposite of what the American director had asked her to do, and Ms. Hamic left the audition thinking she had blown her chance at the role.

But then came the final callback, when she was introduced to the musical's composer, Claude-Michel Schönberg, and author/dramatist Alain Boublil, who had flown in from France. The room was filled with 20 to 30 people,

she remembers, including both directors, the head of the casting office, casting associates and the composer and dramatist's entourages.

"When you get that many people in the room, this is no longer an audition, it's a small cabaret," Ms. Hamic says.

"I thought, 'Let's go! I can work this room.' I did what I thought was right."

And it got her the job. She was one of the first people they called.

Ms. Hamic immediately called her mother.

"I said, 'Hey, Ma! Remember that promise I made to you?'"

Rehearsals began at the 42nd Street Studios on Oct. 7, 2010, and the first official show, not counting previews, was Nov. 19 at the Paper Mill Playhouse in New Jersey.

She's given up her New York apartment and put her things in storage.

A tough schedule

"It's hard work," she says about being on tour.

She works six days a week, and on the seventh, travels to the next city. The production has already played Seattle, Denver, Dallas and San Antonio, among others.

"It's incredibly draining," she says. "The show is three hours long and

(there's a huge) amount of energy I need to put into it. But it's worth every single bit of effort.

"I'm one of the few people in my business making a living, making a substantial one, doing what I want to be doing. I'm lucky. I'm blessed.

"And I worked incredibly hard for it, so I'm very happy."

She's just been asked — and has agreed — to extend her contract through the end of 2012.

The 25th anniversary national tour production has an updated orchestration and totally new staging. The iconic stage turntable from the original production is gone.

"Part of our imagery and scenes are projections based on the paintings and drawings of Victor Hugo, who was not only a writer, but a prolific artist and activist," Ms. Hamic says. Some of the projections move, she adds, "so when the cast sings 'One More Day' at the end of Act One and (the actors) are walking, the street moves behind them. It's cinematic in a sense.

"It's the same story people love, but a fresh new take on it, which is lovely."

What would she like to do next?

"I would love to stay with the show if it went to Broadway," she says.

She's also never met Jenny Galloway, whose portrayal of Madame Thenardier inspired her to go into acting.

"I love speaking to kids," she says. "I always wanted to be like the woman who inspired me to follow my life path. If I can do that for somebody, even if I don't meet them, that's great. If I can help inspire someone to find their own passion, that's what I love."

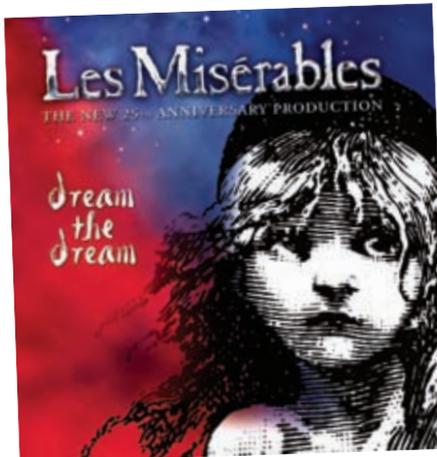
"I have the drive for this business.

I have the passion and the joy for it. I feel I was born to do this, and that... helps me going forward when things get difficult."

She's living proof that dreams can come true.

"(They can) if you work hard for them," she says. "You can't just sit back and expect them to come to you. You've got to work as hard as anyone else, and sometimes your dreams come true."

"Sometimes it works out perfectly. I'm blissfully happy." ■



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>> **Cost:** \$99, limited availability

>> **Info:** 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org

RACE

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premiered December 2009 and starred James Spader, David Alan Grier, Kerry Washington and Richard Thomas.

Gulfshore Playhouse's first production of one of Mr. Mamet's works was "Oleanna" in 2006.

Fresh off the national tour of "The 39 Steps," Eric Hissom stars in this production of "Race" as the sleazy solicitor Jack Lawson, and Jefferson Russell plays his partner, Henry Brown. The two take on the case of the contemptuous and smugly privileged Charles Strickland, played by Brent Langdon. Edena Hines plays Susan, another attorney in the firm representing the defense.

Mr. Hissom has an MFA from Florida State University and has performed and/or directed at theaters across the country, including Actors' Theatre of Louisville, Ky.; La Jolla Playhouse, Seattle Rep, Syracuse Stage, and the Asolo Repertory Theatre.

Mr. Russell's TV credits include roles on HBO's "The Wire" and NBC's "Homicide: Life on the Streets."

Kristen Coury, founder and producing artistic director of Gulfshore Playhouse, directs "Race."

"I love to direct theatre that makes you think, and with these actors, this show is bound to have the audience debating the themes as they walk out of the theatre" she says.

Tickets to "Race" start at \$35 and can be purchased by calling (866) 811-4111 or by visiting www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org. For more information, call 261-7529. ■



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Top: Jefferson Russell and Eric Hissom
Above: Eric Hissom and Edena Hines

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The Englishman Gallery hosts wine, hors d'oeuvres and an evening with artist Jane Chapin, a member of the Oil Painters of America, to celebrate her newest works from 5:30-8 p.m. Jan. 26. Included in the exhibit is *St. Michele Street*, above. A portion of the evening's sales will be donated to The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida. The gallery is at 1190 Third St. S. 649-8088.

Theater

■ **Race** – Gulfshore Playhouse presents David Mamet's award-winning play Jan. 27-Feb. 12 at The Norris Center. (866) 811-4111 or www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

■ **Doubt** – By The Naples Players Feb. 1-25 in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org/tickets.

■ **12 Angry Jurors** – By The Marco Players through Jan. 29 on Marco Island. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.com.

■ **Moonlight & Magnolias** – By The Naples Players through Feb. 4 at the

Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org/tickets.

■ **The Year of Magical Thinking** – By Florida Repertory Theatre, Fort Myers, through Feb. 4. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

■ **God of Carnage** – By Florida Repertory Theatre, Fort Myers, through Jan. 31. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

■ **Walt Whitman** – Written and performed by Will Stutts through Jan. 21 by Theatre Conspiracy at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers. 936-3239 or www.theatreconspiracy.org.

■ **Me and My Girl** – At the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers, through Feb. 11. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

■ **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest** – By Laboratory Theater of Florida through Jan. 28 at 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. 218-0481 or www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com.

Symphony

■ **Award Winners** – The Southwest Florida Symphony performs "The Envelope, Please" at 8 p.m. Jan. 20-21 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 418-1500.

■ **Chamber Concert** – The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra performs Sybert Salon Chamber 4 at 3 p.m. Jan. 22 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Heroes of Broadway** – The Gulf Coast Symphony presents "Broadway Heroes" at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 22 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 277-1700 or www.gulfcoastsymphony.org.

■ **Tchaikovsky** – The St. Petersburg State Orchestra plays Tchaikovsky at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 481-4849 or www.bbmannpah.com.

■ **Masterworks II** – The Southwest Florida Symphony performs Masterworks III at 8 p.m. Jan. 27 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 418-1500.

Thursday, Jan. 19

■ **Remembering Elvis** – "Chris MacDonald: Memories of Elvis" comes to Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at 7:30 p.m. 481-4849 or www.bbmannpah.com.

■ **A Stand-Up Guy** Rodney Perry performs tonight through Sunday at the Off the Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island. 389-6900.

