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Elite swimmers train in Naples for London's 2012 games

OLYMPIC DREAMS



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BY GLENN MILLER

Florida Weekly Correspondent

THEY START IN THE PRE-DAWN DARKNESS, these seven elite swimmers belonging to T2 Aquatics in Naples. Someday soon, perhaps, they might belong to all of America. They might be 2012 U.S. Olympians, swimming in the London Games.

Stroke after stroke. Lap after lap. Back and forth. Relentlessly. Continuously. Yard after yard. Then more yards, thousands a day.

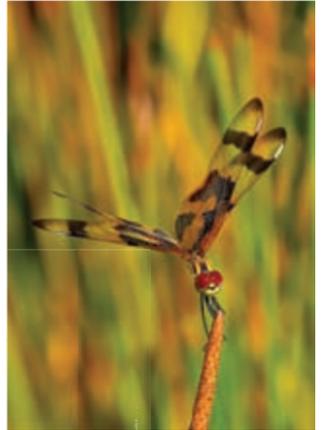
Most motorists zipping by the Norris Aquatic Center probably don't know that two-time Olympian Katie Hoff trains there. Or that world champion 18-year-old wunderkind Elizabeth Pelton is with her, knocking off up to 7,000 yards in the outdoor pool before most of the folks in their air-conditioned cars get to their air-conditioned offices.

Ms. Hoff and Ms. Pelton are joined in the pool by, among others, 34-year-old Erika

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The Norris Aquatic Center is home to several Olympic hopefuls.

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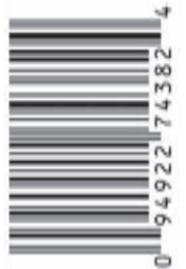
The series begins Tuesday, Jan. 8, with deep-sea archaeologist and oceanographer Bob Ballard. A former commander in the United States Navy and a profes-

sor of oceanography at the University of Rhode Island, Mr. Ballard is perhaps best known for discovering the wreck of the Titanic in 1985, drawing on his experience with scuba diving and small, unmanned submersibles he controlled from a surface ship to scan the ocean floor.

On Saturday, Feb. 9, Town Hall subscribers will take a walk down memory lane with Robert Gates, the former U.S.

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COMMENTARY

Paeon to Jose Frio



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I finally met Farmer Joe last week, all 130 pounds of him, a little tornado spinning through an orange grove.

With his ball cap facing backward so the citrus thickets couldn't claw it free, he thrust his body head first into the dense tangle of an orange tree.

Only his leathery face remained exposed. From the ground up, the rest of him suggested a shanty-town couture fashioned for a third-world runway.

Farmer Joe wore "worn" like Heidi Klum wears silk — as if he'd been born in it. Worn black boots, worn jeans, an enduring, worn black belt and a long-sleeved shirt so worn that its once red stripes had faded to dirt gray from the elbows down. His work gloves seemed to grow out of his sleeves like fungal anomalies, protecting his worn hands.

So attired, he grabbed, twisted, snapped and finally flipped the sunny ripe into the cherry-red, a thousand times in a row.

Joe's heavy-gauge vinyl fruit bag (the cherry-red) looked like a ball-and-chain fashion accessory, secured it to his waist by a second black belt so wide he could have used it to harness a horse.

In four minutes flat, Joe had loaded, hoisted and spilled a single bag into a steroidal-seeming black bowl (it took him

longer when he mounted a ladder). Other gaping bowls squatted nearby in the rows where he worked.

If Joe's topped-off bag weighed an ounce less than 75 pounds, my name isn't Roger Williams. And neither is his. But I think his name must be Jose Frio. That's Farmer Jose Frio — Farmer Joe Cool.

The morning I met Joe I'd gone out for a country drive. My wife, Amy, who can cook up a Sunday supper the way Emeril Lagasse or Rachael Ray can whip up a Saturday night special, needed some tomatoes. She also wanted about five other Florida fresh fruits and vegetables we don't have in our garden now.

And everywhere I went, Joe had provided them. If it were fresh and local, Joe stood close by — a man (or woman) dressed in the same worn clothes as all the other Joes. He appeared to have a single goal, and he appeared to be reaching it: to be the hardest-working-most-hustling Joe Cool in America.

In the grove where I met him, the Spanish voices of his companions sparked with laughter or sweetened with occasional song lyrics as they worked. I heard one man call to some others, "This grove doesn't have any bathrooms."

In Florida, according to author John Bowe ("Nobodies: Modern American Slave Labor and the Dark Side of the New Global Economy"), roughly 100,000 Joes work our fields in any given year. And in Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties alone, Joe's numbers probably range from 10,000 to 30,000.

Is Joe an American? Is he here legally? Is he taking away jobs from other hard-working Americans?

I don't know. But I do know the jobs are there for any cowboys who want them, because I drove into a labor lot and asked the crew boss.

Fact is, I didn't see one fat Anglo American, or one hefty African American, or anybody else except scrawny Jose Frio get on the fading white bus for the ride from labor central to the groves and fields. That's because nobody else lines up to work as much for as little.

Which raises a few more questions. Should Farmer Joe get more money when he asks for it — say, a penny a pound more from Publix for all those tomatoes he picks? Maybe instead, he should have his bony little ass kicked back into the third world, like some insist.

Should he get medical care here? Should he or his employers pay taxes on his income?

My answer to all those is another question. Who grows and picks our food — the guy who owns the acres? The proud members of the Gulf Citrus Growers Association or the Florida Tomato Growers Exchange?

Not hardly. In most cases, the last time those farmer-owners picked an orange or a tomato, they had to lift it themselves from their granite kitchen countertops.

So I wonder: Where do all the chest-thumping Joe haters plan to get such fresh food at such good prices (\$1 to \$2 a pound for local tomatoes in many farm stands now, or \$1 a bag for sweet citrus) if



Joe isn't out there busting his butt?

And here's one last question: What do you think would happen if you climbed out of your car one Saturday morning and greeted Farmer Joe right there in a field or grove? Maybe baked some cookies the night before and walked them straight out of the American blue to put them in his hands?

Howdy-do, buenos dias, I'm a local American. Thanks for bringing us food.

Here are two fairly sure bets: One, you'd get a look of stunned disbelief followed by a big smile, the kind that comes in a universal language. And two, your food would taste better. ■

— This column first appeared in February 2010.

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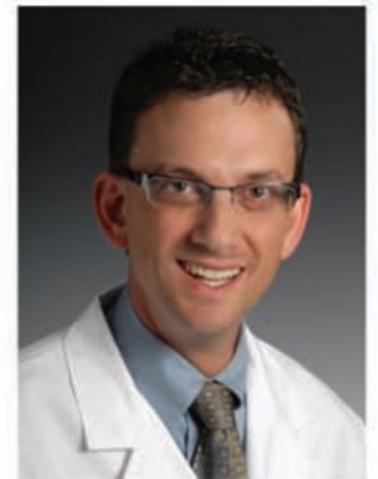
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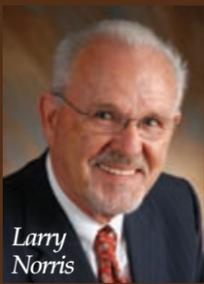
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OPINION

Unleash Biden!



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Special to Florida Weekly

Joe Biden is performing a public service, God love him. Out on the stump, he renders the case for President Barack Obama's re-election in all its populist crudity.

No dulcet tones. No faux sophistication. No charm. C'mon, man! There's no time for that when Mitt Romney is descending on America promising to commit the most heinous acts in the history of vampire capitalism.

The Obama re-election campaign must make Romney, a mild-mannered man with a sterling business record and a center-right record as Massachusetts governor, into a fiendish apparition too risky to entrust with the highest office in the land. That entails over-the-top attacks delivered with a cocksure shamelessness and little regard for nuance or truth. Vice President Biden reporting for duty, sir!

Biden's willingness to say anything makes him the ideal attack dog. If the Obama team didn't have Joe Biden, it

would have to invent someone as hyperbolic and overeager.

Vice President Biden may make many mistakes, but insufficient demagoguery will never be one of them. In a speech at a manufacturing facility in Ohio, he said that at Bain "Romney made sure the guys on top got to play by a separate set of rules, he ran massive debts, and the middle class lost." Then, he moved in for the kill: "So what do you think he'll do as president?" Q.E.D.

The likes of Biden never explain what they would have preferred to happen to the troubled businesses that attracted the attention of Bain. Simply go out of business without any attempt at a turnaround? Even Biden stipulates that he has no problem, as a general proposition, with private equity. If so, he shouldn't be shocked that some acquisitions turn out better than others.

Of course, Biden can't help but lend an air of ridiculousness to whatever he touches. At the same Ohio campaign stop, he declaimed that "they" (rich Romney supporters) don't understand "us" (the struggling working class), before shouting about his parents dreaming that one day he could become vice president. Such Biden

moments tend to provoke hilarity followed by concern — i.e., once the chuckling stops, one wonders, "Is he unwell?"

Biden subsequently explained — if that's the right word — that "I get tired of being called 'Middle Class Joe,' like that somehow I'm just Joe and I don't dream. C'mon, man." Where to start? No one calls Biden "Middle Class Joe," except maybe his press flacks under extreme duress. And salt-of-the-earth people don't usually refer to themselves in the third person. Biden was first elected to the Senate in 1972. After soaking up the working-class ethos of that deliberative body for 36 years, he decamped to the Naval Observatory as vice president of the United States.

If Barack Obama circa 2004 had known that his political fate would eventually be tied to a longtime senator famous for buffoonish outbursts, he might have reconsidered the audacity of hope. With an unpopular record and a disappointing recovery, the president needs every hatchet man he can get. So the battle cry has gone out, "Unleash Biden!" Hide the women and children. ■

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

GUEST OPINION

Long may she wave

BY MARSHA GORDON

Special to Florida Weekly

GeeGee was a handsome man, straight and tall. His steel grey hair had a slight wave and was always neatly combed. GeeGee and Bubby, my grandparents, escaped the pogroms in Russia. They never spoke of those days. My grandfather was an American now and proud of it.

Back in the late '40s and the early '50s, the American flag flew proudly from flagpoles in front of houses and businesses. GeeGee would awaken before dawn on the 14 official flag display days. He knew flag etiquette: flag up at dawn and down at dusk. He knew how to fold it properly. But GeeGee also had a puckish sense of humor. Some years he'd run up the flag on Chanukah, Christmas and Valentine's Day.

My thoughts now travel back more than 69 years. Back to the most patriotic years of our country. Back to the war that was going to end all wars.

Sunday morning, Dec. 7, 1941.

I was 7 years old, sitting cross-legged on the floor in Tante Molly's living room. Bubby, GeeGee Tante Molly, her new husband and I were listening to the radio. I remember I was wearing a kilt skirt with a big gold safety pin and my hair was in pig-tails. A news bulletin interrupted the program and told the world the United States Navy had been attacked. There were sobs and muffled prayers in the room; bodies swayed back and forth. I didn't understand why the adults were so upset about boats in Hawaii. Heck, I did not even know where Hawaii was. I also did not know what the word "war" really meant. I did not know that Bubby, GeeGee, and Tante Molly had escaped from persecution in Russia and Poland. If "war" was making them so upset, what would happen to me?

The United States went to war.

Europe had been at war since 1935. People were killed by bombs striking their homes night and day. Survivors lived in shelters. Food was limited. Petrol, as they called gas, was scarce. We heard of the bravery, both civilian and military.

Gas rationing was initiated in the United

States in 1942. Ration decals were pasted on car windshields:

Class A cars received the least amount because usage was nonessential.

Class B cars belonged to people who needed to drive for work.

Class C cars usually belonged to doctors and law enforcement drivers.

Class X was quickly cancelled after much finger pointing. This class was for "very important" people, such as senators and members of the House of Representatives.

The Office of Price Administration issued food ration books in April of 1942. Each member of the household received a book. Coffee stamps were removed from books issued to children under 15. Red stamps were for meat and meat products: butter, fats, cheese, canned milk and canned fish. A shopper could earn two extra red points for every pound of meat fat turned in to the local butcher. Poultry was not rationed. Green, brown or blue stamps were for canned vegetables, juices, baby food and dried fruit.

Neighborhood Victory Gardens bloomed everywhere. They brightened the landscapes of cities and small towns. The vibrant reds of the tomatoes, red peppers and strawberries highlighted the subtle greens of peppers and broccoli. White cauliflower and the gentle green of celery completed the bouquet. Over to the side were onions, sweet and white potatoes and carrots.

Young men were drafted into the armed services and thousands volunteered. White flags with red borders appeared in windows; a gold star centered on the white background meant a soldier had died in defense of his country. Our flag had a blue star, which meant our soldier was in active service.

Our soldier was my Uncle Mitt. He was an athletic kind of guy. Not too tall but in great physical shape. Despite his short stature he was the star of his high school basketball team. Uncle Mitt loved clothes and when he graduated from school, he went to work in a haberdashery store. Uncle Mitt enlisted in the Air Force and he and Aunt Ruthie got married before he was sent to Europe. Aunt Ruthie wore traditional white and Uncle Mitt proudly wore the khaki uni-

form of an Air Force NCO instead of one of his natty suits.

His assignment: tail gunner on a B-17, the Flying Fortress. The B-17 was not heated and at an altitude of 29,000 feet, the temperature could drop to below zero. The crew wore thin heated suits they would plug in to keep warm for missions that could last up to eight hours. The Brits bombed their targets during the night. The Yanks attacked during the more vulnerable day light hours.

At the time Uncle Mitt joined up, flyers had to complete 25 missions before they could go home on a short furlough. Not much later, the rules were changed and that number was upped to 30 missions. Uncle Mitt was on his 29th mission when his Flying Fortress was hit and he heard the command "Abandon Airplane!" He jumped through the tail exit and landed on soft pine needles. He wandered the forest for hours. Eventually, he came to a clearing where his crewmates were hanging from trees. He cut them down. They were all dead.

Uncle Mitt looked for Freedom Fighters but saw none. German soldiers picked him up and took him to the most notorious stalag of the war. He was there almost three years. He never talked about what he saw or experienced. When he came home he was 90 pounds lighter, bent in body and spirit. He did not live to his life expectancy.

World War II was the war to end all wars. Where is our respect for the men and women who died or were maimed in that war ... or in the wars we are fighting now? Stores used to be closed on Veteran's Day and Memorial Day. Stores are open now, luring people in with the biggest sales of the year.

Why don't I see many flags flying now? When did the pride in our country disappear? Where did our patriotism go? Down into the trenches of Vietnam? Was it Korea or the suicide bombers of Iraq? What are we doing to get our pride back?

Where is respect for our soldiers and our country? Where are the flags?

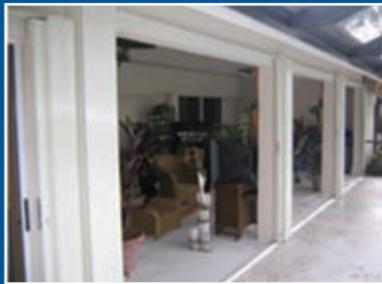
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— Marsha Gordon is a resident of Fort Myers. *Flag Day* is June 14.

