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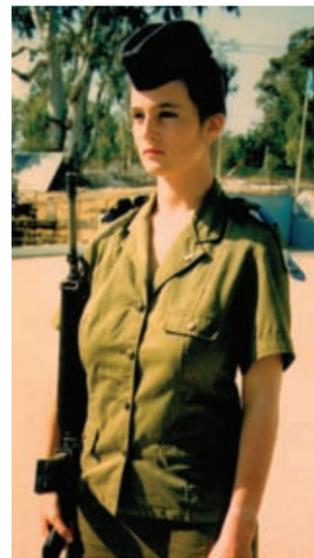
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Living in FEAR

SWFL family weathers deportation process

BY EVAN WILLIAMS
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A GLARING LATE AFTERNOON SKY STRETCHING over a single-story housing complex on the outskirts of LaBelle where the Garcia family lives seemed as vast as the federal apparatus that deals with immigration. Lazaro Poblano Garcia, 23, and his wife, Maria Garcia, 35, are two of a very roughly estimated 12 million undocumented immigrants, or aliens, living in the United States. They've both been here since they were children themselves, Mrs. Garcia said. She and her husband have been working and raising their own U.S.-born children, relatively unnoticed, until the apparatus caught up with them.

On a late-March evening, her two girls were getting ready to do homework, their papers laid out on the kitchen table. They're doing well in school, Ms. Garcia said, adding that her 7-year-old recently received high marks on a reading assignment. Her husband, an agricultural laborer, had not yet returned from the

SEE FEAR, A8 ▶



Lazaro Poblano Garcia is in limbo waiting to find out whether he will be deported.



COURTESY PHOTO

Hannah created what would become a UN stamp as part of a class she took last summer at Masterpiece Mixers Studio in Naples.

Unveiling the autism experience, Hannah speaks

BY ROBIN DEMATTIA
Florida Weekly Correspondent

In the past month, Hannah Rose Kandel was honored as one of eight artists worldwide whose work was selected for a special United Nations stamp. She visited the New York Stock Exchange as part of a group ringing the bell for the UN stamp event, met UN Secretary

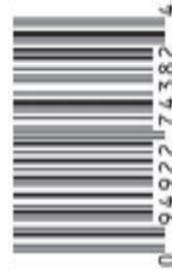
General Ban Ki-Moon and also spoke at a national conference.

The fact that she has autism makes all of these activities even more remarkable and heartwarming.

The 20-year-old Naples resident loves all kinds of art, including painting, drawing, sewing, knitting and making friendship

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COMMENTARY

Open the damn door



Just so you know, I'll be going into a closed-door meeting shortly. I don't expect it to conclude until about 2035, but my secretary can take a message.

After that, I'll be in a closed-door meeting forever, so you probably won't be able to reach me.

The boss has been in a closed-door meeting for most of the morning, and before that for most of his life.

Mom and Dad carried on closed-door meetings every time they closed the bedroom door.

God has been in a closed-door meeting for more than 2,000 years. You can leave a message. Maybe you'll hear back, and maybe you won't.

Mitt Romney hosted a closed-door meeting in Palm Beach last week, as opposed to an open-door meeting.

In general, I'm in favor of closed-door meetings, especially if I'm the one to close the door on them. And if you're going to have a closed-door meeting in April, I figure there's no better place than Palm Beach.

But was Mr. Romney's a closed-door meeting of staff — is that why he closed the door? Perhaps he had some important strategizing to do that our enemies foreign or domestic should not be made privy to?

Of course not, but yes, in a manner of speaking. That should confuse you enough for me to explain that his closed-door meet-

ing, a fundraiser, included volunteer staff.

They volunteered millions, and Mr. Romney volunteered to speak candidly with them, alone.

They got to attend a closed-door meeting with a potential future president, in other words. They got to be treated by the candidate as worthy of candor. They were not to be patronized and smooth-talked as worthy only of being asked for a vote, like the rest of the American people.

In any venue except government and politics, a closed-door meeting would be perfectly acceptable.

In parental relations, for example. Families, after all, are not democracies.

In business. In military planning, in education, in medicine.

Once I attended a frank closed-door meeting of doctors on the staff of a large Broward County hospital, as they waded through a dozen or so charts of critical patients. They met weekly to decide who would live and who would die — who would receive the extra efforts, the last-ditch surgeries, the experimental drugs, the time and thought of their colleagues nationally and internationally. And who wouldn't.

I was there as a reporter ostensibly so they could show me a new technology that allowed them to see and speak with doctors elsewhere in the country and the world who were looking at the same medical information on each patient, at the same moment in time. My story would describe a new brain trust that could save lives, made possible by high technology.

The doctors let me attend their closed-door meeting, but grudgingly, fearing a public outcry about how they made decisions.

And for good reason.

It was sobering to watch them write off people because of age or other arbitrary conditions. Twice in that meeting doctors turned to me and said, "You can't print that."

I understood. Like those of battlefield commanders, their decisions were blunt, pragmatic and made to achieve maximum good with the resources at hand. Not the kind of stuff the folks in marketing want to see pulsing, bleeding and throbbing in the public light of day.

But government in America is something else. The decisions are just as critical — arguably much more so, since 305 million Americans depend on those decisions — but they should always be public decisions.

They should always be made in what we've taken to calling "the Sunshine."

Any who propose to lead the American people, whoever they are and whatever their strategy may be, should always present their case in the Sunshine. The rest of us deserve it.

Let me put this another way, and it applies to Democrats as well as Republicans: A few of the American people should not be able to buy a greater portion of a politician's trust and candor than others. The few should not be given special information that a politician is unwilling to share with the many — even though the many have purchased nothing of value to that politician, such as air time.

But Mr. Romney doesn't see it that way, apparently. He's a club man by upbringing, nature and experience. He gathered his wealthy friends around him in Palm Beach early this week and — in a "closed-door meeting" — talked about tax notions he would put into play as president, as well as policies to shrink or do away with the

Department of Education and also with the Department of Health.

Many of my colleagues in the press and a number of media outlets may have been outraged by the ideas themselves.

I do not number among them.

Instead, I applaud Mr. Romney's proposed ideas with this reasoning: The more ideas we have from Republicans and Democrats — serious ideas developed carefully for the public good — the better.

Voters will always benefit from uninhibited conversation, and from well-argued rhetoric.

I use the term "rhetoric" in the Greek sense: telling the truth well, with polish. (Sophistry, in the Greek sense, is lying by telling most of the truth, but pointing the argument away from what's true. Many people confuse rhetoric and sophistry.)

What offends me so deeply about Mr. Romney's Palm Beach pussyfooting is the sense of clubby privilege he projects.

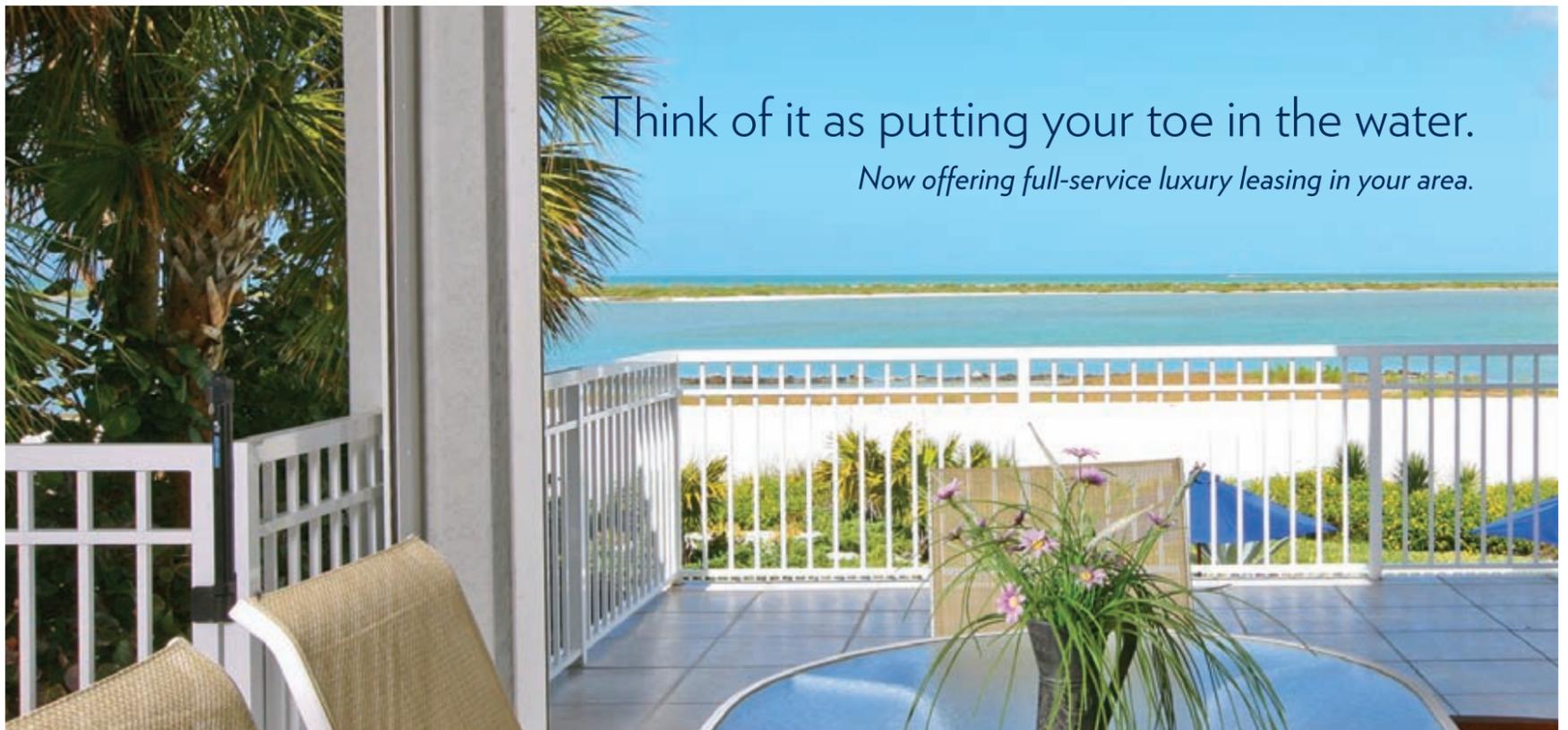
There is a club, of course — not a party, not a level of donor giving, not a particular religion, not an alma mater or a fraternity or sorority club, not a veterans' club or a sailing club or a golf, tennis, swimming or health club — but an American club.

It's called the United States.

That should be Mr. Romney's preeminent club, the club whose members he always gathers around him, with pride, every time. The club to which he affords special privilege in the spirit of James Madison.

"A well-instructed people alone can be permanently a free people," Mr. Madison said.

And Mr. Romney can't instruct them well by hiding his thinking in the backyard of his wealthy Palm Beach patrons. ■



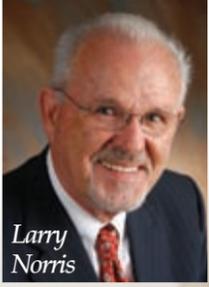
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OPINION

The social Darwinist smear



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Special to Florida Weekly

Social Darwinism isn't what it used to be.

President Barack Obama recently lambasted the Paul Ryan budget as "thinly veiled social Darwinism" in a scorching budget speech. The charge displayed the same care as his contention that it would be unprecedented for the Supreme Court to overturn legislation passed by Congress — in other words, another verbal temper tantrum substituting petulance for reason.

Social Darwinism is the 19th-century creed that, drawing on biology, supposedly held that a laissez-faire economy should operate on the basis of "survival of the fittest." The strong rise, while the weak fall, unaided and deserving their pitiable fate.

What are the telltale signs of social Darwinism in the Ryan budget? Total federal spending will only increase from \$3.6 trillion this year to \$4.8 trillion in 10 years. If you can't already hear the cries of children relegated to the poorhouse and of old people pushed out onto ice

floes, you must be a 21st-century robber baron. Ryan wants to spend 19.8 percent of GDP as of 2022, a greater share of the economy than when President Bill Clinton left office — that infamous advocate of private-sector predation at the expense of the worthless poor.

Doesn't Ryan want to cut taxes for the rich? He would reduce tax rates, while making the revenue up by closing loopholes and deductions. This Darwinistic notion was endorsed by President Obama's own fiscal commission, chaired by men the president fulsomely praised without ever once mentioning that they were a danger to the weak and the vulnerable on account of their unhinged belief in a society run by and for the evolutionarily superior.

But Ryan wants to end Medicare, doesn't he? Ten years from now, Ryan proposes introducing an element of choice into Medicare while limiting the program's growth to the GDP growth rate plus .05 percent, the same spending goal that the president sets out in his own budget. The difference is that President Obama prefers a price-setting bureaucratic panel to competition as his Darwinistic tool to weed out the maladapted elderly.

If social Darwinism is merely the belief that the market is the best system

for allocating capital and wealth, and that a free society will necessarily be an unequal one, then almost everyone in America is a social Darwinist. Even the president constantly pledges fealty to the market. He is using social Darwinism as a free-floating pejorative for people whose policy preferences he doesn't like, which is entirely appropriate.

The liberal historian Richard Hofstadter popularized the label in a book he wrote in the 1940s. He applied it to supporters of the free market in the 19th century who never applied it to themselves. As Princeton professor Thomas Leonard points out, American businessmen in the Gilded Age rarely leaned on Darwin: "Their defenses of laissez faire much more commonly invoked religion, the common good, Horatio Alger mythology, the American republican tradition." Hofstadter used social Darwinist, Leonard writes, "in the traditional way: as an epithet to discredit views he opposed."

In this respect, liberalism hasn't evolved at all down through the decades: Seventy years later, it's still the same witless insult, for the same reason. ■

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The long, hot March of climate change



amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

The Pentagon knows it. The world's largest insurers know it. Now, governments may be overthrown because of it. It is climate change, and it is real. According to the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, last month was the hottest March on record for the United States since 1895, when records were first kept, with average temperatures of 8.6 degrees F above average. More than 15,000 March high-temperature records were broken nationally. Drought, wildfires, tornadoes and other extreme weather events are already plaguing the country.

Across the world in the Maldives, rising sea levels continue to threaten this Indian Ocean archipelago. It is the world's lowest-lying nation, on average only 1.3 meters above sea level. The plight of the Maldives gained global prominence when its young president, the first-ever democratically elected there, Mohamed Nasheed, became one of the world's leading voices against climate change, especially in the lead-up to the 2009 U.N. climate-change summit in Copenhagen. Nasheed held a ministerial meeting underwater, with his cabinet in scuba gear, to illustrate the potential disaster.

In February, Nasheed was ousted from his presidency at gunpoint. The Obama administration, through State Department spokesperson Victoria Nuland, said of the coup d'etat, "This was handled constitutionally." When I spoke to Nasheed last month, he told me: "It was really shocking and deeply disturbing that the United States government so instantly recognized the former dictatorship coming back again. ... The Euro-

pean governments have not recognized the new regime in the Maldives." There is a parallel between national positions on climate change and support or opposition to the Maldives coup.

Nasheed is the subject of a new documentary, "The Island President," in which his remarkable trajectory is traced. He was a student activist under the dictatorship of Maumoon Abdul Gayoom and was arrested and tortured, along with many others. By 2008, when elections were finally held, Gayoom lost, and Nasheed was elected. As he told me, though: "It's easy to beat a dictator, but it's not so easy to get rid of a dictatorship. The networks, the intricacies, the institutions and everything that the dictatorship has established remains, even after the elections." On the morning of Feb. 7, 2012, under threat of death to him and his supporters from rebelling army generals, Nasheed resigned.

While no direct link has been found yet between Nasheed's climate activism and the coup, it was clear in Copenhagen in 2009 that he was a thorn in the Obama administration's side. Nasheed and other representatives from AOSIS, the Alliance of Small Island States, were taking a stand to defend their nations' very existence, and building alliances with grass-roots groups like 350.org, that challenge corporate-dominated climate policy.

Back in the U.S., March delivered this year's first weather disaster that caused more than \$1 billion in damage, with tornadoes ravaging four central states and killing 41. Dr. Jeff Masters of the weather website Weather Underground blogged about March that "records not merely smashed, but obliterated." On March 23, conservative Texas Gov. Rick Perry renewed the state of emergency declared there last year as a result of massive droughts.

Texas lists 1,000 of the state's 4,710 community water systems under

restrictions. Spicewood, Texas, population 1,100, has run dry, and is now getting water trucked in. Residents have severe restrictions on water use. But for Perry, restricting corporations whose greenhouse-gas emissions lead to climate change is heresy.

Mitt Romney is on track to be the Republican candidate for president, with the support of former challengers like Perry. They are already attacking President Obama on climate change. The American Legislative Exchange Council, or ALEC, has been promoting legislation in statehouses to oppose any climate legislation, and rallying members of Congress to block federal action, especially by hampering the work of the Environmental Protection Agency. As the Center for Media and Democracy has detailed in its "ALEC Exposed" reporting, ALEC is funded by the country's major polluters, including Exxon-Mobil, BP America, Chevron, Peabody Energy, and Koch Industries. The Koch brothers have also funded tea-party groups like FreedomWorks, to create the appearance of grass-roots activism.

This election season will likely be marked by more extreme weather events, more massive loss of life, and billions of dollars in damages.

President Nasheed is working to run again for his lost presidency, as President Obama tries to hold on to his. The climate may hang in the balance. ■

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As we belong to the same golf club, I've had the opportunity to watch Spencer Ciesla grow and mature as a fine golfer and young man. I was delighted to find out that he'd been contacted by the golf coach at Vanderbilt University.

Spencer and his dad made the trip to Vanderbilt in Nashville last year and soon after, Spencer signed a letter of intent to attend with a golf scholarship after his graduation from Community School of Naples next month.

Spencer was born in 1994 on St. Patrick's Day in Bernardsville, N.J. He and his sister were always encouraged by their parents to try new things. Spencer tried many sports but he especially liked baseball, swimming, tennis and golf — all seasonal sports up north. When the family moved to Naples, Spencer started participating in outdoor sports year round.

He played Little League baseball, swam competitively and played golf. Eventually, he dropped baseball and swimming and he focused all of his efforts on golf. When his family joined a club just minutes away from their home, he was on the course very chance he had.

As a seventh grader at Community School, he plaed on the middle school

golf team. As an eighth grader, however, he tried out for and earned a spot on the varsity team.

He ha two special moments on the golf course that he will never forget.

"I got my first hole-in-one on Dec. 29, 2008," he says. "I was with my Dad and a friend who was visiting us from New Jersey. It was the 16th hole at Bay Colony, a par three. I hit a nine-iron from 112 yards. It was into the wind and the pin was in a bowl. My shot landed past the flag but then it slowly rolled back to it. We knew it was going to be close. When we got to the green the ball was in the hole." His next favorite memory is from the final round of the 2011 Dixie Amateur. "I was plus-one through eight holes and on the ninth hole, I started a string of four straight birdies. During those four holes, I was completely 'in the zone,' hitting every shot the way I wanted to. It was probably the most exciting experience I've had during a tournament." (The photo accompanying this profile shows Spencer at the Honda Classic High School Championship. He's on the 15th hole of the Champion Course at PGA National.)

Golf is a sport of honesty, patience and hard work — and Spencer understands all that. He knows that the golf swing cannot be perfected overnight, and that tournament conditions can change with the weather and with the condition of the greens and rough. So one has to learn how to adapt.

But honesty is what separates this game from all others, he believes.

Talking points with Spencer Ciesla

Last book you read: "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" by Ken Kesey

Something people might be surprised to find out about you: I'm very good at ping-pong.

Pet peeve: When someone else is wearing the same thing I am. It's annoying to meet up with a friend and it turns out they have the same colors on. It looks we planned it. People stare.

Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast: Great weather, excellent golf courses and friendly people. It's the perfect place for a golfer to live.

Something you'll never understand: Why slow golfers rarely let a faster group play through. The slow group ends up rushing, playing worse and taking even longer. But even though it's annoying, it's also quite funny to watch.



"When playing golf, you are the only referee," he says. "If you break a rule, you must call it on yourself, even if no one else saw you do anything wrong."

Golf is a game that builds character. I support organizations like The First Tee that help kids of all backgrounds get involved in golf. The sport has certainly served Spencer well in his growth and maturity. I wish him luck as he continues in his quest to become a professional on the PGA tour. Even if he

comes up short on his goal, I know his education and fine character will serve him well in life. ■

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fields. It wasn't an unusual day, other than the fact that new legal problems — both from local and immigration courts — now loom over their daily lives.

On March 6, Mr. Garcia was arrested by a Lee County sheriff's deputy near Fort Myers, on Palm Beach Boulevard just east of Interstate 75, for driving without a license. That event set the deportation process in motion for him, even though Immigration and Customs Enforcement says its priority is dangerous criminals. There are no public records showing Mr. Garcia has a criminal history, other than being in the U.S. illegally. Since ICE only has the resources to deport 400,000 undocumented immigrants per year, said spokesperson Danielle Bennett, it chooses largely based on which aliens commit the most serious crimes.

Mr. Garcia, the family's primary breadwinner, was nevertheless jailed until mid-March at the Broward County Transitional Center, throwing the family into chaos. Then he was sent home to await a hearing with an immigration judge in Miami in late August, and a likely conviction for driving without a license, a misdemeanor, in Lee County. That conviction would target him for deportation in the eyes of ICE, albeit as one of the lowest priority "criminal aliens" in a three-tier ranking system that begins with the most violent or egregious crimes, such as murder, rape and child molestation.

Ms. Garcia said her husband is "a stand-up guy. Doesn't drink, doesn't smoke. Goes to work and comes back to his family." And Mr. Garcia's attorney, Luigi Perdomo, said there is a good chance the court or prosecutor will exercise "prosecutorial discretion," rather than split up a family.

Even so, it's common for undocumented people who have committed lesser offenses to face deportation, said Lena Graber, an attorney with the Boston-based National Immigration Project, an advocacy group that provides advice to criminal defense attorneys, as well as undocumented immigrants facing deportation. That's especially true for driving without a license, she adds, in part because in most states, such as Florida, they can't get one; and it's reasonable to assume they'll drive at some point.

"ICE doesn't have a good track record of going after those people (who commit more serious crimes)," Ms. Graber said. "There are a lot of theories (why that is). One of the most common is they have a quota for deporting 400,000 people a year. And those who are stopped without a license are the easiest to find and deport. They tend to treat anyone arrested as a criminal. And ICE people around the country don't necessarily subscribe to orders from above. It's sort of a bureaucratic management issue in some cases as well."

Speeding to the ER

The Lee County Sheriff's Office booking report shows Mr. Garcia was pulled over March 6 for speeding and subsequently arrested for not having a license. The arrest report doesn't mention that he was taking the family's 14-year-old son to the emergency room, Ms. Garcia said, due to a pain in his side, vomiting, and because he wouldn't eat anything. The couple is also caring for three daughters, she said, ages 11, 7, and a newborn. The newborn came down with the flu in recent weeks, said Mrs. Garcia, and her own diabetes is an issue as well.



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The Garcia family enjoys a moment together, despite the uncertainty in their lives.

Undocumented people often wait until the last minute to seek medical treatment because they're afraid of getting arrested or deported, said Dr. Mark Asperilla, founder of the Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Clinic in Port Charlotte. That concerns him because their own health, as well as the health of the community at large, is at stake.

Dr. Asperilla has worked as a volunteer serving the health-care needs of migrant communities in Charlotte County, Immokalee and near Arcadia. "They're always afraid and they're always on the lookout," he said. "We take care of patients regardless, because they're human beings. The way I see them is they're here to better their life, the same thing that the Irish did, what the Germans did, what the rest of the migrant community did. They fear for their lives; they fear that they're going to be deported, and fear that they won't be able to sustain the families they started here."

Nevertheless, living here illegally is against the law, no matter what other offenses you have or haven't committed, points out Paula Schaff, president of the Punta Gorda Tea Party. At the same time she feels compassion should be extended to children, "legal or not."

"Are we supposed to legalize millions of illegals and their extended families, and then our taxpayers, which are fewer and fewer, end up paying the bill to support all these people," asked Ms. Schaff. "What your heart wants to do is say, 'OK, you can stay, you've got a serious problem.'"

"Well, this guy (Mr. Garcia) was arrested because he was here illegally, he was driving illegally. So should you give him a regular driver's license? Does it give them the right to bring their extended family here also? It's just a really complicated issue."

Carmen Mederos, owner of Soluciones, a tax preparation company in Cape Coral that serves the Hispanic community, said many undocumented immigrants work and pay taxes.

"I have had many (undocumented) men tell me I'm going to drive because I'm the sole support of my family and I have to work," Ms. Mederos said. "They're driving anyway. They're not going to go away. Given the choice of going back to their countries where they're suffering oppression and hunger, they're going to stay..."

"I see both sides. I don't agree with illegal immigration, but I deal with the

pain... I deal with people who are here for many, many years and are hard-working. And I mean two full-time jobs and a part-time job on the weekend. I feel a lot of the undocumented people have jobs no one else wants to do... And I see the taxes that they pay."

Neighborhood stories

Grey Torrico, 25, is a self-described community organizer who seeks out local immigrant families who need help, and records stories of their encounters with law enforcement. It's part of an initiative she started last September, a volunteer group called the Collier County Neighborhood Stories Project.



TORRICO

The Garcia family is unique among others she and other members of the Project have been in touch with, and whose identities she protects, because they've risked coming forward publicly with their plight.

For Ms. Torrico, her work recording the stories and helping the immigrant community in Southwest Florida is personal. Growing up in Collier, she had high school friends who were undocumented.

"I knew of many of them were so depressed, especially around senior year because they knew their future was almost hopeless," she said. "A lot of them had thoughts of suicide at one point. Some of their grades dropped at some times, because they were feeling so unmotivated to continue."

Later she graduated from the University of Florida, where she studied political science and Spanish. While there, Ms. Torrico said she formed an organization on campus to "give a voice to undocumented students."

"This is a very human issue," she said. "It's not just about immigration."

Financial backing, in the form of a fellowship from Open Society Foundations, is allowing her to work on Neighborhood Stories full-time for a year and a half. After that, she plans to continue working "to protect my community."

One of her goals is to end immigration enforcement programs that encourage federal agencies to collaborate with local law enforcement, in Southwest Florida and elsewhere. Ms. Torrico and other critics say two

federal immigration enforcement policies, 287 (g) and Secure Communities, create an environment of fear and mistrust between immigrant communities and officers or deputies; and that they result in families like the Garcias, otherwise outstanding members of the community, being ensnared in deportation proceedings.

Secure Communities

One of the programs, 287(g), began in Collier County in 2007. It trains local deputies to, in effect, be federal immigration agents. The other, called Secure Communities, is more widespread. It is used in an increasing number of states nationwide since 2008, and statewide in Florida. The program allows the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Department of Homeland Security to share information about criminal aliens, in large part through fingerprinting, a procedure anyone who has been arrested is familiar with.

In addition, local law enforcement officers, including those in Lee, Collier, and Charlotte counties, report to ICE on a daily basis any arrests they made of people who were "foreign born." That includes U.S. citizens as well as suspected aliens.

Ms. Grey and Boston attorney Ms. Graber say the collaborations between local law enforcement and ICE means that all officers represent a threat to the immigrant community at all times.

"What it means is that for the immigrant community is that people who are supposed to be responsible for general safety and community (law enforcement), it means it's not safe to call them," Ms. Graber said. "Even if you're a citizen, if you have undocumented members of your family, you're putting them at risk."

ICE spokesperson Ms. Bennett noted in an e-mail, however, that ICE personnel are directed to use "prosecutorial discretion to ensure that victims of and witness to crimes are properly protected. ICE has seen no evidence of a victim or witness of a crime being removed from the country."