Friday, Jan. 20

■ **Puttin' on the Ritz** – The 10th anniversary celebration at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort starts at 7:30 p.m., hosted by after-dark radio personality Delilah with live music by The Head-



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The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents Naomi Niskala, left, and Salley Koo in "A Virtuoso Program of Beethoven, Jazz and More" at 7 p.m. Jan. 19 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. \$20 members; \$25 non-members. 495-8989.

liners. A portion of ticket sales benefit the Naples Children & Education Foundation. 598-6644 or ritzcarlton.com/naplesgolf.

Saturday, Jan. 21

■ **Everglades Art** – Art-in-the-Glades runs from 10 a.m. -2 p.m. at McLeod Park in Everglades City. Shop for handmade crafts and local artwork and enjoy food and live music. 695-2905 or www.evergladeshistorical.org.

■ **3rd Saturday Art** – The 3rd Saturday Art Day runs from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the North Naples Arts Alliance in the Pine Ridge Industrial Park. 821-1061.

■ **Canine Fun** – Dog Day in the Garden takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Naples Botanical Garden. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org. See story on page A37.

■ **Hot Cars & More** – A chili cook-off, beer fest and car show runs from noon-6 p.m. at Bayfront Place & Marina. 649-8700.

■ **Big Band** – The Southwest Florida Big Band performs from 2-4 p.m. in the band shell at Cambier Park. 213-3058.



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Comedian Tim Walkoe takes the stage from 7:30-10 p.m. Jan. 20 at The Norris Center. 213-3058.

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■ **Gallery Opening** – Art 41, a new gallery at 4115 Tamiami Trail N., celebrates its grand opening from 5-9 p.m. 249-2205.

Sunday, Jan. 22

■ **Pets on Third** – Third Street South goes to the dogs (and cats and all manner of pets) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The pet parade begins at noon. 649-6707.

■ **Bonita Band** – The Bonita Springs Concert Band performs from 2-4 p.m. in Riverside Park on Old 41. Free. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating.

■ **Artists in Action** – The Southwest Florida Pastel Society presents Alla Prima from 2-5 p.m. at the Bonita Springs Center for the Arts. Four award-winning artists create collaborative pieces by working from painting to painting in this fast-paced exhibition. \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. 596-2257 or www.pastelsociety.org.

■ **Music on Marco** – The first of Marco Presbyterian Church's Music for the Soul Concert Series starts at 6 p.m. 394-8186 or www.marcochurch.com.

■ **High Notes** – The Southwest Florida Italian Opera Society presents the Bel Canto Trio in "Remembering Mario Lanza: An Operatic Tribute To Mario Lanza," at 7 p.m. at First Congregational Church of Naples. 293-5210 or (313) 702-9264.

Monday, Jan. 23

■ **Chamber Concert** – Classic Chamber Concerts presents "The 'B' Identity Trios," a program of music by

Beethoven and Brahms, at 8 p.m. at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.classicchamberconcerts.org.

■ **All That Jazz** – The Naples Jazz Orchestra performs from 7-9 p.m. in the band shell at Cambier Park. 213-3058.

■ **Foreign Film** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents a screening and discussion of "Amelie" at 7 p.m. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. \$8. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Coming up

■ **Textures** – Gardener Colby Gallery hosts the opening reception for "Textures" from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Jan. 26. The show of works by John Schuyler, Recebba Kinkead, Dale Payson and Ran Adler will run through Feb. 5. RSVP to 403-7787 or e-mail art@gardnercolbygallery.com.

■ **Boo!** – Ghost walks start at 7, 7:15, 7:30 and 7:45 p.m. Jan. 27 at Koreshan State Historic Site. 992-0311.

■ **Guest Recital** – The FGCU Bower School of Music presents "The Art of the Clarinet," featuring clarinetist Vadim Lando and pianist Pippa Borisy, at 3 p.m. Jan. 28 \$7. 590-7851, pharkins@fgcu.edu or www.fgcu.edu/CAS/BSM/Concerts.html.

■ **Bayshore Art** – The Bayshore CAPA Festival of the Arts runs from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Jan. 28-29 at Sugden Regional Park. The Naples Concert Band will perform at 1 p.m. 775-2800.

■ **Those Were the Days** – The Temptations and The Four Tops take the stage at 8 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. 481-4849 or www.bbmah.com.

■ **Asian New Year** – Seminole Casino Immokalee celebrates the Asian New Year at 9 p.m. Jan. 28 with entertainment and Asian-inspired cuisine. www.seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

■ **Now That's Italian** – An opening reception for the "Everything Italian" exhibit takes place from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Guess-Fisher Gallery & Phil Fisher Gallery, 810 12th Ave. S. 403-8393.

■ **Grill Time** – The Sunshine State Steak Cook-Off runs from 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Ave Maria Town Center. Grill teams compete for the top prize of \$1,000. Steak dinners are \$15. 280-2536.

■ **Sidewalk Art** – Chalk Art 2012 runs from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 28 on Fifth Avenue South (rain date is Jan. 29). 692-8436.

■ **Take Four** – Beth Tikvah presents "Take Four, Plus," a program of Broadway show tunes, beginning with a wine and cheese reception at 3 p.m. Jan. 29. \$20 and \$25. 1459 Pine Ridge Road. 331-2845.

■ **Miromar Art** – The fourth annual Art on the Lake at Miromar Lakes runs from noon-3 p.m. Jan. 29 at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. 489-2582 or www.MiromarLakes.com.

■ **Big Band Sounds** – The Gulf Coast Big Band performs from 2-4 p.m. Jan. 29 in the band shell at Cambier Park. 213-3058.

■ **Irish Night** – Andy Cooney's "Forever Irish 2012" starts at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 1 at St. Elizabeth Seton School. \$20. 455-3900, ext. 203 or 774-1880.

■ **New Age Art** – The opening reception for "Transformations in a New Age," featuring art by Kevin Cafrey, runs from 5:30-8 p.m. Feb. 2 at The Sultan Gallery at KVS Interior Design. The exhibit is on display through March 3. 3820 Via Del Rey, Bonita Springs. 949-6700.

■ **Trunk Show** – WORTH NY comes to town with its Spring 2012 trunk show from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Feb. 4-12. 380 10th St. S. 860-3100.

■ **Seafood Fest** – The Everglades City Seafood Festival is set for Feb. 4-5 in McLeod Park. Enjoy tunes by Nashville musicians as well as locals, plus arts and crafts booths, carnival rides and seafood of all kinds. 695-2277 or www.evergladesseafoodfestival.com.

■ **Pickin' and Grinnin'** – The Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida presents "Pick'n in Paradise" from 2-5 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Elks Lodge on Coconut Road, Estero. 248-8906 or www.acousticmusicsociety.org.

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THEATER REVIEW

'The Year of Magical Thinking': Intense, challenging



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Everyone knows they're going to die, but no one really believes it.

This ironclad belief in our own immortality also spreads to family and friends: It's inconceivable that someone we love will die.

Which is why it can be so difficult to accept when it does happen.

It's incomprehensible; the mind refuses to believe it.

He can't really be dead, we think. Surely he's coming back.

The writer Joan Didion experienced this when her husband, John Gregory Dunne, also a writer, had a heart attack and died suddenly at their dining room table. Though paramedics worked on him for 45 minutes, they were unable to revive him. He was 71.

Later, though she knows he is dead, Ms. Didion can't bring herself to throw out his shoes. "He would need shoes if he were to return," she says.