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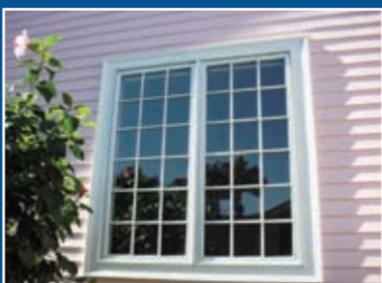
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I met with a group of people who shared my concerns, most of whom I had never met and one of whom was Tim Nance. Since then, Tim has proven to be a great resource, especially on concerns related to the environment and Collier County government.

Tim grew up in Fort Lauderdale, where his dad served as the first public defender in the southeastern United States and later as a Broward County circuit judge. Tim earned a degree in political science and another in agriculture from the University of Florida. He and his wife Gayle, a schoolteacher for 35 years, have lived here since 1982, making themselves at home on 14 acres in eastern Collier County.

Tim spent the majority of his professional career as a manager with Gargiulo Inc., one of the largest growers and marketers of fresh market tomatoes in the world and one of the largest employ-

ers in Collier County. He served in a variety of capacities, including manager of greenhouse and ornamental operations and director of operations for the eastern United States. He has worked in agribusiness management for more than 35 years as an operations manager and as a private consultant, developing management systems for the production of fruits, vegetables, ornamental plants and flowering crops. He has also been involved with the University of Florida Vegetable Advisory Committee, the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association, the Produce Marketing Association and the Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association.

A strong proponent of private and community involvement, Tim has been active in a variety of civic and service organizations and charities. His passion for open government and personal freedoms, together with a rare ability to build consensus, has led to his selection for service on numerous volunteer and appointed advisory committees to Collier County local government and the Collier County Metropolitan Planning Organization.

He is one of the founders and the treasurer/administrator of the Sergeant Linda Pierre Memorial Scholarship, which was created in response to a desire in the Immokalee community to honor Sgt. Pierre, an Immokalee High School graduate who lost her life in service to our country in the war in Afghanistan. This year, six students received \$1,000 scholarships.

Talking points with Tim Nance

Something that's been on your mind: The great changes coming to South Florida and the United States and the tremendous related opportunities.

Something your mother was always right about: That old Southern adage: If Momma ain't happy, ain't nobody happy.

Something you'll never understand: How quickly people forget and repeat the same mistakes.

As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? A chemist or a physician.

High school job: I started an orchid nursery.

Mentors: Stephen O'Connell, chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court; Dr. Jasper Joiner, a professor at the University of Florida; and my uncle, accountant Edward Tinkler.

Last book read: "Lincoln: An Illustrated Biography" by Philip Kunhardt Jr.

What makes you laugh: Human behavior and the simple things in life.

Something people might be surprised to find

out about you: I once worked as an emergency laboratory analyst in a hospital.

Skill or talent you wish you had: I wish I could speak several languages.

Pet peeve: Open signs on closed businesses.

Guilty pleasures: Hardwood smoked barbecue and dark chocolate.

What the Paradise Coast really needs: Less regulation and a better business environment to revitalize our economy.

Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast: The great diversity of people that live here.

What I miss about the Paradise Coast when I'm away: The blue sky and fresh breeze.



Tim is the current secretary and past president of the Golden Gate Estates Area Civic Association and was named the association's 2009 Citizen of the Year. Other involvement includes the Collier County Rural Lands Stewardship Area review committee, the Estates Area Wildfire Protection Plan Committee, the Golden Gate Frontier Days Festival and the South Florida Water Management

District-Big Cypress Basin. He's also a life member of the Naples Orchid Society. I always look forward to having Tim on my program. ■

— Bob Harden is the producer and host of "The Bob Harden Show," airing from 7-8 a.m. weekdays at www.bobharden.com. The show is archived for listeners' convenience.

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Boarding begins at 7 p.m. and the boat departs at 7:30 p.m. from Port-O-Call Way on Wednesday, July 4. The three-hour cruise travels Naples Bay into the Gulf of Mexico and gives passengers unsurpassed views of the city-sponsored fireworks off the Naples Pier. WAVV-FM will provide patriotic music coordinated with the city's fireworks display.

Tickets are \$125 per person and include a buffet dinner with cash bar. For reservations or more information, call the league office at 254-2777 or Jo Ann Ward at 877-4262.

Heads up on the road

Here's where Collier County sheriff's deputies will be posted for traffic detail next week:

Monday, June 11

Radio and Livingston roads: Red-light running
Airport-Pulling and Hazel roads: Aggressive driving
Golden Gate Parkway at the I-75 southbound exit: Aggressive driving

Tuesday, June 12

Whippoorwill Lane: Speeding
Naples Boulevard: Speeding
Shirley Street: Aggressive driving

Wednesday, June 13

Livingston Road and Orange Blossom Drive: Red-light running
Vanderbilt Beach Road and Oakes Boulevard: Speeding
Goodlette-Frank Road and Panther Lane: Speeding

Thursday, June 14

Coronado Parkway: Aggressive driving
Golden Gate Parkway and Tropicana Boulevard: Red-light running
Sunshine and Green boulevards: Aggressive driving

Friday, June 15

Airport-Pulling Road and Rustic Oaks Circle: Red-light running
Goodlette-Frank Road and Pompei Lane: Speeding
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Erika Erndl

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11 years after concluding her collegiate career.

Four other T2 Aquatics swimmers have qualified for the U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials that take place June 25-July 2 in Omaha, Neb.

They've come from near and far to train in Naples with a team that has upgraded its profile in the swimming world when it hired Coach Paul Yetter in 2010. He coached from 2001-09 at the North Baltimore Aquatic Center, best known as the home of Olympic legend Michael Phelps, and then served as an assistant coach at Auburn University before joining T2 Aquatics.

Coach Yetter is the magnet that pulled Ms. Hoff to Naples. He coached the 23-year-old when she was in her teens.

"He's always been very good with me as far as pushing me to the edge but not across the edge," Ms. Hoff says one recent morning, after swimming several thousand yards and then lifting weights. "I think that's something that is very rare in a coach."

Kevin Erndl, Erika's husband and the founder and director of T2 Aquatics, recruited Coach Yetter. The team is theirs.

"I like the fact that we're in control," Coach Yetter says. "Kevin and I and the rest of the staff, we kind of run the team. A lot of teams are run by parents, but not so with us."

They want to turn T2 into a swimming mecca, a place that provides programs for children and masters swimmers and, of course, world-class athletes. Its mission statement is bold: To become the top age-group swimming team in the

country, meaning youth swimmers from age 5 through high school standouts, competing in age brackets. Older swimmers compete in a masters program.

About 275 swimmers and eight coaches are involved across the T2 spectrum of programs.

For now, the public face of the team is its elite athletes, these young women with a chance to compete on the world's biggest sporting stage. In addition to the three mentioned above, all of whom have qualified in eight or more events, the others are Anne-Marie Botek, Bridget Halligan, Karie Haglund and Elise Haan, who have qualified in anywhere from one to four events.

Katie Hoff

Katie Hoff knows that big-time swimming world.

She competed in her first Olympics about two months after turning 15. That was in the 2004 Games in Athens. She then came back and won three medals at the 2008 Games in Beijing. In another race, the 200-meter freestyle, she finished fourth, out of the medals but set-



Katie Hoff



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Erika Erndl on the block

ting an American record in the process.

Three medals at the Olympics against the world's toughest competition sure sounds impressive, but many in the media viewed Ms. Hoff's 2008 performance as disappointing; she didn't dominate the Games the way she had the 2008 Olympic Trials, where she won five races and was sometimes referred to as the "phemale Michael Phelps."

"That was never fair," Coach Yetter says of the comparison to Mr. Phelps.

Yes, Ms. Hoff came home from China with three Olympic medals and an American record. No gold, though.

She was among the disappointed herself.

"Oh, yeah," she says, sitting at a table after a weight-training session in the Community School gym near the aquatic center. "I think at that point I was disappointed as well, just because I wanted to win gold. I wanted to win more medals

because I have very big expectations, but now looking back, that was a really big accomplishment.

"It's taken me a long time to appreciate it. I'm taking a more mature approach. I'm proud and look back and go, that was good."

Now, however, it's not time to look back. It's time to look ahead, to the Trials in Omaha and the Olympics in London, which begin July 27.

She could train anywhere and with anybody. Ms. Hoff left California in January to train at T2.

"It's been super welcoming," she says about the Naples community. "I immediately liked it... it's just so much less stressful than California. People take their time. There's not always some rush to get somewhere."

In the pool, though, Ms. Hoff has to be in a rush. She has to finish ahead of other competitors in Omaha to make



Coach Yetter

the Olympic team, and then ahead of the world's best in London to win the gold. She's qualified for 12 events in Omaha but doesn't know which ones she'll enter.

She'll approach London with a maturity and perspective she didn't have in 2004 or 2008.

"Completely different person. Completely different place," she says. "I'd say I definitely have a handle more on telling myself I'm very swept up in swimming not being connected to my identity... 'Obviously, I still care a great deal about swimming. But I have more balance.'"

Ms. Hoff reached the finals of the 200-meter individual medley in her first Olympics.

"I would say I was just really tightly wound," she says. "I was definitely super-stressed... I was type A and didn't know how to relax... I remember feeling that I let people down or something. So it definitely grew me up quick."

On the verge of her third Trials, she's diving in with different expectations from the swimming world. The Phelps comparisons are no longer made.

"Nothing to lose," she says. "I really don't have a target on my back like I did in so many events."

Coach Yetter sees a different Katie Hoff from the teen he prepared for the 2008 Games.

"I would say her advantage over four years ago is that she's older and she's wiser," he says. "That's the big thing... She's kind of an underdog, which is different. She's not the favorite anymore."

But still a very formidable presence.



Elizabeth Pelton

Elizabeth Pelton

Elizabeth Pelton has spent her senior year of high school living with Kevin and Erika Erndl in Naples, taking courses online and training for the Olympics. Not typical stuff for an 18-year-old.

Like Katie Hoff, Ms. Pelton came here for the coaching.

"The pool was a draw, but Paul was the real reason," she says about Coach Yetter, who coached her in Baltimore. "He and I are always on the same wavelength. We're just a good team. If I'm feeling lazy or something, he can tell."

At an age when many kids are finishing high school and participating on a varsity sports team, Ms. Pelton is a world-class athlete. She swam in the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trials as a 14-year-old and was on the U.S. national team in 2009. At last year's World Championships, she was on the gold medal 4X100 medley relay team.

"I was just kind of figuring out what high-level swimming was," she reflects about the 2008 Trials. "But now I actually have experience with it."

She's qualified for eight events in the upcoming Trials, but doesn't know yet which ones she'll do. She's also not ready to say she'll definitely make the team.

"My expectation is to go in there and race and just see how it goes," she says.

Like Ms. Hoff, she has settled into Southwest Florida and feels quite at home here. The baristas at her local Starbucks know she likes an iced Americano.

Although very young in a conventional sense, she believes she can handle the pressure of the Trials. "Some people are scared away from the pressure and everything. I think that's the coolest thing ever."

Although she admits that she allows herself to think ahead to London, she's quick to stress that she knows it's "one step at a time" toward the Games.

Or one stroke at a time.

Erika Erndl

Erika Erndl is 16 years older than Elizabeth Pelton and nearly three times

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ON NBC-TV

>> **What:** The U.S. Olympic Swimming Trials in Omaha, Neb.

>> **When:** 8-9 p.m., June 25-July 1; 8-8:30 p.m. July 2.

>> **What:** The 2012 Olympic Games in London

>> **When:** July 27-Aug. 12

>> **Details:** NBC and its online arms and various networks will offer about 5,500 hours of combined coverage. More than 270 hours will be offered on NBC-TV. Every Olympic event will be streamed live by NBC.

>> **Info:** www.london2012.com



Southwest Floridian Olympic hopefuls

SAILING

>> **Name:** Trevor Moore, Naples

>> **Event:** Two-man sailing (teammate Erik Storck)

>> **Class:** 49er

SWIMMING TRIALS — WOMEN

>> **T2 Aquatics:** Anne-Marie Botek, Erika Erndl, Elise Haan, Karie Haglund, Bridget Halligan, Katie Hoff, Elizabeth Pelton

>> **Swim Florida:** Chelsea Franklin, Amy Modglin, Stephanie Peacock

>> **Gulf Coast Swim Team:** Molly DuBrasky



SWIMMING TRIALS — MEN

>> **Swim Florida:** Pavel Babaeu

as old as Katie Hoff was during her first Olympics. She's been to the Olympic Trials before but never to the Olympics.

"I didn't get that close," she says of the 2008 Trials, adding, "This is the first time I could say I'm a contender to make it. I'll give it my best shot."

Mrs. Erndl, who has qualified for eight events at the Trials, retired from swimming after her collegiate career and became a teacher at The Community School. She stayed fit through running, spinning classes, yoga and Pilates.

"I was definitely a gym rat," she allows. But in 2007, she had an itch to swim again.

"When I started swimming again, my goal was just to make the Olympic Trials," she says. "And then when I went to the Trials in 2008, I actually did pretty well and I thought, hey, what the heck, why not swim another year?"

"And then I made the national team in 2009... So I was like, OK, well, now I'm kind of close to 2012."

She made making the U.S. team in 2012 her goal.

Like her T2 teammates, she hasn't decided yet which events she'll swim at the Trials. Could Mrs. Erndl at her relatively advanced swimming age and after all those years away from competitive swimming make the Olympic team?

"The sky's the limit for Erika," Coach Yetter predicts.

It won't be easy. Kevin Erndl estimates about 1,200 men and women will compete at the Trials. Only 26 men and 26 women will make the Olympic team.

While Mrs. Erndl's goal is making the team, she's also reveling in her athletic lifestyle.

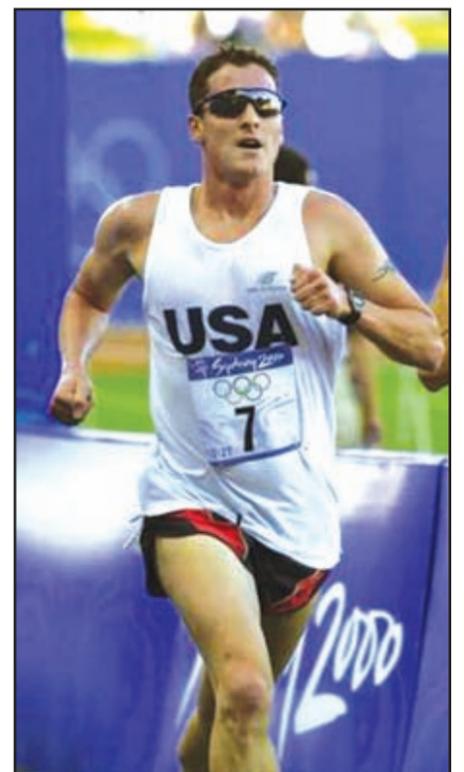
"I love it," she says. "It's the best life in the world."

She's just concluded her weight training for the morning.

"I'm going to go home and eat a whole bunch of egg whites and bagels and fruit and take a nap," she says, "and then come back" for more swimming.

Next stop: Omaha.