Since Secure Communities began in Collier County in Feb. 2009, 1,023 criminal aliens were deported, records show. In Charlotte County in the same time period, 48 were deported. In Lee, the program started in July 2010, and since then 240 have been deported.

287(g)

The Collier County Sheriff's Office has taken immigration enforcement a step beyond Secure Communities by having some officers attend a "rigorous four-week training course" in ICE's 287(g) program, giving some sheriff's deputies similar responsibilities to federal immigration agents.

"The training includes coursework in immigration law, how to use ICE databases, multi-cultural communication and the avoidance of racial profiling," it says on ICE's website. "The agreement and training enable officers to legally identify criminal and illegal aliens that they may encounter, and to initiate removal proceedings for those found to be in the country illegally."

Collier deputy Lt. Keith Harmon is the jail supervisor with Collier's Criminal Alien Task Force. There are 10 full-time 287 (g) deputies at the jail and roughly that many in the community, he said.



HARMON

Although the worst criminals are a priority, undocumented people are always investigated if they're arrested, and a determination is made whether or not to set the deportation process in motion.

"If they're here illegally and in vio-

lation of state law, we look at everything," Lt. Harmon said. "Even if they're not necessarily a dangerous person, they can still end up with an immigration detainer...They will still be in the removal process."

He's heard the criticism that the immigrant community won't report crimes because they're afraid of law enforcement. He refers to it as "the chilling effect."

"We haven't had any concrete evidence to show that's happening," he said.

Ms. Torrico with Neighborhood Stories has heard otherwise. "I have the stories of evidence people are scared to report crimes," she said.

Ms. Garcia also said she is convinced that racial profiling was a factor in her husband's recent ordeal.

"I know I have a lot of clients come in and they say they see a lot of racism from police officers, that they get pulled over for almost nothing," said her husband's attorney, Mr. Perdomo.

Secure Communities and 287(g) are designed to prevent racial profiling, Ms. Bennett wrote in an e-mail. "Racial profiling is simply not something that will be tolerated; and any indication of racial profiling will be treated with the utmost scrutiny and fully investigated."

'Nothing is certain'

During the time her husband was being held, Ms. Garcia was able to find work at a plant nursery. Mr. Garcia has an immigration hearing scheduled before a Miami judge in late August. The best-case scenario and expectation, said his attorney, is that he'll be granted "prosecutorial relief." He still won't be living here legally, but the judge will in effect set his case aside to focus on more dangerous criminals.

At some point, Mr. Perdomo said,

he might be able get a judge to grant him a "cancelation of removal." But as an undocumented person, Mr. Garcia would have to prove he'd lived here for more than a decade. He would have to also demonstrate that his deportation would create "extreme or unusual" hardship for his children, a high legal standard. If he did that he could get a green card, making it legal for him to be here, but not necessarily ever become an American citizen.

"The immigration field is daunting," agrees Mr. Perdomo, a 26-year-old who said he is at his first job as an attorney, with the Fort Myers-based Pablo Hurtado Law Firm. "It's this monster you're trying to attack every day. It encompasses three different departments of government (Department of State, Department of Justice, and Department of Homeland Security [which encompasses ICE])."

Although she's worked hard to help the family recover financially from her husband's arrest, Ms. Garcia said, "It's been really difficult both when he was gone and now as well. I've been trying to act both as a mother and father to my kids... I feel that I'm still in a state of confusion and chaos. Nothing is for certain at this point."

Except maybe that her children, citizens by birth, are growing up with more freedom than she or her husband have ever enjoyed. With no family left in her hometown of Acapulco on southern Mexico's coast, there is little reason for Ms. Garcia to go back and see it again. Still, she suggests, it would be nice to be able to visit there if she wanted to.

"The fact that you can just pick up and go," she said. "That's something that many parents who are undocumented are unable to do — move around and travel freely." ■

in the know

How ICE decides whom to deport

Immigration and Customs Enforcement only has the resources to deport up to 400,000 people per year, while there many millions of undocumented immigrants in the United States. So to prioritize, it uses a three-tier system to decide which are criminal aliens, and of those, which are the most dangerous. Critics say ICE deports too many low-level offenders.

Level 1 are the most dangerous criminal aliens, including those convicted of murder, rape and child molestation. Level 2 are those convicted of any felony or three or more misdemeanors. And Level 3 includes aliens convicted of offenses punishable by less than a year.

Since ICE started using the Secure Communities program — which allows the FBI and ICE to share information through local jails' fingerprinting systems — a look at their records in five South Florida counties shows about the same level of Level 3 and Level 1 criminal aliens were deported. ICE notes that if someone is a Level 3, there can be other reasons he or she was targeted for deportation, such as gang affiliations.

Below is the date ICE's information-sharing program, Secure Communities, began in various Southwest Florida counties. The data also shows the level of offense committed by criminal aliens deported in each county from the time the program began to Feb. 29, 2012.



>> Charlotte County figures since Feb. 18, 2009

Level 1: 14
Level 2: 9
Level 3: 25

>> Collier County figures since Feb. 24, 2009

Level 1: 273
Level 2: 314
Level 3: 436

>> Lee County figures since June 22, 2010

Level 1: 55
Level 2: 81
Level 3: 104

>> Hendry County figures since June 22, 2010

Level 1: 14
Level 2: 18
Level 3: 41

>> Miami-Dade County figures since Feb. 24, 2009

Level 1: 700
Level 2: 279
Level 3: 486

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French full-body health care

As the U.S. government's role in health care is debated, the French government's role was highlighted in February with a report on Slate.com about France's guarantee to new mothers of "10 to 20" free sessions of "la reeducation perineale" (vaginal re-toning to restore the pre-pregnancy condition, a "cornerstone of French postnatal care," according to Slate). The sessions involve yoga-like calisthenics to rebuild muscles

and improve genital flexibility. Similar procedures in the U.S. not only are not government entitlements, but are almost never covered by private insurance, and besides, say surgeons, the patients who request them do so almost entirely for aesthetic reasons. The French program, by contrast, is said to be designed not only for general health but to strengthen women for bearing more children, to raise the birth rate. ■

Compelling explanations

■ U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert of Texas may have been joking, but according to a February *Washington Post* story, he seemed serious at a Natural Resources Committee hearing when searching for yet more reasons why the U.S. should support oil drilling in Alaska. Caribou, he said, are fond of the warmth of the Alaskan pipeline. "So when they want to go on a date, they invite each other to head over to the pipeline." That mating ritual, Rep. Gohmert concluded, is surely responsible for a recent tenfold increase in the local caribou population.

■ In assigning a bail of only \$20,000, the judge in Ellisville, Miss., seemed torn about whether to believe that Harold Hadley is a terrorist — that is, did Mr. Hadley plant a bomb at Jones County Junior College? In February, investigators told WDAM-TV that the evidence against Mr. Hadley included a note on toilet paper on which he had written in effect, "I passed a bomb in the library." However, no bomb was found,

and a relative of Mr. Hadley's told the judge that Mr. Hadley often speaks of breaking wind as "passing a bomb." The case is continuing.

■ John Hughes, 55, was fined \$1,000 in February in Butte, Mont., after pleading guilty to reckless driving for leading police on a 100-mph-plus chase starting at 3:25 a.m. After police deflated his tires and arrested him, an officer asked why he had taken off. Said Hughes, "I just always wanted to do that."

■ Melvyn Webb, 54, was acquitted in March of alleged indecent behavior on a train. An eight-woman, four-man jury in Reading (England) Crown Court found Webb's explanation entirely plausible — that he was a banjo player and was "playing" some riffs underneath the newspaper in his lap. "(S)ometimes I do, with my hands, pick out a pattern on my knees," he said. (On the other hand, the female witness against him had testified that Webb "was facing me, breathing heavily and snarling.")

Ironies

■ Earl Persell, 56, was arrested in Palm Bay, Fla., in February when police were summoned to his home on a domestic violence call. Mr. Persell's girlfriend said he had assaulted her and held her down by the neck, and then moments later, with his truck, rammed the car she was driving away in. The subject of the couple's argument was legendary singer Tina Turner and her late, wife-beating husband, Ike.

■ U.S. military forces called to battle in Iraq and Afghanistan, including reservists and National Guardsmen on active duty, have their civilian jobs protected by federal law, but every year the Pentagon reports having to assist personnel who have been illegally fired or demoted during their tours of duty. Of all the employers in the United States who are seemingly ignorant of the law, one stands out: civilian agencies of the federal government. The *Washington Post*, using a Freedom of Information Act request, revealed in February that dur-

ing fiscal year 2011, 18 percent of all complaints under the law were filed against federal agencies.

■ Mark "Chopper" Read only wanted to help out his son's youth athletics program in the Melbourne, Australia, suburb of Collingwood in February, but was rebuffed. He had offered his assistance at track meets by, for instance, firing the starter's pistol for races, but officials declined after learning that Mr. Read had recently been released from prison after 23 years and had boasted of killing 19 people and once attempting to kidnap a judge at gunpoint.

■ Damien Bittar of Eugene, Ore., turned 21 at midnight on March 15 and apparently wanted to get a quick start on his legal-drinking career. By 1:30 a.m., his car had been impounded, and he had been charged with DUI, reckless driving and criminal mischief after he accidentally crashed into an alcohol rehabilitation center. ■

Least-competent criminals

■ Maureen Reed, 41, was charged with DWI in March in Lockport, N.Y., after arriving at a police station inebriated. She had gotten into an altercation with two others at the Niagara Hotel and left to go press charges. The police station is about 200 feet from the hotel, but Ms. Reed unwisely decided to drive her car there instead of walking.

■ Two men were robbed in a motel

room in Bradenton, in February by Cedrick Mitchell, 39, who pulled a handgun on them, but lost it in a struggle when the men started to fight back. One of the men pepper-sprayed Mr. Mitchell, sending him fleeing. He returned a few minutes later and begged to buy the gun back for \$40, but all he got was another pepper-spraying. Police arrested Mr. Mitchell nearby. ■

Update

Dr. Peter Trigger, 62, apparently suffered a relapse in Thorplands, England, in February. Dr. Trigger violated his Anti-Social Behavior Order (the one reported in News of the Weird in 2009) by standing passively alongside the grounds of the Woodvale Primary School as parents

dropped kids off for classes. As before, he was wearing a thigh-length gray skirt and a blue Northampton Academy Blazer even though forbidden to be near a school while dressed in either a skirt or a school uniform. His lawyer said that Dr. Trigger desperately wants to be a woman. ■



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NONPROFIT NEWS

29 agencies receive League Club grants

For the 26th consecutive year, The League Club has distributed grants to nonprofit organizations in Collier and Lee counties. Presentations totaling nearly \$208,000 were made to 29 agencies on April 13.

"The needs are great and the decisions our grants review committee must make are difficult," Sue Benson, club president, said. "We are grateful to our business underwriters, our Circle of Friends donors, our members and the patrons who attend our fundraising events. Their support makes these grants possible."

This year's grants ranged from \$1,500 to \$10,440. The recipients are: American Cancer Society, AMikids Big Cypress, Boys & Girls Club of Collier County, Cancer Alliance of Naples, Catholic Charities of Collier County, the Golisano Children's Museum of Naples, Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida, Community Cooperative Ministries Inc., David Lawrence Center, Eden Autism Services, The Education Foundation of Collier County, First Book of Collier County, Fun Time Early Childhood Academy, Good Wheels, Guadalupe Center, Harry Chapin Food Bank, Immokalee Housing & Family Services, Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida, Lifeline Family Center, Literacy Volunteers of Collier County, Naples Equestrian Challenge, Neighborhood Health Clinic, Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida

Inc., Planned Parenthood of Collier County, Salvation Army Naples, St. Matthew's House, YMCA of the Palms and YMCA of Marco Island.

Since 1986, The League Club has distributed more than \$2.5 million in Collier and Lee counties. For more information, visit www.theleagueclub.org. ■

Grant for Healthcare Network videos

Wells Fargo has donated \$10,000 the Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida (formerly CHS Healthcare) to create educational videos for patient viewing in Healthcare Network waiting rooms and patient education areas.

A private, nonprofit health-care provider, the Healthcare Network was founded in 1977 by community leaders seeking to improve the health of migrant, seasonal farm workers and rural poor. It now operates 13 locations throughout Collier County, including the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, offering primary and preventative medical, pediatric and dental services. The Healthcare Network is accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care.

Wells Fargo chose to support this project due in part to the Healthcare Network's commitment to the community. The mission of Wells Fargo is to build strong and vibrant communities, improve the quality of life and make a positive difference.

"Helping us educate our patients is

directly in line with the mission of Wells Fargo," says Connie Dillon, executive director of the Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida Foundation. "We are extremely appreciative of this grant." The foundation raises funds to support the programs and services of the Healthcare Network.

For more information about Healthcare Network, including office locations, visit www.healthcareswfl.org. ■

Save room for Apple Pie Day at the Shelter



The Shelter for Abused Women & Children invites everyone to enjoy a slice of pie (while supplies last) during the ninth annual Apple Pie Day celebration at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at Options Thrift Shoppe, 968 Second Ave. N.

Apple Pie Day commemorates the generosity of the late Jack and Lue Harris, who volunteered countless hours on behalf of the Shelter and whose financial gift allowed the nonprofit domestic violence

center to purchase the Options building. The resale shop is owned and operated by the Shelter, with all proceeds benefiting the life-transforming programs and services. Shelter clients can shop there using free gift vouchers for the items needed to rebuild their lives.

Shop hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday. To arrange for free pickup of furniture donations, call 434-7115. ■

Remembering Peg Longstreth

When longtime Naples art dealer, art and music critic and lifelong animal advocate Peg Longstreth died earlier this year, the beloved cats she left behind found a home at Brigid's Crossing, a holistic cat sanctuary and adoption center in Naples.

Friends of Ms. Longstreth's are organizing "From the Heart," a celebration of her life and benefit for Brigid's Crossing to take place from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Rosen Gallery & Studios, 2172 J&C Blvd., just around the corner from the former Longstreth Goldberg Art.

Several local artists have donated works for a silent auction. Organic wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served, and harpist Laura Lou Roth will perform. A donation of \$10 in Ms. Longstreth's memory is suggested.

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NONPROFIT NEWS

Historical society expands Palm Cottage 'season'

Palm Cottage, home of the Naples Historical Society, is open for docent-guided tours from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, all year long. The property includes the circa 1895 house as well as the adjacent Norris Gardens and the Cottage Theater, where oral history films are screened. In addition, NHS docents conduct walking tours of the Naples Historic District every Wednesday.

NHS reports that Collier County resident visitors to Palm Cottage have increased three-fold over the last few

years, largely as a result of the oral history program, "If These Walls Could Talk!" The program consists of dozens of stories told by Naples and Collier County pioneers and their descendants.

Historic Palm Cottage is at 137 12th Ave. S., one block east of the Naples Pier. Admission is \$10 per person. NHS members and children 10 and younger are always admitted for free. The society receives no government funding.

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



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Lipman tomato growers recently donated \$50,000 to the Redlands Christian Migrant Association to help with construction of RCMA's new middle school, the Wimauma Leadership Academy in Immokalee, and to support the after-school program at Immokalee Community School. RCMA provides childcare and early educational services to children of migrant farm workers and rural, low-income families in Immokalee. Shown here with youngsters from RCMA programs are Jim McDevitt, principal of Immokalee Community School, and Jaime Weisinger, director of community and government relations for Lipman.

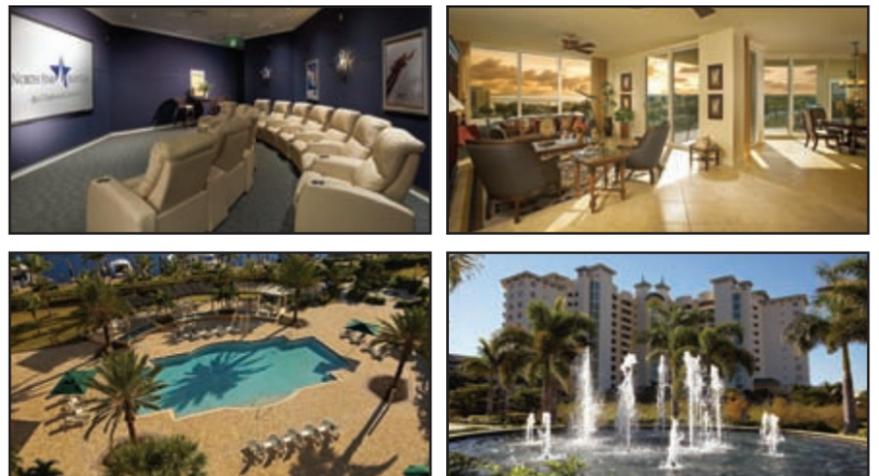
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Check out places, ways to celebrate Earth Day

More than 40 vendors and environmental partners will participate at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida's free Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 21, at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida Nature Center, 1450 Merrihue Drive. The earth-friendly event will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature environmental exhibitors and vendors, children's carnival games, face-painting, educational presentations and live entertainment.

Each guest who brings 20 clean plastic shopping bags for recycling will get a free pass to a Florida State Park. Bags should be turned in at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection booth.

The main stage schedule (subject to change) is as follows:

■ **10 a.m.** - "Caring for Critters" puppet show

■ **11 a.m.** - Snake presentation (featuring a live snake)

■ **11:40 a.m.** - Captain Ecology

■ **12:30 p.m.** - Awards presentation

■ **1 p.m.** - Raptor presentation (featuring a live bird of prey)

■ **1:30 p.m.** - Captain Conservation

■ **2:15 p.m.** - Tortoise presentation followed by walk to Christopher B. Smith Preserve gazebo

No on-site parking is available at the Conservancy, due to ongoing renovations. Free parking will be available within walking distance at the Colonial Square complex just south of the Post Office on Goodlette-Frank Road and at Lake Park Elementary. For this day only, Earth Day guests will be able to walk into the Conservancy Nature Center via Smith Preserve Way, the new entrance from Goodlette-Frank Road.

Free admission is made possible by the presenting sponsor, Fifth/Third Bank. Other support for the event has been provided by Subaru and Florida Power and Light.

For more information, call 262-

0304 or visit www.conservancy.org.

At Rookery Bay

The Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center, 300 Tower Road, celebrates Earth Day on Saturday, April 21, with a five-episode Planet Earth Film Festival on topics such as seasonal forests, mountains and fresh water. There will also be a screening of the feature-length film "An Inconvenient Truth: A Global Warning."

The learning center's marine critter touch tank will be open from 11-11:30 a.m., and staff naturalists will present "Slithering Snakes" at 2 p.m.

Mention Earth Day and receive \$1 off admission. For more information, call 417-6310.

Shredding at Goodwill

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida has long been known for its practice of repurposing and recycling gently used goods. This year, the organization is partnering with the Collier County Solid

Waste Management Department for a collection drive and shred event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at Towne Centre shopping plaza in East Naples.

In addition to accepting donations, Goodwill Secure Shred will accept documents for secure destruction. Collier Solid Waste will offer hazardous materials disposal and plastic/cardboard/tire recycling. Operation Medicine Cabinet will be on hand for pharmaceutical take-back, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection will also offer free Florida State Park passes to recyclers and donors.

'The Phil Goes Green'

The Philharmonic Center for the Arts celebrates Earth Day with a free Family Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 19. The theme is "The Phil Goes Green," with activities including fun with organic food, a recycling game, a treasure hunt and more.

For more information, call 597-1900 or visit www.ThePhil.org. ■

Arthrex hosts program about medical tourism

The Collier County Lodging & Tourism Alliance, a nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing regional issues of mutual importance to the tourism industry and the community, presents "The Benefits of Medical Tourism" on Wednesday, April 25. The program is hosted by Arthrex Inc. at its headquarters at 1370 Creekside Blvd. Registration and networking start at 8 a.m. and the program begins at 8:30 a.m.

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Reinhold Schmieding, Arthrex found-

er and president, will provide an overview of the company, its commitment to the community and its contributions to the local tourism economy. In addition, CCLTA President Steve McIntire will provide a brief overview of the alliance and its role as the voice of the tourism industry in Collier County.

The event is free and open to business owners and individuals involved in the local tourism industry. There is no charge, but advance registration is

required and attendance is limited to two individuals per organization.

Registration deadline is Monday, April 23. Contact Pam Calore at pam.cclta@gmail.com.

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CLUB NOTES

■ The **Naples Garden Club** installed new board members and officers and thanked the past year's leadership for their services at the club's annual luncheon April 13 at Royal Poinciana Club.

The 2012-13 board consists of: Sondra Quinn, president; Linda Brown, first vice president; Arlene Cluff, second vice president; Roberta Ross, third vice president; Bobbie Juster, recording secretary; Candace Child, corresponding secretary; Peggy Blackburn, treasurer; Pat McNamara, assistant treasurer; Lydia Galton, governance committee chair; Arlette Bradley, membership development; Jill Chamberlain, hospitality/events; Fifi McMahon, community involvement; Melinda Earle, facilities/operations; and Liz Chehayl, long-range planning.

For reservations or more information, call Sara Ann Mousa at 593-9196 or e-mail brusara@aol.com. For information about the club and its activities, visit www.naplesbuckeyes.com.

■ Members and guests of **Ikebana International-Naples** will enjoy the Japanese flower arranging version of "Iron Chef" at the group's meeting that begins at 9 a.m. Wednesday, May 2, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Attendees will be divided into teams that will receive the same assortment of flowers and materials from which to create an Ikebana arrangement.

Attendance is free. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 390-2881 or e-mailing ikebananaples@me.com.



Left to right: Fifi McMahon, Sondra Quinn, Candace Child, Roberta Ross, Linda Brown, Lydia Galton, Jill Chamberlain, Pat McNamara, Arlette Bradley, Liz Chehayl, Melinda Earle and Bobbie Juster (missing from photo are Arlene Cluff and Peggy Blackburn).

■ The **Ohio State Alumni Club of Naples** holds its annual "Spring Fling" dinner dance beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, April 20, at the Country Club of Naples, 185 Burning Tree Drive. All Buckeyes alumni, fans and friends are welcome.

■ 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.

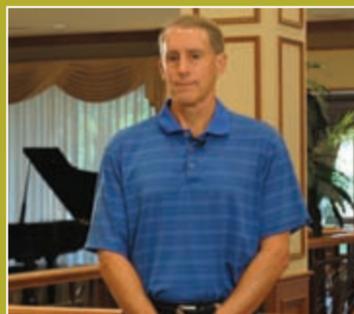
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■ The **Naples Press Club** meets at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 26, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker Lyle Bultman, who is an expert on Asian countries and cultures, will discuss "The Muzzled Press of China."

Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for others. Reservations and selection from the menu (hangar steak or salad Nicoise) are required in advance. Contact Connie Kindsvater at conskind@aol.com.

■ A new **Women's Traveling Club** is taking shape for women who want to learn about world destinations and tips for traveling and who want to make new friends with similar interests. Monthly meetings will take place at various locations around Naples. For more information, contact Tracy Ball at MAD Travel by calling 961-3248 or e-mailing womenstravelclub@madtravel.com.

■ In **Inbetweeners**, a social group for singles ages 40-65, welcomes newcomers and regulars at gatherings that start at 6 p.m. every Wednesday at the Shady Palm Pub, 210 Ninth St., Naples. For more information, visit www.inbetweeners.org.

■ **Naples Ship Modelers** is an informal group dedicated to the hobby of building wooden ship models. Members share their skills, knowledge and ship-building techniques with one another at Saturday morning meetings twice a month and welcome new members.

For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or e-mail dcritchie@comcast.net.

■ Membership in the **Social Butterflies**, a new group for women, is open to all who want to cultivate friendships, support one another's career and personal efforts and also help local charities. For more information, call Nicole Forbis at 784-7987 or look for Social Butterflies Naples on Facebook.

■ The **Southwest Florida chapter of the Kiwi Club**, a social and charitable organization of present and former flight attendants of American Airlines, TWA and other airlines acquired by or merged with American Airlines, welcomes new members.

The local chapter supports Pace Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee and the Collier County Hunger & Homeless Coalition. For membership information, call Jeanne Preston-Horvath at 596-0260 or e-mail jeanne.preston@yahoo.com. ■



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The Collier/Lee Duplicate Bridge Group held its second annual awards luncheon on April 2 at Audubon Country Club. The group presented checks for \$3,500 each to the Neighborhood Health Clinic and New Horizons of Southwest Florida. Shown here is Nina Gray of the Neighborhood Health Clinic, center, with Lucille Clancey and Barbara Zmach, president and vice president of the group. Members also collected donations for the Shelter for Abused Women & Children and Humane Society Naples.

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their socialization skills and become more "adoptable."

Barb Thompson at HSN will hold an hour-long foster parent information session and orientation at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 10, at HSN headquarters, 370 Airport-Pulling Road. Reservations are not required, and all are welcome.

If you cannot attend the above meeting but would like to learn more about becoming an HSN foster parent, call Ms. Thompson at 643-1555, ext. 26, or e-mail at Foster@hsnaples.org. ■

Low-cost pet vaccinations days set at Collier Spay Neuter Clinic

Keeping pets healthy and vaccinated has never been easier or more affordable, now that Collier Spay Neuter Clinic offers a once-a-month low-cost vaccination day. Starting from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, April 27, low-cost vaccinations will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis at the clinic on the last Friday of the month.

Veterinarians and medical staff will administer distemper/parvo, rabies and bordetella

vaccinations for dogs and feline upper respiratory (FVRCP), rabies and leukemia vaccines for cats.

Individual vaccines cost \$12 each; the clinic also has several vaccine packages. Low-cost micro-chipping and pet

licensing will also be available.

The Collier Spay Neuter Clinic is at 2544 Northbrooke Plaza Drive, one block east of I-75 off Immokalee Road. To take advantage of the low-cost vaccination services, owners must have already had their pets spayed or neutered; if not, they can prepay for their pet's spay or neuter surgery to receive the low-cost vaccinations.

Future dates for low-cost vaccinations are: May 25, June 29, July 27, Aug. 31, Sep. 28, Oct. 26 and Nov. 30.

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Non-perishable items on the pantry's grocery list include: cereal and crackers, canned vegetables and meats, peanut butter and jelly, macaroni and cheese mixes, dried fruit, soups, condiments and bottled juice. Baby food and formula are also

always in demand.

Helpers from the Two Men and a Truck movers franchise in Naples and Fort Myers are assisting with the collection drive and will make deliveries to Harry Chapin headquarters in Fort Myers as needed.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank collects and stores food for distribution to families in need through a network of nonprofit agencies in Collier, Lee, Hendry, Charlotte and Glades counties. Those agencies provide food to more than 30,000 people every month.

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HANNAH

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bracelets. "I love art because I can just be myself," she says. "I don't need to talk. My art communicates for me."

Hannah's mother, MerryLee Kandel, was reading the Autism Speaks newsletter last October when she saw an article inviting artists to submit work for the UN 2012 Autism Awareness stamp. When she told her daughter, Hannah immediately ran to her room and chose four of her pieces of art. From them, the UN panel selected her colorful "Crazy Love" heart-design painting. She was the only woman among the eight winning artists; their entries came from the United States, Canada, Ireland and the Philippines.

Hannah admits that winning made her nervous, but she hopes people think her work is "fabulous."

"This is an opportunity that has been coming for 18 years," says Mrs. Kandel, an advocate for autism who helped establish Eden Autism Services in Naples in 1996. The family has parlayed the recent media exposure — from mentions by local television and print

to being noted in the crowd outside the "Today Show" by Ann Curry — into a discussion about autism in general, and the importance of early intervention.

"It's great for awareness, because this epidemic is happening globally," Mrs. Kandel says.