She wants an autopsy, because she reasons that if they're able to discover what went wrong, they might be able to fix it.

She calls this magical thinking, a state of mind that can occur during grieving where one reasons, "If I do this, then this will occur" — even if the reasoning's not logical at all.

She wrote about her husband's death and the year that followed in "The Year of Magical Thinking." A bestseller and winner of a National Book Award, the book was adapted into a one-woman Broadway play starring Vanessa Redgrave. (Although the play also deals with Ms. Didion's daughter's health problems and unexpected early death, the author did not write about her daughter's death in the book.)

Florida Repertory Theatre's staging of "The Year of Magical Thinking," running through Feb. 4 in the studio theater adjacent to the main stage in downtown Fort Myers, stars Sara Morsey, who was last seen at Florida Rep as the pill-popping alcoholic matriarch in last season's "August: Osage County."

The play is, in a word, intense.

Almost like a Greek tragedy, it begins with a warning to the audience: "This

happened on Dec. 30, 2003. That may seem a while ago, but it won't when it happens to you.

"And it will happen to you. The details will be different, but it will happen to you.

"That's what I'm here to tell you."

She quotes the first lines she wrote after her husband died, the first words that became the opening to her best-selling memoir: "Life changes fast. Life changes in the instant.

"You sit down to dinner and life as you know it ends."

For those who've experienced a loss, seeing "The Year of Magical Thinking" is a comfort in some ways. *Someone else has experienced what I'm going through, you think. But it is also, in many ways, a grueling night at the theater.*

To say the subject matter is difficult is an understatement. And this might keep some people away. (On opening night, the tiny studio theater was not sold out.)

But Ms. Morsey is superb actress, and Maureen Heffernan a masterful director. (She directed "August: Osage County," "Doubt" and "Dancing at Lughnasa," to name a few, at Florida Rep.)

Ms. Heffernan has staged the play well. Throughout its 100 minutes of one woman talking to the audience and retelling her story, Ms. Morsey gets up and moves about the tiny space in ways that seem quite natural, effectively breaking up the monologue.

Costume designer Judith Skyles has dressed Ms. Morsey in a simple white cowl neck sweater and brown pants with a scarf used as a shawl. Christopher Simpson's set is solid and substantial for the small space, creating a room with a fireplace and wainscoting, a flower-print easy chair and rug. The back wall is shorn in half, as if a great

quake has separated it, and one side of the curtains on the window are ragged and torn.

The lighting, by Kate Smith, is distracting, however, because we're not only able to see the other audience members but even the lighting and sound board. Throughout the play, I was unfortunately hyper-aware of the various sounds that were introduced, such as the crash of waves when Ms. Morsey talks about the beach.

Some issues

With such a talented actress and director, I was expecting to be bowled over by "The Year of Magical Thinking" and was very surprised when I wasn't.

The problems with the play stem from the material: Ms. Didion is a very stylized writer. Her carefully crafted sentences are so mannered they don't let us get lost in the play.

We're constantly reminded that we're sitting in a theater, listening to someone; we're not drawn in as we normally would be.

Also, Ms. Didion has an odd habit of keeping us at arm's length, at pushing us away. Yes, she's talking about personal matters, but she also simultaneously keeps us removed from the emotions. We don't really get a feel for what her relationship with her husband was like; we don't get a sense of their camaraderie or their closeness. We do get stories about her walking out on him, or always needing to have the last word in an argument.

Are there things she's not telling us, or was their relationship more business-like and cerebral? The cold detachment of the words has an off-putting effect.

Ms. Morsey does show emotion a few times, such as the tenderness displayed when she's talking to her daughter Quintana, who was in a hospital herself, in a

coma, when her father died.

Those rare moments in the play are moments of life and connection. It's unfortunate there aren't more of them.

Ms. Didion is called "a cool customer" at the hospital when her husband, dead on arrival, is brought in.

Part of that, surely, is from the shock and from having to force herself to function and talk and take care of matters in a calm, adult way.

But I wonder how much of that is also her actual personality, if she's always "a cool customer." She seems to be someone who always needs to be in control of a situation and her emotions.

That tight grip presents a challenge to Ms. Morsey. In staying true to the character, the person of Joan Didion, she cannot display warmth or great emotion, which hinders her connection with the audience.

On the tables and shelves facing the actor are numerous photographs of Ms. Didion and Mr. Dunne, and photos of her with her daughter. They're facing the actor and are not really seen all that well by the audience.

On the mantel, which the audience can see, stand more photo frames, but they contain no images, only blackness.

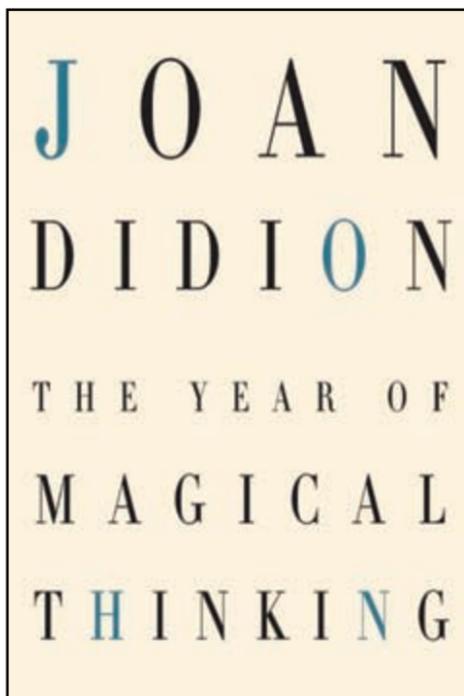
This is a good analogy for Ms. Didion's play: She sees more and knows more than she's telling us. We're not getting the whole picture.

"The Year of Magical Thinking" has moments of insight, moments of emotion and moments that are food for thought.

In trying to comprehend what happened, the playwright gathered up the paramedics' records and hospital records, the autopsy report and even the doorman's record log.

But drama is found in emotions, not the recitation of facts.

The audience leaves wiser, but somber and subdued. ■



in the know

"The Year of Magical Thinking"