And after that? Maybe London for the 2012 Olympic Games. ■



COURTESY PHOTO

Chad Senior at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia

Two-time Olympian served three tours

BY GLENN MILLER

Florida Weekly Correspondent

Major Chad Senior is an Air Force pararescuer, a specialist who goes into, as the Air Force notes, "austere and non-permissive environments" to save downed aircrew members.

It's tough work for the North Fort Myers High School graduate who, at 37 years old, is based at Patrick Air Force Base in Brevard County.

Major Senior is also a two-time Olympian, a man who competed in the modern pentathlon in the 2000 and 2004 Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia, and Athens, Greece, respectively. In 2004, he had the honor of walking in the opening ceremonies.

"To walk in behind our flag was as good as it gets," he says, adding he plans to follow the 2012 Olympics when they take place in London later this summer. "I'll be watching and thinking, am I too old to come back?"

Although his days as a world-class athlete most likely are over, he's not too old for a military career. He's served two tours in Afghanistan and one in Iraq.

His resume is certainly unusual and perhaps unique — three combat tours and two Olympics.

His sport is also unusual. The modern pentathlon involves five skills: running, swimming, fencing, pistol shooting and horseback show jumping. In 2000, he was ranked No. 1 in the world for a time. At the Olympics that year, he had a shot at a medal, perhaps even gold.

His best memory of the Olympics was walking in with the U.S. delegation in 2004. His worst memory? "The horse situation," he says without hesitation, a reference to a fiasco in Sydney in 2000.

Modern pentathlon athletes are assigned horses at random and have no chance to establish a bond with their equine partners. His horse balked at jumping, costing Senior a medal.

He finished sixth that year and 13th in 2004. The overall memory of his days as an athlete is something else, however: "Hard work," he says definitively.

It's the same for all Olympians, regardless of their sport, he adds. "You become obsessive with your training." ■



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Secretary of Defense (2006-11). Mr. Gates will share highlights and back stories of his 27-year tenure as a CIA intelligence professional and his service as the country's 22nd secretary of defense. He is the only secretary of defense in U.S. history to remain in that office to serve two American presidents.

New York Jets quarterback and former University of Florida Gator Tim Tebow will command the Town Hall stage on Saturday, March 9. Hailed and revered by many during his college ball years, he joined the NFL in 2010 and led the Denver Broncos to the 2011 playoffs for the first time in six years. Much of the attention he has drawn is not because of his athleticism, however, but because of his faith, as he strives to live out his belief that one's life should consistently reflect integrity, high moral value and a dedication to helping people and communities in need.

Wrapping up the Town Hall milestone season will be former U.S. Sen. and presidential candidate Rick Santorum. Elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1990 at the age of 32, and serving in the U.S. Senate from 1995-2007, Mr. Santorum is viewed by many as one of the most successful government reformers in our nation's history. Unafraid to take on Washington's powerful special interest groups, he fought for fiscal sanity before it was in fashion.

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The first three seasons of the Naples Town Hall Distinguished Speaker Series brought these guests to the local stage:

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- Sarah Palin
- Rudy Guilliani
- Condoleezza Rice
- David Blaine
- Andrew Weil
- Glenn Beck

Survey says teens don't expect to be as well off as their parents

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

A new study from Junior Achievement USA and The Allstate Foundation reveals that only 56 percent of teens 14-18 years old think they will be as financially well off or better than their parents. That represents a 37 percent drop from 2011 (89 percent).

Despite the report, however, "Our young people have the opportunity to shape their own futures — as long as they have the skills, knowledge and confidence to do so," says Anne Frazier, president and CEO of Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida. Junior Achievement, with the collaboration of key partners like The Allstate Foundation, continues to expand young people's access to the tools they need to succeed in the global economy, including critical money-management skills, Ms. Frazier adds.

Since 2005, Junior Achievement and The Allstate Foundation have partnered to help students take the information learned about personal finance in the classroom and apply it in their lives after graduation from high school. The "JA Economics for Success" program, which has helped more than 1.2 million students set personal goals about money and make wise financial choices, also helps empower students to protect themselves from unexpected financial pitfalls.

In the 2011-12 school year, Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida had more than 400 community volunteers delivering instructional content hours to approximately 12,000 students in

grades K-12.

"While it is disheartening to see a decline in the number of teens who feel they will be able to see the same financial success as their parents, it is encouraging to know that programs like Junior Achievement exist to provide teens with tools to propel their financial futures to great heights," says Donald Civgin, president and CEO of Allstate Financial.

Other key findings from the survey include:

- Teens agree money management is important, but they are not doing it. From 2011 to 2012, there was a three-fold increase in the number of teens who report not budgeting or managing their money (10 percent in 2011 versus 34 percent in 2012).

- Teens are not getting as much of their money management information in school as they used to. In 2011, 58 percent of teens reported learning how to manage money in school or from teachers. In 2012, that number dropped to 24 percent.

- Parents are an important role model. Teens reported a significant drop in their parents or guardians saving more money as a result of the recession (59 percent in 2011 versus 21 percent in 2012). Teens are modeling the same behavior and saving less, too — 56 percent plan to save some of their income, down from 89 percent a year ago.

An executive summary of the 2012 Junior Achievement USA/Allstate Foundation Teens and Personal Finance Survey is available at www.ja.org. ■



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The (Cockroach) Social Network

No insect is in greater need of a public relations boost than the cockroach, and Dr. Mathieu Lihoreau of Rennes, France, provided it in a recent issue of the journal *Insectes Sociaux*. Roaches are highly social, suffer when isolated, recognize members of their own families, and appear to make "collective decisions for the greater good" of their

community, according to a review of the research in May by BBC Nature. They act in "emergent forms of cooperation" — "swarm intelligence." Functioning mostly through chemical cues, they advise their homeboys where to find food and water, where the good crawl into cracks are for sleeping, and how to stay attached to their social networks. ■

Challenging business models

■ Dr. Jason Burke rolled out his "Hangover Heaven" medical bus fleet in Las Vegas in April, offering revelers a faster, clinically proper recovery from their night of excess drinking for a \$90 to \$150 fee. After giving their medical history, "patients" receive intravenous saline, with B and C vitamins and whatever prescription or over-the-counter drugs are appropriate, says Dr. Burke (a licensed anesthesiologist). No drunks are served; the patient must be in the "hangover" stage. One M.D., who hosts a radio show, told CBS News, "I think many doctors are kicking themselves because they didn't think of this first."

■ A restaurant set to open in April in West Palm Beach, Fla., named with a Japanese word suggesting "good fortune, wealth and prosperity," was denied a trademark by the Florida Division of Corporations. The name in question: the Fuku.

■ In April, Alabama's alcoholic beverage control agency rejected Founders Brewing Co.'s request to sell its Dirty Bastard beer in the state, even though Founders pointed out that the state already permits another company to sell Fat Bastard wine. The agency acknowledged the similarity, but said Fat Bastard was approved years ago and that no one at the agency now recalls why.

■ In April, the Taiwan tabloid *Apple Daily* profiled a 27-year-old man who said he has tripled his previous salary by becoming a public snitch, turning in videos of litterers and spitters violating Taipei laws that reward informants a fee of one-fourth the amount of any fines. In the last two years, the man ("Chou") said he has had 5,000 cases result in fines, for which he has been paid the equivalent of \$50,000. He said he now teaches classes in snitching. ■

Science on the cutting edge

■ Researchers Need to Believe: Surely the world's longest-running science experiment is the 85-year-old continuing project to visually ascertain whether "pitch" (a tar) is liquid. Begun at England's Cambridge University, the project is now housed at the University of Queensland in Australia, where the custodian believes the next drop (the ninth ever) will fall in 2013. The previous teardrop-shaped bead descended in 2000.

■ Dung beetles are known to researchers to roll perfectly made balls with their back legs and to periodically mount the balls, pirouette and climb down to be on their way. Emily Baird of Lund University in Sweden explained why in a January issue of the journal *PLoS One*: The beetles are gathering celestial readings to help shepherd their balls home, away

from predators. Ms. Baird's specialty is learning how animals with tiny brains perform complex tasks, and to test the dung beetle, she patiently watched 22 of them guide their balls through an obstacle course her team created.

■ People with the condition Alternating Gender Incongruity say they periodically, but repeatedly, sense themselves as of the opposite gender, sometimes imagining to have "phantom genitalia" of that gender. Professor Vilayanur Ramachandran, of the University of California, San Diego's Center for Brain and Cognition, tested 32 previously undiagnosed AGI sufferers and found mild correlations with multiple-personality disorder, bipolar disorder and, oddly, ambidexterity. His research appeared in April in the journal *Medical Hypotheses* and was reviewed by *Scientific American*. ■

Leading economic indicators

■ Two homeless, penniless men in Fresno, Calif., are setting a high bar for frequency, and expense, of ambulance trips to the hospital. A 41-year-old who says he has "a major problem with my liver" and a 51-year-old allegedly seizure-prone man called for a combined 1,363 trips in 2011, which at the market rate would have cost them \$545,000 (apart from evaluations by the hospital, which would have additionally

cost more than \$500,000), according to a February investigation by the *Fresno Bee*. Taxpayers and the insured foot the bills (reduced somewhat because the ambulance company and the hospital take lower fees). Neither the ambulance company nor the hospital can refuse to serve the men, and attempts to talk the men out of the trips are either futile or too laborious for the emergency technicians to attempt. ■

Pet mania

■ The expense of caring for a pet, at least among the affluent, appears to be recession-resistant, amounting to about \$50 billion in the U.S. for 2011, according to a trade association. Much of that spending is on advanced medical services such as bone marrow transplants at North Carolina State University (65 already performed) and stent procedures to open clogged bladders

or kidneys (630 last year) at the Animal Medical Center in New York City. Said one man, who had paid about \$25,000 to treat his 10-year-old dog's lymphoma, "I wondered if I was doing this for selfish reasons. I asked myself, 'If I were a 10-year-old dog, would I want to go through this?'" (Unfortunately, considering dogs' short life spans, cancer remissions are almost always short-lived.) ■



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Immokalee students learn tips on etiquette, savvy networking

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Students of The Immokalee Foundation learned the value of making a positive first impression during a recent networking reception at the Hilton Naples.

Dressed for success, 63 high school juniors, seniors and college apprentices interacted with some of the area's top business leaders and entrepreneurs sharing their goals and ambitions. The business executives provided insight about their own transitions to college, into the workforce and to their current positions.

Students gathered in the hotel lobby prepared to ask questions about their prospective career paths. They worked the room, introducing themselves to 45 businesspeople from different occupations ranging from the CEOs and presi-



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the students they support all year long.

"The face-to-face contact builds confidence in each of these future business leaders," said Liz Allbritten, TIF's executive director. "Socializing with diverse professionals gives them a wide perspective of options available to them in the workforce."

Immokalee High School senior Ruth Estrada never understood how important networking was to her. "The people I met can really help me throughout my

steps of becoming a nurse."

Each student gained networking knowledge of how to share necessary and interesting details in a succinct and interesting manner. They created and exchanged business cards in the hopes of making that one connection that could further their future opportunities.

"I really enjoyed meeting Kate O'Brien (manager of fund development at Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida)," said Stephanie Alcime, a junior at Immokalee High School. "She encouraged me to complete my award levels in the Girl Scouts, and explained the benefits as well as offered some great tips on how to make it happen."

The business leaders provided insights into making connections and building enduring and mutually beneficial relationships that are crucial to



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securing a job and advancing in a career. "The students did an excellent job of presenting themselves and making conversation," noted Maureen McGovern, administration of Quarles & Brady LLP. "They were articulate, professional and courteous, and I enjoyed meeting them."

said Brenda O'Connor, senior vice president with The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. O'Connor and Wilma Boyd, owner of Preferred Travel of Naples, instructed the first portion of the day's session about appropriate and profes-

sional dining etiquette. During a four-course meal, the students were given detailed instructions about proper table manners and formal dining. Ms. Boyd and Ms. O'Connor also instructed the students about how to engage in conversation, when to bring up business, handling of table mishaps and being a good host.

"Social and dining etiquette plays a key role in the workforce today,"

The second session of the day was a networking seminar conducted by Ryan Williams, a member of the Young Professionals of Naples. The students learned about suitable social skills, exercising body language and how to conduct themselves in a professional atmosphere. Mr. Williams shared tips on how to develop a personal style as well as how to make an introduction that is impactful, to leave a good impres-

sion and to react to uncomfortable situations. "I feel more confident about meeting leaders. I enjoyed practicing at the luncheon and then before the reception," Ms. Alcime said. "It's really nice that The Immokalee Foundation and Naples Hilton did this for us." ■

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For more information or to register for any of the programs and activities listed here, call 417-6310 or visit www.rookerybay.org. You can also follow Friends of Rookery Bay on Facebook.

■ Daily programs – Naturalists and educators present daily programs at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. that are free with regular admission. Topics vary and include manatees, sharks, sea turtles, seashells, plant walks, nature films and a marine critter touch tank.

■ Guided kayak trips – See birds, marine mammals and other sights of nature while paddling the mangrove tunnels and waters of Rookery Bay and Hall Bay. Guided trips are from 9-11 a.m. on Wednesdays. Cost is \$40 for members, \$45 for non-members and includes kayak, all equipment, paddling instruction and admission to the learning center. Paddlers must be 12 or older. Advance registration required.

■ Kids Free Fridays – Children ages 12 and younger are admitted free with an adult. Activities include marine critter touch tank, story time, crafts, films and weekly series of pre-recorded virtu-

al dolphin encounter presentations and live video Q&A with trainers at the Dolphin Research Center in Marathon, Fla.

June 8, July 13: Dolphin Ecology and Conservation

June 15, July 20: Dolphin Anatomy and Physiology

June 22, July 27: Marine Mammal Maternity

June 29, Aug. 3: Cognition Research With Dolphins

July 6, Aug. 10: Marine Mammal Health

■ Lectures for adults – Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for wine and light refreshments, and presentations begin at 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 for the public, \$8 for members. Reservations recommended.

Wednesday, June 27 – “Into the Wild with Dolphins & Whales” – Gene Flipse, president of Conscious Breath Adventures, will introduce guests to some of the most iconic marine species of our sub-tropical corner of the North Atlantic.

Wednesday, July 11 – “Helping Stranded Marine Mammals” – Presenter Denise Boyd, a research associate for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission marine mammal program in Southwest Florida, has experience working with manatees, whales, dolphins, seals and sea turtles.

Wednesday, July 25 – “Fascinating Humpback Whale Facts” – Guest speaker Wayne Haddon is president of the Oceans for Youth Foundation.

Wednesday, Aug. 15 – “Manatee



More than three dozen works by Tampa artist Sigrid Tidmore, including “Galapagos Flamingos,” above, are on display at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center through Sept. 7. The artist’s Galapagos illustrations, inspired by her vacations on the islands over the past few years, are on black paper, reminiscent of the black lava that is all over the islands. Each piece in the show is accompanied by a short story about its origin.

Response, Recovery and Research” – Guest speaker Kati Therriault, a manatee research biologist for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission’s field lab in Port Charlotte, has participated in and performed numerous rescues and necropsies on manatees, dolphins and whales.