Hannah and her family traveled to New York City for the World Autism Day activities on April 2, which included a panel discussion about the disease.

"I am lucky to be in the United States because they know the most about Autism Spectrum Disorder," Hannah says. The Kandels were among a UN group of 130 who went to the NYSE to see fashion designer Tommy Hilfiger, a spokesperson for Autism Speaks, help ring the opening bell. Among the gifts she received as recognition for her stamp design Hannah received a commemorative coin from the UN and will receive a \$1,000 stipend in exchange for granting the UN permission to use her work.

The stamps can be purchased online at www.unstamps.un.org. They are special UN stamps — not United States Postal Service stamps — and are valid only for letters and cards that are post-marked and mailed from the United Nations Postal Administration at UN headquarters in New York.



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Hannah with her brother, Max, and their mother, MerryLee Kandel, seeing Hannah's design on a UN postage stamp for the first time.



Hannah holds a sign about autism as she stands behind Al Roker in front of the NBC Studios in New York.

Shortly after she returned to Naples from New York, Hannah gave a speech on April 13 as part of the Promising

Pathways autism conference at FGCU. The national conference's keynote speaker was Temple Grandin, one of the most famous people in the world who has autism.

"Temple is my role model," Hannah shared in her speech. "She followed her dreams, even when others didn't believe in her."

Hannah's dreams are to earn her GED, live independently, have a family and become a movie star. She attends Eden School, but also has been a student at Seacrest Country Day School, Vineyards Elementary, Naples High School and Journeys.

The FGCU conference was not her first speaking engagement. Hannah addressed 400 people during the January 2011 conference of the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities.

"Hannah is not defined by her autism," her mother says. "All of the children on the autism spectrum are unique and have great potential. It's all about awareness and acceptance."

When Hannah is not being honored by the UN or speaking at conferences, she enjoys Irish step dancing, running (she recently completed a 10k), gymnastics, horseback riding and spending time with Honey Bun, her dog and best friend. ■



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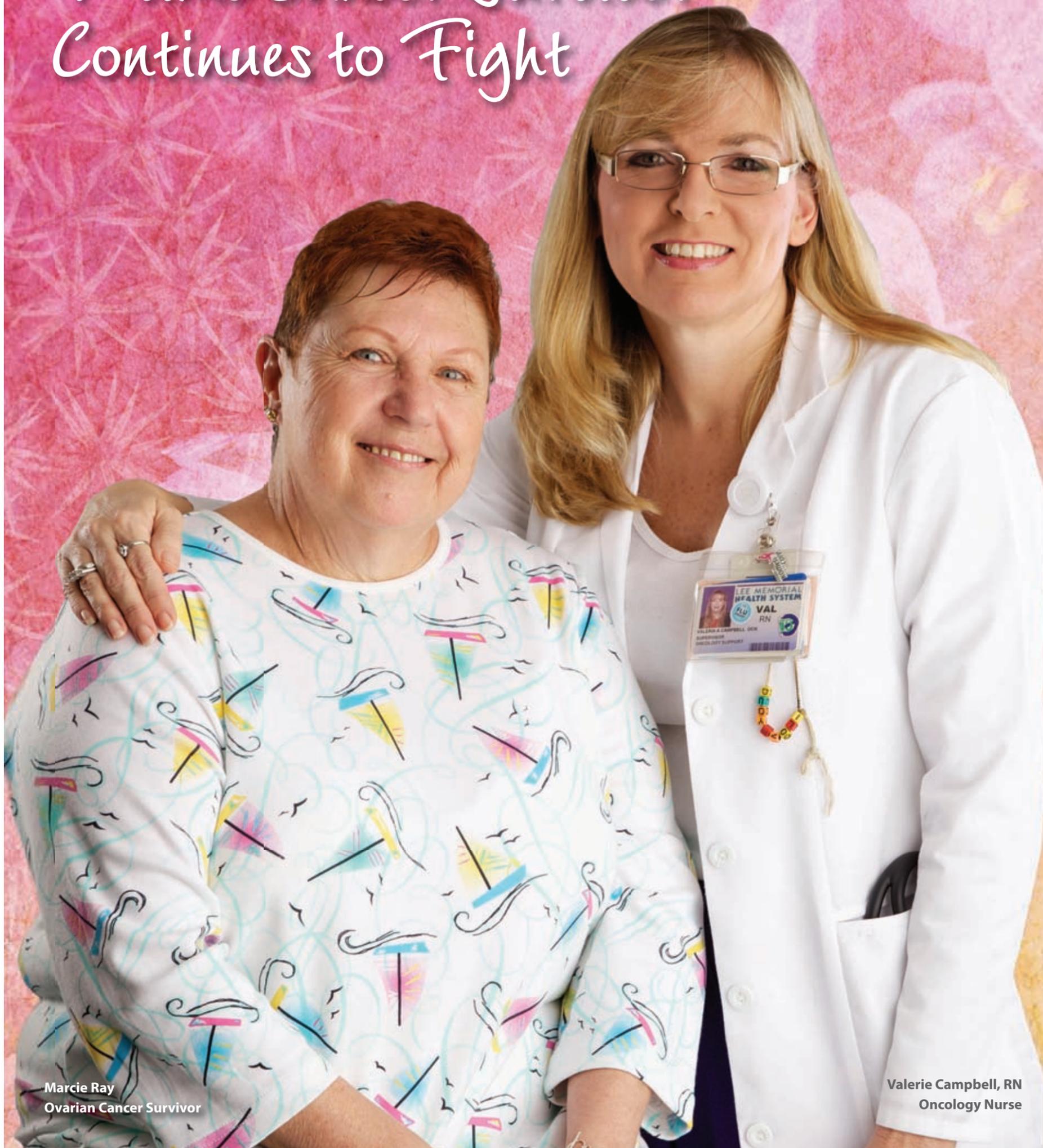
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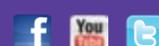
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Trip to ER gives new meaning to NCH motto



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I recently had my first experience of being on the “other” side, as an emergency room patient. There is a happy ending, however, and I felt proud of and comforted by the NCH team. (I also felt a bit embarrassed.)

My afternoon started wonderfully with Liz Allbritten, executive director of The Immokalee Foundation, introducing a group of high school to volunteer community leaders at a reception hosted at the Hilton Naples. Nearly 50 students introduced themselves, presented calling cards and talked about their professional aspirations as the citizen volunteers shared helpful questions and suggestions.

After about an hour I felt lightheaded and thought I would sit down and take a break. That's when my day changed dramatically. I awoke on the floor and was told that I had passed out for two to three minutes. Initially some attendees assumed I was there to assist with helping the “victim” — but Steve Weinman, executive vice president and COO of Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida and a good friend, correctly identified me as the patient.

EMS came promptly and competently assessed me as still unsteady. My first ride in an ambulance, driven by Austin Bleiweiss and accompanied by Javier Rodriguez, was uneventful. By that time I'd had an IV and was feeling better. Turns out I was dehydrated from exercising vigorously that morning (I swam 2,000 meters in the Wellness Center pool) and not rehydrating or eating enough during the day. I didn't realize it at the time, but I was also coming down with a wicked viral gastroenteritis.

The first person I made eye contact with in the ER after arriving on a stretcher was Jon Kling, R.N., our newly named director of the ER and ICU. I didn't have long to wait before another great R.N., Peggie D'Alessandro, assessed me and transformed me in less than a minute from a hospital administrator to a patient. Our longest-serving ER physician, Dr. Tony Krembs, came by to start the workup and subsequently gave me great care until I was discharged.

In my former professional life as a practicing physician for 23 years, I had the honor of caring for many physicians and their families. It always seemed a little more complicated because you never wanted to have anything go wrong. That's always a physician's perspective, of course, but somehow things seem to happen when you are treating physicians. I suspect the saying “Physicians make the worst patients” might have some truth to it. I resolved to be a good patient.

After the start of my workup, ER tech MariRose Janson followed with a normal EKG, and X-ray tech Scott Bauer and assistant Stephne DeWit did a chest x-ray. Registration was graciously completed by Pamela Williams, and then more IV and oral fluids were administered.

Friends and colleagues came to visit, bringing my laptop (the wireless is good and free in the ER).

Shortly thereafter I had a CT scan, which showed everything was normal. When I started to shiver, CT techs Brooke Langdon and Luis Ferro comforted me with a warm blanket. Finally, Dr. Doug Paone, an old friend and colleague, stopped by to confirm all that had happened. Unit secretary Amy Miller removed my ID bracelet and I was released.

I dropped by for the end of a meeting in our Telford Building, got a ride from CFO Vicki Orr to pick up my car and thought about our wonderful, competent team — and the fact that I had always assumed I'd be the last one to ever need them.

In added, the day's events gave a whole new meaning to our theme, “This Is My Hospital.” ■

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

Healthy Kids Day

Naples Y joins national effort to promote active summer fun



SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Greater Naples YMCA celebrates Healthy Kids Day with a free community event for kids and families in Collier County on Saturday, April 28. More than 1,900 Ys across the country are taking part in the celebration, meant to kick start physical activity and learning throughout the summer, a critical out-of-school time for kids.

Research shows that without access to activities that stimulate the mind and body, kids are more prone to gain weight and fall behind academically over the summer months.

A national initiative of the Y to improve the health and well being of kids, Healthy Kids Day is filled

with fun, active play and educational activities that will help parents improve their kids' lifestyles for the long term.

“At the Greater Naples YMCA, we know that when the school year ends, many kids lose exposure to activities that keep them moving and learning,” says Robin Harhen, program director at the Naples campus. “Healthy Kids Day will help parents begin thinking early about what their kids need to stay physically and intellectually active in the summer. It's just around the corner, and it's an ideal time for kids to get out and grow so they are healthier and sharper when the next school year begins.”

The Naples Healthy Kids Day activities will take place from 9

a.m. to noon April 28 at the Greater Naples YMCA, 5450 YMCA Road.

As a nonprofit organization committed to strengthening community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, the Y holds Healthy Kids Day to teach healthy habits and inspire a lifetime love of physical activity through active play. As part of this initiative, the Y — along with hundreds of thousands of parents and kids nationwide — is taking on summer by addressing critical gaps in health and education that cause kids to be at risk for childhood obesity and suffer summer learning loss.

For more information, contact the Greater Naples YMCA at 597-3148 or visit www.ymcapalms.org. ■

TO YOUR HEALTH

Seminar will help busy women find balance

NCH Healthcare System presents “How to Leverage Your Career for Health, Prosperity & Happiness,” a program for professional women featuring experts on career development, life balance and women's health from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, April 27, at the NCH downtown campus.

Presenters include NCH gynecologist Michon Floreani; Susan Kimper, director of behavioral health; and Beth Jameson, director of wellness.

Keynote speakers Bonnie Michaels and Allison Blankenship are co-authors of the critically acclaimed life guide manual, “Upside - How to Zig When Life Zags!” Ms. Michaels will share techniques for managing unexpected changes at work or home to achieve positive outcomes; Ms. Blankenship will discuss tools to leverage exist-

ing skills for more increased visibility and productivity. Attendees will receive a copy of “Upside” and will leave with an action plan to improve health and create wellness and success.

Registration for “How to Leverage Your Career for Health, Prosperity & Happiness” is \$20. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 552-7554.

Prostate cancer support group set for Shula's

The Florida Gulfcoast Prostate Cancer Support Group meets at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at Shula's at the Hilton Naples. All are welcome to hear from urologist Kaveh Besharat of Premiere Oncology, who will welcome questions from those in attendance.

Complimentary refreshments will be served. Attendance is free, but RSVPs are requested. Call 434-6300.

The local support group is part of the “UsTOO” network of prostate education and support organizations. For information, visit www.ustoo.org.

Have a heart for ‘Go Red’ annual luncheon

The American Heart Association's 2012 Southwest Florida “Go Red For Women” luncheon is set for Wednesday, May 23, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa in Bonita Springs. Keynote speaker Dr. Jennifer Mieres is one of the world's leading experts and patient advocates in the fields of nuclear cardiology and cardiovascular disease in women.

Luncheon tickets are \$125 per person, and sponsorships are available. For tickets or more information, call Monica Seif at 495-4903 or e-mail monica.seif@heart.org. ■

Know your implants: Some medical devices never tested

A new investigation by Consumer Reports reveals that while tens of millions of Americans live with medical devices implanted in their bodies, many of these implants have never been tested for safety and manufacturers are often required to do nothing more than file paperwork and pay a user fee before bringing their products to market. The report is available online at www.ConsumerReports.org.

"While most of us have heard about the safety problems with metal-on-metal hips in the news, these devices are just one illustration of a much larger failure in our regulatory system," according to Nancy Metcalf, senior program editor at CR.

A recent survey by the CR National Research Center shows nearly one in five (17 percent) American adults has an implanted medical device.

In 2011, a panel from the Institute of Medicine recommended that the Food and Drug Administration overhaul its device regulatory system. Instead, Congress is now debating legislation that would keep the present system intact and ratify an agreement between the FDA and industry to get devices on the market even faster.

The CR investigation details the risks associated with four common devices: surgical mesh, Lap-Bands, metal hips and cardiac devices:

■ **Surgical mesh:** No testing. Tens

of thousands of women have been implanted with transvaginal mesh for prolapse repair and bladder support. Despite thousands of reports of adverse events, repeated alarms by women's and consumer health advocates and multiple lawsuits, these products are still being sold and are still classified as "moderate risk" devices. Manufacturers took advantage of a loophole in the law that allowed them to grandfather their products onto the market without any advance safety testing.

■ **Lap-Band:** Minimal testing. More than 650,000 have been sold worldwide, according to the 2010 annual report from its manufacturer, Allergan. Approval for Lap-Bands was based on a lone study of 299 people. Of those participants, 51 percent reported nausea, vomiting or both, and 25 percent had their bands removed before the end of the three-year study because of complications or failure to lose enough weight. "Imagine if a car had a recall rate that high," says Dr. John Santa, director of the Consumer Reports Health Ratings Center. "Consumers and regulators would be up in arms. But in the world of medical devices, these things often stay hidden."

■ **Metal hips:** Missed alarms. The artificial hip introduced in 2005 by DePuy, the orthopedic division of Johnson & Johnson, was cleared by the FDA without clinical testing. It

went to market based on "substantial equivalence" to earlier devices, though metal-on-metal hips such as this one had long been on the agency's high-priority list for requiring advance clinical trials. DePuy recalled all 93,000 of these hips worldwide in 2010. Evidence suggests that metal-on-metal hips fail far more often than average and can cause metal poisoning and tissue destruction, leading to a litany of medical problems for the patient.

■ **Cardiac devices:** Significant problems. Implantable cardioverter-defibrillators are just one of three types of cardiac devices described in the CR investigation that have had significant problems. Since 2009, the FDA has received reports of close to 29,000 deaths or injuries from these devices, according to CR's analysis of a federal database. The most troublesome aspect of the devices is the wires that connect them to the heart.

Consumers can research the device at www.FDA.gov and can also search the Internet for patient forums that will indicate whether patients are having trouble.

Other recommendations for guarding against the risks posed by medical devices include knowing the type of device you have and its model number and serial number (if it has one; some devices don't) and asking your doctor what sorts of warning signs to look out for. ■

TO YOUR HEALTH

Support group starting for those who are grieving

Jewish Family and Community Services of Southwest Florida is starting a bereavement support group that will meet for eight weeks from 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays beginning May 10. To sign up or for more information, call Margaret Passeri, LCSW, at 325-4444. Sessions will meet at Jewish Family and Community Service, 5025 Castello Drive in Naples.

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.

Donors can visit 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. ■

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Lovers Key 5K welcomes runners, joggers, walkers

Friends of Lovers Key are setting the pace for the seventh annual Turtle Trot 5K coming up Saturday, May 12. Proceeds will go toward the Friends of Lovers Key fund for building a visitor center at the park.

Runners, joggers and walkers alike can join the fun and experience the beauty of Lovers Key State Park as they trek over a path along Black Island Trail, run up a 38-foot hill and cross two bridges as they toward the finish line at the beach.

Breakfast will be provided by Whole Foods, signature sponsor of the event. Other sponsors include Vitamin Shoppe, Angel Animal Hospital, Bonita Community Health Center, Everglades Shirt Factory and Outfitters, Road ID, Trek Bikes, SNAP Fitness and the Minnesota Twins.

Registration is \$25 if completed before May 6 and \$30 after that. Sign up online at www.friendsofroverskey.org or stop by the park for a registration form.

For more information, call 463-4588 or e-mail president@friendsofroverskey.org.

Fishing tourney ensures adventures can continue

The 15th annual Gene Doyle Fishing Tournament takes place Friday through Sunday, May 4-6. The backcountry catch-and-release tournament lures youth and young adult anglers to reel in redfish, snook and trout in guided or "open" divisions as well as to chase the coveted Grand Champion trophies. Winners will also be named for Most Unusual Catch, Best Photograph and Trash Can Slam.

Proceeds support the Gene Doyle Adventure Scholarship, which gives three Collier County high school students the chance to take the adventure of a lifetime, either self-designed or through structured programs such as Outward Bound. Since its inception, the fund has sent more than 40 Collier County students packing, from the Appalachian Trails to the whitewaters of Alaska.

An avid athlete and adventurer, Gene Doyle was born in 1976 and attended Poinciana Elementary School, Gulfview Middle School and Naples High School and earned a scholarship and place in the Honors College at the University of South Carolina, where he was studying marine science. He was killed in a car accident on I-95 in 1996. The Gene Doyle Memorial Foundation was established shortly after Gene's death with a gift from one of his close friends.

For more information about fishing tournament sponsorships or registration, call Sean Morton at 213-8810 or visit www.GeneDoyle.org.

'Tri It Out' in six-week bike, run, swim clinic

Naples Cyclery and T2 Aquatics have devised a six-week training clinic for anyone who's ever wanted to experience the excitement of a triathlon but didn't know how to start.

In Sunday-afternoon sessions April 22-May 27, "Tri It Out" coaches will prepare beginners for a successful first competition. Each 1½- to two-hour session will cover one of triathlon's three components: swim, bike and run. Here's the plan:

■ 2-3:30 p.m. April 22: Introduction to triathlon and Swim Session 101. Distribution of training plans A and B based on experience and fitness. At the Norris Aquatic Center, 13275 Livingston Road.

■ 2-4 p.m. April 29: Introduction to cycling basics including shifting, tire pumping and how to read a workout; at Naples Cyclery's Fit & Fuel Café, 819 Vanderbilt Beach Road.

■ 2-3:30 p.m. May 6: Introduction to running basics, including interval training and equipment; on the track at Community School of Naples, 13275 Livingston Road.

■ 2-3:30 p.m. May 13: Swimming - How to train on your own; at the Norris Aquatic Center.

■ 2-3:30 p.m. May 20: Cycling - Interval, aerobic and anaerobic training and more bike handling; at Naples Cyclery's Fit & Fuel Café.

■ 2-3:30 p.m. May 27: Running - Skills, drills and smooth triathlon transitions; at Community School of Naples.

Kevin Erndl, founder of T2 Aquatics and a USA National Team Coach, will lead the swim coaching. Tim Lyster, a USA Triathlon Level 1 certified coach, will lead the run coaching. Andrew Holland, a USAC Level III cycling coach, USAC Category 2 racer and a former member of the Penn State cycling team, will lead the bike coaching. Mr. Holland has competed successfully at all distances of triathlon and running, including Ironman Florida and the Boston Marathon.

Registration for the six-week class is \$200, and class size is limited. To sign up or for more information, e-mail events@t2aquatics.com.

Paddleboarders will make a splash to raise funds for Special Olympics

The third annual Stand Up Paddleboard Luau Races to benefit Special Olympics Collier County will make a splash from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at Bayfront on Naples Bay. Title sponsor is Noodles Italian Café & Sushi Bar; additional sponsorships are available at \$500 and \$1,000 levels, and donations are being solicited for the silent auction to help raise additional funds for the cause.

Three SUP division races will take place: for ages 10-16, boys and girls; the women's open and the men's open. Trophies will be presented immediately following the last race at Shane's Cabana Bar.

Paddlers can register in advance at Noodles Italian Café & Sushi Bar and at Shane's Cabana Bar; day-of registration will begin at 9 a.m. Registration fee is \$25. Paddlers should bring their own boards, although some boards will be available at no charge from Naples Kiteboarding and True Water Sports.

Last year's race raised more than \$30,000 for Special Olympics Collier County. ■

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CEO Academy will take place at the Lutgert College of Business June 25-29. Applications are now being accepted.

Open to students from Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties, CEO Academy allows students to work in project teams with local business leaders and educators. They learn about business from these experienced professionals by participating in hands-on activities such as creating business plans and marketing packages based on case studies of specialized international corporations. This year for the first time, Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida

will award \$1,000 college scholarships to each of the students on the winning team for the business plan competition that is held at the conclusion of the camp.

Each team will consist of five to six students. The judging panel will consist of past Junior Achievement laureates who have been recognized for making a significant contribution to the economic development of Southwest Florida while adhering to high moral and ethical principles.

Interested students can apply for CEO Academy by contacting their school guidance counselor or the Junior Achievement office at 225-2590. A \$100 application fee is fully refundable if the student is not selected. Deadline for applications is Monday, April 30.

For more information, call 225-2590, e-mail info@jaswfl.org or visit www.JAS-WFL.org. ■

Artistic high school juniors, seniors invited to apply for scholarships

The Naples Art Association, Ringling College of Art and Design and PNC Bank will award at least \$13,000 in scholarships to Collier County high school juniors and seniors for the 2012-13 academic year.

Now in its 41st year, the Jade N. Riedel scholarship program is designed to encourage young students to pursue their dreams in art at a college level.

Two \$5,000 scholarships will be awarded to students accepted to the Ringling College of Art and Design; other scholarships will be awarded in increments of \$500.

A completed application and one original work of art must be delivered to The von

Liebig Art Center between 3 and 5 p.m. Friday, April 27, or between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday, April 28.

Entries will be judged by a strict set of criteria including originality, knowledge and technique, utilization of design principles and composition and presentation. Award winners will be announced at an opening reception Friday evening, May 3, at The von Liebig Art Center. Students must be present to win the scholarship.

For online application and more information, call Callie Spilane at 262-6517, ext. 110, or visit www.naplesart.org/collegescholarships. ■

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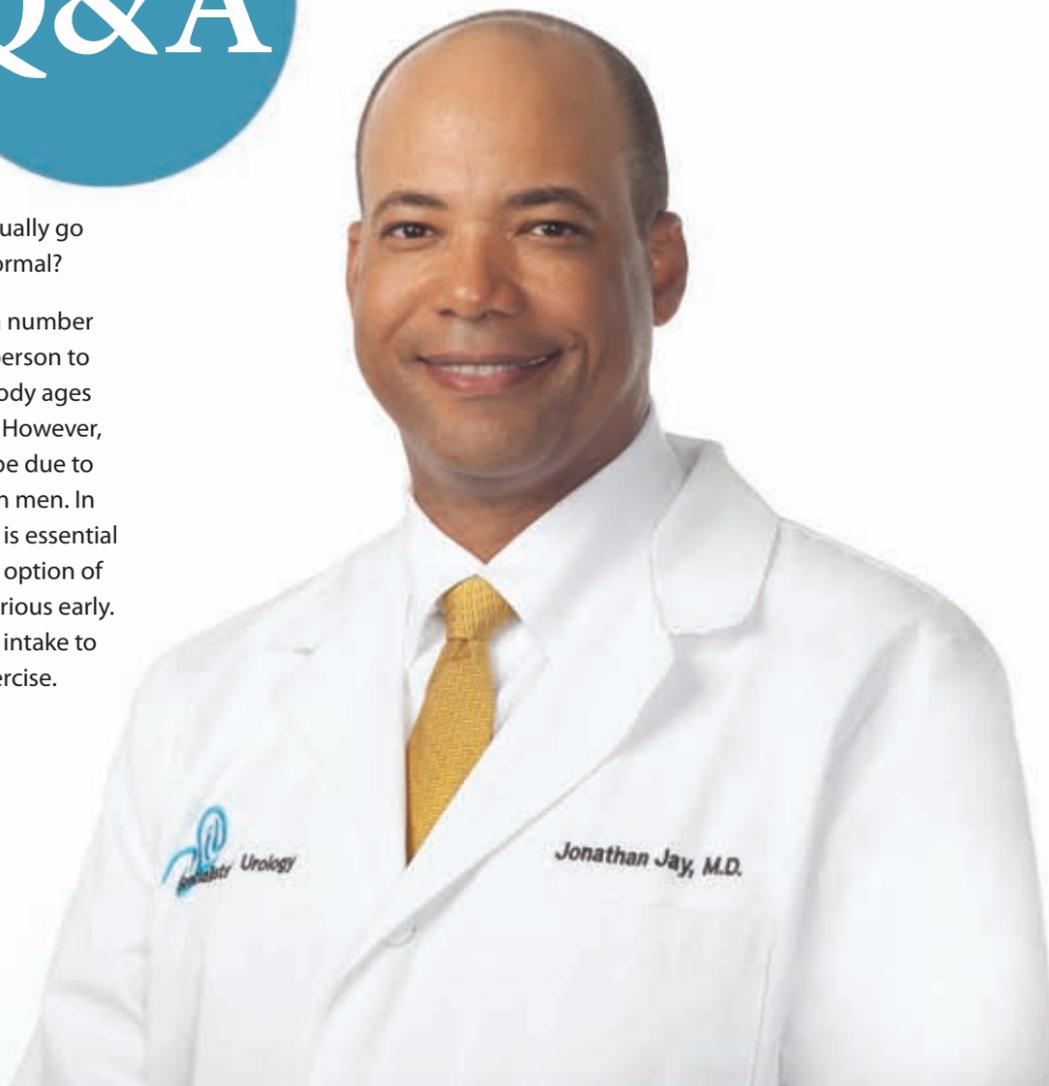
Answer: This condition is called nocturia and can be caused by a number of different issues. It is very common and considered normal for a person to get up once per night to urinate by age 70. This is because as the body ages it becomes slightly less efficient at eliminating fluid during the day. However, if you are needing to urinate two or more times per night, it could be due to problems such as an enlarged prostate or other prostate problem in men. In women this could be due to a fallen bladder or urethral problem. It is essential to evaluate the underlying causes for nocturia so that you have the option of treating the minor issues and the opportunity to find something serious early. Treatments could be as simple as modifications in your diet or fluid intake to simple medications or over-the-counter supplements and even exercise.

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Tourney lets Founders Fund increase scholarship amount

The Founders Fund Inc. raised more than \$340,000 at the 2012 Ed Brennan Memorial Golf Tournament and banquet earlier this month at the Club Pelican Bay. The event's success means 25 Collier County high-school seniors will receive a \$2,500, four-year renewable scholarship for their higher education, whereas previous Founders Fund scholarships have been \$2,000.

The Founders Fund grants approximately 25 new scholarships every year. The total number of scholarships to be funded in 2012-13 is 100, which includes those already in the scholarship program from the past three years. Over the past 20 years, the fund has granted more than \$2 million to deserving students. Awards are based on academic and extra-curricular performance and financial need.

Golf tournament and banquet sponsors this year were MorganStanley Smith Barney, M&I Wealth Management, Mercedes-Benz of Naples, Northern Trust, PNC, Preferred Travel, Victoria Harrison P.A., Fifth Third

Bank, Bigham Jewelers, Occasions of Naples, My Shower Door, William C. Huff Companies and a generous anonymous donor. Others that made great contributions to the success of the event were annual benefactors, donors and the Club Pelican Bay.

For more information about scholarships, sponsorships or becoming a part of the Founders Fund, contact Sue Davenport at 593-0124 or 597-2244 or visit www.thefoundersfundinc.org. ■



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Top: Ron Ciesla checks his shot at the Ed Brennan Memorial Golf Tournament at the Club Pelican Bay.