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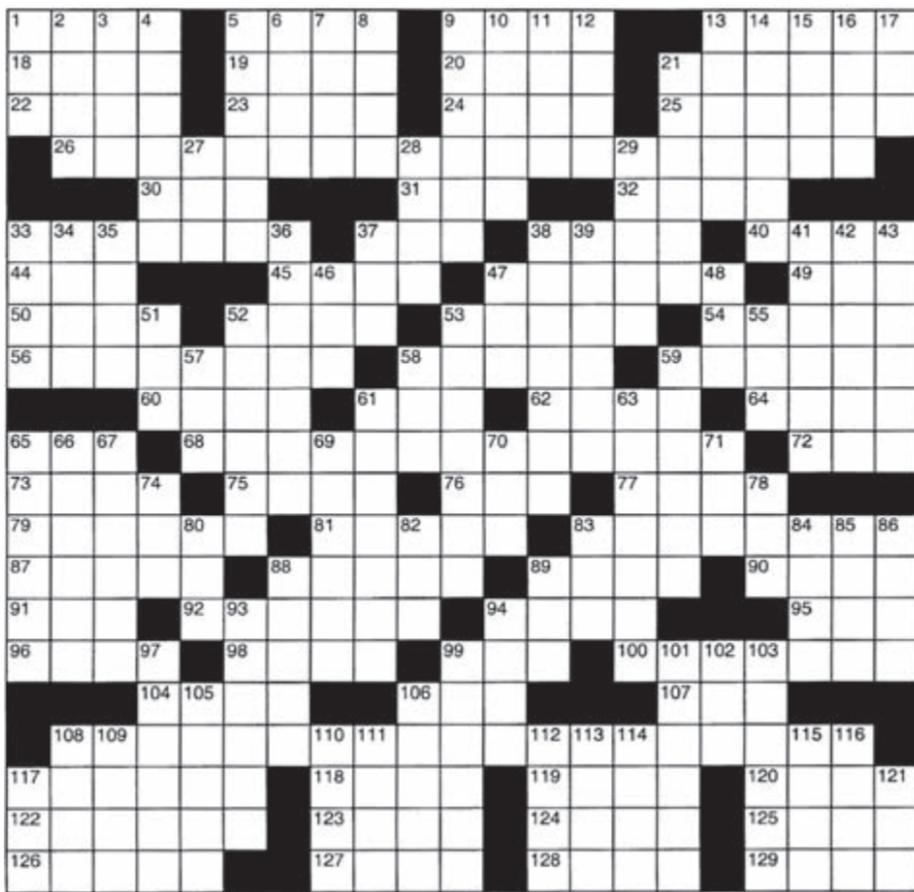
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 - 71 Nugent or Knight
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 - 82 "Yo!"
 - 83 — Canals
 - 84 Klutz's cry
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 - 101 Author Christie
 - 102 Word with fruit or Stanley
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HOROSCOPES

■ **CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your nimble will finds a way for you to work out those newly emerged problems plaguing your new project. Stay with it. The results will be well worth your efforts.

■ **AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You might feel overwhelmed at having to decide which new opportunity you should follow. Best advice: Check them all out and see which offers what you really want.

■ **PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Continue to tread water before you even consider plunging into something that never seemed quite right. Some facts will soon emerge that can help you make a decision.

■ **ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) The changes you've waited to see in your work situation might not be happening quite as quickly as you'd hoped. Although the pace is slow, it's ongoing. Expect to hear news soon.

■ **TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You should be feeling very proud of the fine effort you've made to get that important project done. Now take some time out to celebrate with family and friends. You've earned it.

■ **GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You're close to reaching your objectives. That's the good news. But be careful: Your aspects show lots of potential distractions looming. Stay focused and keep your eyes fixed on your goals.

■ **CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Be careful not to let that suspicious Cance-

rian mind create a problem where none exists. What you might believe is an act of betrayal could be nothing more than a misunderstanding.

■ **LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Your Lion's heart overflows with self-confidence. All you need to do is tap into it, and you'll be able to handle any change that must be made regarding that recent surprise development.

■ **VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) The need to watch what you say becomes increasingly crucial this week. Be as temperate as you can with your comments and avoid arguments for the sake of controversy.

■ **LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A longtime family problem presents new demands. But this time, you won't have to go it alone: Someone else is asking to help share your responsibilities. Let it happen.

■ **SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) A period of feeling vulnerable is about to give way to a stronger, more self-confident aspect. Use this new strength to reaffirm promises you've made to others and yourself.

■ **SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A creative dilemma stalls your progress. Instead of letting it raise your ire, use the time to re-examine your aims and, perhaps, come up with a new target.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You're a natural-born peacemaker. You value truth and have little patience with those who lie to you for their own purposes. ■

By Linda Thistle

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Is it worth \$10? Yes

Have you ever had the experience where one small thing takes you out of an otherwise decent movie?

"Contraband" is an average action flick with plausible twists and a fun story. But the villain, played by Giovanni Ribisi, speaks in a weak, nasally voice that belies his tattoos and gun-toting tough guy demeanor. If we're to take him seriously as a man who'll kill the hero's family, he shouldn't talk like a science geek.

This doesn't ruin the movie because there are many other things going on (perhaps too many), but it does hinder the credibility of the characters.

Oddly enough, integrity is everything in this smuggling story.

As happens to many reluctant protagonists, Chris (Mark Wahlberg) has left the lucrative and dangerous life of international smuggling behind him. But when his dumbass brother-in-law Andy (Caleb Landry Jones) botches a job and ends up owing drug dealer Tim Briggs (Ribisi) \$700,000, it's up to Chris to settle the score.

Chris' wife Kate (Kate Beckinsale) hates that he has to take a cargo boat to Panama to retrieve counterfeit bills, but his friend Sebastian (Ben Foster) stays behind to protect her. Naturally, everything that can go wrong does go wrong in Panama, and to director Baltasar Kormakur's credit, it's entertaining to see Chris maneuver through his ordeal.

Kormakur is popular in his homeland of Iceland, but this is likely the first time American audiences will see his work. His style is similar to that of Tony Scott ("Man On Fire," "Déjà vu"): many grainy, coarse images with washed-out colors, quick edits, jarring action and swift camera movements, all of which help maintain an up-tempo pace that delivers a very visceral viewing experience. That said, the story probably has a few too many tangents for its own good, even though Kormakur nicely brings everything together in the end.

Wahlberg is not a great actor and likely never will be, but he's a good action star and does well here.

Ribisi is a weak villain — never a good thing when a story requires a

heavy antagonist — but Foster is strong as Chris' partner, and the supporting cast (led by J.K. Simmons) is stellar.

Then there's Beckinsale, who's perfectly fine but leaves us wondering why she'd be interested in this role in the first place. There's literally nothing for her to do besides scream and play the concerned mother, which is a waste of her beauty, time and talent. After headlining the "Underworld" movies and more than holding her own in comedy ("Click") and drama ("Snow Angels"), her career should be well past the point of menial supporting roles meant more for hottie up-and-comers. Come on, Kate, you have to be more daring than this.



"Contraband" was right to focus on family values and action, but it doesn't discuss enough of how smuggling is done, which law-abiding moviegoers would no doubt find fascinating. After all, that's its real appeal; we've seen this storyline before and have a pretty good idea how it's going to play out. Give us some new stuff to keep us entertained.

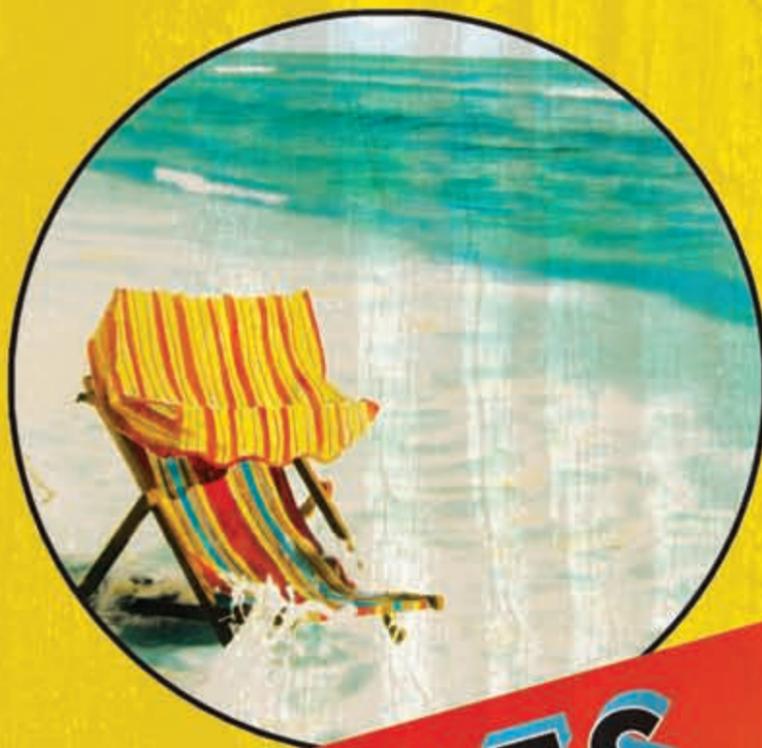
As is, this movie is good but underwhelming, an entertaining excursion but not one you'll remember two days later. Sometimes that's just what you need. ■

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>> "Contraband" is a remake of the 2008 Icelandic thriller "Reykjavik-Rotterdam," which won five Edda Awards (the Icelandic Oscars) including Director of the Year and Screenplay of the Year.