■ Professional workshops

Thursday, June 14 (8 a.m. to 3 p.m.) – Best Management Practices for the Protection of Water Resources by the Green Industries – This certification class for landscapers covers turfgrass management, landscape plants, irrigation systems and pesticide handling. Cost: \$30 (includes materials and

lunch). Registration required at least three days in advance.

Wednesday, July 18 (8 a.m. to 11 a.m.) – Florida-Friendly Trimming Practices – Open to the public, this workshop will address correct, professional standards for pruning hardwoods and palms. Cost: \$15 (includes materials and breakfast). Limited to 25 participants, and registration required at least three days in advance.

Thursday, Aug. 9 (8 a.m. to 11 a.m.) – Water-Wise and Other Irrigation Concepts – Also open to the public, this workshop, covers water conservation tips, irrigation principles and associated legislation. Cost: \$15 (includes class materials and breakfast). Registration required at least three days in advance.

Tuesday, Aug. 21 (8 a.m. to 11 a.m.) – Good Plant, Bad Plant, Right Plant – This workshop for landscapers will be taught in Spanish and cover mangrove regulations, invasive plant control and tips on keeping plants healthy. Cost: \$15 (includes materials and breakfast). Registration required at least three days in advance.

Wednesday, Aug. 29 (8 a.m. to 11 a.m.) – Urban Pond Management – This workshop, which is open to the public, covers mangrove regulations, invasive plant control and tips on keeping plants healthy. Cost: \$15 (includes materials and breakfast). Registration required at least three days in advance. ■

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CLUB NOTES

■ **The Ohio State Alumni Club of Naples** holds its monthly happy hour social from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at Randy's Fish Market, 10395 Tamiami Trail N. RSVP by calling 248-7408 or e-mailing at jimdebs@comcast.net.

■ **The Women's Cultural Alliance**, an affinity group of the Jewish Federation of Collier County, welcomes new members for the 2012-13 season. Annual dues are \$60.

Programs range from book groups and Spanish and French classes to art studio tours and tai chi classes. Social groups that plan various events are: the Serious Foodies, WCA Couples, the Single Connection, Dinner Dames and Jazzophiles. Four daytrips are planned next season as well as a trip to Israel and Petra in April 2013.

Kathleen van Bergen, CEO and president of the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, will be the guest speaker at the WCA Welcome Back luncheon on Friday, Nov. 16, at Grey Oaks Country Club.

For more information, contact Jane Hersch 948-0003 or janehersch@comcast.net.

■ **The Southwest Florida Federated Republican Women** invites registered Republicans to join like-minded women for a lunch meeting on the first Wednesday of each month in the clubhouse at Arbor Trace. Cost is \$18. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Anne Brown at 254-9979.

■ **The Inbetweeners**, a social group for singles ages 40-65, welcomes newcomers and regulars at gatherings every Wednesday. On June 13, the group will meet from 5-7 p.m. at Roy's at Bayfront. The June 20 and 27 meetings, also from 5-7 p.m., are at Tavern on the Bay at Bayfront. Visit www.meetup.com/inbetweeners or e-mail naplesinbetweeners@gmail.com.

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

■ **The Naples chapter of Zonta International** meets on the first Tues-

day of every month for a lunch and a program at Brio Tuscan Grill in Waterside Shops. Guest speaker for the July 3 meeting is Linda Oberhaus, executive director of the Shelter for Abused Women & Children. Cost is \$17. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Erica Vanover at 449-3114.

The Naples club was chartered in 1973 and has been serving women and girls in Collier County and worldwide ever since. In recent years, members have provided funds and mentoring to the students at the Naples and Immokalee Teenage Parenting Programs and PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee. Local Scholarships have been provided for Young Women in Public Affairs, Youth Leadership Collier and students at the Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology. In 2011, local Zontians donated \$35,000 and volunteered more than 1,300 hours to other nonprofit organizations that enhance the status of women.

For membership information, visit www.zonta-naples.org or e-mail info@zonta-naples.org.

■ **The Naples Newcomers Club** welcomes women who have been per-

manent residents of Naples for no more than five years and who want to meet others who are new to the area.

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

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

■ **The Bonita Springs Newcomers Club** welcomes women who have lived in Bonita for less than three years. Luncheons are held at area country clubs on the third Thursday of every month (December meeting is on the second Thursday). Members must attend five luncheons a year and pay annual dues of \$40.

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The Collier Spay Neuter Clinic recently performed its 10,000th sterilization surgery and celebrated with an open house on May 30, less than three years after opening its doors at 2544 Northbrooke Plaza Drive. The Naples-based clinic has one goal: to lower the number of healthy, adoptable pets euthanized in Southwest Florida by offering high quality, affordable sterilization. Shown here is Pallas Diaz, executive director, congratulating the 10,000th patient, a 2-year-old Yorkshire terrier named Teddy, and his owner, Diana Crockett. To learn about clinic services or to make a spay/neuter appointment for your pet, call 514-7647 or visit www.collierspayneuter.org.

Comedy aboard the Naples Princess

The Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida presents an evening with humorist, author and mental health advocate Wambui Bahati aboard the Naples Princess as part of the association's 55th anniversary celebration. Boarding begins at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 23.

Ms. Bahati delivers family-friendly comedy with a unique blend of inspira-

tion and motivation. She has appeared at New York City's Gotham Comedy Club and Broadway Comedy Club as well as at Caroline's on Broadway as the opening act for Robin Schall.

Tickets for \$50 per person include a glass of champagne and hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar will be available. For reservations, call MHASWFL at 261-5405 or visit www.mhaswfl.org. ■

Sign up now to 'Shoot for the Stars'

Registration and sponsorship opportunities are available for "Shoot for the Stars," a free basketball clinic for ages 8-17 coming up Saturday, Aug. 4, at Community School of Naples.

Wali Jones, former Philadelphia 76ers star and former community affairs liaison for the Miami HEAT, will lead the daylong program that is sponsored by the children's mental wellness program of

the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida. Lessons emphasize academics, problem solving, self-esteem and teamwork along with basketball skills.

For registration or information about sponsorship opportunities in connection with the annual "Shoot for the Stars" clinic in Naples, call the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida at 261-5405 or visit www.mhaswfl.org. ■

Volunteer tutors needed to teach English

Literacy Volunteers of Collier County holds its next series of training sessions for tutors from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, June 12, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, and Thursday, June 21. Volunteers must attend all three sessions, after which they will be matched with an LVCC client who wants to learn English.

New tutors also are required to attend a follow-up session with LVCC staff from 9-11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 2.

The summer need for new tutors is great, as this is the time of year when

many volunteers are away but when many LVCC students have more time to devote to their English studies.

In other LVCC news, three more people are needed to sign up for dance lessons leading up to "Dancing with the Stars for Literacy," the organization's major fundraiser that takes place Friday, Nov. 9, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.

For more information about becoming a tutoring or signing up for "Dancing with the Stars for Literacy," call 262-4448. ■

CVB offers free PR seminar for tourism representatives

The Naples, Marco Island, Everglades Convention and Visitors Bureau, in conjunction with its national travel and tourism public relations agency, Lou Hammond & Associates, is holding a free PR seminar for representatives of the tourism and hospitality industry in Collier County from 8:30-11 a.m. Thursday June 14, at the Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort. Hotels, attractions, retail stores, restaurants, tour operators and others are encouraged to send a representative.

Participants will learn tips for communicating newsworthy information to local and national media and will hear about how to work with the CVB and its agency so they can include information in story pitches and news releases about the Paradise Coast region to national and international travel and news media.

Continental breakfast and networking will take place from 8:30-9 a.m.; Lou Hammond, chairman and founder of Lou Hammond & Associates, will speak from 9-10 a.m.; and regional and national business and travel media representatives will hold a panel discussion from 10-11 a.m.

The Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort is offering a special event rate of \$99 per person on Thursday, June 13, for seminar attendees. Call 394-2511 and mention the tourism PR seminar. After the seminar, the Marriott invites participants to relax on the property and enjoy discounts on motorized water sports and golf greens fees.

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Green Drinks is an international movement that began in London in 1989 and has grown to include more than 400 chapters in the United States and nearly 800 chapters around the world.

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happy hour, Chez Boët will offer two-for-one drink prices on wines by the glass, well cocktails and beer, along with \$5 small plates. The Boët Green Cocktail, crafted with mango vodka and champagne and garnished with locally grown mangoes, will be available for \$6 each. Non-alcoholic beverages are also available. Those who stay for dinner following the networking event will enjoy a 10 percent discount.

A certified city of Naples Green Business, Chez Boët is at 755 12th Ave. S. For more information, call Lisa Boet at 595-7002. For information about Green Drinks, visit www.greendrinks.org. ■



After witnessing the unthinkable at 12 years old – her mother shot at the hands of her stepfather – Velma quit school and started picking in the fields of Immokalee to support her brothers and sisters.

Velma remained upbeat and had a family of her own, but then experienced multiple, devastating losses and trauma and was diagnosed with a debilitating health issue. She felt suicide was the only way to escape her sadness, fear and pain. For her children's sake, she finally asked for help from the David Lawrence Center.

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Summer sessions cover an array of topics at the Renaissance Academy

From iPads to bromeliads, this month's lecture topics at the Naples Center of the FGCU Renaissance Academy present a wide variety of learning opportunities. Here's what's on the schedule for the remainder of June:

■ **Understanding Technology**, 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 12 - Instructor John Guerra will discuss of the latest in computers, smartphones, readers, tablets and other devices that will be especially helpful for those considering buying any of the products.

■ **iPad for Beginners**, 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, June 12 - Mr. Guerra will go over the basics of the Apple iPad, including settings, organizing, multitasking, surf-

ing the Internet, e-mail, movies, music, books and how to create an Apple ID and access the many apps available from the App Store.

■ **The Majesty of Ancient Egypt**, 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday-Thursday, June 12-14 - Instructor Steven Derfler will discuss how and why ancient Egypt was a leader in society, art, architecture, science, industry, religion and philosophy, paving the way to further advancements in civilization.

■ **iPhone for Beginners**, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 19 - Mr. Guerra will explain the smartphone technology of the Apple iPhone.

■ **Gardening in Small Places**, 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 26 - Thomas Hecker will discuss the challenges of gardening in places such as courtyards, lanais and patios.

■ **Surf the Internet**, 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, June 27 - Learn about Internet security, search engines, browser options and more from Mr. Guerra.

■ **Orchids, Succulents, Bromeliads**, 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 28 - Mr. Hecker will explain how to populate gardens with these beautiful plants.

Looking ahead

Those interested in lecturing at the academy are encouraged to submit

course proposals for the fall and winter/spring 2013 sessions at the academy's 12 locations throughout Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties. There are no advance degree requirements for instructors who give single lectures or lead short courses in a wide variety of subjects. The academy pays an honorarium of \$75 per lecture. Download a course proposal form at www.fgcu.edu/racademy or request that one be mailed by calling 425-3272.

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■ 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 8 – Introduction to Bio-Energetics will help the clinician/therapist recognize symptoms and outcomes that affect client success. Fee is \$149; 7.5 contact hours.

Instructor for both workshops is William Elizuk, creator of award-winning exercise DVDs for youth and adults.

Register by June 17 and take both classes for \$229. Light refreshments will be served; bring a brown bag lunch. For more information or to sign up, visit www.registerce.fgcu.edu. ■

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■ 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.

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New research dashes notions of benign brain plaque

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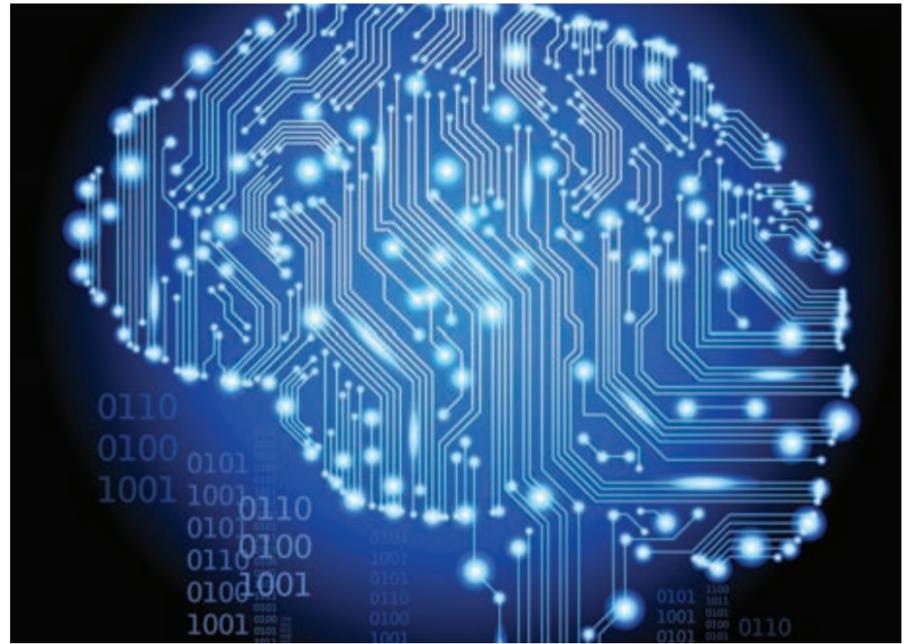
The time may have come to scrub the idea that brain plaque — deposits of protein that clog passages between brain cells — might not be all that bad.

University of Florida researchers have discovered that people with no signs of dementia during their lives, even though their brains contained the debris typical of Alzheimer's disease, probably would have experienced health problems had they lived longer. The study appeared recently in the open access journal Alzheimer's Research & Therapy.

Scientists suspect patients who experience relatively few cognitive problems even with a substance called amyloid beta protein accumulating in their brains — the hallmark of Alzheimer's disease — might collect a less toxic form of the so-called brain plaque.

But UF College of Medicine scientists with colleagues from the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville found few differences when they compared the post-mortem brain tissue of Alzheimer's patients with that from people who accumulated plaque without symptoms, a condition known as pathological aging.

"Pathological aging may be early Alzheimer's disease rather than a benign form of amyloid protein deposition, or it may be patients with PA are resistant to the toxic effects of the amyloid plaques," Dr. Todd Golde, director of the UF's Center for Translational Research in Neurodegenerative Disease, said. "It will be important to understand the



differences between these two neurodegenerative pathologies in treatment and prevention efforts."

Alzheimer's disease is characterized by severe loss of neurons in brain regions important for learning and memory because of overproduction of amyloid beta protein. In a healthy brain, these protein fragments are broken down and eliminated. But when they accumulate, scientists believe amyloid plaque interferes with the brain's ability to generate new cells and contributes to tangles — twisted masses of protein fibers within the brain cell.

The researchers found similar amounts of insoluble amyloid in Alzheimer's and pathologically aged

brain tissue, with elevated levels in both types of abnormal tissue compared with healthy brain tissue. Researchers also found a great deal of similarity and overlap in the subtypes of amyloid protein, according to Dr. Golde, who is also affiliated with UF's McKnight Brain Institute.

Experimental models suggest that therapies that target these proteins may be effective in preventing or delaying disease development.

Without treatment or prevention breakthroughs, a projected 7.7 million patients in the U.S. will have Alzheimer's by 2030, according to the Alzheimer's Association. By 2050, that number will grow to between 11 million and 16 million. ■

Summarizing the many advantages of electronic medical records



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The use of electronic medical records presents enormous benefits to us all.