Right: Rick and Pat Ermler, Sandy and Vin Sarni

Far right: Jane Kerr, Lea Smith, Kay Dorlet and Mary Osborn

Tune up your golf game at free clinics

Miromar Outlets invites the public to free golf clinics with Brad Maybank from Golf Mania/Golf Outlet. Sessions take place from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, and Thursday, April 26.

The topic on April 24 will be club selection and the flight a golf ball; participants on April 26 will learn techniques for hitting the driver long and accurately.

Meet at Golf Mania Proshops in the outlets promptly at 11 a.m. Participants have a chance to win prizes including a Callaway driver or golf for a foursome at Miromar Lakes.

Hit the links for area charities

Here are some charity tournaments coming up for golfers on area greens:

■ **The 12th annual Earl Morrall/NFL Alumni Celebrity Charity Golf Classic** tees off Monday, April 23, at The Quarry. A former player for the Miami Dolphins and Baltimore Colts, Earl Morrall arranges fellow former NFL players to play with each foursome to benefit area children's charities.

For registration or more information, call Ryan Richeal at 209-2656 or e-mail rricheal@playdeepmarketing.com.

■ **The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc.** holds its 14th annual tournament and raffle Saturday, April 28, at Bonita Bay East. The course is off Immokalee Road, east of Collier Boulevard.

A helicopter golf ball drop will take place before the 9 a.m. shotgun start, and the winner will be announced during lunch following the competition.

Registration is \$250 per player or \$800 per foursome. All proceeds will remain in Collier and southern Lee counties for activities that benefit residents and their families dealing with Parkinson disease.

To sign up or for more information, call PASFI at 417-3465 or visit www.pasfi.org.

■ **The Immokalee Foundation's sixth annual Inter-Club Challenge** pitting golf club takes place Monday, April 30, at The Old Collier Golf Club. Proceeds will support TIF programs including First Tee of Naples/Collier in Immokalee.

For registration and more information, call TIF at 430-9122, e-mail info@immokaleefoundation.org or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.

■ **The inaugural Sun Cup Amateur Golf Tournament**, a flighted, full handicapped competition, is set for April 30-May 4. Golfers will play on 12 Southwest Flori-

da courses, with the final championship round at Old Corkscrew in Estero.

Registration deadline is April 15. For more information, call 689-5417 or visit www.suncupgolf.net.

■ **The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its annual tournament on Friday, May 4, at the Estuary at Grey Oaks. This year's title sponsor is Century Link. The 1 p.m. shotgun start is preceded by lunch, and a post-tournament dinner is included.

Registration is \$150 per person or \$550 per foursome. Sponsorship opportunities are still available at various levels. To sign up or for more information, visit www.napleschamber.org.

■ **The Titan Gridiron Club at Golden Gate HS** holds its second annual golf scramble Saturday, May 5, at Naples Lakes Country Club. The shotgun start is at 8 a.m. and the game is followed by lunch and live and silent auctions. Participation is limited to the first 144 golfers who sign up. Registration is \$125 per person or \$400 for a foursome. Sponsorships are also available. For a registration form or more information, contact Barb Anderson by calling 564-9440 or e-mailing balpkrfan@aol.com.

■ Pack your putter and two other clubs of your choice and have fun at **"Three Sticks for Kicks"** on Saturday, May 5, at Vi at Bentley Village. The non-traditional tournament will benefit Charity for

Change and its School "Giver" Program at local elementary schools. The best ball competition will include games, obstacles and other on-course surprises to add to the fun.

The day begins at 8 a.m. with poolside continental breakfast and includes Bloody Mary and mimosa beverage stations as well as beer on the course, a lunch buffet and awards ceremony, plus a bucket raffle for items such as a Norman Love Confections chocolate basket and a 50/50 drawing. Awards for lowest scoring and "Most Honest" foursomes will include golfing certificates for Hideout Golf Club and Vineyards Country Club, among other courses.

Cost is \$100 per golfer, with registration available through May 1 by calling 592-6787 or visiting www.charityforchange.org. Hole sponsorships for \$125 are available for \$125 by contacting Suzanne Todd at 784-7945 or suzannetodd@charityforchange.org.

■ **The second annual Harry Chapin Food Bank Classic** is set for Wednesday afternoon, May 9, at Grandezza Golf & Country Club. Registration is \$125 and includes dinner after the tournament.

To sign up or to learn about volunteering, donating silent auction items or becoming a sponsor, call 334-7007, e-mail Chris Robinson at chrisrobinson@harrychapinfoodbank.org or visit www.harrychapinfoodbank.org. ■



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Do yourself some good and help local charitable organizations at the same time by signing up and getting out to some of the following events:

■ The Collier County March for Babies, a 3-mile trek to benefit the March of Dimes, sets out at 6 p.m. April 28, at North Collier Regional Park off Livingston Road. For registration or more information, call 433-3463 or visit www.marchforbabies.org.

■ Relays For Life to benefit the American Cancer Society are taking place throughout Southwest Florida in the weeks ahead. Relay For Life events are held overnight in which individuals and teams camp out at an athletic track, park or other gathering area, with the goal of keeping at least one team member on the track or pathway at all times throughout the night. The events are held overnight to honor and mirror a cancer patient's journey through treatment.

Here are some local relays coming up:

Relay For Life-Naples begins Friday evening, April 20 and continues overnight to Saturday, April 21, at Gulfview Middle School.

Relay For Life-Immokalee takes place at Immokalee High School on Friday and Saturday, April 27-28.

Relay For Life-Golden Gate takes place at golden Gate Community Park on Friday and Saturday, April 27-28.

Relay For Life-East Collier takes place Friday and Saturday, May 4-5, at East Naples Middle School.

Anyone who wants to join a relay team or form a team with a group of colleagues, neighbors or friends can find out how www.relayforlife.org. Or for more information, call the local American Cancer Society office at 261-0337. ■

'Fit & Fuel 50' cyclists will ride for Youth Haven

More than 250 bicyclists are expected to pedal in the "Fit & Fuel 50" to raise funds for Youth Haven on Sunday, April 22. Held in connection with National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the USA Cycling event is a fully supported ride, with course maps, cue sheets, support vehicles and bike mechanics along the route.

Cyclists can choose the "High Octane" 50-mile ride to Fort Myers Beach, the "Half-Caff" 20-mile ride to Bonita Beach or the family-friendly "Espresso" short course through Pelican Bay.

Registration for \$35 includes light breakfast fare before and lunch after the ride. Sign up at www.usacycling.org (search for the race under Events). Or contact Naples Cyclery by calling 566-0600 or e-mailing peter@naplescyclery.com for more information. ■

Bicycle criterium race added to CityFest

The inaugural Orange Blossom Special, a two-day bicycle criterium race on two, 1-mile circuit courses in Old Naples, will take place as part of Naples CityFest activities on Saturday and Sunday, May 5-6, in Old Naples. Bicyclists from around the state are expected to vie for \$7,500 in cash and prizes. Volkswagen of Naples is the title sponsor.

The Orange Blossom Special is accredited under numerous statewide and national competitive cycling calendars, including the Florida Points Series, the Get Healthy Cup Women's Series and the Lance Armstrong Junior Race Series. Weekend highlights will include a bike expo, the Endurance Sisterhood "Get Healthy" women's group and training tips ride and the "Miami vs. Naples Paella Cook-Off" between Naples chef Paul Schmidgall and Miami chef Juan Montalvo.

For registration and more information, including race maps, visit www.orangeblossomnaples.com. ■

Stepping out for the National Alliance on Mental Illness



1. Dominic Pallini
2. The NABOR team
3. Mary Waller, Janice Vasquez and Susan Hubly
4. Andrew Occhipinti and Carol Ann Laird

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A walk for the Make-A-Wish Foundation



1. Amanda Bray, Michelle Persante and Frankie Vitiello
2. Jonathan, Robert and Jennifer Colantonio
3. Female Masters winner Susi Winchell with Winifred Smith
4. Amy Sedlacek and Judith Yevick



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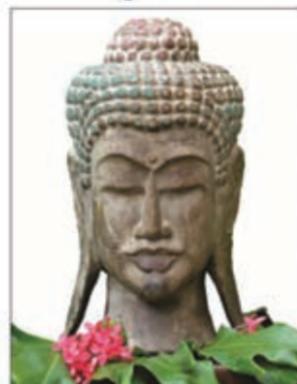


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PET TALES

Easy care for aging pets

Giving fluids at home keeps many pets comfortable

BY GINA SPADAFORI
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Last year, my elderly Sheltie, Drew, was diagnosed with canine kidney disease. Medications didn't agree with him, his appetite for a therapeutic diet (or indeed any food at all) was nonexistent, and I was sent home with supplies for giving him subcutaneous fluids at home to see if he could be saved.

I'm not particularly squeamish about needles or, indeed, most aspects of pet care, so I wasn't the least bit troubled about pushing fluids under my dog's skin every morning for the rest of his life. I did suspect, however, that the rest of his life wouldn't be that long a time period.

Turns out, I sold both Drew and subcutaneous fluid therapy short.

Drew turned 15 in December, bounced back last month from a mild stroke, and more recently spent an entire day bouncing happily around dog-friendly wineries in Napa Valley. All because of an inexpensive, five-minute procedure I've taken to calling "the daily re-Drewbinating."

His appetite came back enough that he actually put on weight. And no one can believe he's an old dog, much less one who's basically a hospice case.

Drew's success is not even that remarkable. My veterinarian has other patients who've done well for years on regular subcutaneous therapy at home, either in conjunction with medication and special diets or, as in Drew's case, simply with bet-



With a daily dose of subcutaneous fluids given at home, 15-year-old Drew has an active, happy life.

ter hydration.

Is subcutaneous fluid therapy at home right for you and your sick pet? Could be!

Renal disease is not uncommon in older pets. The kidneys are the true superstar organs of the body, with many jobs to do, including filtering waste and extra water from the blood and sending it out of the body as urine. When kidneys start failing, their function can be aided with proper hydration, and that's where subcutaneous fluids come in.

Giving thirsty kidneys a boost can help keep them on the job, allowing them to continue their vital work. By adding fluids at home, these pets can keep their kidneys happy. Fluids in, toxins out.

If your veterinarian thinks home fluid therapy will help your pet's kidneys, you'll be provided with fluids, IV lines and nee-

dles, along with the instruction you need. After you've set up the IV bag (I hang it from my dining room chandelier) and readied the line and a new needle, put your pet on a soft blanket or towel on your lap or a table.

Inserting the needle is pretty easy: You pull up skin gently over the shoulders to make a "tent," push the needle swiftly in at the base and unclip the line to let the fluids in, reversing the process when the prescribed amount of fluids has made a bubble that will slowly be absorbed. (The website DVM360.com has produced a wonderful instructional video — tinyurl.com/SubQpets — to help walk you through the process if you need reminders after your lesson at your veterinarian's.)

Drew is large enough to get half of a one-liter bag of fluids each day. My veterinarian helped me find the best places to buy fluids and supplies in bulk to lower my costs (about \$30 a month for everything). I also invested in a pressure cuff (\$20) for the fluid bag to make everything go more quickly. The morning drill is so routine now that half the time, Drew falls asleep before we're done.

When I need to travel, I use a pet-sitting company that hires veterinary technicians to handle this daily task.

While I have no idea how long it will be before Drew's kidneys give out completely, I am grateful for the chance to have more quality time with a very special pet. And the fact that it's easy and inexpensive? Icing on the cake. ■

Pets of the Week



>>Hansa Rose is a 3-year-old, spayed boxer/Labrador mix. She is named after a beautiful, hardy rose that, when neglected or abused turns brown and scraggly, but still survives, and when given proper nutrients, thrives again. We aren't sure what happened to cause the disfigurement of her face, but she is a very sweet girl who should thrive in a permanent loving home.



>>Bangladore is a 1-year-old spayed tabico. She lives in the cat condos at Petco on Naples Boulevard but would love to be in a permanent home.



>>Chabella is a 10-month-old spayed terrier mix who weighs about 20 pounds and is ready for her forever family.



>>Sagittarius is a 3-month-old American pit bull terrier mix. She and her siblings were born on Groundhog Day and are at the perfect age to start learning basic puppy manners.

To adopt or foster a pet

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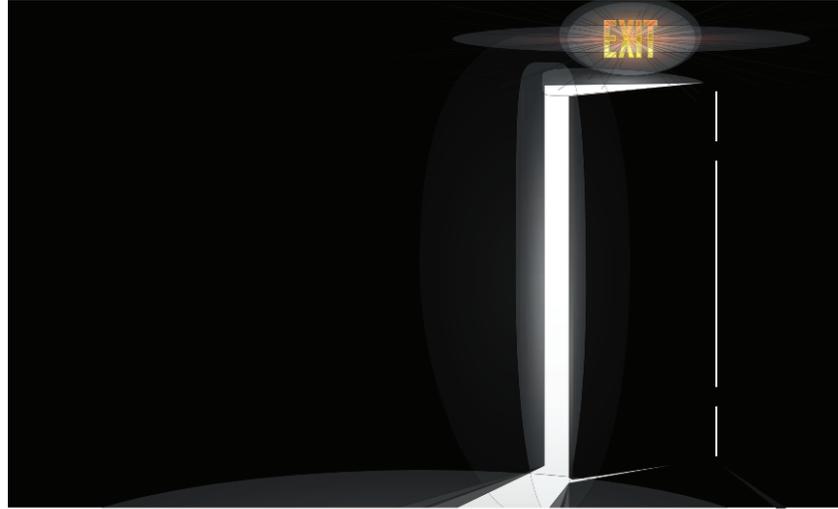
A door



“Riders on the storm:
 Into this house we’re born
 Into this house we’re thrown
 Like a dog without a bone
 An actor out alone.
 Riders on the storm.”
 — The Doors

“We step and do not step into
 the same rivers; we are and we are
 not.”
 — Heraclitus, “Fragment 49a”

“Something moves, not because
 at one moment it is here and
 another there, but because at one
 and the same moment it is here
 and not here because in this ‘here’
 it at once is and is not.”
 — Hegel, “Logic”



When is a door not a door?
 When it is ajar
 having no essential difference
 between in and out
 roundabout riders
 revolving
 peak peeking
 entry entreating

When is a yawn not a yawn?
 When it is a roar
 with no essential difference
 between out and in
 breathing this moving
 beast of kings
 that full filling
 pillows the lamb
 When is a knot not a knot?
 When it is a ravelling

belying no essential difference
 between on and off
 losing aggregate
 road surfacing
 for fleeing neither
 arrival nor departure

When is a tale not a tale?
 When it is a spinning
 construing no essential difference
 between right and left
 oasis mirage
 sheltering shameless
 arc enemas
 releasing

When is a bell not a bell?
 When it is a wringing
 echoing no essential difference

between sound and silence
 resonance squeezed
 warning ripples
 memorized memory
 rerunning

When is a drum not a drum?
 When it is a thundering
 beating no essential difference
 between light and dark
 sirens throbbing
 bringing pressure to bare
 proclaiming the veil
 delivering the goods

When is a cloud not a cloud?
 When it is a reigning
 ferrying no essential difference
 between wet and dry
 river of sand
 rock of ages
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WEEK OF APRIL 19-25, 2012

A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE INDUSTRIES

LIGHT BLOOM

Landscape industry sees growth after long drought

BY NANCI THEORET

Florida Weekly Correspondent

YOU MAY HAVE NOTICED A CHANGE IN THE local landscape the past few months — new flowers and plants at your neighbor's house and greener lawns despite the dry season. Residential landscaping, once a thriving industry for designers, installers and even those with a lawn mower and a little know-how, became a luxury homeowners realized they could live without when the real estate market plummeted and their savings dried up.

During the past few years, shriveled lawns and shrubs served as reminders of Southwest Florida's ranking as the epicenter of the nation's foreclosure market. Homeowners fortunate to stay in their homes spent their money on necessities, leaving flowerbeds void of plants, annuals or the red-brown mulch that once signified a well-tended home.

With home sales on the rise and the return of new home construction, the latter a deafening silence for two years, more

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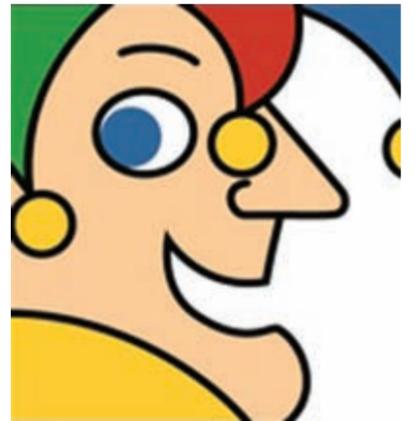


INSIDE



Mixing business with fun

Norris Home Furnishings hosts chamber Executive Club and Collier County Medical Society, and more business events. **B8-9** ►



Ask the Fool

What's the "strike price" of a stock option? **B6** ►



House Hunting

Bonita's Imperial River ensures a backyard with privacy. **B11** ►



BOB RAYMOND / FLORIDA WEEKLY

Clark Hill, Volunteer of the Year, with Katie Sproul, chair of the chamber board of directors.

Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce honors volunteers

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Clark Hill, general manager of the Hilton Naples and Shula's Steak House, was named Volunteer of the Year by the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce during at the annual meeting and awards breakfast as part of Wake Up Naples at the Hilton on April 11. Numerous other awards for volunteer service were also presented.

A veteran hotelier, Mr. Hill has managed five full-service hotels,

three of which included construction oversight and opening. Hotels under his direction have earned special designations and have been recognized for a variety of achievements by hospitality industry leadership. Recently, Hilton Hotels presented the Hilton Naples with both the Overall Performance Excellence Award and the Eco-Friendly Achievement Award.

A long-standing member of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce board of directors, Mr. Hill

is serving a third term on the Collier County Tourist Development Council. He is a past president and a current member of the board of directors of the Collier County Lodging & Tourism Alliance, the 2012 board chair of the United Way of Collier County, a board member of the Education Foundation of Collier County, a recipient of the Education Foundation's "Men of Distinction" honor and

SEE AWARDS, B4 ►

MONEY & INVESTING

Ethical challenges in a time of systemic financial failure



There are many elements that make a country a suitable place for investment assets or for business. Among those elements are the rule of law and the moral compass of the people under the law's governance. In sum and substance, with good law and good people, there is a chance of success. Under bad law and bad behavior, there is a much smaller chance of success.

For a long time, the U.S. was considered the best of the best when it was judged based on these and many other parameters. There are now some cracks in the wall.

People round the world seek a country where laws and their enforcement are fair, reliable, effective, predictable, judicious, understandable, etc. This allows the many who are on the economic playing field to know how to function and what to expect from others. Beyond the rule of law, businesses and investors look to the culture, morality and ethics of the people with whom they do business with.

There are extreme cases of lack of law. In some mining countries in Africa for instance, one minute a corporation owns its mining assets, and then the next minute, there is a move by a government to "nationalize" a portion of the mines. How does that happen? Simply, there's an announcement by the government that it

has a public interest to take private assets in order to pay for government expenses. We've seen this done off and on for the past 35 years. Another non-rule of law is bribery, a business practice widely practiced overseas, but which is a prosecutable offense in the U.S.

As to the ethical and moral behavior of people... 20 years ago, one of the largest U.S. multi nationals largely exited a particular continent where the people were thought to have a poor work ethic and where contracts were awarded preferentially.

These are extreme examples, but they show the intertwined nature of rule of law and character.

Now, financial ethics seem to be shifting in the U.S. It seems as if the financial crisis has changed the way we understand the rule of law and the way our citizens think about their financial obligations. With that comes a serious challenge to the ethical fabric of our culture. Specifically, widespread home foreclosures have caused an ethical quandaries for many individuals: to allow foreclosure or to not allow foreclosure. That is a mighty question.

For those raised with ethical absolutes, the requirement is doing anything and everything to prevent foreclosure, i.e. the very last retirement or college education savings would be spent to fulfill the mortgage obligation. For others, foreclosure allows an unfettered continuance in a capricious life, even if it means leaving a wake of unfulfilled financial responsibilities. The former group's character cannot be changed; its position is knit in the fabric

of its being. For the latter group, ethics are a mysterious six-letter word.

Beyond these two groups, there are millions who find their ethics resting somewhere in the middle ground. This group's position is neither, "absolutely stiff the banks" or "absolutely, we pay our every last penny to the banks."

There is a large group of homeowners that is considerably underwater on its mortgages. Members of this group believe in fulfilling their obligations... provided a fraud was not perpetrated on them. In the case of a fraud, their perspective is that they are not obliged to pay their mortgage. Yes, in this case, they incurred the debt but it was not their greed, dishonesty, falsehoods or manipulations that caused the debacle to occur. Rather, they perceive broad and all-encompassing fraud by the greatest of the U.S. financial institutions.

The problem's roots can be traced back to several presidents and their administrations that forced open the lending spigot to less-than-qualified homebuyers. The large banks decided that they could make issuing marginal loans into a big business... into hundreds of billions of mortgage pools that they underwrote. They relied on the geekiness of their in-house quants to somehow slice and dice the junky mortgages so that lower quality was reissued as high quality. The rating agencies took hefty fees for rating the junk and swallowing the quant arguments, allowing the reclassification as A rated mortgages; and Freddie and Fannie went gangbusters backstopping these mortgages. And lastly, the Federal Reserve Bank turned a blind eye to the

perfect storm slowly in the making, neither raising interest rates to temper the housing bull nor evidencing a modicum of curiosity about the billions of credit default swap contracts entered into by the banks.

This large group of homebuyers with underwater mortgages rightfully cries foul play, but cannot point to a mortgage contract term that voids their obligation. They thought they were swimming in the backyard pool and found themselves swimming in a sea of sharks. Sadly, they get no economic relief whilst they continue to see economic benefits accrue to those who orchestrated the mess and those who have been finally relieved of their mortgage.

It would be a very good thing if Congress would find a way to incentivize obligors to pay their mortgage as it would alleviate the continuing foreclosure problem and it would reward those who have shouldered the economic challenge. It would help end the moral dilemma. ■

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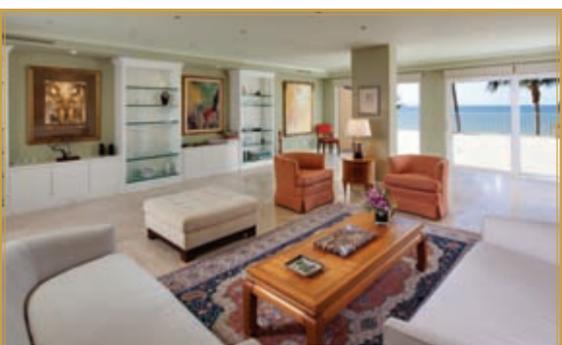
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AWARDS

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a member of the Leadership Collier Class of 2012.

The chamber also honored the following volunteers for outstanding service:

■ **Special Projects Volunteer of the Year:** Karen Klukiewicz

■ **Visitor Center Volunteer of the Year:** Athena Ehlert

■ **Administration Volunteer of the Year:** Terri Spano

■ **CIVIC Volunteer of the Year:** Margot Nicolet

■ **Business Currents Contributor of the Year:** Jim Warnken

■ **Multi Media Contributor of the Year:** Aaron Shepherd/OnFast

■ **Events Volunteer of the Year:** Tim Philbrick

■ **Ambassador of the Year:** Lynn Mitchell

■ **Chamber Action Volunteer of the Year:** David Varano



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Those who received awards for volunteer service and were in attendance at the breakfast included: Don Neer, Athena Ehlert, Terri Spano, Jan Kantor, Edward Morton, Sandra Calad, Jim Warnken, Karen Klukiewicz, Marci Seamples, Brenda O'Connor, Lynn Mitchell, Aaron Shepherd, Dave Varano, Lisa Swirda, Tim Philbrick and Bob Murray. See more photos from the awards breakfast on page B8.

■ **Public Policy Volunteer of the Year:** Bob Murray

■ **Public Safety Volunteer of the Year:** Edward Morton

■ **Leadership Development Volunteer of the Year:** Jan Kantor

■ **Economic Partnership Volunteer of the Year:** Tim Cartwright

Leadership Collier chair, co-chairs named

The Leadership Collier Foundation, a program of The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, announces that Nick Casalanguida will chair the 2013 Leadership Collier program and that Stephanie Spell and David Crisp will serve as vice chairs.

Mr. Casalanguida became a Lead-

ership Collier Foundation alumnus in 2011. As administrator of the Growth Management Division, Planning and Regulation for Collier County Government, he is responsible for the county's short-term and long-range planning. His current focus is to establish a build-out analysis, to develop long-term strategies for forms of public and private partnerships and alternatives for reducing demand on infrastructure and to implement smart growth policies.

Ms. Spell serves as director of community outreach with the Collier

County Sheriff's Office. As a member of the sheriff's executive command staff, she provides leadership for several law enforcement bureaus, including public information and media relations, crime prevention and analysis, planning and research, victim advocate, senior services, minority affairs and volunteers. A graduate of Leadership Institute (2006) and Leadership Collier (2010), she serves on the board of directors of Grace Place and on the editorial board of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce magazine publication, Business Currents.

Mr. Crisp is the CEO of WooHoo Foods Inc. He previously worked for Rhone-Poulenc and General Chemical Corp. and most recently served as vice president of sales for Naples Clean-Tech start-up Lehigh Technologies Inc. where he assisted the management team in securing \$35 million in venture capital funding. He also owns SolarAegis LLC another early-stage company that markets an all-natural sunscreen product he developed. He is a 2011 alumnus of Leadership Collier. ■

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Learn how to SCORE with an effective business plan

SCORE Naples and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce present a two-part workshop on "How to Write an Effective Business Plan." Part one is set for 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 21; part two takes place at the same time Saturday, April 28. Both sessions meet in the Leadership Collier Foundation room on the second floor at chamber headquarters, at 2390 Tamiami Trail N.

Part one of the workshop will focus on the importance of developing a business plan that provides the framework to determine readiness to start and manage your business. Questions every solid business plan should answer include: Who are your target customers? What is the underlying reason a customer would do business with your company? What is the value of using social media as part of your go-to-market plan?

Topics for part two of the workshop include: financial plans and pricing considerations required in order to develop a sustainable, profitable business; the importance of conducting market analysis in order to determine pricing; building financial statements and supporting financial documents.

Presenters are Vincent Izzi and Ike Lichtenstein.

Recently retired from IBM as business development executive, consulting faculty member and certified executive coach with the IBM Executive Business Institute, Mr. Izzi is a SCORE board member and president of IZZI Business Consulting. Mr. Lichtenstein, the deputy director of client services for SCORE in south Lee County,

practiced as a CPA in New York for more than 25 years and is now a profitability consultant and principal at Willett Business Management Inc.

Cost of each session is \$25. For registration or more information, call SCORE Naples at 430-0081, e-mail info@score-naples.org or visit www.scorenaples.org.

More business news

■ **Cellular Sales**, a Verizon premium wireless retailer, has opened a location at 5410 Immokalee Road. The Knoxville, Tenn.-based company operates 98 retail locations in Florida and has 500 stores and 4,000 employees nationwide. The new Naples store has created 10 new sales position. According to a company press release, Cellular Sales employees nationwide average more than \$51,000 a year.

For more information, contact Sarah Taylor, regional director, at (813) 440-9432.

■ **EECON Construction Services** has completed an extensive remodeling of the law offices of Cummings & Lockwood. The 16,000 square-foot Class A office space was



Cummings & Lockwood

completely redesigned and outfitted with new walls, glass doors and interior windows, floor coverings and custom maple cabinetry throughout the third and fourth floors of the firm's Naples headquarters.

Pete Emidy, president and founder of EECON Construction Services, planned and managed the six-month project.