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Opera at the movies

‘Enchanted Island’ combines Shakespeare favorites in ‘a lighthearted mash-up’

Opera aficionados can see The Metropolitan Opera’s production of the world-premiere “The Enchanted Island” live in high-definition at movie theaters around the country beginning at 12:55 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21. In Southwest Florida, screenings are at the Hollywood Stadium-20 in Naples, Coconut Point-16 in Estero, the Bell Tower 20 in Fort Myers and the Town Center Stadium 16 in Port Charlotte.



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Plácido Domingo as Neptune and Danielle de Niese as Ariel in *The Enchanted Island*

“The Enchanted Island” combines music by Handel, Vivaldi and other masters of the Baroque era with an all-new, English-language story that combines two of Shakespeare’s best-known plays in a lighthearted “mash-up.” The four young lovers from “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” find themselves shipwrecked on Prospero’s island from “The Tempest,” leading to a tortuous web of comic and dramatic romantic entanglements.

The cast includes Joyce DiDonato as the sorceress Sycorax; David Daniels as her nemesis, Prospero; Danielle de Niese as the air spirit Ariel; Luca Pisaroni as the monstrous but soft-hearted Caliban; Lisette Oropesa as Prospero’s daughter Miranda; Anthony Roth Costanzo as the noble Ferdinand; Layla Claire, Elizabeth DeShong, Paul Appleby and Elliot Madore as the Midsummer lovers; and,

in a star cameo, Plácido Domingo as Neptune, god of the seas.

William Christie, an early music specialist of worldwide acclaim, conducts in his first “The Met: Live in HD” appearance. Deborah Voigt hosts the transmission. Running time is 3 hours, 30 minutes and includes one intermission.

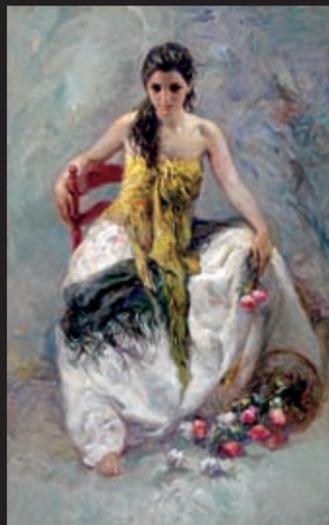
“The Met: Live in HD” screenings continue through April and include Wagner’s “Götterdämmerung” airing at noon Saturday, Feb. 11; Verdi’s “Ernani,” 12:55 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25; Massenet’s “Manon,” noon Saturday, April 7; and Verdi’s “La Traviata,” 12:55 p.m. Saturday, April 14.

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Opera Naples presents Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Don Giovanni," performed in Italian with English subtitles, Friday and Sunday, Jan. 20 and 22, at Gulf Coast High School. Show time is 7:30 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

As the legend goes, Don Giovanni — Don Juan in Mozart's musical version of the story — was the quintessential rake — a womanizing scoundrel with a list of amorous conquests so long that his right-hand man needs an entire aria just to outline it. The opera has been described as a comedy, and it has any number of uproarious moments. But there's far more to "Don Giovanni" than just a series of big laughs, just as the notorious Don is more than just an unprincipled, single-

minded ladies' man.

The opera premiered Oct. 29, 1787, at the Prague Italian Opera.

The Opera Naples production stars bass Matthew Trevina of the San Francisco Opera in the title role; bass Wes Mason as Masetto; soprano Amanda Hall as Donna Anna; bass Leroy Lehr of the Metropolitan Opera as Don Pedro; tenor Brian Cheny as Don Ottavio; Jason Hardy as Leporello; and soprano Stefanie Pearce, and founding artistic director of Opera Naples, as Donna Elvira. Franz Vote conducts.

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Saul I. Stern Cultural Series announced

The 18th annual Saul I. Stern Cultural Series presented by the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island begins at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22, at JCMI headquarters on Winterberry Drive.

The season's opening speaker, Dr. Bernd Wollschlaeger, the son of a high official of the Nazi regime, will discuss his revulsion to the treatment of German Jews and his inability to tolerate the anti-Semitism practiced by his father.

Dr. Wollschlaeger graduated from Friederich-Alexander University Medical School in Erlangen, Nuremberg, severed relations with his family and immigrated to Israel, where he enlisted in the Israeli Defense Forces as a medical officer and continued his medical train-

ing. He also converted to Judaism and remains a devout practitioner.

Dr. Wollschlaeger completed his residency training at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami and received additional training in addiction medicine. He maintains offices in North Miami.

The Saul I. Stern Cultural Series continues with a performance by the Naples Philharmonic Brass Quintet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, followed by NYPD policeman Mordecai Dziansky at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11.

Tickets range from \$20 for one program for non-members to \$75 for the series for patron members. For reservations or more information, call the JCMI office at 642-0800. ■



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■ Saturday and Sunday, March 24-25, concert featuring trumpet prodigy Geoffrey Gallante at 7 p.m. Saturday in the auditorium at Lely High School and at 2 p.m. Sunday at Cambier Park (sponsored by Miromar Outlets)

■ Friday, April 13, 7 p.m. at Cambier Park (sponsored by IMA Creative)

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Toys often were made to resemble famous people or characters in plays, books or TV shows. Sometimes the character that inspired the toy is forgotten, but the toy remains popular with collectors because it is so well-designed, unusual or lovable. Raggedy Ann and Andy are still recognized by young and old, and the storybooks featuring them remain in print. But Johnny Gruelle, who wrote and illustrated the books, created other characters that are forgotten today. "Johnny Mouse and the Wishing Stick" is a children's book published in 1922. It was based on stories and illustrations from Gruelle's monthly series, "Johnny Mouse and the Woozgoozle," which appeared in Woman's World magazine in 1920 and 1921.

The Johnny Mouse felt doll was patented in July 1921. The magazine sold it by mail order for \$1. The gray felt mouse has a long pointy pink nose, shoe-button eyes, one ear and a yellow hat that covers the missing ear. The mouse's body was dressed in a printed shirt, felt trousers, a yellow neck bow and felt shoes. His clothes could not be removed. The identification of the mouse

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Q: My parents bought an ornate revival-style dining room buffet, server, table and chairs during the Depression. The buffet and server have labels that read: "Rockford Republic Furniture Co., Rockford, Ill." All the pieces except the 10-legged table are in good shape. What do you think the set is worth?