Helen Thompson, a fellow in the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives, is directing NCH's efforts forward from where our recently retired CIO Susan Wolff brought us. NCH is among the top 200 hospitals in the nation for the utilization of computer technology in healthcare. This is due in large part to our partnership with Cerner, the largest international health-care computer company in the world.

To summarize advantages of electronic medical records in an "elevator speech," I offer the following:

■ **Availability in emergencies** – If you are in an accident and unable to explain your medical history to health-care providers, they can find information about your medications, health issues, test results and more to enable them to quicker, better informed decisions about your emergency care.

■ **Protection amid disasters** – During times of disaster such as a flood or hurricane, your health information can be stored safely in electronic form.

■ **Improved care and reduced errors** – Access to information about care you receive elsewhere gives your health-care providers a better, more complete picture of your health. That means they can make sure the care

they provide doesn't interact badly with other treatment you may be receiving.

For example, when you can't remember what medications you are taking, health information exchange, a part of electronic medical records, can make information about your conditions and medications available to your health care providers so that they will know the correct care to administer rather than doing something that might be harmful.

■ **Tracking for protection** – When your health information is shared electronically, information about accessing your record is stored electronically. This can include the identity of those who access your record, along with when, why and the types of information they obtained. As a result, it is easier to enforce laws and regulations governing

access to electronic records than paper records.

■ **Increased safety and efficiency, reduced duplication** – Because with electronic medical records, health care providers can see what tests you've had, including results, these tests don't have to be repeated as often. Especially with x-rays and certain lab tests, this means you are at less risk from radiation and other side effects. It might also mean you pay less in copayments and deductibles.

Nothing is as constant as change, and our NCH community is changing and improving faster than ever before as we embrace the digital age. ■

— Dr. Allen Weiss is the president and CEO of Physicians Regional Health-care System.



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“Reaching these milestones moves Park Royal Hospital into the continuum of care for those having difficulty coping with life’s challenges,” President and CEO Michael Metcalf says. “We have been treating patients for more than 60

to answer questions, provide information and determine if Park Royal Hospital can help,” he adds.

On the campus of Lee Memorial HealthPark in South Fort Myers, the hospital received its Florida Agency for Health Care Administration licensure to accept patients in February. The two-day DNV Healthcare accreditation process conducted in April confirmed the psychiatric hospital meets all clinical and plant operations requirements of the National Integrated Accreditation for Healthcare Organization program. The two-day Medicare licensure survey was completed May 3.

Park Royal Hospital provides advanced behavioral health treatment services on both an inpatient and an outpatient basis, treating adult and geriatric patients for depression, anxiety and mood disorders, memory issues, post-traumatic stress disorders and co-occurring mental health and substance abuse issues. The hospital offers crisis intervention services and will serve as an involuntary commitment facility.

Any concerned person, including family members, friends or companions, physicians or social workers, can make a referral. Admissions are made 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For more information, call 985-2700 or visit www.ParkRoyalHospital.com. ■



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Park Royal Hospital on the campus of HealthPark.

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Free camp coming up for visually impaired youth

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Lighthouse of Collier is now accepting registration for its third annual summer camp program for blind and visually impaired children. Sessions will meet from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Thursday, July 9 through Aug. 2, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.

Campers will enjoy an array of activities, from tennis lessons and crafts to picnics and field trips for horseback riding. They will also learn about talking computers and state-of-the-art equipment that can assist them in their daily lives.

Camp attendance is free, thanks to proceeds from the 11th annual Joel Ingersoll Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament.

Young clients of Lighthouse of Collier recently spent three weekends making memories (and gifts for mom) with help from the Naples Art Association and The von Liebig Art Center. They made pinch pots and trays from clay with help from instructor David Hammel, glazed their creations with help from Callie Spilane and Beth Weise and made their own gift paper and wrapped their treasures for Mother's Day presents with assistance from Aimee Schlehr.

Lighthouse of Collier is the only center for blindness and vision loss in Collier County. For information about summer camp for kids as well as the center's regular programming for adults, call 430-3934 or visit www.LighthouseofCollier.org. ■



Beth Weise assists with painting pinch pots for Mother's Day presents.



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Sarah stamps her wrapping paper.

in the know

Support session for caregivers

Lighthouse of Collier will host a support group meeting for caregivers of those who are blind or visually impaired from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, June 21, at Homewood Residence of Naples, 770 Goodlette-Frank Road. The meeting will be facilitated by a licensed mental health professional.

Attendance is free, thanks to a grant from the Community Foundation of Collier County.

To sign up or for more information, call 430-3934.

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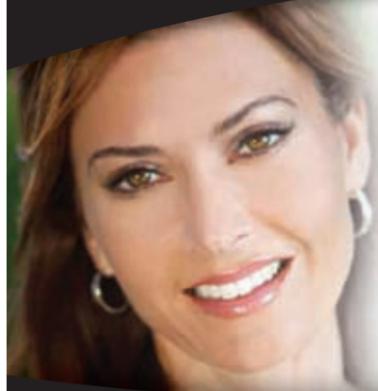
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Free night at King Richard's park kicks off Summerfest 2012

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Collier County Sheriff's Office kicks off its Summerfest 2012 activities for local youth with the summer's first "Hot Summer Nights" event from 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 8, at King Richard's Family Fun Park. Admission is free for everyone. Rides are free for kids, and adults can ride at a discounted price. There will be a cost for games and food.

Summerfest 2012 offers a wide range of fun and free activities for all grade levels in a safe environment at various locations around Collier County, made possible thanks to partnerships with Collier County Parks and Recreation, the Collier County School District and more than 200 area donor businesses and individuals.

New this year are child fingerprinting events and the "Have a Ball" program in which deputies will keep footballs, basketballs and soccer balls in their patrol cars so they can engage in sports activities with kids between calls.

CCSO Youth Relations deputies are assigned to summer youth programs instead of to patrol duties, which allows CCSO to expand its summer youth offerings without additional costs to the community.

Here are some of the ways the CCSO is reaching out to make sure our community's children and teens have as safe and fun summer:

■ **Hot Summer Nights** - This popular program for students in middle and high

school takes place Fridays from 6-9 p.m. at parks and other locations throughout Collier County. Kids can snack on snow cones, popcorn and hot dogs served up by deputies.

■ **D.E.P.U.T.Y. Club** - For students in grades one through five, the D.E.P.U.T.Y. Club meets from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, June 20-July 25, at the Italian American Club Foundation, 7035 Airport-Pulling Road, North Naples.

■ **Basketball** - Gymnasiums at Lely, Golden Gate and Immokalee high schools will be open for basketball and supervised by CCSO Youth Relations deputies several afternoons a week. The gyms will be set up to allow students ages 11-18 to have supervised recreation and interaction with law enforcement.

■ **Teen Driver Challenge** - In the classroom and on the road, this 12-hour program partners newly licensed drivers with deputies to learn skills and laws. Up to 15 students can take part each month.

■ **Child IDs** - CCSO will hold child identification events at various locations over the summer. Deputies will create photo IDs and take child fingerprints.

■ **Build-A-Boat** - High-schoolers ages 14-18 build a boat while earning their boaters safety certificate. The program will take place at Everglades City School, the Collier County Sheriff's Office and at I-Tech in Immokalee.

■ **Build-A-Chair** - Students ages 11-14 work with tools and work together to build a chair at Lely High School, Golden Gate Middle School, Immokalee Middle School, East Naples Middle School/Lorenzo Walk-

er Institute of Technology and Everglades Community Center.

■ **Middle School Community Outreach Camp** - CCSO partners with Golden Gate Middle School to offer sixth- and seventh-grade students a free day camp with basketball, lacrosse, softball, flag football, soccer and track and field.

■ **Fishing** - Go fishing with CCSO at the Naples Pier. This program is a partnership between CCSO, the city of Naples and the Boys and Girls Club of Collier County. Kids ages 10-16 can fish and learn about water safety from 8 a.m. to noon every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from June 20-Aug. 11.

■ **Have A Ball** - Throughout the summer, the trunks of many marked CCSO patrol cars will contain basketballs, footballs, soccer balls and volley balls. If a deputy is between calls and spots kids congregating, he or she will stop, take out a ball and toss it around with them while getting to know them. The deputy will leave the ball with the children. Have A Ball seeks to build relationships between kids and deputies and to leave kids with not only a positive impression of law enforcement officers, but to keep them occupied in a positive activity. ■

— A complete schedule of activities can be found at www.colliersheriff.org. Click on the pull-down tab labeled "We Can Help," then on "Youth Relations" and "CCSO Summerfest." Or call CCSO Youth Relations at 530-9741 or e-mail summerfest@colliersheriff.org for more information.

Sheriff Rambosk set to address Leadership alum

Collier County Sheriff Kevin Rambosk will be the keynote speaker at the next "Conservations with Leaders" box lunch sponsored by the Leadership Collier Alumni Association. The event starts at noon Thursday, June 21, at the Professional Development Center, 615 Third Ave. S.

A law enforcement professional with 30-plus years of local experience, Sheriff Rambosk will discuss his philosophy about the importance of community partnerships and how Leadership Collier alumni can become engaged in local law enforcement issues.

The box lunch series is open to graduates of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce leadership programs including Leadership Collier, Growing Associates in Naples, Youth Leadership, Campaign for Leadership and the Leadership Institute.

Cost is \$15 per person. Lunch is provided by Sugar Palm Café.

Online reservations are required and can be made at www.napleschamber.org. ■

CCSO offers free car seat inspections

The Collier County Sheriff's Office can help ensure your child is safely secured in your vehicle(s) through its free car seat inspection service. For more information or to schedule an appointment for a free inspection, contact Marianna Herrera at 252-0367, e-mail trafficsafety@colliersheriff.net or visit www.colliersheriff.org. ■

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Time passes at such a crazy pace — and if age creeps up swiftly on us humans, then it practically gallops where our pets are concerned.

Because pets age more quickly than people, they may get illnesses earlier than you'd think. Making sure your pet has regular checkups with the veterinarian is the best way to catch and treat developing health issues before they become serious problems.

I recommend twice-yearly wellness visits. Just as in human medicine, veterinary care has come a long way in its ability to detect health problems before they become symptomatic — and to treat many of those problems simply and effectively. The old adage about an ounce of prevention is just as true in your pet's life as it is in your own. Preventive, proactive veterinary care can add years to your pet's life.

For some pets, the veterinarian is just a vaguely familiar person who gives them treats and rudely palpates their privates once a year. For others, though, this is someone associated with all kinds of discomfort: strange and disturbing odors, barks and hisses of unfamiliar animals, and memories of pain from visits during an illness or following an accident. The veterinarian's office can be a scary place, indeed.

But it doesn't have to be that way, and it shouldn't be. Making sure you and your pet have found the right veterinary practice can cut down on the stress and



Advances in veterinary medicine have made preventive care even more important.

strain of visits. Having a practitioner — and an actual veterinary practice, from front desk to veterinary technicians and more — you can trust and count on when it comes to your pet's health care is essential to your pet having a life as long, healthy and happy as possible. Because without a well-run practice, an expert team and great veterinarians, neither you nor your pet will be likely to go as often as you need to, and that means less than optimal health for your pet.

What makes a great veterinarian? It starts with your level of confidence and trust and goes from there.

■ Does your dog's veterinarian put you at ease? Do you feel comfortable calling or coming in with any question or concern? Are you taken seriously when you bring your pet in for something non-specific, like overtiredness, a slight change in bathroom habits or becoming snippy with the kids?

■ Does the veterinarian acknowledge your role as "Dogtor Mom" or "Dogtor Dad"? A good practitioner respects the fact that you are her eyes and ears at home. You're the one who knows your pet's normal habits and attitudes, and you can be trusted to raise an alarm when something is outright wrong or your pet is just a little "off."

■ Do you like the way pets are treated at the practice? It's fair to expect to have confidence in everyone from the receptionist to the surgeon in your vet's practice. Ask for a tour of the entire clinic before becoming a client. Beyond reception areas and exam rooms are the areas where the nitty-gritty work of the office takes place, and most veterinarians will be happy to show you around. Employee- and pet-only rooms should reflect the same level of care, compassion and cleanliness as the ones out front. In fact, they must. I have a mantra that you should demand from your veterinarian: that she treat your pet exactly as if you were standing there looking over her shoulder.

When you find the veterinarian you can feel that way about, you have found the right one. Make that appointment for a wellness check and get your pet's health on track! ■

— Dr. Marty Becker is currently on a national tour for "Your Cat: The Owner's Manual," his newest book with fellow Pet Connection writer Gina Spadafori. "Your Dog: The Owner's Manual" is now available in paperback. For information on where to meet Dr. Becker, visit Vetstreet.com/dr-marty-becker.

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>>Huston is a 3-year-old Labrador retriever/foxhound mix who weighs about 50 pounds. He's good with other dogs and loves to play ball.



>>Romeo is a 2-year-old seal point Siamese mix. Totally adorable and classically handsome, he's a wonderful lap cat.

To adopt or foster a pet

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

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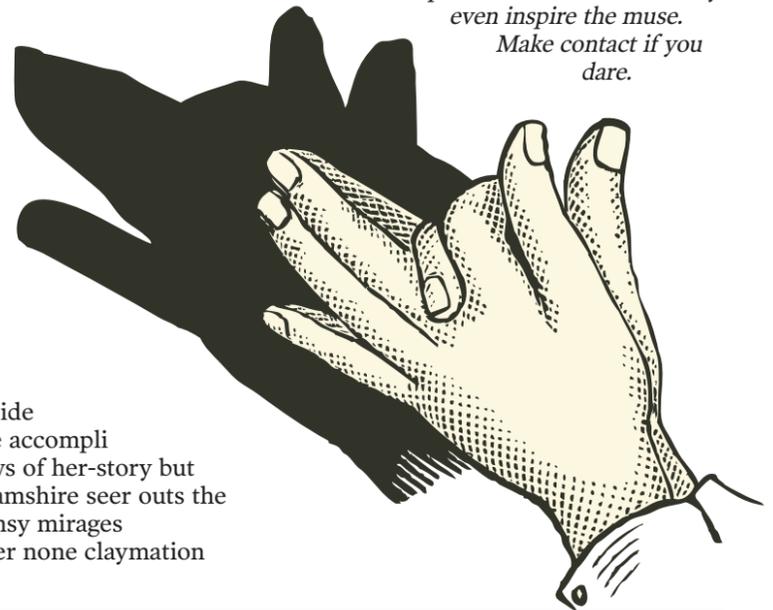
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back of the long ‘n’ longin’ lean like
dark matrix neo
(are those shoulder pads or wings
beneath thy coat of black?)
being in front of fence country wood a
little barbed not bearded
standing that one looking out eye
acrostic cross stitch lavender land
and all around he be lost boys, like out
of Barrie & Steinbeck, novel and dusty
some be black of skin nappy haired
some be pink and bald
some be brown tresses greased and
some be red braided inked
they all be looking, awl looking, into
the vastness of the in front space

and as eye that be watching watches
this watching eye too feels watched
a pre-sence behind: (dare I eat a
peach?)
so looking — ah have to do it — back
behind to find
the what be being there seeing the one
seeing:

first a blur so still like a luminous
merely
not even really there yet
forming, out of sheer delight:
hair by hair by aerie aire
this thick coated wolfish whiteness
stares, self generating,
some might say beast or loner or
Goethe lieder Kant re-cantor
but eye say nun of that, magus of this,
fools a’fallin’ for a namin’:
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BUSINESS TRAVEL

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EDWIN AMERMAN'S LIFE IS A PARADE OF bright atriums, security checkpoints, takeoffs and landings, hotel rooms, business engagements, and then home to his wife, Wendy, and three children in Fort Myers late in the week.