■ **Reeves Risk Management**, a Florida-based financial services firm, recently merged with **Rehmann** and will operate under the Rehmann name. Nelson Reeves, CPA, will assume the role of principal. He and his staff will continue to provide internal audit, regulatory compliance and other financial institution related services from the Rehmann Naples office.

Rehmann is ranked the 33rd largest accounting and consulting firm in the nation. The Naples office is led by Brett Nesbit, CPA, MBA, MSA, principal-in-charge.

■ Remodeling company **The Lykos Group Inc.** recently celebrated the grand opening of its **Home Design Studio** at the company's headquarters at 4779 Enterprise Ave. in Naples. The studio showcases products and services for residential remodeling and new custom homes from cabinets and countertops to light fixtures. Customers also have access to an architect and interior designer at the studio, according to Thomas Lykos, president of The Lykos Group.

The Home Design Studio is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 594-8510 or visit www.TheLykosGroup.com.

■ Florida-licensed building and electri-

cal contractors are required to complete 14 hours of continuing education credits every two years. This year is the renewal period, and the **Collier Building Industry Association** is offering the required courses on May 9-10 and July 25-26. The class for building contractors takes place over two days, while the workshop for electrical contractors can be completed in one day.

For registration and more information, call 436-6100 or visit www.cbina.net.

■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** welcomed the following new members in March:

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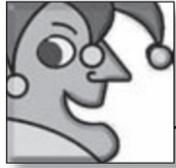
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For example, when changing jobs, you have to decide how to deal with your retirement accounts. All of us should evaluate whether we have adequate disability insurance. Long-term care insurance also makes sense for many of us. Financial advisers can help you determine whether you should refinance your mortgage, how to avoid estate taxes, how to maximize your ability to care for elderly parents and so on.

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My Smartest Investment

Size Doesn't Matter

I'd read a book on Warren Buffett in the mid-1980s and thought he was a smart guy. I read articles on him occasionally, noticing his big investments in Coke, etc. Then, in the late 1980s, I thought about buying some shares of his company, Berkshire Hathaway. They were about \$4,000 each. I had that much cash in my IRA and thought, "Why not?" But then I decided that it was dumb to spend \$4,000 for a single share and didn't buy it. I could sure use that extra \$118,000 of profit about now.

— Pete, Alexandria, Va.

The Fool Responds: Yes, those shares are now worth about \$120,000 each, though Berkshire Hathaway also sports class-B shares, trading around \$80. Berkshire's class-A shares have trailing earnings per share (EPS) of \$6,215, giving them a price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio of about 20.

By contrast, AT&T recently traded near \$31 per share, with EPS of \$0.67, giving it a P/E of 47 and a steeper valuation. Focus on the big picture, not on just price. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Berkshire Hathaway, and its newsletter services have recommended it.)



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

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I trace my roots back to a 1940 drive-in restaurant with car-hop service. French fries replaced potato chips on my menu in 1949, the same year that Triple Thick Milkshakes debuted. Today I'm the world's leading restaurant retailer, with more than 33,000 locations. I serve nearly 68 million people in 119 countries each day. If you'd spent \$2,250 on 100 shares of my stock when I went public in 1965, you'd have 74,360 shares today (due to 12 stock splits), worth more than \$7 million. I also help more than 4 million families with sick children annually. Who am I? (Answer: McDonald's) ■



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Ask the Fool

The Strike Price

Q What's a stock option's "strike price"? — C.G., Springfield, Ill.

A It's the price at which it can be exercised. Imagine you work for Holy Karaoke Inc. (ticker: HYMNS). You're issued 1,000 employee stock options with a strike price of \$10 each. A few years later, the company goes public, issuing shares of stock for the first time via an initial public offering (IPO). The shares are priced at \$25 each, but a year later they're trading at \$40. At this point, you decide to "exercise" your options.

Since your options carry a strike price of \$10, you're entitled to buy up to 1,000 shares at \$10 each — not the \$40 that they're going for on the open market. If you exercise all of them, you'll fork over \$10,000 to your company for 1,000 shares worth \$40,000. You can hang on to them as long as you like, or quickly cash out for a \$30,000 profit.

As you might suspect, it's not exactly quite this simple. There are many tax issues to consider, and your option plan might have some special features. Read the plan carefully.

You might also read "Consider Your Options" by Kaye Thomas (Fairmark Press, \$24).

Q To buy a company's stock, do I have to work for it? — K.F., Hickory, N.C.

A Not at all. (Although some companies do offer employees stock options, stock grants or the ability to buy shares of company stock at a discount.) All you generally need is a brokerage account. You can learn how to pick a good brokerage at broker.fool.com.

Most major companies, and many smaller ones, are publicly traded. Examples: General Electric, Merck, Boeing, Kellogg, TiVo, Crocs, Garmin and Harley-Davidson. ■

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Name That Company

Based in Illinois, I'm named after an 8-year-old girl, as was my first cheesecake. Today I'm a food and beverage giant, generating nearly \$9 billion in revenue annually. My brands include Ball Park, Douwe Egberts, Hillshire Farm, Sunbeam, Kahn's, Jimmy Dean and Senseo. (The Dutch Douwe Egberts name is more than 250 years old.) In the past I've owned Piggly Wiggly supermarkets, Hanes, Coach, Playtex Apparel and Chock



Full o'Nuts. I spun off Hanesbrands in 2006, and plan to spin off my coffee and tea business soon, into a new company called D.E. Master Blenders 1753. Who am I? ■

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

The Motley Fool Take

3 Best Buys in the Dow

The 30 companies in the Dow Jones Industrial Average are established, well-run, dividend-paying large-caps. They're not all bargains, but here are some to consider:

- Machinery titan Caterpillar (NYSE: CAT) is poised to profit from the industrialization of emerging markets. It has a strong track record of returning capital to its shareholders. Over the past five years, Cat's grown its dividend payouts at an average rate of 10 percent annually, and recently yielded 1.8 percent.

Market-leading companies with strong fundamentals can turbocharge your portfolio.

- Semiconductor powerhouse Intel (Nasdaq: INTC), yielding 3 percent, owns

the semi space like no one else. According to the latest figures out of IHS iSuppli, Intel widened its lead in the semiconductor market to a 10-year high in 2011, with an overall market share of 15.6 percent.

- General Electric (NYSE: GE), recently yielding 3.4 percent, has largely righted the ship with its GE Capital unit that generated the lion's share of its problems during the financial crisis. In fact, GE Capital should begin paying a dividend to the parent company as soon as this year. GE has also done a great job shifting its strategy to more forward-looking growth markets — namely, energy and infrastructure.

These companies offer long-term investors a solid upside and limited downside. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Intel, and its newsletter services have recommended it.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

■ The Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce invites members and guests to Business After Five from 5:30-7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. The location changes from month to month. The May 16 location is CJs on the Bay. For more information, e-mail Katie@marcoislandchamber.org.

■ The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce holds its next Business After

5 networking gathering for members and guests from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at Sabadell Bank & Trust, 9132 Strada Place in Mercato. Cost is \$5 for members, \$25 for others. Sign up and pay in advance at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The Public Relations Society of America-Gulf Coast Chapter meets at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 24, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker Phil Lewis, vice president/executive editor of the Naples Daily News, will discuss the paper's month-long Lighthouse Project. Cost is \$24 for PRSA members, \$29 for non-members, \$27 for representatives of nonprofits and \$15 for students. Reservations must be made by Friday, April 20. Call Denyse Mesnik at

659-7303 or visit www.gulfcoastprsa.org.

■ The Executive Club of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce meets from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, at Avow Hospice, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane. Admission is free and for Executive Club members only. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org.

■ The American Business Women's Association-Neapolitan Chapter meets at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 24, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker Kelly Townsend of Townsend Consulting Group will discuss "Personal and Professional Accountability." Cost is \$29 for ABWA members and \$34 for others. To sign up, visit www.abwa-

neapolitan.org no later than noon Friday, April 20.

■ 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.

■ 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. ■

LANDSCAPE

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homeowners are once again investing in exterior improvements.

Landscape companies that survived the lean years are reporting business is on the rise, even those lucrative design and installation projects, the hardest hit by the economic and housing downturn. But many firms had to adapt and downsize to make it.

"Before, we were all design and build," says Bob Walsh, president of RS Walsh Landscaping in Fort Myers. "When business slowed, we took our installation crews and sent them to maintenance. Our maintenance division has grown rapidly."

Also helping the 30-year-old business was the purchase of In the Garden, a garden center on Sanibel Island that showcases the company's work.

"Our business went down \$1 million," says Bill Rogers, owner of Gulf Coast Palm and Tree in Fort Myers, which opened in 2004 and offers design and installation services and a retail and wholesale nursery, specializing in everything from mature 40-foot palms and plants to rock and sod. "We downsized and hunkered down and are really trying to make it work."

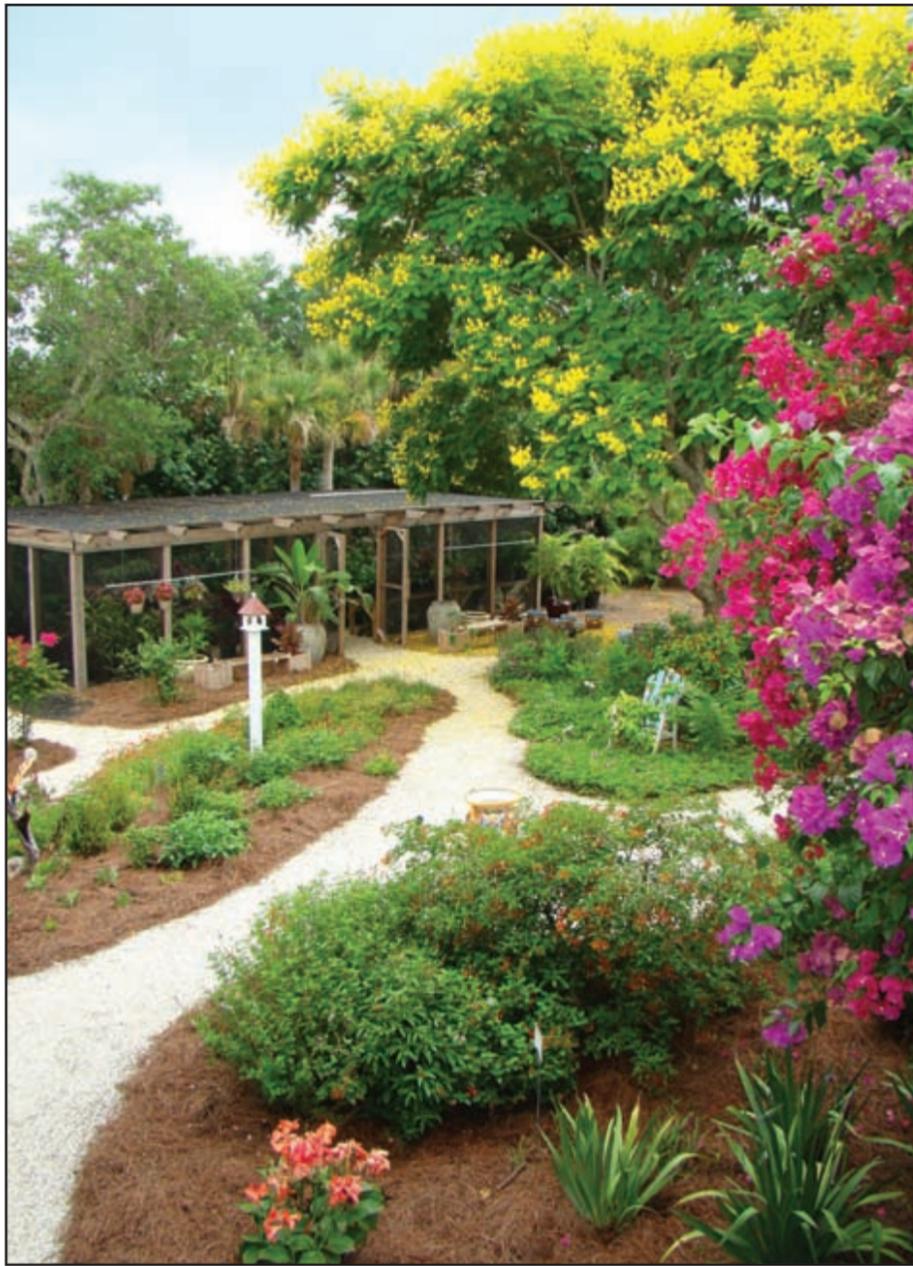
Crawford Landscaping was one of the fortunate firms. Business slowed but still improved annually for the Naples company, which has expanded north to the Sarasota and Bradenton markets since its 2004 launch.

"We had 40 to 50 percent growth the first few years. Now it's 10 to 15 percent," says principal Blake Crawford, who credits a transition from single-family residential jobs to community and condo association work for helping it survive. "Our business has done very well and we went through the recession quite well. Recurring maintenance got us there. When the construction market tanked, our competitors in construction and installation were pinched."

About 80 percent of Crawford Landscaping's clients are in Collier County and include gated communities and luxury condominium towers along Gulf Shore and Park Shore boulevards.

"We got our start in single-family but migrated to associations and high-rises," says Mr. Crawford. "For the single-family homeowner, landscaping is fairly easy to eliminate because the consequences aren't seen for six months to a year. Communities don't want to downgrade service and quality."

Chris Black, a Punta Gorda land-



COURTESY PHOTO

R. S. Walsh Landscaping's garden center on Sanibel Island.

scape designer who specializes in high-end residential projects, was stiffed out of nearly \$2 million in unpaid invoices. One homeowner paid just \$600,000 of a \$2 million tab. A third-generation landscape designer who's more a laid-back artist, Mr. Black shrugs off the deadbeats.

"I have an advantage that I don't have to work," he says. "It didn't matter to me if I worked or not. I have enough income without working."

Helping the bottom line for other companies, of course, were staff cuts. Gulf Coast Palm whittled its employees from 11 to four; RS Walsh also downsized.

"We had to cut staff hours," says Mr. Walsh. "We had a great group of people and we've all worked together for 30 years. We now have sons whose fathers worked here and whole families. We retained those people but had to cut

some individual crews."

An uptick in business since October has allowed the firm to hire a handful of new employees the past two months. It's also looking to add an irrigation and lighting technician to its 47 current employees, he says.

"A lot of people held off on landscape design projects," says Mr. Walsh. "Now, they're seeing the economy moving and home prices coming back and they want to make an investment in landscaping. The mental attitude has vastly improved the last six months. All of our divisions, including design and installation, have picked up significantly."

Mr. Rogers also sees an improving business climate, which he credits to foreign buyers snapping up foreclosed properties. "We have customers from Canada, Germany, England, Spain, France and Sweden," he says. "We're

getting quite a bit of business from foreclosures."

Customers, he says, are now spending anywhere from \$300 to \$10,000 for a landscaping makeover.

Design and installation projects have also returned and represent a combination of existing and new home construction. "A lot of people are buying homes and have decided they bought at a good enough price, they can afford new landscaping," Mr. Walsh says. "Some of these homes were on the market so long with no one taking care of them."

Mr. Black is also receiving more inquiries and projects these days. Most are smaller and less pricey than during the height of the housing boom, when they ranged from \$60,000 to \$3 million for blank canvases transformed by multiple waterfalls, stamped concrete paths, ponds, fountains and gazebos. He incorporated more than 4,000 plants into one project.

"My projects are more involved than the normal company," Mr. Black says. "It takes longer to do because I'm making a masterpiece. I make a statement. During 2007 and 2008 I was making \$250,000 to \$300,000 a week. I don't want to be that busy again."

The boom years for RS Walsh Landscaping were after Hurricane Charley, which took out much of the vegetation and landscaping on Sanibel and Captiva, the company's main market.

"Our volume was off the chart in 2006," says Mr. Walsh. "The economy was really great. We did South Seas Plantation and a lot of homes on Captiva. Today, we probably have twice as many customers but smaller sales."

Mr. Walsh has also had to get a handle on the shift to maintenance. "It's a completely different business model than design and installation. It's very time oriented," he says. "But we've been lucky. We're looking forward to the next year."

Mr. Crawford's company has been so busy it has a 15-member crew devoted to mulch and pine straw.

"We did a couple of thousand dollars of pine straw and much in the fourth quarter."

Not returning — at least yet — are the single-family clients, he says. The company, which employs 200 during peak season, requires a \$500 monthly minimum and has been selective about the residential customers it does service.

Business is good.

"We have always achieved our goals and reached our 10-year goal in year seven," says Mr. Crawford. "Naples is a wonderful market. There are a lot of sophisticated customers who are used to getting quality and are used to paying for quality. They don't skimp." ■

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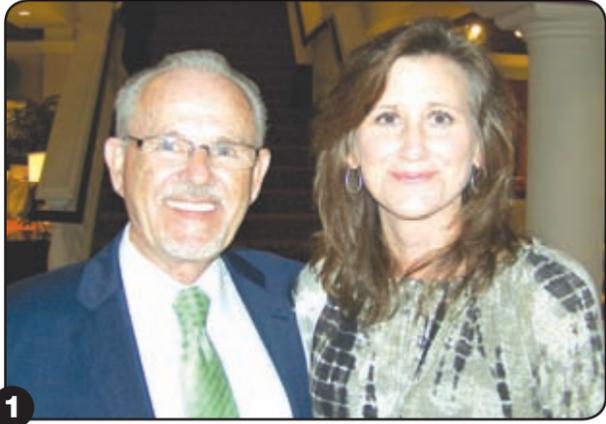
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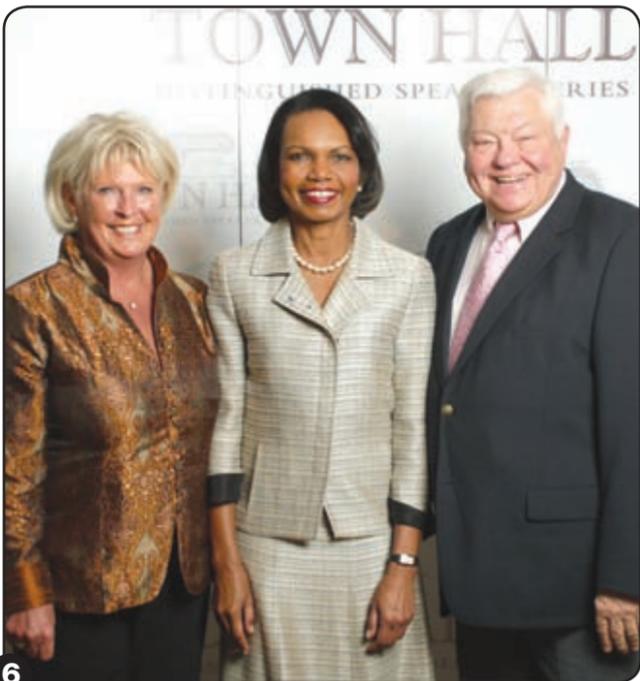
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5. Allen Weiss, Marie Carlson, Carl Mollenkamp and Vicki Tracy
6. Karen Tycast, Condoleezza Rice and Frank Tycast
7. Jo Anna, Condoleezza Rice and Wilson Bradshaw

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Wake Up Naples annual meeting with the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce



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2. Joe Foster, Curtis Hancock, Kevin Rambosk and Mike Reagen
3. Jeff Atwater and Sheriff Kevin Rambosk
4. Michael Wynn, Ed Morton and Mike Reagen
5. Naples Mayor John Sorey, Katie Sproul and Jeff Atwater
6. Carol Conway, Jordy Tejero, Julie Kline and Chad Gibson
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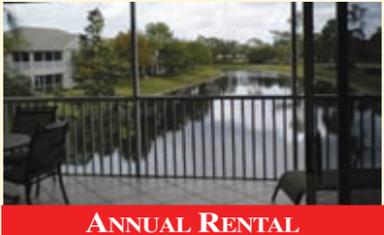
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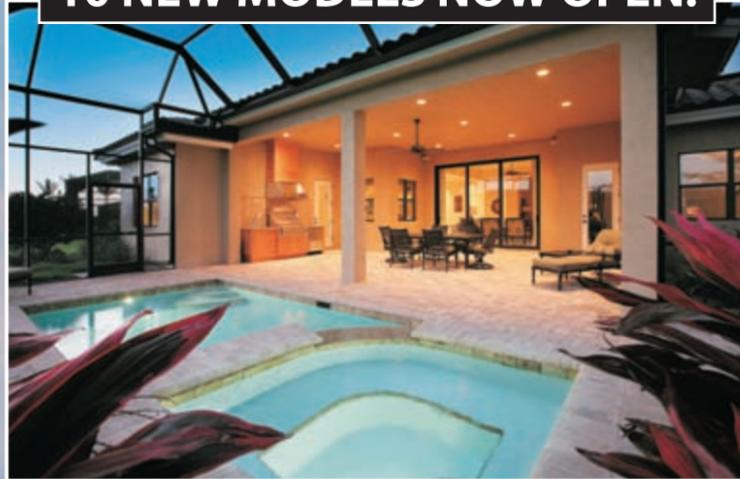
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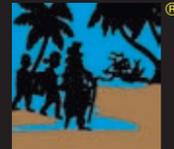
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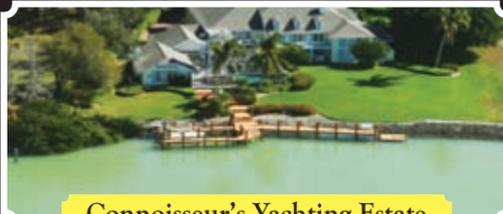


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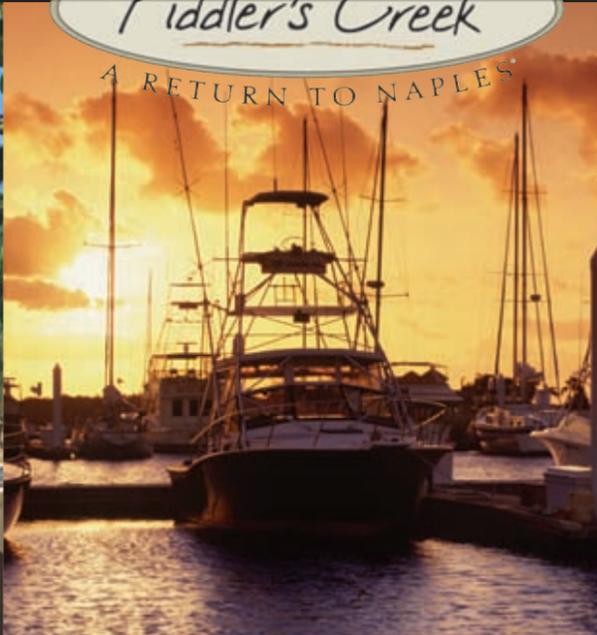
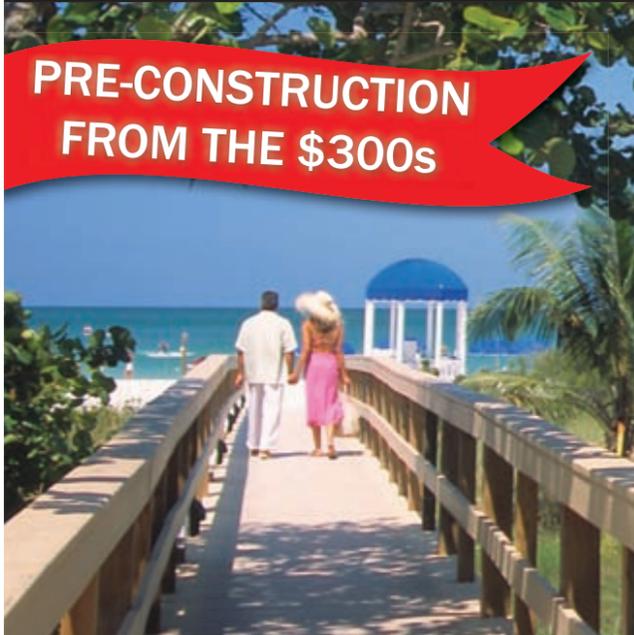
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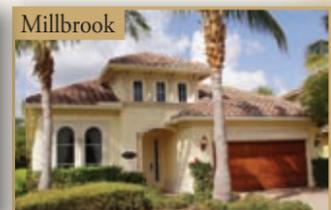
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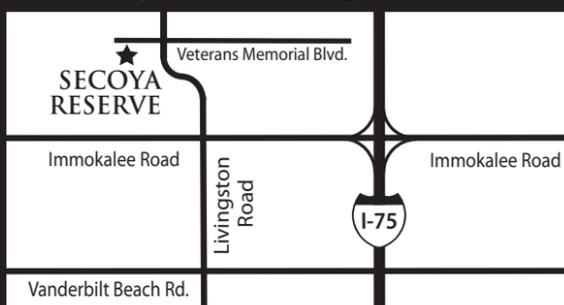


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Inventory down, housing market looking up

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Overall housing inventory available declined 13 percent from the first quarter of 2011 (8,762 available properties) compared to the first quarter of 2012 (7,596 properties), according to the newest report from the Naples Area Board of Realtors. NABOR tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island).

The figures represent the lowest inventory since tracking began at the end of January 2007. In March 2007, inventory was at a high of 12,440 available properties.

"I believe the first quarter activity of pending sales was one of the best ever," says Mike Hughes, vice president and general manager of Downing-Frye Realty.

"The fact that the Naples area had 3,664 pending sales in 91 days is tremendous," he adds. "The first quarter 2012 was one of the top five ever, for pending sales activity."

The first quarter report provides quarterly comparisons of single-family home and condo sales (via the SunshineMLS), price ranges, geographic segmentation and includes an overall market summary. Comparing the first quarter of 2012 with the same period in 2011:

- Overall pending sales increased 14 percent in the \$300,000 to \$500,000 category, 29 percent in the \$500,000 to \$1 million category, and 14 percent in the \$1 million to \$2 million category.

- Overall closed sales increased 21 percent in the \$500,000 to \$1 million category.

- Overall median closed price homes increased 14 percent.

- The average days on the market decreased 3 percent.

"Single-family home sales led in the first quarter of 2012," says John Steiwand, president of Naples Realty Services, adding median closed prices on those homes increased 17 percent from the first quarter 2011 to the first quarter 2012."

Comparing March 2012 with March 2011:

- The overall median closed price increased 27 percent.

- Pending sales increased 57 percent in the \$1 million to \$2 million category.

- Overall closed sales increased 29 percent in the \$500,000 to \$1 million category.

"With inventory declining, buyers now have less home and condo options available," says Gerald Murphy, manager of Coldwell Banker. "But they still want to enjoy a lifestyle that suits their needs, and not just buy a home because it is priced right. Hence, the market can handle more inventory right now." For anyone thinking of selling, he adds, now might be a good time to put their home on the market.

Other trends to note: Brenda Fioretti, managing broker of Prudential Florida Realty, says the supply of distressed properties has dwindled. And on the commercial market front, Wes Kunkle, president of Kunkle Realty, says the retail sector is experiencing increased leasing activity.

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First quarter sales strong at Moraya Bay

Signature Communities/Soave Real Estate reports eight sales totaling \$30 million at Moraya Bay in the first quarter of 2012. Total sales in the Gulf Shore Drive luxury tower in 2011 were more than \$36 million, according to Inga Wilson, vice president of sales and marketing.

"We are completely sold out of our Coastal Retreat south floor plan and only have one remaining unit in our Horizons north floor plan," Ms. Wilson says.