A: From the 1890s until the Depression, Rockford was home to a boom in furniture manufacturing. Rockford Republic

Furniture Co. was founded in 1917, when it took over the factory of the bankrupt Rockford Frame & Fixture Co. J.A. Carlstrom, an employee of the fixture company, headed up the group that started the new company. You are better off selling your set locally because of the cost of moving furniture. Rockford Republic furniture is well-made, so you might be able to sell the set for several hundred dollars, even if the buyer has to refinish the table. ■

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Elton John

Elton John and his band will return to Estero's Germain Arena at 8 p.m. Tuesday March 13, performing in concert, featuring No. 1 hits and classic album tracks from throughout the performer's incredible five-decade career.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20.

Elton John's band includes Davey Johnstone on guitar, Bob Birch on bass, John Mahon on percussion, Nigel Olson on drums, and Kim Bullard on keyboards. The band typically has the audience standing, dancing and singing along with much-loved classic songs such as "Your Song," "Rocket Man," "Bennie and the Jets," "Philadelphia Freedom," "Crocodile Rock," "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me," and many more.

"Whenever Elton John appears in our area, it is always a memorable experience not to be missed," says Sammy Wallace, vice president of event programming at Germain Arena. "From his wondrous catalog of songs to his tremendous stage presence, it all adds up to a magical night."

Mr. John is one of the top-selling solo artists of all time, with 35 gold and 25 platinum albums, 29 consecutive Top 40 hits, and he has sold more than 250 million records worldwide. He holds the record for the biggest selling single of all time, "Candle in the Wind '97," which sold 37 million copies. Since his career began in 1969, he has played almost 3,000 concerts worldwide.

Tickets are \$49, \$79 and \$139 and will be available online at Ticketmaster.com, at the Germain Arena box office, or charge-by-phone at (800) 745-3000.

A service charge is added to each ticket. There is an eight-ticket limit per customer.

Trans-Siberian Orchestra

Trans-Siberian Orchestra is hitting the road for a three-month spring tour, traveling to more than 60 markets across the United States. The band will perform at Germain Arena at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 10.

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Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers

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Tickets are \$89.50, \$69.50 and \$49.50 and will be available at livenation.com, all Ticketmaster outlets, the Germain box office or charge by phone (800) 745-3000. ■

his world would soon crash around him," explains TSO creator Paul O'Neill. "At 25, Beethoven realized he was going deaf. He could have given up on his music and life and no one would have judged him harshly, but instead he went on to write some of the greatest compositions ever created. His music would bring delight, joy and compassion to billions, but he himself would never hear his last works."

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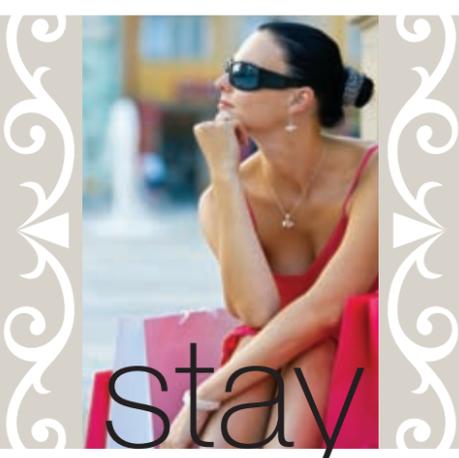
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Above: Timothy and Sharon Ubben with Bill and Carol Queenan

Left: Myra Daniels and her successor, Kathleen van Bergen

Thank you, Myra!

Community turns out in droves for tribute to Philharmonic founder

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

It was a weekend to remember, as a near-capacity audience enjoyed a star-studded grand gala concert on Saturday night and a record crowd of 4,235 came out to the Philharmonic Center for the Arts on Sunday afternoon for "Thank You Myra Days" honoring Myra Janco Daniels. Mrs. Daniels is the founder and recently retired president and CEO of the Phil.

Gov. Rick Scott gave the opening remarks at Sunday's open house festivities. Others who expressed gratitude on behalf of the community included Mayor Bill Barnett, County Commission Chairman Fred Coyle. Co-chairs of the weekend event were David Drobis and Adria Starkey.

For the Saturday night grand gala, conductor Keith Lockhart of the Boston Pops lead the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra in a concert that also featured Broadway stars Brian Stokes Mitchell and Kelli O'Hara, opera great Harolyn Blackwell, the Philharmonic Center Chorale, the Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra and a performance by two members of the Miami City Ballet. Michael

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MYRA

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Feinstein appeared as a surprise guest, and video greetings were offered by Bill Cosby, Paul Anka and Neil Sedaka.

"It was more than a girl could have

dreamed — and I'm a dreamer," Mrs. Daniels said afterward.

"The past 30 years have been an exciting and wild ride, but the tributes were beyond my imagination," she added. "It was wonderful to see the faces who helped make this happen."

Proceeds from the gala benefited the Myra Janco Daniels Legacy Fund, which was launched last year and remains