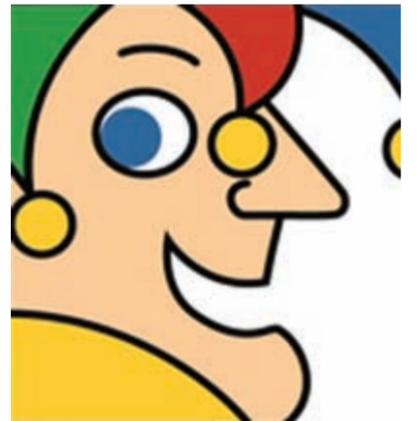
"To me, those first five minutes in the house, or first 10 minutes in the house, are absolutely critical," said Mr. Amerman, who is regional vice president of sales for SkillSoft, a software service learning company. "I might have 110 things on my mind but my wife and kids

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Business cycles are in control, not central banks



Headlines speak to an eminent demise in Europe. The equity markets are suffering. The AA or higher sovereign debt issues are being gobbled up at increasingly lower yields. And the investors, institutional and retail alike, are running scared. People want to know the future and where to hide until better days come. And they want assurances that better days will ultimately come.

The modern day investment professional, schooled in fundamental analysis, operates in a world of linear economic growth; downturns are dips below that line that need fiscal/monetary tweaking to GDP to resume its trajectory.

But not all market gurus have linear explanations and some think what should be expected is a 50-70 year rollercoaster ride called an economic cycle — an inevitable cycle of ups and downs despite central bankers' handstands.

Many in this camp of market analytics feel that another downward move in global economies is dictated by the long-term business cycles that ultimately control economies with a power and reach that is far beyond that of central bankers' remedies.

Some of the better-known names that speak to cycle forces include: Charles Nenner (the former Goldman Sachs market technician who now has his own advisory business) and Bob Prechter of Elliott Wave.

Mr. Nenner, who is frequently on CNBC and now gets *Business Week* limelight coverage for his prognostications, has called April of 2012 as the market top, with a summer rally to follow and then a downhill slide to take us back to 5,000 on the DJIA. He is optimistic relative to Elliott Wave, which envisions a second Great Depression.

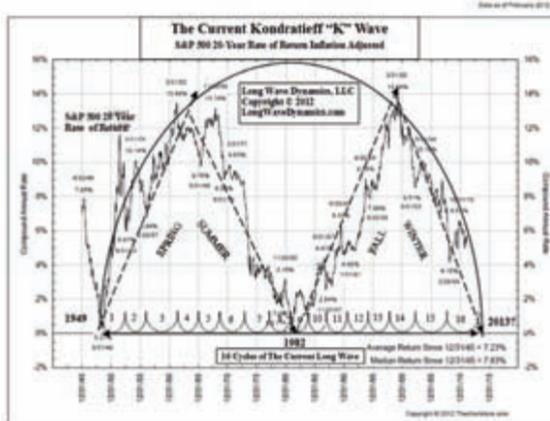
About 99 percent of the investment community discards these severe cycle forecasts as technical mumbo jumbo. As to Elliott Wave, the public has been hearing gloom and doom for so long that this wave theory faces higher hurdles for acceptance. In the case of Mr. Nenner, as many of his calls have been spot on; they cannot dismiss him. His advisory now serves many hedge funds.

Besides these two, there is a voice increasingly heard at the long wave podium: David Knox Barker, author of "The K Wave: Profiting from the Cyclical Booms and Busts in the Global Economy." Much of what follows are explanations from Mr. Barker's new book.

The core of cycle theory is that economies go through major cycle moves (a big up followed by a big down over a 50-70-year period) and, try though the central bankers might, the cycle forces are now calling for the final part of the economic and equity down leg of the cycle that first lifted off in 1949 and started its descent in 1998. Specifically, the global economy is in the final stage of a global debt bust, as a debt debacle characterizes every cycle's ending.

The theory is known as the "Kondratieff

economic long wave." Just as you can't stop a wave from building and reaching its height and then crashing so, too, you cannot stop



the forces that build a country's economy, building it over many years, ultimately to a point where excesses abound through the easy and inappropriate use of credit — and then the economy crashes.

Kondratieff, a Russian, put forth the principle in the 1920s but was imprisoned in a slave labor camp (the story is told in Solzhenitsyn's "The Gulag Archipelago") for his statements that U.S. capitalism, though subject to these cycles, would survive but communism would fail. Part of the "K wave" theory is quite optimistic in that it expects an emergence out of the final down phase, into a time of great economic growth ... jet-tisoned by inventions and new technologies.

Lest you think that Kondratieff was the first and last to embrace this thinking, con-

sider that a well-known Harvard economics professor, Joseph Schumpeter, embraced the K wave and, even more interestingly, a current genius also embraces it. Jay Forrester is the Massachusetts Institute of Technology researcher who holds the patents to random access memory and he, together with MIT's Sloan School of Management, developed a model to explain economic, political and business relationships. The group at MIT did not start with a hypothesis that such a long wave exists; it was just that model's output indisputably supported a long wave pattern of expansion and contraction. In the end, Forrester affirmed that long waves are the economic determinative force.

But "ending badly" is not the last chapter of his book. Mr. Barker's bottom line is quite interesting: Prepare for the final leg down in the economy and in equity prices, yet be looking for a new cycle to begin (maybe as early as 2013) and take the world's economies and equities to new highs. One caveat: Each new 50-70-year cycle begins with a new country leading and most probably the baton will be passed to China.

Talk to your advisor and, in investment areas requiring specialization, seek appropriate expertise. ■

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TRAVEL

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haven't seen me in three or four days. I used to go right to my room and put my suitcase up and wash my hands and then come out and say, 'Hey, how's it going?' But I think being fully present in the moment when I walk in the door sets the tone differently."

In the last year, road warriors like Mr. Amerman have been sent packing more often after corporations cut back on travel during the recession's peak in 2009, travel experts say. There has been a spike in business travel spending nationwide since the recession ended, according to statistics gathered by Global Business Travel Association's quarterly report, sponsored by Visa.

Business travel originating in the U.S., including to overseas, grew by 7.2 percent in 2011 to reach \$251 billion in spending, and is projected to reach \$259.9 billion this year. In 2009, it had fallen to a low of \$222.7 billion. Total passengers at Southwest Florida International Airport also increased by more than 120,000 passengers in 2010-11, to more than 7.5 million. Spokesperson Victoria Moreland said the airport doesn't track business travelers, but a very rough rule of thumb is that 20 percent of the total travel for business.

"Business travel has picked up," said Cameron McCrackan, a corporate travel consultant with Fort Myers-based Geraci Travel.

Inflation accounts for some of the increase in spending in GBTA's report. But those numbers are also deflated by post-recession, tech-savvy standards of travel in which businesses are keeping belts tightened. Corporations are more likely to trim travel expenses or hold meetings on a computer; whereas, in boom years, their travel policies were more relaxed, observes William "Mitch" Mitchell of Hurley Travel Experts.

"Everybody geared back in '08 and '09," said Mr. Mitchell, who helps manage policies for companies that spend millions per year on travel. "In the heyday, they kind of let travelers do their own thing. There were no real managed

corporate travel programs in place," at least by Hurley's standard.

CenturyLink, the Internet, phone and television service provider, has looked at ways to cut travel costs on its own. "I think every responsible company has probably looked at that," said spokesperson Brian Hamman. "But we've always operated that way. We did that before the recession as well."

CenturyLink uses video and voice conferencing when possible, instead of traveling. "We believe in leveraging technology first to minimize travel expenses," Mr. Hamman said.

Other companies are doing the same. "The majority of our meetings with potential partners are by teleconference and WebEx," said Elaine Floyd, office manager for Kirax, a Bonita Springs-based biotechnology company that develops pharmaceuticals. "We even do two of our board meetings a year by teleconference."

Digitally-assisted savings

Mr. Mitchell's company represents Delhaize America, which owns Sweetbay Supermarkets, and similar companies that spend roughly \$2 million to \$10 million per year on travel. He says business is booming as organizations like that are looking for ways to minimize travel costs. His Portland, Maine-based company opened a Naples office last August when Mr. Mitchell moved to Southwest Florida. About 70 percent of Hurley's revenue is based on business travel.

To help strike a balance between a company's yin for accountability and an employee's yang for autonomy, one of Hurley's partners is a professional online service called Concur. Companies can use it in harmony with their employees' favorite apps and online travel services to track purchases in real time.

Concur allows a manager on the other end to check and approve expenses in real time, such as a one-way flight rushing home. Those purchases are highlighted on a screen in red or yellow if they are excessive, as opposed to green, the first choice under normal circumstances. That might seem like micro-management to some travelers. Mr. Mitchell, though, maintains that it offers both executives and their

employees unparalleled services and options.

Other companies, such as the one Mr. Amerman works for, leave the cost cutting to their employees. Skillsoft, which works globally with businesses, governments, and education agencies, have rules to be sure. But they don't worry about employees' travel expenses until later. Mr. Amerman and his team of salespeople have general guidelines; they can't buy first class seats, for instance.

Otherwise, he employs an arsenal of smartphone apps and online services to find the best deals on and book hotels, rental cars, flights and dinner reservations. With the apps FlightTrack and TripDeck he accesses flight information, keeps records of bills and stays updated on curveballs such as delays or gate changes.

Another app called TripIt uses information from the other apps to create a master itinerary (which he can easily share with family) and automatically updates his electronic calendar.

He uses Priceline's app to find deals on hotels rooms. The savings might allow him to take potential clients out for dinners that are just that much nicer; likely at places he found on Yelp, where people can post reviews of various venues.

His apps keep track of it all and Mr. Amerman submits a monthly expense report to SkillSoft.

"My philosophy has always been, be a steward of the company's money as if it were your own money," he said.

How to travel like a pro

The last week in May, SkillSoft's Mr. Amerman traveled from Fort Myers to Houston to Birmingham. On Thursday evening around dusk he was waiting at Orlando International Airport for a connecting flight home to Southwest Florida International Airport, and talking with a reporter on his smartphone.

"The key to business travel is really just being organized and having the attitude: you know there's potential for something to go wrong, don't let it upset you," he said. "It is what it is. It's out of my control."

But what he is able to control makes traveling, for him, far less suspect than its infamous reputation suggests. As

a habitual flier, finding the right airline means a lot, for instance. He flies Southwest and its subsidiary, Air Tran, exclusively and expounds their virtues with a heartfelt sincerity that he should be charging them for. That includes a moving anecdote about how they actually refunded him money to switch flights so he could make it home in time for one of his children's football games. But to be fair, financial planner Mr. Simon also agreed it is, in general, the most business friendly airline, and he doesn't fly enough to receive its top perks.

Mr. Amerman has flown with Southwest or AirTran on at least 40 trips this year already, qualifying him for Companion Pass status, the company reward program's highest level. It allows him to take someone with him for free on any flight throughout the rest of the year, although Mr. Amerman said he has rarely used it in the past. Last Thanksgiving, he and his family flew roundtrip to South Carolina for nominal fees (about \$20 in all) because of the frequent flyer points he amassed. The Southwest system also ranks him against other travelers who fly less, and puts him ahead when it comes to boarding.

Such perks sweeten the prospect of life on the move, even though they are ultimately lame prizes for a pang in his heart about equal to the distance traveled plus time spent away from his wife and children. He's learned to keep his priorities in the order of his choice: God, family, then his job. The Transportation Security Administration, perhaps, ranks fourth.

"If there's anything major from a family perspective, everything falls out from there," he said. "If I have to get back, I get back, and my company appreciates that and understands that."

After a particularly trying security checkpoint or just a long day, soothing Christian music helps refresh his road-weary psyche. And one other absolute essential, he added: Bose QuietComfort headphones, which can help drown out a jet engine or screaming baby.

All that sustains him until he gets home, which last Thursday night was after his children had gone to bed. He'd wait for those critical first few minutes being back, with them, until morning. ■

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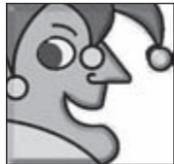
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On businesses affected by Amazon.com: "Amazon is a powerhouse. A business that has millions of happy customers can introduce them to new items. Anything that can easily be bought using a home computer will be affected. It is really terrible for a lot of retailers." (The Motley Fool owns shares of Amazon.com and its newsletters have recommended shares of it.)

On the ideal corporate tax rate: "The corporate tax rate is 35 percent, but actual taxes paid last year were 13 percent of profits, due to write-offs and loopholes. We led the world back when the corporate tax rate was 52 percent, but the rate today

needs to be close to other countries' rates.

"Corporations are not the problem in the economy. Corporate taxes make up less than 2 percent of GDP, while health care spending is around 17 percent."

On minimizing mistakes: "We like to do things big, so we have to think about consequences. Learning from other people's mistakes is a much more pleasant way to learn. Reading financial histories is helpful, and reading about disasters. This has given us advantages over others who use a lot of math, because they didn't understand other humans very well."

On stock market volatility: "Berkshire has been around for close to 50 years and has seen its share price cut in half four times. Investors can take advantage when stocks sell at silly prices."

On partnerships and marriage: "Choose the best person you can find who will have you."

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Soaring Jets

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— C.S., Tucson, Ariz.

The Fool Responds: Once a stock has grown a lot, it can be smart to sell some of your stake — to lock in a gain and perhaps recoup your entire initial investment, if not more. (It can be best to just let the money keep growing, though, if you're confident that the shares have a lot of growth left.)

You lucked out a bit here, though. Had you bought more shares and not sold when you did, you might have lost a lot. Solid returns are never guaranteed, but the more research you do into a company, the more likely you are to spot problems that could hurt performance — or even lead to bankruptcy. Bombardier owns Learjet (now one word) today. ■



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Q Is it better to invest in bonds or Treasury bills, as they're less risky than stocks?

— M.L., Allentown, Pa.

A Interest rates have been very low for a long time now, making bonds generally less attractive. Still, they do have their place.

Consider, for example, your time horizon. If you'll need the money you're investing within five years (or 10, to be more conservative), it shouldn't be in stocks. The stock market can move in any direction in the short run, but over long periods it has tended to go up. Short-term money should be parked in less volatile places, such as money market funds, CDs and bonds. (Learn more at fool.com/savings/savings.htm.)

Next, consider your risk tolerance. Stocks can rise and fall sharply in value over a short period. If you're a long-term investor who can stomach such moves, great. If not, consider less-volatile, slower-growing investments, such as bonds — though bond prices can fluctuate considerably, too.

Finally, remember that when the stock market is down is usually a good time to buy, as many solid stocks will be on sale. Just take time to think through what you're doing and be sure of your plan.

Q What's a "market maker"?