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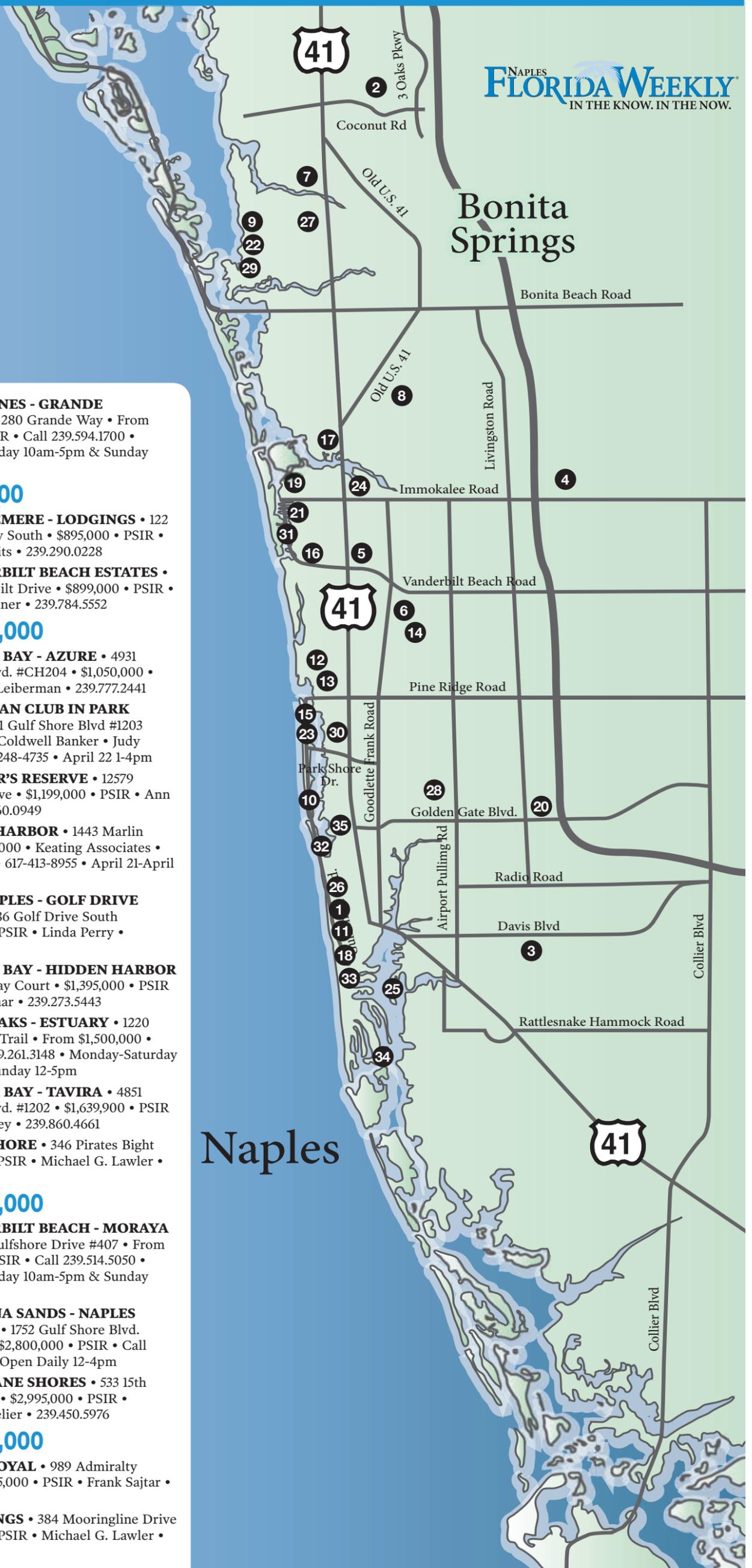
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WEEK OF APRIL 19-25, 2012

A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



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Chestnut, Ara Lou Panutsos

NAA artists have final show of the season

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Members' Gallery Fourth Show, the final of the season, is on view through April 26 at The von Liebig Art Center. Juried by art professionals, the Members' Gallery shows feature original work by members of the Naples Art Association. All works are for sale.

The season's final exhibition drew particularly steep competition, with nearly 100 entries, including work by 58 artists who had not entered previous Members' Gallery shows this season. Three pieces of artwork stood out to the jurors:

■ **Best of Show:** Florence Zdanowitz for "Magnificent Monarch," batik

■ **Technical Achievement:** Nimara Price, "Symphony," oil on canvas

■ **Innovation-Experimentation:** Ara Lou Panutsos, "Chestnut," cut paper on paper canvas

The Members' Gallery is part of the services provided for members of the NAA. As The von Liebig houses a variety of art exhibitions at the same time, people are drawn in for a multitude of reasons. Guests to the curated shows also get introduced to the talent of local artists, if they are not already familiar with their work. The center is a community space that proudly features local artists, national artists, art students, new trends and talents in contemporary work from out of the area, traveling works, etc., all at the same time. This keeps the conversation about art moving, offers unique opportunities to artists and keeps art collectors coming back.

Also on exhibit

Also currently on view at the art center is photography by Jerry Uelsmann and Maggie Taylor from the Harn Museum of Art at the University of Florida and the NAA Adult Student Exhibition 2012.

Mr. Ulesmann and Ms. Taylor,

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"I woke up one morning and looked at my green fatigues hanging there again and realized I needed to return to my passion of performing." — **Charlotte Cohn**



COURTESY PHOTOS

Charlotte Cohn, above in her professional headshot and right as an Israeli tank commander.

An evening of cabaret traces Charlotte Cohn's non-traditional path to the stage

'Simply Complicated'

BY RANDALL KENNETH JONES

Florida Weekly Correspondent

SINGER AND ACTRESS CHARLOTTE COHN'S FATHER was a Danish Orthodox Jew and her mother was an Israeli who grew up on a kibbutz. Considering her diverse lineage, Ms. Cohn's eventual career path to the Broadway stage seems somewhat astonishing.

It's a story the part-time Naples resident will share in a one-woman cabaret coming to The Norris Center on Friday and Saturday, April 27-28. The performances of "Simply Complicated: The Elegant Escapades of a Danish-Israeli Opera-Singing Tank Commander" are in collaboration with Gulfshore Playhouse.

Though she began singing classical music at age 12, by the time she reached her late teens, Ms. Cohn found herself an officer and commander in the Israeli army with 2,000 soldiers under her command — a post providing precious little time to put her considerable musical talent on display.

She joined the Israeli Defense Forces when she was 18, as was mandatory. "Though participation was mandatory, I was quite excited — it

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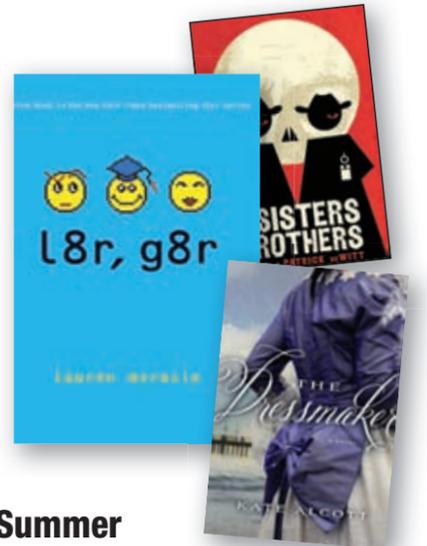
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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

The last judgment



My friend Greg has a favorite game. "Let's find me a wife," he says.

At lunch last week we sat facing the street, and we evaluated the stream of young women who passed.

"How about that one?" Greg said. He pointed to a trim woman in black leggings and a tight top.

"Not bad," I said. "Maybe a little pretentious."

"I thought the same thing," he said. "That one?"

I looked at the curly-haired woman in a barely-there mini.

"I don't know about that one," I said. "You can almost see her underwear in that skirt."

Greg scanned the street again, eyeing the women who passed. I leaned down to take a bite of my burger, and he nudged me with one elbow.

"This one," he said.

I looked up, still chewing, to see a well-dressed woman in nice jeans. Her hair hung down her back and she had a pretty, kind face. She must have felt us staring, because she raised her eyes from the sidewalk.

"That one," I said as she looked at the two of us.

An embarrassed expression spread on her face and the young woman hurriedly lowered her eyes. For a moment I wondered if we shouldn't be playing.

Later in the week, I took a table at my favorite coffee shop. I like the white peony tea, the philodendrons by the window and the music set low and slow. I like the guy behind the counter, too, the one who makes avocado sandwiches and smiles at me when I walk in. I set my laptop on the table and sipped a cup of tea as I worked. When I needed a breather, I let my eyes roam the room. I scanned the other tables, the men in square glasses, the women in pale cardigans — until my gaze fell on the cute sandwich maker. He was looking at me and talking to the barista in front of him. She looked at me, too. Through a combination of lip reading and gut intuition, I figured their conversation went like this:

Cute sandwich maker: How about the girl with the braid?

Barista (Looking at me and shaking her head): No, she's too...

I turned my head back to my computer.

Were they really talking about me? Was she really giving me the thumbs down?

I looked back at them. The sandwich maker was still staring, but he dropped his eyes when they met mine. The barista looked away; she was still talking. Still shaking her head.

I held my gaze for a beat longer and they both looked back, the way people do when they're talking about you.

I stared down at the table and I could feel my cheeks flush despite myself. I was embarrassed and a little angry, but mostly I was hurt.

The next time I met Greg for lunch, he wanted to jump right in.

"How about this girl?" he said.

I shook my head.

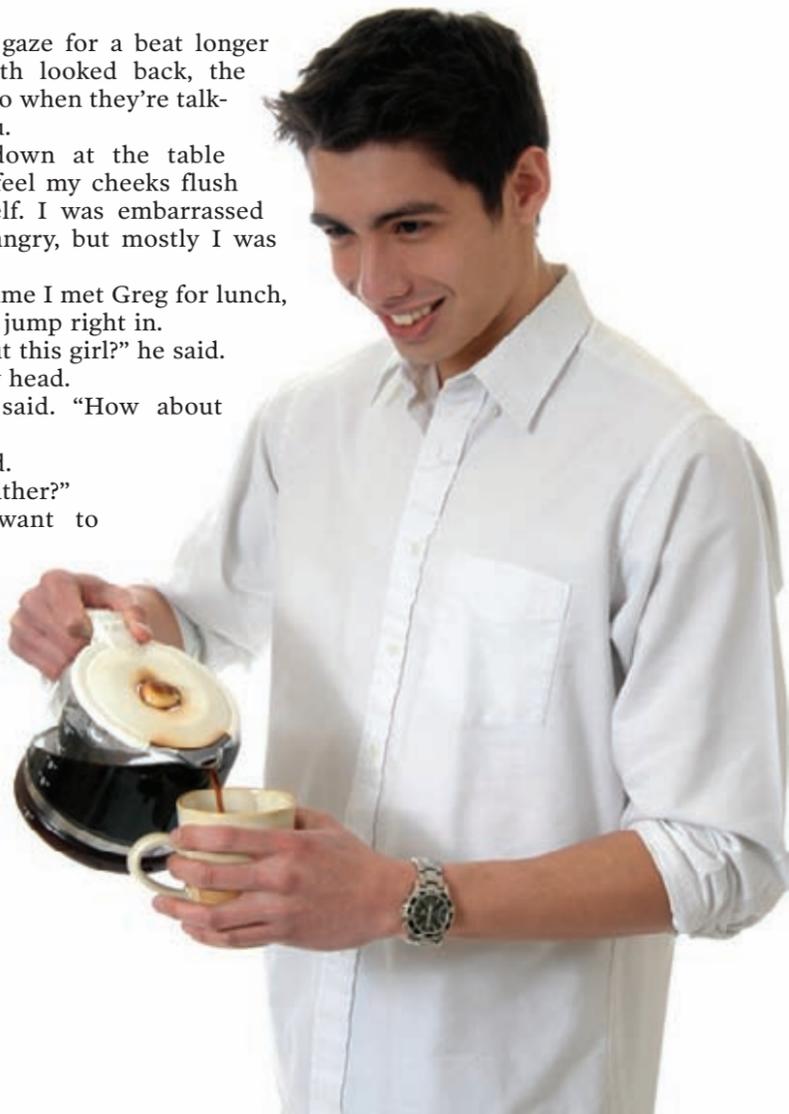
"No?" he said. "How about this one?"

"No," I said.

"Not her either?"

"I don't want to play," I said.

"M a y b e we should give it a rest." ■



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was like a rite of passage, if you will," she says. After a year of service, she was sent to officer's school and ended up becoming an officer and, as she describes herself, "an unlikely tank commander" at the young age of 19.

Though women typically serve two years in the Israeli Defense Forces, Ms. Cohn chose to extend her military career to a total of five years of service during the early 1990s.

"I woke up one morning and looked at my green fatigues hanging there again and realized I needed to return to my passion of performing," she says. Just two weeks after being released from the army, she boarded a plane for New York, intent on studying with a voice teacher she had first met in Jerusalem. To make ends meet, she also worked in security for El-Al Israeli Airlines at JFK Airport.

Gulfshore Playhouse audiences will remember Ms. Cohn from her performance in last fall's production of "Handle with Care," a play written by her husband and frequent collaborator, Jason Odell Williams. Ms. Cohn wowed local audiences with her bi-lingual performance of Ayelet, an Israeli tourist in southern Virginia.

In talking to Ms. Cohn, one quickly discovers her intrinsic sense of humor and affectionate personality juxtaposed against a woman who is sometimes more interested in bragging about her husband and 6-year-old daughter than detailing her own accomplishments. She is especially excited that a new production of "Handle with Care" is slated for its Off-Broadway debut in early 2013.

Ms. Cohn's romance with Naples began 14 years ago, when her New York-based voice teacher, Michael Trimble, moved to Southwest Florida and she relocated here for six months in order to continue studying with him. Though her original plan was to move back to Europe and sing opera, she received a full scholarship to study acting at the prestigious Actors Studio Drama School in New York.

It was at the Actors Studio that Ms. Cohn first crossed paths with Mr. Williams, her future husband. When the time came to exchange vows, the couple returned here and married at The Ritz-Carlton in June of 2001.

No stranger to the spotlight in her years since the Israeli army and the Actors Studio, Ms. Cohn has performed on Broadway as Musetta in "La Boheme" (directed by Baz Luhrmann of "Moulin

in the know

"Simply Complicated: The Elegant Escapades of a Danish-Israeli Opera-Singing Tank Commander"

>> **When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 27-28
 >> **Where:** The Norris Center
 >> **Cost:** \$42
 >> **Info:** 213-3058

Rouge" fame). Regionally she has played Adriana in "The Boys From Syracuse," Tailia in "The Murder of Isaac," The Gargoyle in "A Night in the Old Marketplace," Stephanie Necrophorus in "Nine" and Nana/Isabella in "Uncivil Wars - Moving with Brecht & Eisler."

About the genesis of "Simply Complicated," Ms. Cohn says, "Most cabaret acts typically represent the life of the performer. As a 'child of the world,' my music selection is understandably very diverse. Plus, I'm pretty confident I am the only former tank commander on the cabaret circuit these days."

An eclectic evening of music ranging from Puccini to Hebrew folk songs, "Simply Complicated" also includes stories of her journey from Ben Yehuda Street to Broadway.

Mr. Williams originally helped structure the cabaret with Kira Simring, the artistic director of the Cell Theater in New York City, directing the first incarnation of "Simply Complicated" in 2011.

For the two-night Naples engagement at the Norris Center, Ms. Cohn will be accompanied by music director John Fischer, who most recently worked on the revival of "West Side Story" on Broadway, and local guitarist Mario Arnez.

Tank commander or multi-faceted performer?

Soldier, singer or actress?

Audiences at The Norris Center will be treated to the benefit of all of Ms. Cohn's career-defining decisions.

According to Kristen Coury, Producing Artistic Director of Gulfshore Playhouse, "I love topping off our season with our annual co-production with the Norris Center. It is fun to be able to add yet another dimension to the Naples Art Scene with this jazz club, replete with wine and snacks, and a unique cabaret setting. This show of Charlotte's is a treat!"

As for returning to Naples again, Ms. Cohn says, "We always love it here and feel at home when we visit, and truly hope we can move here fulltime in the future."

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Company adds sixth show to lineup for a 'Scintillating Seventh Season'

Gulfshore Playhouse has a "Scintillating Seventh Season" lined up for 2012-13. The company is growing to six main stage productions for the coming season. Subscription packages and single tickets are on sale now.

"I am heartened and humbled by the way the community has embraced Gulfshore Playhouse," says Kristen Coury, founder and producing artistic director of the company. Here's the new season:

■ **"Reza in Rep,"** two Tony-Award winning plays by Yasmina Reza — "Art" and "God of Carnage" — will be performed in repertory Oct. 20-Nov. 18 (previews Oct. 16-19). Enthusiastic theatergoers can see two plays in the same week or can participate in Marathon Madness Saturdays to see both shows on the same day.

■ Running Jan. 18-Feb. 3, the season's second show is still **TBA**, although the company has requested the rights to three hot new Broadway plays. One of them will fill this slot.

■ Considered one of the funniest plays in the English language, Oscar Wilde's classic **"The Importance of Being Earnest, A Trivial Comedy for Serious People"** will delight Naples audiences Feb. 15-March 3. Set in Victorian London, it opens with Algernon Moncrieff, an idle young gentleman, receiving his best friend, whom he knows as Ernest Worthing. Ernest has come from the country to propose to Algernon's cousin, Gwendolen. Algernon, however, refuses his consent until Ernest explains why his cigarette case bears the inscription, "From little Cecily, with her fondest love to her dear Uncle Jack." With that, Ernest is forced to admit to living a double life. As the show unfolds, it reminds us of the importance of honesty, laughter... and being earnest.

■ **"The Whipping Man,"** a period drama by Matthew Lopez, will be pre-

sented March 15-30. The year is 1865. The Civil War is over and throughout the South, slaves are being freed, soldiers are returning home and in Jewish homes, the annual celebration of Passover is being celebrated. Three men — a Jewish Confederate soldier who has returned from battle and his two former slaves — are at a crossroads. As they reunite to celebrate Passover, they wrestle with their shared past and the reality of the new world in which they find themselves.

"The Whipping Man" is a play about redemption and forgiveness, about the lasting scars of slavery and the responsibility that comes with freedom.

■ For the final show in the 2012-13 season, Gulfshore Playhouse presents

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"Master Class" by Terrance McNally, April 5-21. This Tony Award-winning play takes inspiration from the life of opera diva Maria Callas, after her voice has given out and she has taken to teaching master classes at Juilliard. Join her center stage as she coaxes, prods and inspires her opera students into giving the performances of their lives, while she entertains us with secrets of her own and reminisces on the triumphs and tragedies of her life and career.

Filled with quips about life and love, insights into what it means to be human and interesting perspectives on the creation of art and bringing a song to life, this musical play is not to be missed. This production will be presented in the Daniels Pavilion at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

With the exception of "Master Class," all shows will be staged at The Norris Center. Four- and six-show season subscriptions are available as well as single tickets. For more information, call the box office at (866) 811-4111 or visit www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org. ■

both "Fiddler on the Roof" classics and hits from the Beatles, it's Charlotte Cohn. Considering her non-traditional, tank-

commanding resume, it's a pretty safe bet she's destined to blow the roof off the place, too. ■

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who are husband and wife, create photographic images using two completely different techniques. He montages or "builds" his photographs in a darkroom by exposing up to nine different black and white negatives onto a single sheet of photographic paper, while she assembles her images in layers using her computer and PhotoShop and then prints the completed image with her state-of-the-art inkjet printer. The exhibit at The von Liebig explores the two photographers' work with large and small format images by Ms. Taylor and photographs by Mr. Uelsmann from the 1960s to the present.

The NAA partnered with the Harn Museum of Art at UF and also borrowed directly from each artist for the exhibit.

The Adult Student Exhibition 2012

highlights work by students who attended 2010-11 classes at The von Liebig. Exhibit juror Norman Rocklin awarded prizes to the following artists: Jacqueline Chizever, Caroline Frémont, Pippi Johnson, Jill Segal and Linda Sutton.

Mr. Rocklin has been involved with the Baltimore Museum of Art in numerous capacities since 1968 and is currently a member of the museum's Art Accessions Committee. In addition, he has served on the city of Naples' Public Art Advisory Committee since it began in 2001 and helped the City Council enact the Dollar for Art program that provides outdoor public art in Naples. He has been collecting modern and contemporary art since the late 1960s. ■

— *The von Liebig Art Center, home of the Naples Art Association, is at 585 Park St. next to Cambier Park in downtown Naples. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Admission is free. For more information, call 262-6517 or visit www.naplesart.org.*



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Expectations, Beth Wiese, clay



Sketchy Characters, 2009, Maggie Taylor, pigmented inkjet print



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■ **The Vagina Monologues** – At The Norris Center from 6-9 p.m. April 23, with proceeds benefiting Project Help Inc. 649-1404.

■ **Steel Magnolias** – By The Naples Players through May 12 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Black Tie** – At Florida Repertory Theater, Fort Myers, through April 22. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

■ **Polish Joke** – By Laboratory Theater of Florida through April 29. 1634 Woodford St., Fort Myers. 218-0481.

■ **Schoolhouse Rock** – At Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers, through May 11. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

■ **Legally Blonde the Musical** – At the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre through May 13. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

■ **The Great American Trailer Park Musical** – At the Off Broadway Palm Theatre through April 29. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

Thursday, April 19

■ **Broadway Bound** – “The Broadway Musical: A Love Affair with America,” by Fred and Elsa Kata, starts at 2 p.m. at the South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy. Tour the United States through the words and music of some of Broadway’s greatest composers and lyricists. 252-7542.

■ **Wine & Food** – “Sip and Sample,” a benefit for Friends of Foster Children of Southwest Florida, runs from 5-7 p.m. at the Village on Venetian Bay. \$25. 262-1808 or www.fostercarecouncil.org.

■ **Senior Art** – An opening reception for “Finals: Spring 2012 Senior Projects” runs from 5-7 p.m. in the arts complex at Florida Gulf Coast University. A gallery talk with the student artists begins at 4 p.m. 590-7199 or asturdiv@fgcu.edu.

■ **Evening on Fifth** – Live music will fill the air along Fifth Avenue South from 7-10 p.m. Entertainers for the evening include Made in Brooklyn, Mr. & Mrs. Trio, Lost Rodeo, Mary Grace & Tim Poindexter, Tres Amigos and Michael Angelo. www.fifthvenuesouth.com.

■ **Does Anybody Really Know?** – Chicago performs at 7:30 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 481-4849 or www.bbmannpah.com.

■ **Ad Libbing** – Naples City Improv takes the stage at 8 p.m. at the English Pub on the East Trail. \$10. 682-0638.

■ **Jazz Men** – Jazz trombonist Dante Luciani joins the Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra for the sixth concert in this year’s “All That Jazz” series at 6 and 8:30 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.



There are just two more chances to catch **Jebry's Monday Jazz Jam**, a 14-year tradition at the Island Pub. April 23 and 30 will be the last jam sessions before the restaurant and lounge closes for good on May 1. Jebry reports the band is looking for a new Monday venue and also plays every Thursday at New York Pizza and Pasta.

■ **Funny Guy** – Tim Meadows performs tonight through Sunday at the Off the Hook Comedy Club, 599 S. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 389-6900.

Friday, April 20

■ **Beach Blast** – Fort Myers Beach hosts the second annual “Sand Bash” master sand-sculpting competition today through Sunday and April 27-29 at the Holiday Inn, 6890 Estero Blvd. www.sandbash.com.

■ **Music Night** – It’s Music Walk in downtown Fort Myers from 7-10 p.m. www.fortmyersmusicwalk.com.

■ **Musical Revue** – “In the Mood,” a 1940s musical revue, starts at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **String Sounds** – The FGCU Bower School of Music presents a string orchestra concert at 7:30 p.m. Free. 590-7851 or pharkins@fgcu.edu.

■ **Rock & Blues** – The Jonny Monster Band plays from 8-11 p.m. at Fred’s Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or www.fredsnaples.com.

■ **Free Music** – Gulf Coast Town Center presents The Hat Boys playing classic oldies from 7-9 p.m. in Market Plaza. 267-0783 or www.gulfcoasttown-center.com.

Saturday, April 21

■ **Family Fun** – The Philharmonic Center for the Arts celebrates Earth Day with free family fun from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Free for All** – the Conservancy of Southwest Florida invites all ages to celebrate Earth Day from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida Nature Center, 1450 Merrihue Drive. Free. 262-0304 or www.conservancy.org.

■ **Earthy Movies** – The Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center celebrates Earth Day with a five-episode Planet Earth Film Festival and a screening of “An Inconvenient Truth.” 417-6310 or www.rookerybay.org.

■ **Earth Day at the Park** – Koreshan State Historic Site celebrates Earth Day from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with music, food, educational exhibits and more. 992-0311 or www.floridastateparks.org/koreshan.

■ **Earth Day at the Outlets** – Miromar Outlets observes Earth Day with family-friendly activities and entertainment from 3-6 p.m. www.miro-maroutlets.com.

■ **Pig Out** – The Marco Police Foundation hosts an old-fashioned pig roast (with burgers and hot dogs, too) from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Marco Island YMCA. \$15 per person, free for children younger than 10 accompanied by an adult. Tickets available at the gate and at the Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce. 389-2823.

■ **Third Saturday Art Day** – The North Naples Arts Alliance hosts Third Saturday Art Day from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at galleries and studios throughout the Pine Ridge Industrial Park. 821-1061.

■ **Open Studios** – Feed your appetite for affordable art at the Shirley Street Galleries and Studios, where original art prices from \$100-\$950 is in the spotlight today and Sunday. 594-2521 or www.shirleystreetarts.com.

■ **Hot Cars** – Parrot Key Caribbean Grill on Fort Myers Beach hosts the second annual European Sports Car Show, a benefit for The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida. 2500 Main St. 463-3257 or www.MyParrotKey.com.

■ **Fountainside Sounds** – Enjoy live music from 1-4 p.m. by the fountain at the Village on Venetian Bay. 4200 Gulf Shore Blvd. N.

■ **Cirque Show** – Aerial flyers, acrobats, contortionists, jugglers and more join the Gulf Coast Symphony for “Cirque de la Symphonie” at 7:30 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 481-4849 or www.gulfcoastsymphony.org. See story on page C18.

■ **Spanish Guitar** – The Gipsy Kings take the stage at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

Sunday, April 22

■ **Foreign Film** – The FGCU Renaissance Academy presents “Waking Ned Devine” (Isle of Man, 1998) from 1-4 p.m. \$4 members, \$5 non-members. 434-4737.

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

■ **Concert for Kids** – Nickelodeon’s Fresh Beat Band performs at 2 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 481-4849 or www.bbmannpah.com.

■ **Yanni’s Back** – Yanni takes the stage at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

Monday, April 23

■ **Monday Movie** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents a screening of “Basquiat,” the 1996 film based on the life of American postmodernist/neo-expressionist artist Jean-Michel Basquiat, at 7 p.m. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. \$8. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Marco Bingo** – The doors open at noon and the first game is called at 1 p.m. at the Greater Marco Family YMCA. 394-YMCA (9622), ext. 204, or dottie@marcoislandymca.org.

■ **More B-I-N-G-O** – Start with a free kosher hot dog dinner at 5:30 p.m. and be ready for the first game at 7 p.m. at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island (weekly games end on May 7). 991 Winterberry Drive. 642-0800.



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Brothers Calvin and Sonny Ingram, 16 and 14, respectively, have been performing as **Melting Clockwork** for the past few years and now are behind the inaugural “Catch ‘em on the Rise” music jam to give other young artists a chance for the spotlight. Featuring musicians ages 21 and younger, it takes place from 6-9 p.m. April 19 on the outdoor stage at Gulf Coast Town Center. Expect to hear bands and individual artists play everything from folk to rock. 994-4319.