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MYRA

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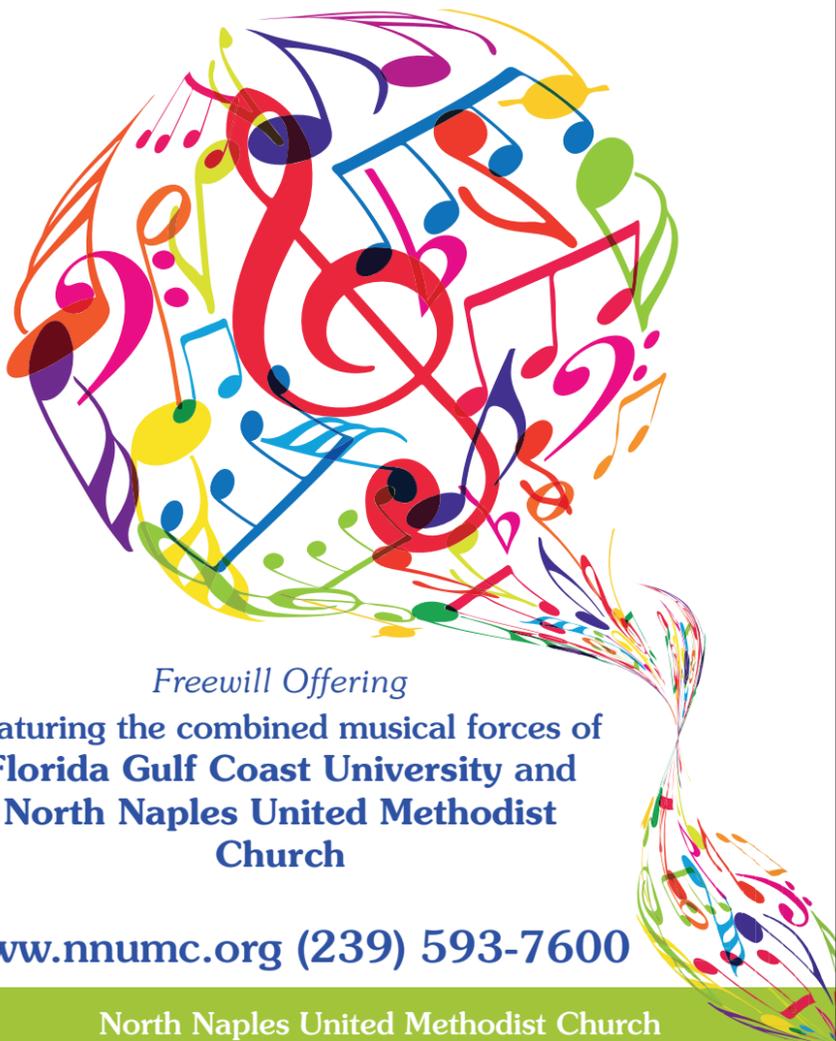
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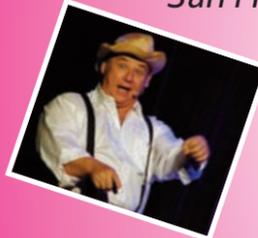
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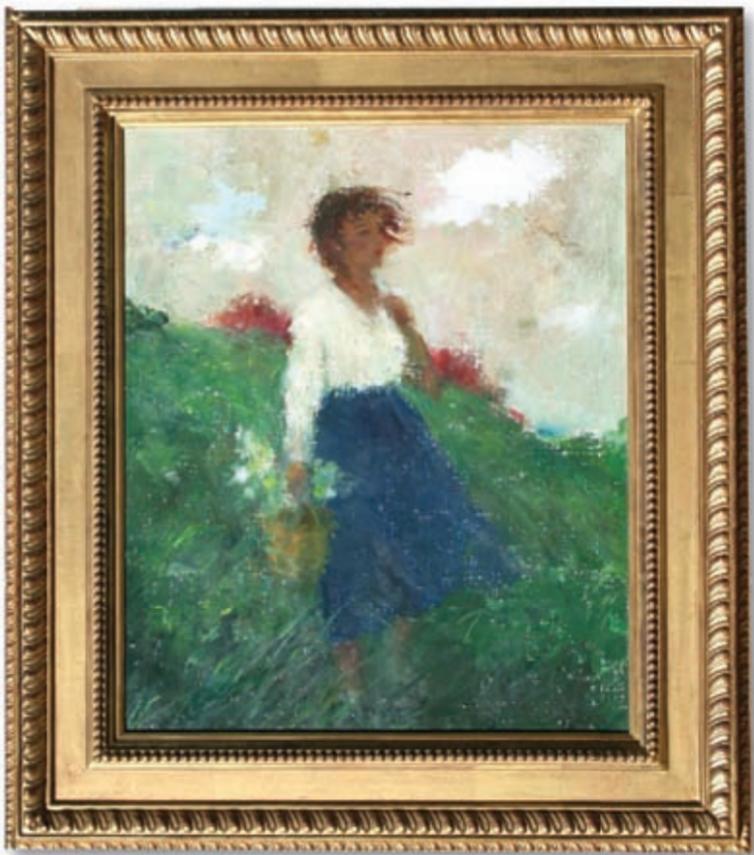
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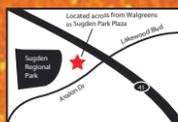
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VINO

Predicting the next big thing in wine trends: grenache

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As is the case with fashion, food and television shows, tastes in wine change, too.

I'm betting that the next "it" wine will be grenache.

With well-balanced red fruit flavors and a range of intensity from medium-bodied to powerhouse, grenache plays a role in many blends. It's predominant in the Rhone district of France and factors largely in many Australian and California blends. Worldwide, it is the fourth most widely planted red grape variety.

No matter what anyone tells you, size matters when it comes to wines. Size, that is, as it pertains to production. There have to be enough grapes to produce the amount of wine it takes to satisfy demand. That's one reason vouvray from France and gruner veltliner from Austria will never strike it big: Neither district has enough vineyard production to sustain a major push into the marketplace.

Price also matters. When it comes to really big sellers, the \$10 price point appears to be the magical number. According to the Nielsen Company, sales last year in the \$9-\$12 category totaled nearly \$2 billion, more than 20 percent of non-restaurant sales.

Think about the stars of yesteryear

— such as white zinfandel and shiraz — which were available in mass quantities at low prices.

The biggest varietal sellers in the United States continue to be chardonnay, cabernet sauvignon, merlot and pinot grigio, Nielsen reports in this month's edition of Wine Business Monthly. Pinot noir and sauvignon blanc are close behind and continue to grow in sales, but aren't likely to be the next rage. Sauvignon blanc can be herbaceous and citrusy, and not necessarily food friendly. Pinot noir generally sells well above the magical \$10 price point.

Other worthy wines might not make the final grade as well.

Malbec has a certain rusticity, with powerful tannins and lip-staining color. The Nielsen Company does not track malbec sales in stores, but total imports from Argentina are on the rise.

California winemakers thought syrah could be the next big wine, after seeing the voluminous imports from Australia take a strong grip on the marketplace. But, although fruity and food friendly, the wine never took off here.

So let's get back to grenache.

In June 2010, the first international Grenache Symposium took

place in France. As reported in the August 2010 edition of Wine Business Monthly, wine expert and editor of Decanter Magazine Stephen Spurrier called grenache "the unsung hero of the wine world," noting there is no more versatile or dependable grape variety.

The Grenache Symposium website, www.grenachesymposium.com, quotes noted wine authority Jancis Robinson as saying, "It is high time that grenache/garnacha enjoy some time wallowing in the spotlight of international attention."

In the Wine Spectator March 31, 2010, edition, James Laube wrote: "Grenache is a grape that seemingly has it all. It can make amazingly complex, detailed and age worthy wines — witness the great wines from Châteauneuf-du-Pape or Priorat (in Spain, the grape goes by the name Garnacha). It also excels in value wines, notably in blends from the Côtes du Rhône."

Today's wine drinkers continue to

look for value, and I believe grenache can be a winner, because there are already a number of inexpensive grenache-based wines available. In California, few winemakers sell it as a varietal, but the emerging trend of Rhone-style wines has sparked renewed interest in the grape there.

Look to Spain to be a big player in the growth of grenache, with the second largest acreage in the world planted with garnacha. Quality, availability and a declining euro all will add to the popularity of Spanish wines.

This week's wine picks are all grenache-based.

Weekly wine picks:

■ **Alto Moncayo Veraton 2008 (\$28):**

Fresh black cherry and blackberry aromas and flavors, round in the mouth with a nicely balanced finish with a touch of spice.

■ **Bodegas Borsao Tres Picos 2009 (\$18):**

Big black cherry, blackberry and flower aromas, following through to the palate with nicely structured red fruit and plum flavors. The finish is long and smooth, with a touch of mineral and spice.

■ **Chapoutier Cotes du Rhone Belleruche 2009 (\$12):** Deep rich purple color, with spicy aromas and juicy fruit flavors of black cherry and spice, ending with a light mineral finish.

■ **Tablas Creek Cotes de Tablas 2009 (\$30):**

From Paso Robles, Calif., this wine has lush red fruit aromas and flavors of black cherry and plum, with a long lingering finish of cherry and spice. ■



Left: Tablas Creek Cotes de Tablas 2009.
Middle: Alto Moncayo Veraton.
Below: Chapoutier Belleruche Cotes-du-Rhone.

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A trio of Southern snacks: house-made pickles, left, Charleston crab dip and pimento cheese.



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The Bay House Restaurant in Naples has long been a favorite spot to enjoy Southern cuisine dressed in its Sunday best — food that respects its heritage while reaching for a more exalted culinary plane. With entrees priced \$26-\$32, though, it's not a destination I can revisit often.

That's why I was pleased to hear that the owners had rolled out a new, more casual concept in what used to be an expansive bar next to the restaurant. At Tierney's Tavern, you can savor similarly Southern-inspired and equally well-executed food for much less money. Entrees top out at \$24, and it's quite possible to dine well for much less.