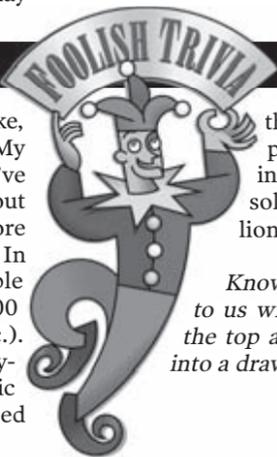
— C.N., Phoenix

A You may think that when you buy a stock you're getting those shares directly from a shareholder who's selling, but stocks are generally bought and sold through market makers. They keep the market fluid and profit by pocketing some or all of the spread between the purchase and sale price. They'll typically keep some shares in inventory, too. That way, if someone wants to buy shares and no one wants to sell at that time, they can sell from inventory.

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I was founded in 1937 by my namesake, the inventor of an automatic loom. My U.S. division was launched in 1957. I've been the world's top carmaker, with about 1,500 dealerships in the U.S. and more than 1.6 million vehicles sold in 2011. In the U.S., I directly employ 30,000 people and indirectly employ more than 300,000 (through suppliers, dealerships, etc.). Some of my models have names synonymous with the petals of a flower, an arctic terrain and Sean Connery. I introduced



the world's first mass-produced hybrid car in 1997 and have now sold more than 2 million. Who am I? ■

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The Motley Fool Take

Take a Bite of Apple

Apple (Nasdaq: AAPL) has been blowing investors away quarter after quarter. In its last quarter, revenue was up 59 percent over year-ago levels and earnings nearly doubled. Over the past decade, the stock has grown by almost 50 percent annually, on average, and recently traded around \$560 per share.

Amazingly, Apple still looks cheap to many, with some Wall Street analysts setting target prices above \$900. In addition, the cash-laden company has initiated a dividend. It begins in late 2012 and yields about 1.9 percent at recent rates.

It may seem like Apple can do no wrong. When its third-generation iPad debuted, 3 million were sold in its first weekend. The

company sold 35 million iPhones and nearly 12 million iPads in its last quarter.

Things can change, though. Apple may be making most of the profits in mobile, but Android is the open-source platform dominating the global smartphone market. Apple is the undisputed market leader in tablets, but Android threatens there, too. Meanwhile, Windows 8 is expected to be very tablet-friendly when it rolls out later this year.

Still, it's likely that Apple will grow in value. iPhones and iPads are still early in their global growth cycles, and new products, such as iTV, are being developed. Consider adding this fruit to your basket. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Apple and its newsletters have recommended it.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ The next **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 13, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker will be Olympic swimming coach Paul Yetter. Sponsor is the Naples Concert Band. Cost is \$20. For reservations, visit www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ 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 June 20 gathering is at The Classics at Lely Resort. For more information, e-mail Katie@marcoislandchamber.org.

■ The **Collier Building Industry Association** holds its next mixer from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 21, at the Lykos Group office, 4779 Enterprise Ave. Special guests will be CBIA scholarship recipients Andres Boral, David Martinez and Robert McGinnis. Cost is \$15. Sign up by calling 436-6100 or visiting www.cbina.net.

■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** hosts Business After 5 from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, June 21, at Imperial Golf Club. Cost is \$5 for members, \$25 for others. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **Collier County Lodging & Tourism Alliance** hosts a tourism update breakfast beginning at 8 a.m.

Wednesday, June 27, at Bellasera Hotel. Guest speaker Jack Wert, executive director of the Naples, Marco Island, Everglades Convention & Visitors Bureau, will summarize the past winter tourism season in Collier County and discuss summer marketing efforts to attract visitors and meeting groups. Attendance is free for CCLTA members and \$10 for others. Seating is limited and reservations are required by June 20. E-mail Pam Calore at pam.cclta@gmail.com.

■ **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.

■ Members and guests of the **Women's Network of Collier County** meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of every month at Shula's at the Hilton Naples. Cost is \$22 for members, \$25 for others. The next meeting is June 12. Sign up at www.wnocc.org.

■ 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. ■

NETWORKING

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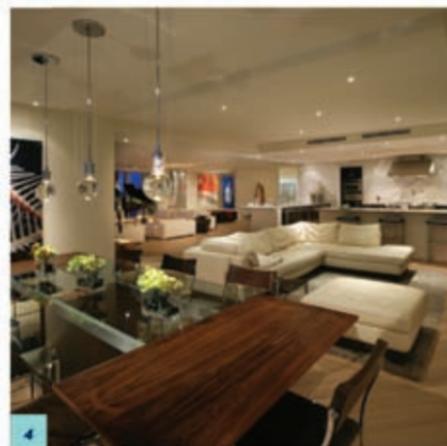
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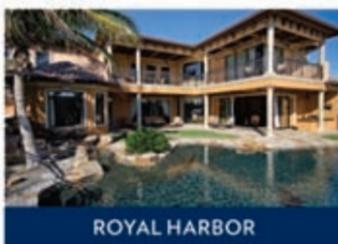
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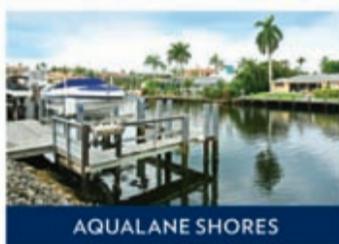
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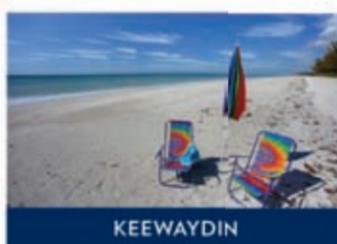
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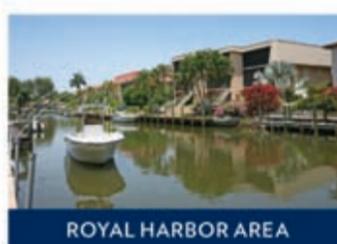
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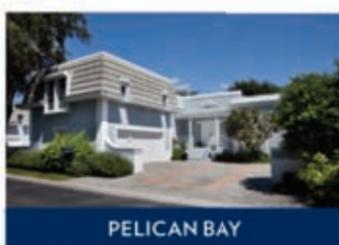
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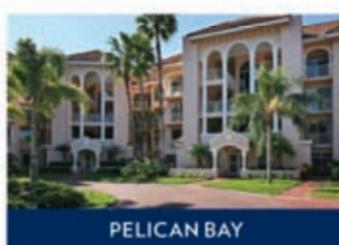
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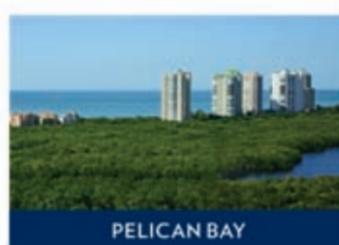
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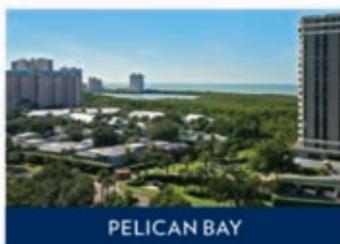
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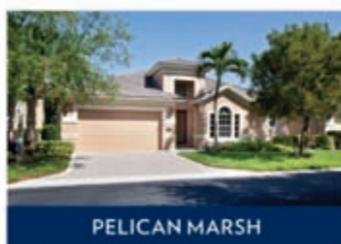
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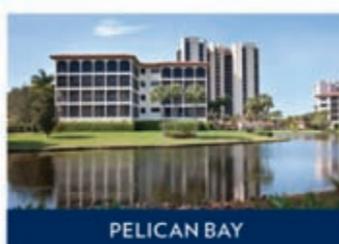
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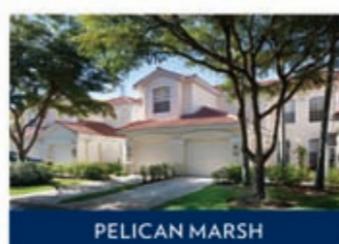
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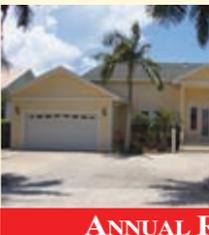
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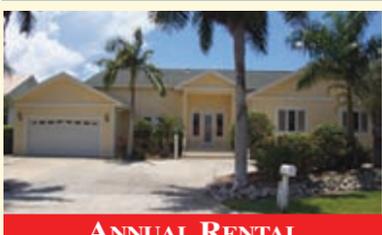
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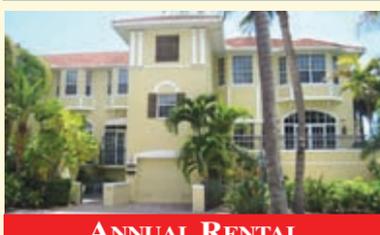
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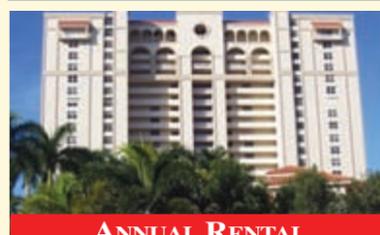
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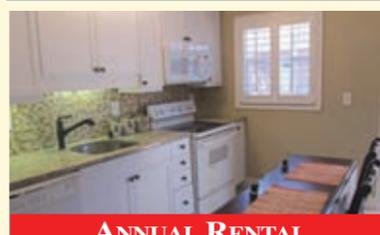
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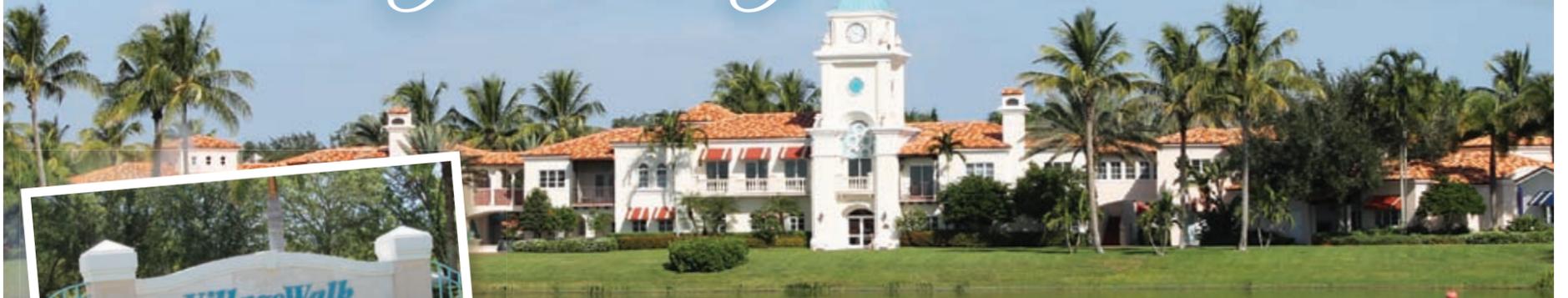


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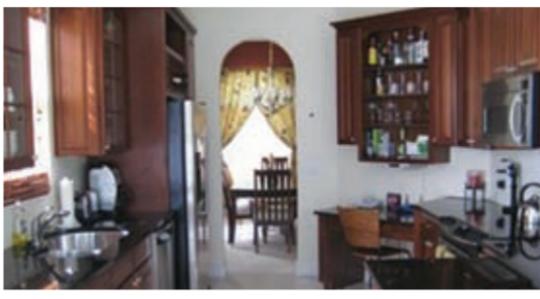
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D.R. Horton new homes under way in Fiddler's Creek

D.R. Horton has started construction in the Chiasso neighborhood of 59 single-family residences in Fiddler's Creek off Collier Boulevard on the way to Marco Island. Four floor plans are offered in the Veneta section of the neighborhood:

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■ The Madison has 3,246 air-conditioned

square feet with three bedrooms and a den, four baths and formal living and dining rooms.

■ The Emerson is the largest home, with 3,522 air-conditioned square feet and three bedrooms, 3½ baths, a three-car garage and a second-floor bonus area that can be finished as a home theater.

Fiddler's Creek residents enjoy a community club and spa, fitness center, multi-pool swimming complex, tennis courts, tot lot, restaurants, The Golf Club and The Tarpon Club. For more information, call 732-9300, visit the sales center at 8152 Fiddler's Creek Parkway or visit www.fiddlerscreek.com. ■

New coach homes offered in Gateway near JetBlue Park

The developers who pioneered residential high-rise communities along the Fort Myers waterfront introduce Santa Luz, a gated community of 64 coach homes within Gateway Golf & Country Club, one mile from the new JetBlue Park, spring training home of the Boston Red Sox, near Southwest Florida International Airport east of I-75 in Fort Myers.

A community open house is set for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 23, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 24. Educators, police, firefighters and emergency medicine technicians who purchase a home that weekend will receive \$2,500 cash at closing.

Santa Luz offers two floor plans:

■ On the first floor, the Cerrado has 1,640 square feet with three bedrooms and two baths. Prices begin at \$159,900.

■ On the second floor, the Estancia has 2,134 square foot with three bedrooms, two baths and a media room. Prices begin at \$179,900.

Standard design features for both

floor plans include granite countertops, a screened lanai, tray ceilings, raised panel cabinets, wind impact glass/sliding door, Moen kitchen and bathroom



fixtures and energy-efficient appliances. The Santa Luz community will have a pool and cabana for residents and their guests.