WHAT TO DO



The Gulf Coast Symphony presents "Cirque de la Symphonie!" at 7:30 p.m. April 21 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. Acrobats, dancers, aerial fliers, strongmen and tightrope walkers will perform onstage with or above the musicians. \$42-\$62. 481-4849 or www.gulfcoastsymphony.org. See story on page C18.

Tuesday, April 24

■ **Tribute to Operetta** – The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra performs "Vienna to Broadway" at 8 p.m. tonight through April 27 and at 2 and 8 p.m. April 28 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

Wednesday, April 25

■ **Wine Tasting** – Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits and Johnson Brothers host "Wine Down Wednesday" from 5-8 p.m. Enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres. \$10. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

Coming Up

■ **Beach Films** – The Fort Myers Beach Film Festival runs April 26-29 at the Beach Theater. 463-3600, ext. 222.

■ **Dessert Theater** – First Baptist Academy presents its second annual musical "dessert theater" production, "The King and I," at 7 p.m. April 26-27. 3000 Orange Blossom Drive. \$10. 596-8600, ext. 525.

■ **Myster Dinner Theater** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents "Who Shot the Director" at 7 p.m. April 27-28 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. \$45 for dinner buffet and the interactive show. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Cabaret Show** – Broadway star Charlotte Cohn brings "Simply Complicated" to The Norris Center at 7:30 p.m. April 27-28. \$42. 213-3058. See story on page C1.

■ **A Stand-Up Guy** – Dom Irera performs April 26-29 at the Off the Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island. 389-6900.

■ **Tasty Fare** – The Taste of the Beach takes place from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. April 29 at Bay Oaks Recreational Center, 2731 Oak St., Fort Myers Beach. 454-7500.

■ **Meet Mr. Maher** – Comedian and host Bill Maher takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. April 29 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 481-4849 or www.bbmanpah.com.

■ **Blue Highway** – The Grammy-nominated bluegrass band Blue Highway performs at 3 p.m. April 29 at First Congregational Church of Christ. \$22 in advance, \$25 at the door. The church is at the corner of Immokalee Road and Oakes Boulevard. 514-3500.

■ **A World of Food** – The Mercato International Food Fest on April 29 will take guests on a culinary journey with tastes from AZN Asian Cuisine, Cucina Italiana, Grace & Shelly's Cupcakes and more. 245-1080.

■ **Cinco de Meow** – The Old Naples Pub hosts "Cinco de Meow" for Humane Society Naples from, 5-7 p.m. May 4. The feline fiesta happy hour will feature \$3 coronas and a raffle. 643-1880, ext. 18 or events@HSNaples.org.

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ARTS COMMENTARY

Reading 'The List,' checking it twice



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The list is out!

It's been packed in suitcases by snowbirds returning north, e-mailed to friends in other states and countries, held tightly and referred to in bookstores and libraries.

I've already e-mailed copies to book-loving friends in Boston, New York City, St. Louis, Des Moines and Louisville.

Elaine Newton, professor emeritus of humanities, York University in Toronto, releases her eagerly awaited Critic's Choice Summer Reading List — a list of new, literary novels she enthusiastically recommends — every year about this time.

From this list, she'll choose the six titles to lecture about next season at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts in Naples.

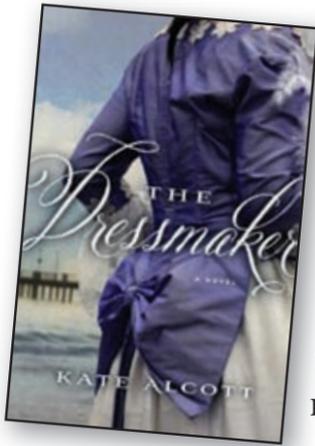
Her Critic's Choice book lectures sell out every year. Tickets to her 10 a.m. Thursday lectures in the smaller, more intimate Daniels Pavilion are almost impossible to get. This year I had to settle for tickets to her 10 a.m. Saturday lectures in the Phil's main hall. One Saturday I had to drive around to search for a parking spot. I was amazed. Dr. Newton had packed the Phil's Hayes Hall. There were more people at her lecture than attended some of the concerts with performers from the world over.

Sometimes you fear the world is truly illiterate — or at best, alliterate — and then you walk into a scene like that: well over 1,000 people spending a couple hours on a Saturday morning listening to an in-depth lecture about a novel.

It gave me hope.

Here's the 2012 Critic's Choice Summer Reading List:

- "The Dressmaker," Kate Alcott
- "No One is Here Except For All of Us," Ramona Ausubel
- "Lost Memory of Skin," Russell Banks
- "The Sense of an Ending," Julian Barnes
- "The O'Briens," Peter Behrens
- "Running the Rift," Naomi Benaron
- "The Chemistry of



Tears" (available 5/15), Peter Carey

■ "Forgotten Country," Catherine Chung

■ "Open City," Teju Cole

■ "The Artist of Disappearance," Anita Desai

■ "The Sisters Brothers," Patrick deWitt

■ "The Partial History of Lost Causes," Jennifer DuBois

■ "Half Blood Blues," Esi Edugyan

■ "The Marriage Plot," Jeffrey Eugenides

■ "No Time Like the Present," Nadine Gordimer

■ "Dancing on Broken Glass," Ka Hancock

■ "The Art of Fielding," Chad Harbach

■ "Blue Asylum," Kathy Hepinstall

■ "The Stranger's Child," Alan Hollinghurst

■ "In One Person" (available 5/8), John Irving

■ "Requiem" (available 8/7), Frances Itani

■ "How It All Began," Penelope Lively

■ Kristina McMorris, "Bridge of Scarlet Leaves"

■ Eric Morgenstern, "The Night Circus"

■ Toni Morrison, "Home" (available 5/8)

■ Stewart O'Nan, "The Odds: A Love Story"

■ Michael Ondaatje, "The Cat's Table"

■ Julie Otsuka, "The Buddha in the Attic"

■ Ann Patchett, "State of Wonder"

■ Elliot Perlman, "The Street Sweeper"

■ Jan-Philip Sendker, "The Art of Hearing Heartbeats"

■ Justin Torres, "We the Animals"

■ Amor Towles, "Rules of Civility"

■ Ellen Ullman, "By Blood"

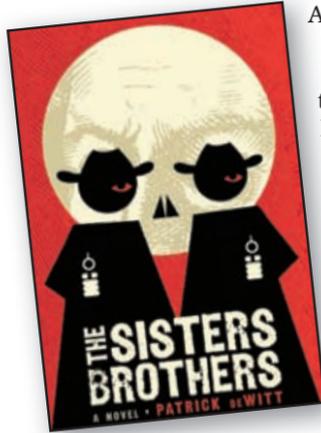
■ Amy Waldman, "The Submission"

■ Katie Ward, "Girl Reading"

■ Jesmyn Ward, "Salvage the Bones"

■ Colson Whitehead, "Zone One"

■ Hilma Wolitzer, "An Available Man"



I was pleased to see that this year I have a head start; I've already read half a dozen or so of the titles, and have a few more out on loan from the library, just waiting for me to open them.

I was entranced by Erin Morgenstern's "The Night Circus," which possesses that rare combination of being both adult and magical. The plot involves a feud between two magicians and a mysterious, sophisticated circus that appears without warning, and is open only at night.

Chad Harbach's "The Art of Fielding" had me eagerly turning its pages over Christmastime. I'm not a huge baseball fan and was initially dubious I'd



enjoy the book. Baseball itself can be deadly slow, and reading a play-by-play of games seems a sure cure for insomnia. But "The Art of Fielding" is about so much more, including how to find your way in life.

This is a debut novel for Mr. Harbach, an editor of the literary magazine "n + 1". His smooth and easy prose has earned some comparisons to John Irving. But there was also a lot of hype about the novel, and consequently, there's been a backlash to it. (Atlantic magazine just called it "The Most Overrated Novel of the Year" on its cover. Ouch.)

Is it the Great American Novel? No. But it's a fun read. And to my surprise, some of the most lyrical passages were the ones describing action on the baseball diamond.

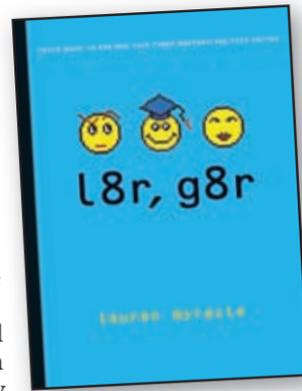
Patrick deWitt's "The Sisters Brothers" reads as if Mark Twain and the Coen Brothers collaborated on a western. The book's written in the first

person, tongue-in-cheek, with great dry wit. Just look at what the author named his gun-slugging anti-heroes — two brothers who are also Sisters, because that's their name. Yes, there's lots of gratuitous killing in this novel. It's a western, what do you expect?

Also on the list: "The Submission," by Amy Waldman, which is one of the best books I've read in a while. The premise: A contest is held for a design for a 9/11 memorial to be built at Ground Zero. A design is chosen, and then it's discovered that the winner is a New York architect who's Muslim. And then all hell breaks out.

And another list

Another reading list was also recently released: The American Library Association's list of the most challenged books in 2011. I'm sure the people and groups who protested these titles did not intend to encourage others to read the books, but that's exactly what happens when someone tries to censor titles — it just makes other people want to read them all the more.



Here's the list of the top 10 challenged books in 2011:

1. "ttyl," "ttnn," "l8r," "g8r" (series), Lauren Myracle
2. "The Color of Earth," Kim Dong Hwa
3. "The Hunger Games" (trilogy), Suzanne Collins
4. "My Mom's Having a Baby! A Kid's Month-by-Month Guide to Pregnancy," Dori Hillestad Butler
5. "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian," Sherman Alexie
6. "Alice" (series), Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
7. "Brave New World," Aldous Huxley
8. "What My Mother Doesn't Know," Sonya Sones
9. "Gossip Girl" (series), Cecily Von Ziegesar
10. "To Kill a Mockingbird," Harper Lee

Some of these titles are young adult books; a couple of others are considered classics and are taught in literature classes.

Unfortunately, small minds want to make others just like them: unthinking, unquestioning and small-minded.

You have your lists. Go read. ■

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"The Imaginators" is a journey into a forgotten world of creativity and fantasy that we all have access to — if we just know where to look for it.

Tickets are \$12 and include a brown bag lunch from the Morgan House and a post-show discussion and workshop.

Reservations are required to guarantee a lunch order. Call 332-4488 or visit www.floridarepeducation.org. ■

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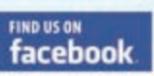
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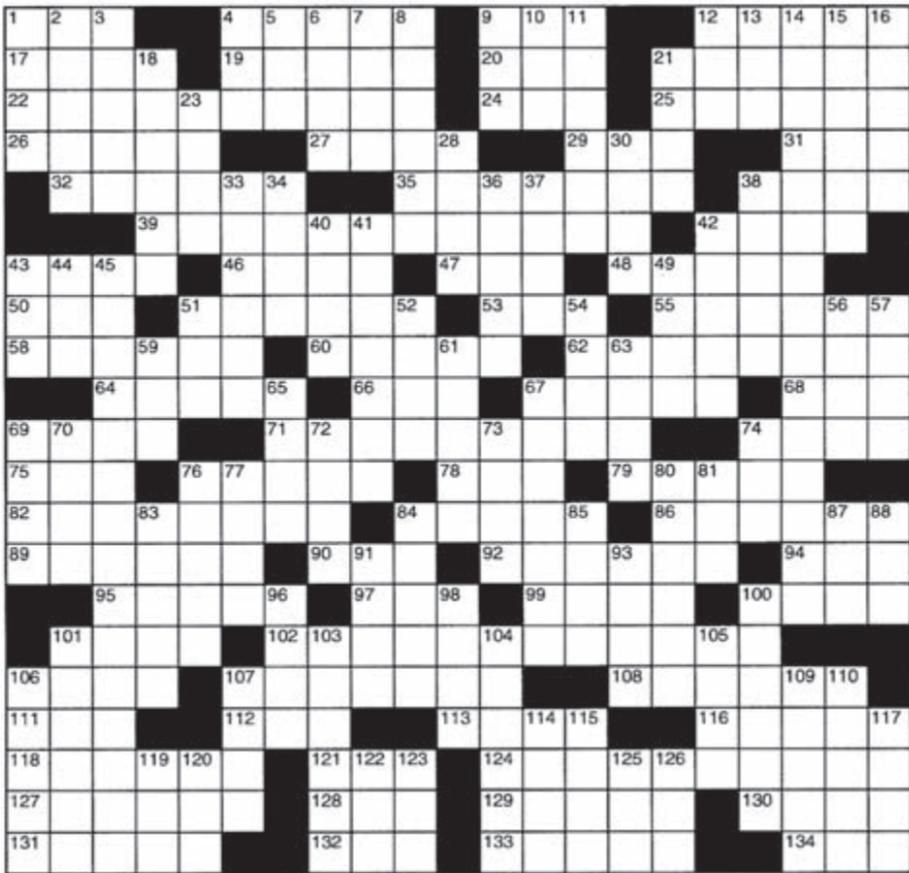
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HOROSCOPES

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Temper your typical Aries urge to charge into a situation and demand answers. Instead, let the Lamb's gentler self emerge to deal with a problem that requires delicacy.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** You are aware of what's going on, so continue to stand by your earlier decision, no matter how persuasive the counter-arguments might be. Money pressures soon will ease.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** By all means, have fun and enjoy your newly expanded social life. But don't forget that some people are depending on you to keep promises that are very important to them.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** You need to wait patiently for an answer to a workplace problem and not push for a decision. Remember: Time is on your side. A financial matter needs closer attention.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** You now have information that can influence that decision you planned to make. But the clever Cat will consult a trusted friend or family member before making a major move.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Good news: You're finding that more doors are opening for you to show what you can do, and you don't even have to knock very hard to get the attention you're seeking.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Your gift for creating order out

of chaos will help you deal with a sudden rush of responsibilities that would threaten someone less able to balance his or her priorities.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Congratulations. Your energy levels are coming right back up to normal -- just in time to help you tackle some worthwhile challenges and make some important choices.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** The sage Sagittarian should demand a full explanation of inconsistencies that might be cropping up in what had seemed to be a straightforward deal.

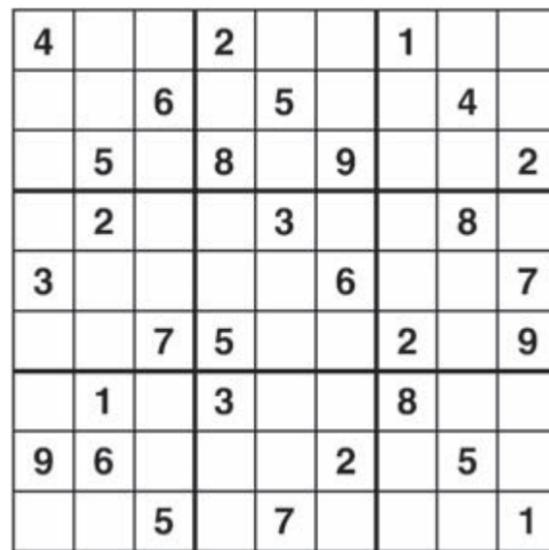
■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** A conflict between obligations to family and to the job can create stressful problems. Best advice: Balance your dual priorities so that one doesn't outweigh the other.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Don't guess, speculate or gossip about that so-called "mystery" situation at the workplace. Bide your time. An explanation will be forthcoming very soon.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Boredom might be creeping in and causing you to lose interest in a repeat project. Deal with it by flipping over your usual routine and finding a new way to do an old task.

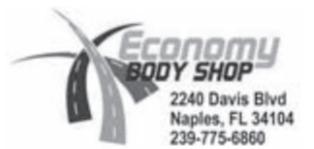
■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You can warm the coldest heart with your lyrical voice and bright smile. You find yourself at home, wherever you are. ■

By Linda Thistle



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'Bully'



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Growing up is hard enough as it is. Now imagine having a weird haircut, being gay or just dressing differently from everyone else. Other kids, brutal in their lack of knowledge of the deep pain they cause, target the socially awkward with reckless abandon. The funnier and cooler they are in front of their friends, the better they feel about themselves.

Director Lee Hirsch's documentary "Bully," which recently received a PG-13 rating after much controversy over the inclusion of the "f-word" on six occasions, follows bullying victims and their families as they deal with the mistreatment. In two instances, sadly, the focus is on families moving on after the suicides of a 17-year-old and an 11-year-old.

Alex in Iowa, age 12, gets the most screen time. His classmates call him "fish face" because of his protruding mouth. He also wears glasses and, to be honest, is not the best looking kid in school. But that doesn't mean he deserves to have an older bully tell him: "(I'm going to) bring a knife and f*@k you up."

Kelby in Oklahoma, age 16, is a lesbian. Not only have those in her Bible belt community demonized her, but her teachers add to her discomfort by making it a point to tell her that "fags" used to be burned alive. A complaint to the school administration does little to help.

And what happens when you fight back? Ask Ja'Maya, a 14-year-old African American girl in Mississippi. She got so fed up with being bullied that she took her mother's gun with her on the school bus and threatened others with it. When we meet her, she's in juvenile detention and facing life in prison for endangering the lives of others.

Although "Bully" makes its points well, there are a few aspects that warrant questioning:

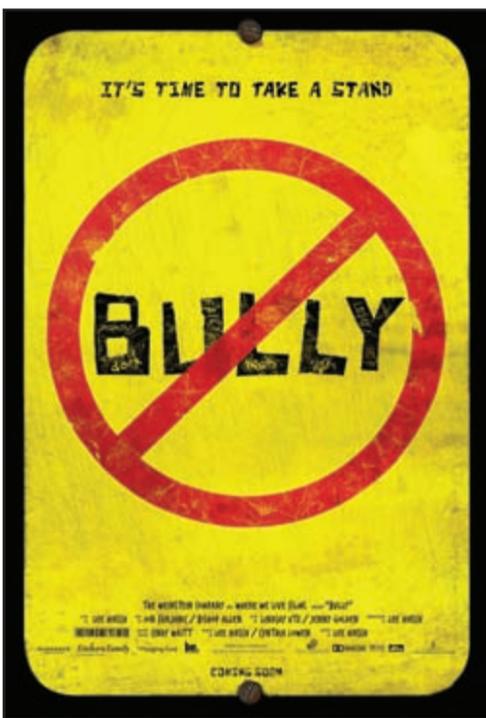
- How/why did the bullies continue to misbehave when the victims were on camera? Or did the bullies even know the cameras were there?

- How did the filmmakers find the bullied kids whose stories they tell?

■ And surely there are some success stories with administrators/teachers dealing with bullying. Why not include them as part of the solution to help this problem? What's more, there's a notable lack of commentary/reflection from individuals who either currently or used to bully; a self-analysis of why they do it would have added perspective and made for a better documentary.

But then, Mr. Hirsch isn't interested in the other side of the story; he just wants to show how awful bullying is for the victims. Fair enough.

Ironically, the end effect of "Bully"



renders the same emotion that bullying often yields: Crying. One look around the theater at the tears in fellow moviegoers' eyes — even just the sound of the sniffing, really — is enough to convince you of the film's powerful message. It's maudlin and manipulative, yes, but it needs to be in order to pound its message home and get people to act against bullying.

If you've ever bullied, been bullied or just hate the fact that people are picked on for reasons out of their control, this is a movie you need to see. ■

in the know

>> If you want to keep up with the latest anti-bullying activities inspired by the film, go to www.facebook.com/bullymovie.

CAPSULES

American Reunion ★1/2

(Jason Biggs, Tara Reid, Eugene Levy) The "American Pie" gang reunites for its high school reunion and, of course, crazy things happen. Only Stifler (Sean William Scott) is funny in this uninspired and unnecessary sequel. Rated R.

Wrath of the Titans

(Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson, Ralph Fiennes) Perseus (Worthington) must rescue his father, Zeus (Neeson), from the capture of Hades (Fiennes) in the underworld. While the story is basically serviceable, the

action and visual effects are top quality. Rated PG-13.

The Hunger Games

(Jennifer Lawrence, Liam Hemsworth, Josh Hutcherson) Set in the future, Katniss (Lawrence) leaves her friend Gale (Hemsworth) behind to fight to the death with Peeta (Hutcherson) and 22 other young adults in the titular "Hunger Games." It takes too long to get to the games, but once there it's sufficiently exciting and suspenseful. Based on the Suzanne Collins novel. Rated PG-13. ■

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The Naples International Film Festival will present a series of four Russian films as part of ArtsNaples World Festival, a city-wide celebration of the art & culture of Russia. Sip a vodka cocktail, sample Russian treats and join NIFF for a unique film experience at the luxurious Silverspot Cinema.

■ **7 p.m. Monday, May 14:** "Vysotsky: Thank God I Am Alive" - One of the highest-grossing films in Russian history, this movie takes a look at the life of the iconic actor, poet and prolific singer/songwriter Vladimir Vysotsky, one of the Soviet Union's most influential artists.

■ **2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15:** "The Vanished Empire" - Sergey is a cocky university student in 1973 Moscow who is more interested in British rock 'n' roll, pawning his family's prized books to buy blue jeans and courting the beautiful Lyuda than in his studies. Against a backdrop of the black market and disaffected youth, Sergey is forced to grow up and accept responsibility for his family, his future and, ultimately, himself.

■ **5 p.m. Wednesday, May 15:** "Moscow Does Not Believe in Tears" - The 1980 Academy Award winner for Best Foreign Language Film, this movie follows three optimistic young women who leave the countryside in search of a better future in the big city. Each one has a different dream of life in Moscow: marriage, education, climbing up the social

ladder. Though things don't always go as planned, they support each other over the decades through the ups and downs of life, from love, marriage and motherhood to heartbreak and, when least expected, love once more.

■ **7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17:** "Elena" - The 2011 winner of a Special Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival, this film is about Vladimir and Elena, spouses in their 60s who uneasily share his palatial Moscow apartment: He's a virile, wealthy businessman; she's his dowdy former nurse who has clearly "married up." Estranged from his own wild-child daughter, Vladimir openly despises his wife's freeloading son and family. But when a sudden illness and an unexpected reunion threaten the dutiful housewife's potential inheritance, she must hatch a desperate plan.

None of the above films has been rated.

Tickets are available at the Silverspot Cinema box office or online at www.Silverspotcinema.com.

ArtsNaples World Festival is a celebration of music, visual and performing arts whose mission is to produce an annual festival featuring the culture of a different region of the world each year. The inaugural festival takes place May 12-18. For a complete schedule and more information, visit www.ArtsNaplesWorldFestival.org. ■



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ARTISTS AMONG US

Jewelry-making couple enjoys a life of art and creativity

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Callie and Jerry Spilane

Callie and Jerry create their jewelry together; their two daughters are artists as well, one specializing in origami and the other in jewelry making.

Callie holds international certification as a master artist and teacher in the medium of porcelain. She has been making jewelry with dichroic glass for nearly 20 years. “Glass gives you instant gratification,” she says. “Glass only takes one or two fires in the kiln, whereas porcelain can take five to seven.”

Callie also serves as the director of education for the Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center. She started as a volunteer eight years ago and now a fulltime staff member, in charge of all classes, workshops and camp programs the NAA hosts.

“I am constantly surrounded by creativity,” she says about why she loves her job. “Whether it is exhibits, classes or the gift shop, there is always something to wrap your brain around. I am

an artist who works at an art center. It’s a dream come true.”

One of her favorite times of the year is during the summer months when the NAA holds ARTScool for kids.

“ARTScool is very important to me,” she says. “When I was growing up, I wasn’t one of the kids that colored inside the lines. I was always the one who was a little bit off-centered. My work was never hung on school walls.” For today’s young ARTScool students, she strives to create a warm and inspiring environment where they can learn to express themselves artistically. ■

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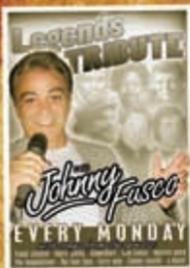
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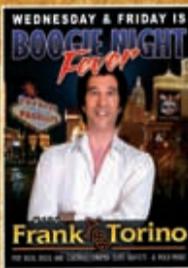
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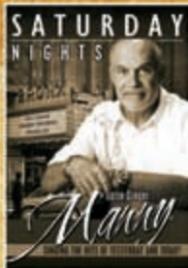
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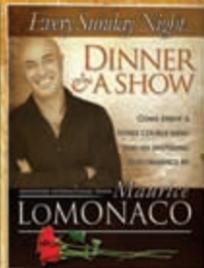
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■ The Clarinet Swing Kings! 8 p.m. Thursday, May 3

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■ "Family Fare" with the NPO 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6

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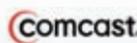
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■ **ABBA and the NPO**
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■ **"Brahms to Bax"**
The Naples Philharmonic Chamber Ensemble

8 p.m. Tuesday, May 22

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Philharmonic youth orchestra to hold auditions for next season

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For more information, an application packet, audition requirements and to schedule an audition time, call 254-2612.

Auditions will be held at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, 5833 Pelican Bay Blvd. in Naples.

Under the direction of Charles Gottschalk, the Philharmonic Youth Orchestra rehearses weekly on Sunday afternoons. Annual tuition is \$250 and the refundable music deposit is \$35. Some scholarships are available.

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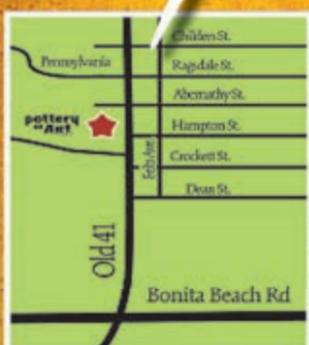


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CONTRACT BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

Look before you leap

This hand arose in the intercollegiate championships some years ago. South is in four hearts, and West leads the K-A of spades. How should declarer play the hand?

It would be easy for anyone who customarily plays hastily to misplay the hand. In fact, most of the South players who got to four hearts went wrong early in the play when they ruffed the second spade lead, drew four rounds of trumps and tried a diamond finesse. East took the queen of diamonds with the king and returned a spade to his partner, who cashed two spades for down two.

Had the trumps been divided 3-3, or West had the diamond king, this method of play would have been successful. However, these declarers failed to make allowance for the much more likely 4-2 trump division, and it eventually cost them the contract when East turned up with the king of diamonds.

The proper line of play is relatively simple. In order to guard against a possible 4-2 trump division, South should discard a diamond at trick two. If he does this, he is on much safer ground.

In the actual case, West can do no better than continue with a third round of spades, and South can then afford to ruff with much greater equanimity. When he next plays four rounds of

South dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

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| NORTH | | | |
| ♠ | 10 8 6 4 | ♥ | K 7 |
| ♦ | A 8 3 2 | ♣ | A 5 4 |
| WEST | | EAST | |
| ♠ | A K Q J 5 | ♠ | 7 3 2 |
| ♥ | 10 6 3 2 | ♥ | 8 5 |
| ♦ | 9 4 | ♦ | K 10 7 |
| ♣ | 8 7 | ♣ | 10 9 6 3 2 |
| SOUTH | | | |
| ♠ | 9 | ♥ | A Q J 9 4 |
| ♥ | A Q J 9 4 | ♦ | Q J 6 5 |
| ♦ | Q J 6 5 | ♣ | K Q J |
| ♣ | K Q J | | |

The bidding:

| South | West | North | East |
|-------|------|-------|------|
| 1♥ | 1♠ | 2♦ | Pass |
| 3♦ | Pass | 3♥ | Pass |
| 4♥ | | | |

Opening lead — king of spades.

trumps and takes the diamond finesse as before, East wins with the king, but this time, since he doesn't have a spade to return, South has the rest of the tricks.