To call it a "tavern" might be a tad misleading in some ways. Yes, it's a less formal space mixing pub-style food (burgers, kielbasa) with an abundance of raw bar staples (crab claw, oysters, shrimp). On the other hand, the draft beer choices aren't what you'd expect at an upscale tavern; only a couple of craft brews were available in bottles.

Regardless, if most bar food were this good, I'd be spending a lot more time hunting down taverns.

The restaurant quickly filled up on a recent weeknight. It seems Bay House and Tierney's are not "Naples' best-kept dining secret" anymore after 20-plus years, despite what the website says. Perched on the banks of the Cocohatchee River, the restaurant and bar are nestled among old oaks and mangroves and have plenty of windows for enjoying the unique vista.

Once dusk settles in, darkness envelopes the wood-lined dining room. Scattered lamps offer only dim light for reading the menu and appreciating the presentation of the food. We found the low light a bit vexing and noticed one nearby patron did, too, as he'd brought his own hand-held lamp.

The wine list is generous, with two pour sizes of two dozen wines by the glass. We started with glasses of 2009 Rosenblum Syrah (\$7.75 for 6 ounces, \$10.75 for 9 ounces) and 2010 Giesen Sauvignon Blanc (\$9.95 and \$13.95), both of which were good choices. We liked having the choice of a larger pour; one standard glass is never enough — for us, at least — and two becomes too costly.

The menu's coastal cuisine spans a broad range, from the North Atlantic to Carolina Low Country, around the Florida peninsula and up the Gulf to New Orleans. You'll find New England lobster, Beaufort (aka Frogmore) stew, Charleston crab dip and Cajun shrimp and grits.

Many of these dishes are created with ingredients from local purveyors who are spotlighted on a chalkboard beside the front door, including Rabbit Run Farm in Buckingham, "Captain Curly" of the Fort Myers Beach shrimp fleet and Island Crab Co. on Pine Island.

Kudos to the Tierneys for supporting local farmers and fishermen.

Our seaside sojourn began with a dip into the Atlantic for Jonah crab claws (\$16) and a trio of Southern appetizers served in small Mason jars (\$11).

Jonahs are similar to stone crabs but live in cold water. They're not widely served down here, so I thought I'd try them. What I found was that they don't have the rich, sweet flavor of their Southern cousins.

For the Southern Collection, you can select from a half-dozen nibbles. We chose Charleston crab dip, pimento cheese and house pickles; other options are pickled rock shrimp, seafood salad and she-crab soup. Each is also available individually for \$3 to \$5.

The crab dip was our favorite because of its fresh, sweet flavor and creamy texture. Fresh tarragon also added an unexpected and interesting note of anise. Shredded aged cheddar brought richness and texture to the cheese spread, another Southern tradition made with mayonnaise and pimentos. The pickles? Fine, but nothing extraordinary. All in all, this is a good way to sample the South, though we quickly ran out of the lavash served as a vehicle for the spreads.

Our waitress noticed that the crab tray arrived without spoons for the mustard and cocktail sauces and quickly remedied the situation. She also promptly brought another claw cracker after we requested it and then returned with warm, damp paper towels and lemon wedges with which we cleaned our messy hands. The goodwill generated by her thoughtful attentions helped smooth over the fact that our entrees arrived when we

were only half-way through our appetizers. Somehow, the entrees were fired up too soon, and they sat for a bit as we tried to continue enjoying our appetizers.

Thus, by the time my companion tucked into his shrimp and grits (\$14), they had cooled noticeably. The shrimp were plump and juicy and the grits good and creamy, but the dish was surprisingly mild-mannered. Even with its horseradish cream and diced andouille sausage, it lacked the expected spunk.

No such issues with the Sea BLT (\$18), which was a room-temperature dish anyway. From bottom to top: a bed of arugula; a layer of fried green tomatoes; a salad of lobster, shrimp and crab; a sprinkling of roasted corn and crumbled bacon. The contrast of crunchy and creamy, salty and sweet in this dish would delight any discerning palate.

The same could be said for the tavern's Southern Decadence (\$10), one of those trendy, over-the-top desserts that you might see whipped up on Bravo's "Top Chef." Picture a small, sweet bourbon pecan tart with a buttery crust paired with generous scoop of sugar cane ice cream, a petite mousse-like sweet potato cremeux, a spoonful of heady corn-liquor gelee and, yes, chunks of salty, crunchy bacon brittle. Each element was divine on its own and also worked beautifully in concert with the other elements.

If you prefer simpler sweets over delectably complicated ones, the big, puffy, sugar-coated beignets served with chocolate and caramel sauces (\$9) will fill the bill — as well as your tummy. Warning: One order is enough to serve at least two.

Whichever part of coastal America you visit at Tierney's Tavern, save room for dessert. ■

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Tierney's Tavern

799 Walkerbilt Road, Naples;
591-3837

Ratings:
Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★

>> Hours: Lunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m., dinner 5-9 p.m. daily
>> Reservations: Not accepted in tavern
>> Credit cards: Accepted
>> Price range: Appetizers, \$3-\$16, entrees \$10-\$24
>> Beverages: Full bar
>> Seating: Indoors and outdoors
>> Specialties of the house: Coastal Southern cuisine
>> Volume: High but tolerable
>> Parking: Free hotel lot
>> Website: www.bayhousenaples.com

★★★★★ Superb
★★★★★ Noteworthy
★★★★ Good
★★★ Fair
★ Poor

food & wine CALENDAR

> **Thursday, Jan. 19, 3:30-5 p.m.**, Brambles Tea Room: The Opera Naples Guild hosts tea and scones plus a presentation about "Don Giovanni" by mezzo-soprano Stephanie Christiano; \$40, 340 Fifth Ave. Reservations required. Call 963-9050.

> **Thursday, Jan. 19, 5-7 p.m.**, Decanted Wines: Sample a variety of premium (\$50-plus) wines along with hors d'oeuvres, \$25, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations required.

> **Friday, Jan. 20, 6-10 p.m.**, Seminole Immokalee Casino: It's a sure bet that there will be great eats at

a food truck rally with six trucks: Southwest Florida's own Nosh Truck (inspired street food by local chef Scott Sopher) as well as Dog Eat Dog (hot dogs), Cool Haus (desserts), Frita Man (assorted fritas), Palate Party and Mr. Good Stuff (signature crepes); 506 South First St., Immokalee; (800) 218-0007.

> **Friday, Jan. 20, 6-8 p.m.**, Whole Foods: Beverage specialist Joe Pais serves samples of 35 beers, including some seasonal ones with proceeds benefitting the Bonita Springs chapter of Shoes That Fit; \$5, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100.

Farmers markets

> **Wednesday, 1:30-5:30 p.m.**, St. Monica's Episcopal Church, 7070 Immokalee Road; 591-4550.

> **Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**, the Marco Island Farmers Market, Veterans Community Park, Marco Island.

> **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**, Bonita

Springs Lions Club farm market, The Promenade, 26851 South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs.

> **Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon**, St. Paul's Episcopal Church farm market, 3901 Davis Blvd., Naples.

> **Saturday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.**, North Naples Green Market at the Galleria Shoppes at Vanderbilt, off Airport Pulling and Vanderbilt Beach roads.

> **Sunday, 8 a.m.-noon**, Freedom Park farmers market, 151 Golden Gate Parkway. ■

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