In effect, declarer short-circuits the defense by deliberately conceding a spade at trick two. It is a trick South can easily afford to lose in the interests of safety. ■

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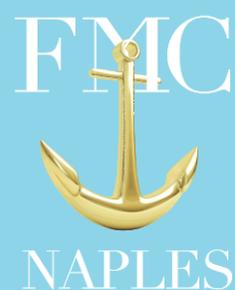
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Many wrinkles in the tale of the iron's evolution

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Permanent-press fabrics have relieved most households of the need to iron clothing. In past centuries, ironing was an almost daily duty of a woman in the home. Before about the 10th century, cloth was ironed with smooth wooden or glass pieces and a pounding stick. Heat was not used until the 16th century in Europe. By then, pressing irons were metal pans with long handles. A piece of charcoal was put in the pan to heat the bottom and the heated pan was rubbed over the cloth. This crude iron was gradually improved. Charcoal was replaced by a heated iron rod to avoid the charcoal ashes that sometimes fell on the cloth. Next came special box irons with handles and pointed fronts. They were shaped like the electric and steam irons used today. Soon a solid piece of iron, also in today's familiar shape, was made to put on the stove to heat, then quickly

used to heat and smooth cloth. By the turn of the 20th century, irons were heated by liquid gas, alcohol, gasoline or electricity. Unfortunately, some of the liquid-fueled irons blew up. The electric iron was patented in 1882, but few homes had electricity back then. So the electric iron was not in general use until about 1915. Since then, irons have been improved with the addition of thermo-



This 8-inch early-20th-century copy of an ancient Chinese iron used to press cloth sold for \$89 at a December 2011 Ivey-Selkirk auction in St. Louis. Its shape inspired a 1950s ashtray. An antique Chinese iron would sell for hundreds of dollars.

stats that control heat and steam. Some even became cordless and could fold up to go with travelers. All types of old ironing sticks, mangling boards and irons are collected today. Nineteenth- and unusual 20th-century examples sell for hundreds of dollars. In the 1950s, an early Chinese iron that looks like a small, ornate cooking pot with a handle was copied and



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used as a portable ashtray. These mid-20th-century copies sell for about \$30 today. A genuine antique Chinese iron is worth hundreds of dollars.

Q: Recently I purchased five matching maple side chairs with "Mottville, N.Y." stamped on the back of the top slat of each chair. Two of the chairs are stamped "F. Sinclair" under "Mottville," while the other three are stamped "Union Chair Works." I've cleaned up the chairs and given them new woven seats. Please tell me the approximate age and value of the chairs, and explain the different marks.

A: The Union Chair Works factory was built in Mottville, near Skaneateles, N.Y., in 1866, although some records say the founding of the company dates back to 1859. The company's owners, Joseph Hubbard and Francis A. Sinclair, advertised their furniture under the brand name "Common Sense" and eventually made chairs, rockers, tables and settees. The company operated at least into the 1880s, and perhaps into the early 1900s. If all you had to do to get the chairs into tiptop shape was clean them and replace the woven seats, the set could sell for more than \$500.

Q: I want to leave my collection of Hummel figurines to my 14-year-old great-granddaughter. What should I wrap them in and how should I store them?

A: Hummel figurines are based on the drawings of the nun M.I. "Berta" Hummel. They were first made in 1935 by the W. Goebel Porcelain Co. of Oeslau (now part of Rodental), Germany. The figurines are made of earthenware. Parts that aren't glazed will absorb moisture, so they need to be stored in a dry place. Don't store them in the basement, which often is damp, or in the attic, where they would be subject to extreme temperature changes, which could cause crazing. You can wrap

the figurines in plain archival paper, white tissue paper or pieces of white bedsheets and pack them carefully in a box with bunches of tissue paper between them to prevent them from bumping each other when the box is moved. Don't wrap them in newspaper. Newsprint comes off and may stain the figurines. Don't wrap them in colored paper or plastic, either. The best way to store them is in their original boxes, if you still have them.

Q: My mother left me an oval brooch made of blue milk glass. I think it originally belonged to her grandmother, who died in 1924. It's a series of little blue balls and tiny silver balls. The gold-tone border is impressed "Czechoslovakia" in capital letters on the back. What do you think it's worth?

A: The country of Czechoslovakia was formed in 1918, when World War I ended. So your brooch was not made before 1918. The country split into the Czech Republic and Slovakia in 1993. Costume jewelry made of Czechoslovakian glass sells for a wide range of prices, depending on design and condition. Your brooch could sell for \$20 to \$50.

Tip: If you get gum on your Oriental rug or carpet, freeze it with an ice cube in a plastic bag, then scrape it off with a plastic credit card. ■

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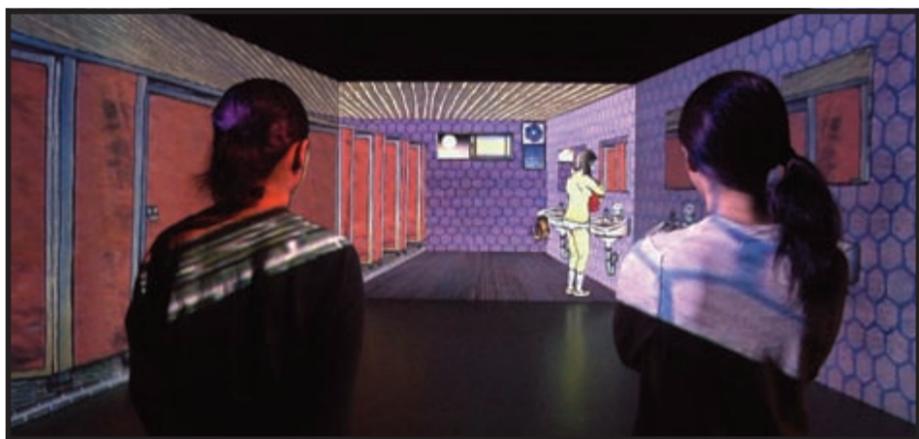
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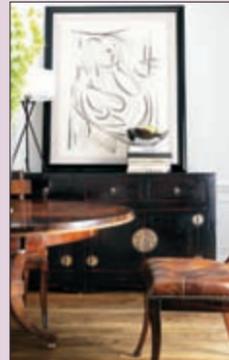
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Tickets are \$95 per person. For more information, call Dan Leaman at 404-0254 or Debi Foss and 272-4494.

Celebrate early at 'Cinco de Meow'

The Humane Society Naples invites friends of felines everywhere to celebrate "Cinco de Meow" a day early from 5-7 p.m. Friday, May 4, at the Old Naples Pub, 255 13th Ave. S. The feline fiesta happy hour will feature \$3 Coronas, the Old Naples Pub's appetizers and dinner selections and a special raffle. Dr. Kim Traugott, HSN clinic veterinarian, will be "in" to answer questions from cat owners.

Admission is free, but donations to HSN will be welcome. A \$25 donation at Dr. Traugott's advice booth will make the donor an HSN Shining Star. Contributions of any dollar amount will be much appreciated to help the hundreds of cats and kittens who rely on HSN for shelter and adoption services each year.

For more information about supporting the efforts of HSN, contact Renée Palin, assistant director of development-special events, at 643-1880, ext. 18, or at events@HSNnaples.org.

Boogie in your boots for foster care kids

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are still available for the fifth annual "Boots & Boogie Bash" for Friends of Foster Children coming up Saturday, May 5, at Grey Oaks Country Club.

The night will include a cocktail reception, silent and live auctions, dancing to the Kenny Flint band, a Texas-style dinner and the "Corral of Dreams," a place where guests can make dreams come true for local children in foster care. Boots with children's hand-written requests on them will be scattered about a hay-filled corral for guests to choose and fulfill wishes that range from a bicycle helmet to a laptop.

Friends of Foster Children helps to improve the lives of more than 800 Collier County children who are removed from abusive and neglectful homes each year.

Co-chairs of this year's "Boots & Boogie Bash" are Vicki Tracy and Sharon Treiser. Sponsors are NEST of Florida, Storm Force, Advocate Legal Consulting Group, Children's Network, Gulf Coast Insurance the Naples Daily News and Florida Weekly.

Tickets are \$200 per person. Call 262-1808, e-mail Jennifer Weidenbruch at Jennifer@friendsoffosterchildren.net or visit www.friendsoffosterchildren.net.

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SAVE THE DATE

Coin & Jewelry host a Kentucky Derby party from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at the Bonita Bay Club. The evening includes dinner, silent and live auctions, a Best Derby Hat contest and a Stick Pony Derby as well as the live broadcast of the Run for the Roses.

Tickets are \$75 per person. For reservations or more information, visit www.BonitaSpringsChamber.com.

Michael Kors Spring 2013 trunk show at the Third Avenue South boutique Nov. 15-17 in conjunction with the fashion designer's visit to Naples.

Patron tables for "Hats in the Garden" are \$10,000 and are available now; a limited number of single tickets for \$500 each will go on sale in April. For more information, call the Garden at 643-7275 or visit www.naplesgarden.org. ■

— Send Save the Date information about galas and other fundraising parties to cpierce@floridaweekly.com.

Put film fest in your fall plans

The third annual Naples International Film Festival is set for Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 1-4. The red carpet opening night gala and screening take place at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, while features, documentaries and film shorts of all genres will be screened at Silverspot Cinema at Mercato Nov. 2-4. Check www.naplesfilmfest.com for details as the date draws near, or call 775-3456.

'Hats' off to fashion designer Michael Kors

Naples Botanical Garden and Marissa Collections have announced that Michael Kors will be the featured designer for the ninth annual "Hats in the Garden" luncheon Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Garden. Mr. Kors will present a runway show of his Spring 2013 ready-to-wear collection.

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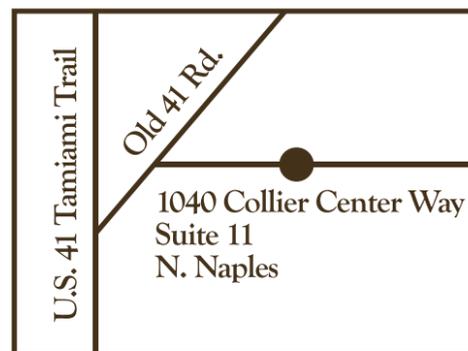
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1. Andy Owen, Michelle Owen, Jennifer Holzer, Chris Holzer, Catherine and Bryan Rodrigues
2. Kacey Shrauger and Kristin Gaines
3. Kerri and David Call
4. Maggie Maloney and Richard Clark
5. Kathy and David Camposano
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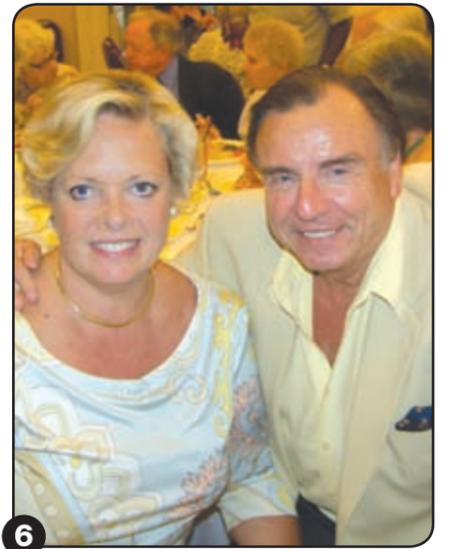


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Author Lisa See at the Nick Linn Lecture Series



1. Guest author Lisa See, center, with Sara and Nick Linn and Linda Fasulo
2. Eileen Keenan and Ellen Schmidt
3. Diane McCaw and Bill Buchanan
4. Nelson Smith, Betsy Corman and Sue Smith
5. Harrison and Jane Sawyer with Ronnie Dupin
6. Paula and Roger Weatherburn Baker
7. Nick Linn and Larry Caliguiri
8. Mary Burkley Pike and Sharon Shire

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Naples Art Association hosts a reception at The von Liebig



1. Michael and Terri Fernandez, Gabrielle Nappo, Aimee Schlehr and Jeannie O
2. Linda and Lee Sutton with Libby Nilsen
3. Sam Rusinik and Rickie Klein

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The von Liebig celebrates Grace Place with the artist JAMA



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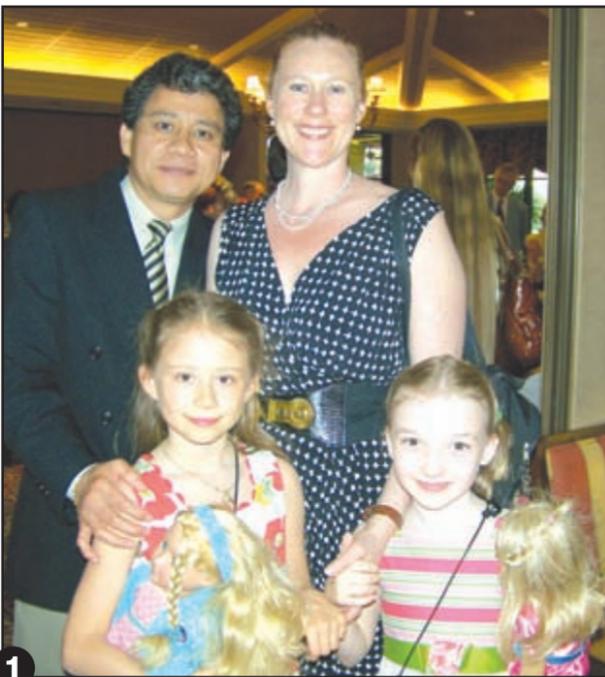


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1. Jose Andres Mato Alonso, aka JAMA, with his student artists from Grace Place
2. Mary Ella Donleavy with Andrew and Eve Perni
3. Dave Neill, Gina Petrelli Aldaz and Joel Kessler
4. Kim Sweat and the proud Valendji Daniel
5. Jack O'Brien, Stephanie Munz-Campbell, David Corban and Aimee Schlehr
6. Trudy Slean and student Lesly Juandedios

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La Legion D'Honneur Award ceremony at the Country Club of Naples



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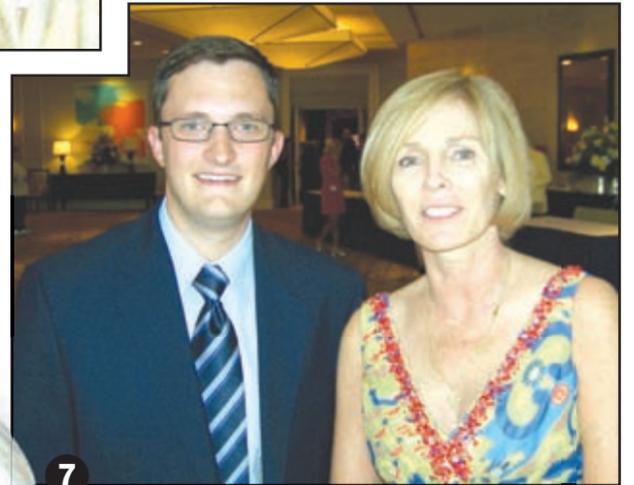
1. Alfredo and Caroline Coutino with Natalia and Adeline
2. Robert Shourds Withey and Trudy Withey
3. Brigitte van den Hove-Smith and Peter Thomas
4. Nancy and Judge Hugh Hayes
5. Annie MacLean and Judge James McGarity
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Education Foundation celebrates Golden Apple teachers



Sophia Villaverde with her Golden Apple teacher Maria Christmas

1. Kamela Patton, Luis Bernal and Julie Sprague
2. Music director Lisa Braren with the Morning Musicians from Tommy Barfield Elementary School
3. Teacher of Distinction Angela Roche with Lauren Roche and Esabella Ramos
4. Kirby and Shannon Home with Judy Coll
5. Christopher Vernon and Susan McManus
6. David Galindo, a member of the Golden Gate Middle School Jazz Band
7. Zachary Zampella and Kim Sweat
8. Steve and Mary Rowe
9. Jack Gardner with Melissa Gervais and Golden Apple teacher Darlene Crete

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1. Duncan McManus, Jasmine Vila, Carli Kinch, Zoe Van Slyke, Chloe Kinch and Artemio Garza
2. Leslie Marshall, Allison Bringardner, Easton LaPlaca and Aiden Dunn
3. The Golden Apple teachers Michal Durik, Darlene Crete, Paul Horne, Eileen Schoenknecht, Marla Christmas and Sheila Snyder
4. Heart of the Apple recipients Ann and Herb Rowe
5. Tom and Jo O'Reilly, Helen and Roy Terry
6. Wayne Simons, Lois Thome and Tim Briggs
7. Mary Ingram and Fan Keaton

VINO

Great wine starts with properly raised grapes

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Patz & Hall Winery makes distinctive wines, but it stands out as well for the way in which it conducts business. First, the winery produces only chardonnay and pinot noir, and second, it raises none of its own grapes, preferring long-term contracts with growers in Napa and Sonoma counties.

At a recent tasting at Tony's Off Third in Naples, I tried several Patz & Hall single-vineyard wines. A chat with co-founder Donald Patz revealed what makes the wines so good.

Q: Let's talk about your winemaking philosophy and what sparked your interest in winemaking.

A: I got interested because, unlike anything else grown, there are two things unique to wine: the same wine from the same place is different every year, and the wine will have a distinct imprint from where the grapes are grown.

We make our wines by letting the grape source be the key, and then using techniques that we think will deliver the most interesting results: Sur lie aging (in which the wine makes contact with the spent yeast) adds complexity; malolactic fermentation balances acidity; and early punch-downs on the cap extract richer flavors.

Q: I understand Patz & Hall owns no vineyard acreage but instead contracts with



Donald Patz pours wine for Sukie Honeycutt, co-owner of Tony's Off Third.

several growers. What are the advantages to such an arrangement?

A: Our goal is to partner with landowners and farmers to get the best they can produce. We get a lot of input into what happens in the vineyard without having to grow the grapes. We get the same vines each year, and we make the choice on when to harvest.

Q: What made you decide to produce only chardonnay and pinot noir?

A: We started out with chardonnay, which is very popular and interesting to make. By the mid-1990s, we thought there would be an exciting change in pinot noir from insipid and light to interesting and complex. So we started a dialogue with growers, brought in some new clones and started planting in cool sites.

Q: Are there distinctive features of the winery, elements you chose because of the

types of wines you produce or the way in which they would allow you to make wine?

A: Absolutely. We have some crazy stuff that others shake their heads at and wish they could do. Our pinot noir fermenters are low and wide, allowing lots of interaction with skin and juice with a particular ratio in mind. We do as little pumping as possible, using gravity or pressurized barrels to move the wine around. We use tall, skinny stainless steel tanks for our unfiltered chardonnay. The

end result is cleaner colors and more eye appeal. Our oak is air-dried for three years in France, and then coopered into barrels. This allows for a more complex flavor without overpowering oak.

Q: What characteristics do your wines possess that brand them as Patz & Hall products?

A: The style of wine we are interested in is complex and elegant. We chose the vineyards for higher acidity and aromatics in the grapes. Balance between these makes a refreshing wine. I like pinot noir to have aromatics and elegance, and with chardonnay I like the lighter dance-on-your-tongue style. I find it interesting that people say, "I am so tired of chardonnay. I can't believe you have chardonnay," before they try ours. Then they say, "If they all tasted like this, I'd drink more chardonnay."

Wine picks of the week

This week's picks are based on the Tony's Off Third tasting of wines by Patz & Hall.

■ **Chardonnay Sonoma Coast 2009 (\$32):** Combines 12 vineyard sources in Sonoma County. A big bouquet of green apples and white peach with flowers following through to the palate with a refreshing clean and crisp finish.

■ **Chardonnay Dutton Ranch 2009 Russian River (\$38):** Lemon, peach and white flowers on the nose with lively citrus, floral and mineral flavors ending with a crisp balanced finish.

■ **Chardonnay Hudson Vineyard 2009 Carneros (\$58):** Bright yellow-gold color and aromas of orange and lemon. The palate delivers citrus, pear, melon and apple flavors with spice and minerals on the finish.

■ **Pinot Noir Sonoma Coast 2010 (\$36):** Classic pinot noir from a blend of 18 vineyards, the layers of cherry and raspberry are mixed with spice and floral notes. The complex finish ends with chocolate and well-balanced tannins.

■ **Pinot Noir Chenoweth Ranch 2009 Russian River (\$58):** Dark reddish purple color with aromas of black cherries and spice, following through to the palate mixed with complex oak and tannins, and a drawn out finish.

■ **Pinot Noir Hyde Vineyard 2009 Carneros (\$62):** Medium reddish purple color and aromas of strawberry jam and spice. The complex dark fruits and tannins on the palate are framed by the oak structure. This one ends with a lingering finish. ■

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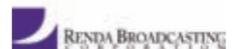
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CUISINE

Alberto's on Fifth is a noteworthy addition to the avenue

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Season ushered in a wave of changes on the local restaurant scene, especially at the eastern end of the dining mecca of Fifth Avenue South in Naples.

The 20-year-old Mangrove Café reopened after major renovations. Aqua, a new steak and seafood restaurant, opened in the former Bert's Seafood and Chowder House. And in between them came Alberto's on Fifth, a chic but unpretentious Italian restaurant that opened in January.

Usually, the arrival of another ristorante on the scene is not a cause to celebrate, but in this case it is. For starters, Alberto's serves Northern Italian cuisine — not the heavy, marinara-drenched fare that dominates Italian restaurants in Southwest Florida. Chef-owner Alberto Varetto hails from Torino in the mountainous Piedmont region, and his menu reflects the area's culinary heritage.

Furthermore, Chef Varetto presided over the kitchen of the venerable Sale e Pepe on Marco Island for more than 10 years. Since starting as a prep cook in Italy at 14, he has honed his attention to detail over more than two decades in restaurant kitchens. Therefore, you'll find no mass-produced pasta here. Only freshly made ribbons of pappardelle and taglierini are good enough to be laced with his ragouts; only hand-folded envelopes of agnolotti, raviolini and tortelloni are worthy of being stuffed with meats, cheeses and herbs.

Marco's loss is undeniably Naples' gain.

We settled in at a window-side table on a recent weeknight before the usual dinner rush. The dining room was calm for a while but grew busier and louder as the evening went on. The space has an easy elegance — simple lines, nothing ornate — and a soothing, earthy color palette of cream and ebony. The bleached wood floors almost tempt one to kick off the sandals and tread barefoot.

A charming waitress was quick to the table to take drink orders and suggest some of the house specialties. Chewy-crusty olive bread arrived even before our drinks, with thin curls of shaved butter that resembled scallop shells (no

detail is too small here).

Alberto's serves the holy grail of pear martinis (\$10) for those of us who have despaired of ever tasting delicate, ripe fruit instead of boozy syrup. This refreshing, perfectly balanced cocktail of pear vodka and pear liqueur lets the fruit speak for itself.

Meanwhile, my companion enjoyed a fine glass of house Chianti (\$8). The wine list offers a decent variety, while paying special attention to Tuscan vintages, at prices that allow patrons to consider a second glass. As you'll soon see, entrees are also reasonably priced.

Nine hot and cold antipasti are offered to waken the palate, ranging from a straightforward wild mushroom bruschetta to the roasted sea scallops



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Above: An appetizer of plump sea scallops with lobster sauce and onion confit.

Left: Rosettes of imported prosciutto are plated with roasted pears and baby arugula as an appetizer.

that could rise to the occasion if considered for main-course status. The three plump shellfish (\$13) were about as big as scallops get and perfectly cooked — light brown crust, interior barely cooked to the texture of thick jelly. Accompaniments of sweet onion confit and lobster sauce added savory notes without diminishing or overcomplicating the simple clarity of the scallops.

Simplicity of flavor and presentation also was the essence of a plate of prosciutto di Parma (\$12) served with pears and baby arugula. The thin sheets of salty ham were precisely folded up to resemble pink rosettes. They were delicious when eaten with the fruit, which was roasted to heighten its flavor and sweetness.

While these dishes arrived fairly quickly, there was a considerable time gap before the main course came. Our server was covering tables on the sidewalk as well as indoors, so we can understand if she didn't notice right away when she should tell the kitchen to fire up the entrees. This was the only shortcoming in service, however; the restaurant overall appears to be well staffed with professionals who work quietly and efficiently with each other.

Choosing one pasta dish from among seven proved daunting. The spinach



and ricotta agnolotti are one of the chef's specialties, from what I've read. But pappardelle with veal ragout and tagliatelle with lamb ragout beckoned as well. I finally settled on the Taglierini Saltati al Pesto alla Genovese e Polpa di Granchio (\$20), which sounds like a mouthful but is essentially noodles with pesto and crabmeat. But the combination was one I'd never seen in a restaurant before.

Taglierini is sort of like linguini but narrower and more delicate. It was remarkably tender and coated in just the right amount of lush, verdant sauce. The floral scent of basil floated from the plate and made my mouth water before I even tasted the pasta. And the generous heap of blue crab on top was premium jumbo lump meat — moist nuggets of sweet, fresh meat — attesting again to a commitment to the best ingredients.

In my mind, the roasted Chilean sea bass (\$29) never had a chance to top the pasta dish even though it was perfectly cooked and beautifully presented. Moist and flaky, the thick fillet had a meaty heft and was paired with an unlikely but ultimately satisfying red wine sauce (I never put much stock in the white-wine-with-fish rule anyway). On the side were tender braised artichokes and a surprisingly bland cauliflower puree; the only misstep of the meal, it was supposedly "truffled" but didn't taste like it.

We finished with desserts of very good tiramisu (\$8) and a deliciously rustic roasted-apple crumb cake served with house-made vanilla ice cream (\$8).

Because the portions of each course were so reasonable, we left feeling fully satisfied but not stuffed — and eager to revisit Alberto's on Fifth. ■

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Alberto's on Fifth

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Ratings:
Food: ★★★★★½
Service: ★★★½
Atmosphere: ★★★★★

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- >> **Reservations:** Accepted
- >> **Credit cards:** Accepted
- >> **Price range:** Appetizers, \$8-\$13; entrees, \$17-\$30
- >> **Beverages:** Full bar
- >> **Specialties of the house:** Northern Italian cuisine
- >> **Volume:** Moderate to high, depending on the hour
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- ★★★★★ Superb
- ★★★★ Noteworthy
- ★★★ Good
- ★★ Fair
- ★ Poor

food & wine CALENDAR

> **Thursday, April 19, 5-7 p.m.,** Venetian Village: "Sip & Sample" includes food and wine from Bayside, Cloyde's, M Waterfront Grille, MiraMare and the Village Pub, with proceeds benefitting Friends of Foster Children of Southwest Florida; \$25, 4200 Gulf Shore Blvd.; 262-1808.

> **Thursday, April 19, 5-7 p.m.,** Decanted Wines: Sample wines from celebrity winemakers such as Francis Ford Coppola, Mario Battali, Dave Matthews, Greg Norman and more, along with light appetizers; \$15, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; (800) 980-5766.

> **Friday, April 20, 6-8 p.m.,** Whole Foods: With 35 beers available, there will be plenty to taste at this monthly event

with proceeds benefitting Whole Kids Foundation; \$10, Mercato; 552-5100.

> **Thursday, April 27, 6:30 p.m.,** Artichoke & Company: Learn how to make four signature items from the catering company and how to pair them with wine; \$42.95, 1410 Rail Head Blvd.; 263-6979. Reservations required.

> **Sunday, April 29, noon-5 p.m.,** Mercato: The Mercato International Food Fest features a global assortment of goodies by local restaurants for \$1 to \$5 per taste, plus live music and activities for the kids. Donate school supplies, reams of office paper or canned goods to the Guadalupe Center of Immokalee and be entered into a drawing to win prizes.

> **Saturday, May 5, 11:30 a.m.-8 p.m.,**

Agave Southwestern Grill: Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with tequila and mezcal specials, live entertainment and dance exhibitions, giveaways and raffles as well as food and drink specials; \$15, 2380 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 598-3473.

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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