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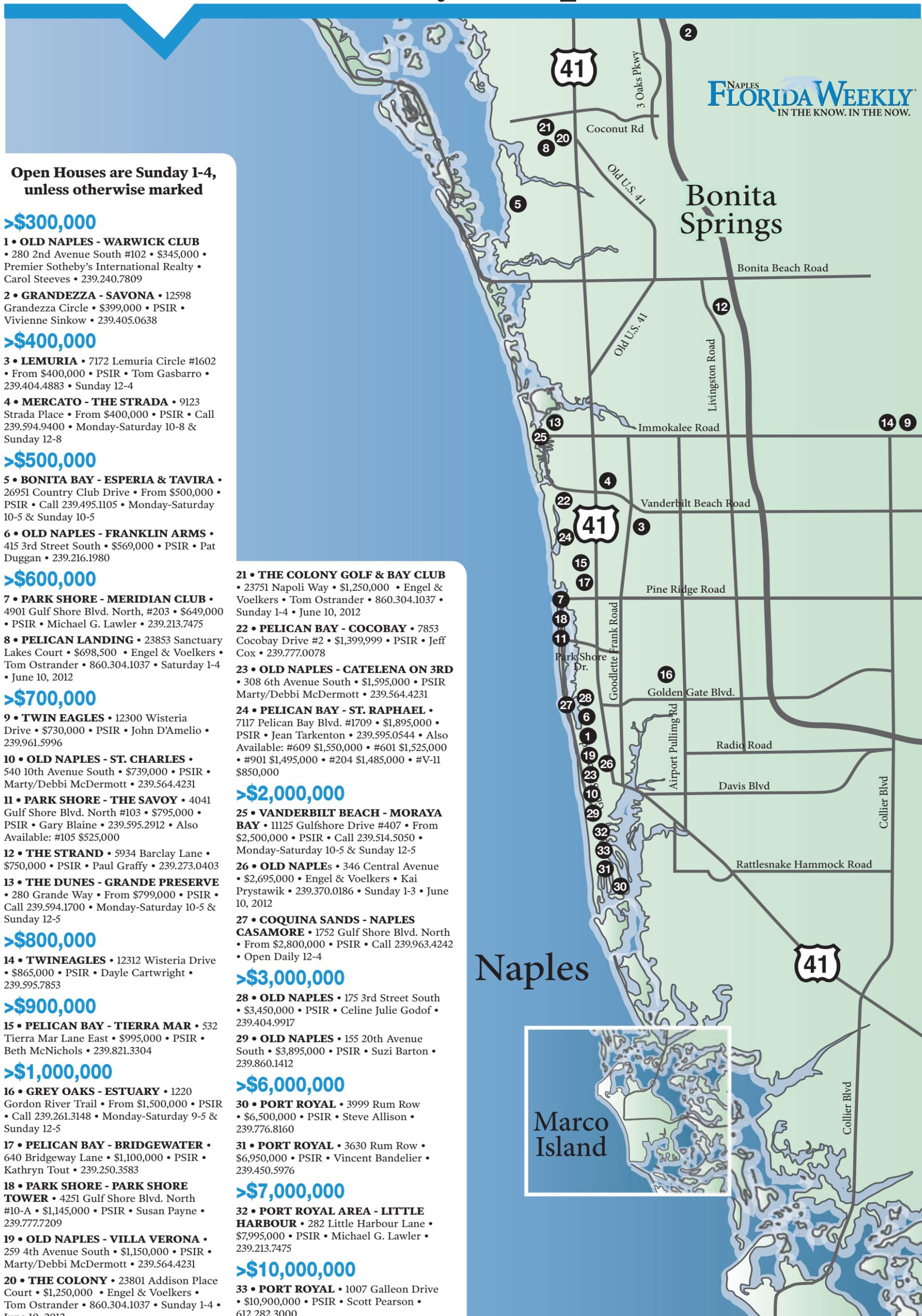
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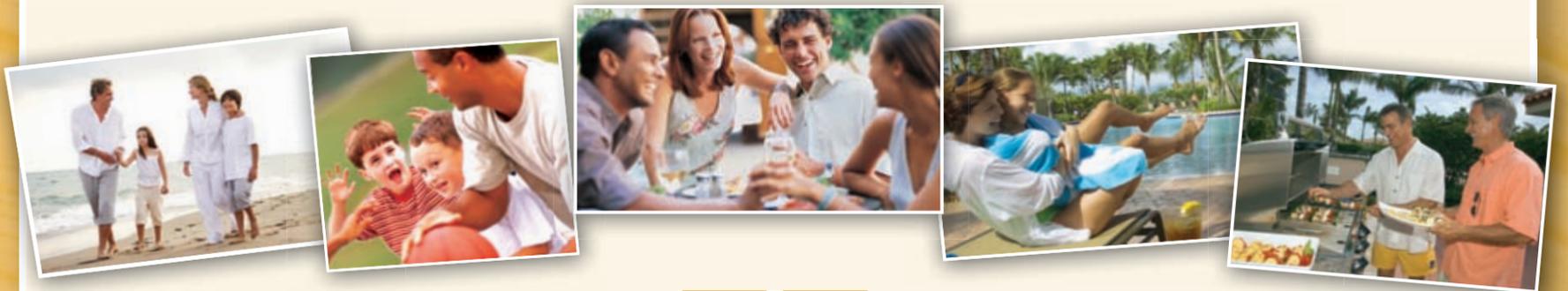
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DENNIS GOODMAN / FLORIDA WEEKLY

Snap it up

Photographer will share tips in workshop at the Garden

BY ROBIN DEMATTIA
Florida Weekly Correspondent

BEFORE YOU SNAP THAT NEXT NATURE PHOTO, DENNIS Goodman wants you to stop and think about it first. "It's important to see the light and the colors that are around the subject," he says. "Make sure it has a pleasing background and that you're bringing out the beautiful colors behind it."

Mr. Goodman will share this tip and more when he teaches "Snap It Up! Flowers and Macro Photography" on Saturday morning, June 16, at the Naples Botanical Garden. The workshop will include time walking around the Garden to make images as well as classroom time to discuss camera settings, composition, bracketing, backgrounds and lighting, plus ideas for editing photos, cropping and finishing using Lightroom 4. Participation is limited to the

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Dennis Goodman



COURTESY PHOTO
Dr. James Cochran with The Phil's pipe organ.

Organists tune up for festival

BY NANCY STETSON
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The organ is the king of instruments, declares James Cochran, echoing Mozart.

"There's an incredible feeling of power when you turn on the organ and play a great big chord," the

resident organist of the Philharmonic Center for the Arts and director of music at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church in Naples explains.

It's true for organs in general, but Dr. Cochran is referring specifically to the Phil's one-of-a-kind Casavant

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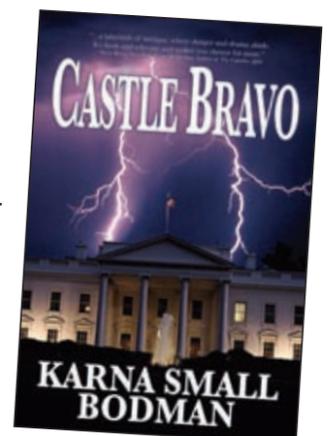


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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

How Rolling Thunder turned me into a biker babe



Motorcycles have never been my thing — I'm more of a fast car kind of woman — but last weekend changed all that. I had the chance to participate in the Rolling Thunder memorial ride in Washington, D.C., a yearly rally that brings together thousands of bikers, many of them veterans. The riders start out in front of the Pentagon and make their way across the Memorial Bridge to end up at a rallying spot near Arlington Cemetery.

On the morning of the ride, two girlfriends and I showed up in front of the Pentagon, looking glaringly out of place. We were suburban preppy in a sea of black leather, and though I stopped early to buy a Rolling Thunder ball cap, the hat did nothing to help us blend. We looked like we'd lost our bearings on the way to brunch.

But the bikers didn't care. In fact, they hardly noticed. They chatted in tight groups, their backs turned to us so that we could stare at their scraggly hair, the tattoos that snaked over their skin, the beards that hid their faces.

We turned to each other as if to ask: We're going to hang out with these guys? When we reached the meeting point, a

man with a patch that said "Staff" on his leather vest asked, "You the girls going to ride?"

We nodded.

"Come with me," he said.

He led us to a group of burly men standing next to big black bikes. "These are your girls," he said, and left us with the bikers.

They eyed us; we eyed them.

One stepped forward. "Well, come on then," he said.

He paired me off with a thick-chested man not much older than I am, and to my surprise the two of us started chatting. He'd spent 20 years in the military, he told me, and served in Iraq. He showed me the arm he'd injured there; the scars ran down his forearm. Now he was a state trooper in Georgia.

"I like to let this grow out on the weekends," he said and touched the scruff on his face.

When he took off his sunglasses, I saw that he had green eyes. With a shower and a shave, I thought, he might not be half-bad. The sound of motorcycles revving reached us across the asphalt and he dipped his head.

"Guess we better get going."

He showed me how to climb on behind him — "Just like riding a horse," he said — and cranked the engine. The Harley rumbled beneath us as we idled in the parking lot and then thundered as we pulled onto the road. The air coasted over the top of my helmet and stirred

the hair that hung down my back. It felt great.

"You like it?" the biker asked over his shoulder before the wind swallowed his words.

"I love it," I said.

If he'd asked me to run away with him right then, I would have wrapped my arms around his waist and leaned close so he could hear me

above the engine.

"Can we take the bike?" I would have said. ■



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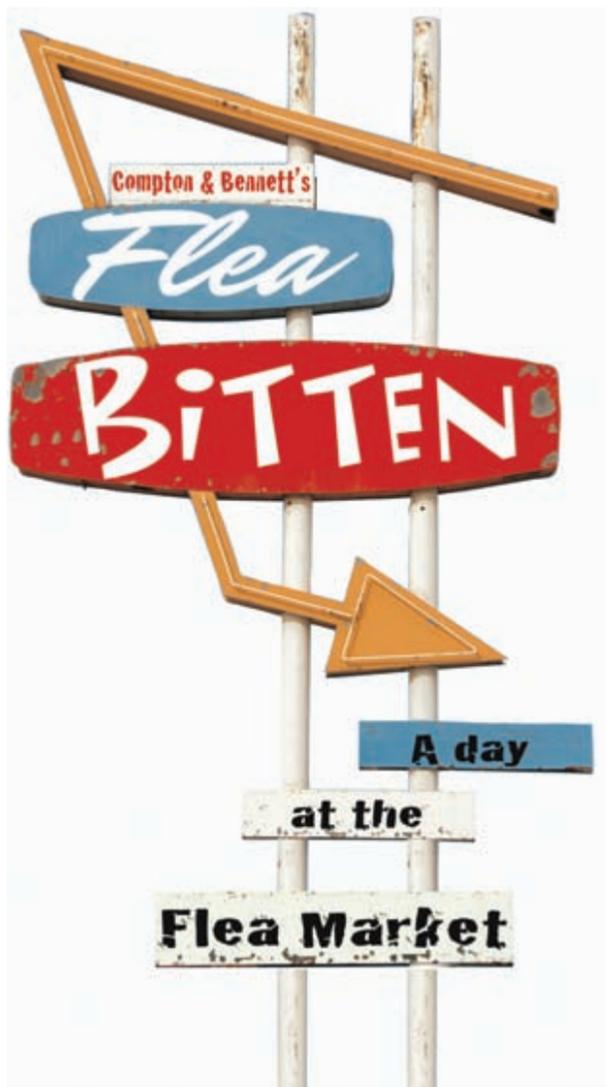
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Comedy duo is back with Mongello's dinner show

"FleaBitten," the newest dinner-show production by the comedy duo of Compton & Bennett, premieres Thursday, June 21, at Mongello's restaurant on the East Trail. Rick Compton and Betsy Bennett created and star in the show that they describe as a romp through "a retail experience that's more garage sale than Macy's, with staffers who are more carnies than fashion consultants, and where the wine doesn't breathe... it gasps."

Among the 15 colorful characters performed by the two creators are Cap'n Baldrick, who financed his flea market stall called "Golden Bud's" with, well, golden buds; Good Time Charlie, a down-on-his-luck blues guy; and hairdresser/wigmaker Earline, who promises that all her wigs are locally grown.

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DENNIS GOODMAN PHOTOGRAPHY

PHOTOS

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first 12 who register (see box).

Upon moving to Naples in 1985 from St. Paul, Minn., Mr. Goodman became inspired to be outdoors and “capture moments in time and the images of what we have around us here.” Today, he specializes in fine art wildlife and nature photography in the Florida Everglades.

He is self-taught and relies on his natural ability as well as experimentation with different types of shots and subjects. “The way I approach every one of my shots is I think about how somebody would paint a picture,” he explains. “If people are going to buy your photographs, you want them to be like art.”

But taking the picture is just the first step, he emphasizes. How you finish it during the editing process is what makes it stand out.

Instead of the popular Adobe Photoshop software, which many photographers use take out or add in elements in a photo, he prefers to use tools that brighten or darken certain elements of a picture. He considers these editing tools his “paintbrush” and spends a lot of time making sure the image is precise from top to bottom.

“I think my colors, the clarity of my composition and the way I crop my images helps me stand out from other photographers,” he says. “I try to get the detail and be up close. Not everybody has this equipment and lenses. I try to separate myself and get shots that most people can’t get.”

He has won numerous awards for his work, including second place in the

World of Color Photography Competition and the Rookery Bay Photography Annual, and awards of distinction from the Bonita National Artfest and Naples Invitational Artfest.

His photograph of an eagle with a snook in its clutches was juried into the “Camera USA” show on exhibit now at The von Liebig Art Center, and other works are on display this summer at the Miromar Design Center. During season, Mr. Goodman often exhibits at local art festivals.

He teaches private classes, including photo excursions into the Everglades, and recently led a cruise through Rookery Bay National Estuarine Reserve with the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. He enjoys teaching people how to take great photos, especially those who purchase expensive cameras but don’t know how to use them.

“I get a lot of satisfaction in helping people discover their inner artist,” he says. For example, he took a group out to a bird rookery and saw everyone aim their cameras up with open blue sky behind the birds. But just 15 feet over, Mr. Goodman found a yellow tree with green leaves that added color to the images. “It had wonderful foliage that really made the photograph.” ■



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“Snap It Up! Flowers and Micro Photography”

>> **What:** A class by photographer Dennis Goodman

>> **When:** 8-10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 16

>> **Where:** Naples Botanical Garden

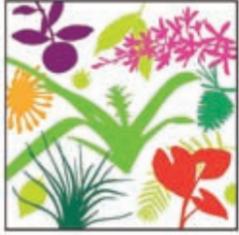
>> **Cost:** \$95 for Garden members, \$105 for others

>> **Info:** 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org

Events and classes abound at Naples Botanical Garden

There are plenty of ways to enjoy the Naples Botanical Garden this summer. At 4820 Bayshore Drive, the Garden is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (8 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 1-Sept. 16; closed for maintenance Sept. 17-28).

Admission for Garden members is free; others pay \$12.95 for adults, \$7.95 for ages 4-14, free for ages 3 and younger. For more information, call 643-7275 or visit www.naplesgarden.org.



Naples Botanical Garden

■ **W.O.N.D.E.R.** - Young Garden visitors Walk, Explore, Navigate, Draw, Explore and Read at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays. June's programming in the Smith Children's Garden is all about bees. At-home activity packets related to each month's theme are new for this summer.

Children earn badges and other gifts.

■ **Dogs in the Garden** - Bring your canine friend for a relaxing stroll (excluding the Smith Children's Garden) from

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Theater

■ **Click, Clack, Moo** - By The Naples Players in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theater through June 24. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Fireworks, Waterworks, and Other Ridiculous Things** - By FGCU TheatreLab June 13-17 at Florida Gulf Coast University. 590-7268 or www.theatrelab.fgcu.edu.

■ **Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella** - At Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers, through June 23. 278-4422.

■ **Try-outs** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs holds youth theater auditions for ages 10 and older for "Stuart Little" at 5 and 7 p.m. June 7 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. Rehearsals will take place through the summer, and performances will be Nov. 4-5. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Thursday, June 7

■ **Garden Tour** - Enjoy a guided tour of the Norris Gardens at Palm Cottage, home of the Naples Historical Society, beginning at 10 a.m. today and June 21. \$10 per person (free for children and NHS members). 137 12th Ave. S. Reservations: 261-8164.

■ **Painting & Pizza** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs hosts Alla Prima, Alla Fun, ("Sun") from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at 26100 Old 41 Road. Learn to paint in one session while enjoying wine and pizza. \$42 includes canvas, paint, brushes, wine dinner and guidance by painter Patty Kane. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Mercato Music** - Relax while keeping the beat to the reggae sounds of Jahgape from 6-9 p.m. in the piazza at Mercato. www.mercatoshops.com.

■ **Dog Party** - Gulf Coast Humane Society hosts "Dogs Night Out" for canines and their companions from 6-8 p.m. at Coconut Point Town Center. 332-0364, ext. 309.

Friday, June 8

■ **Little Bar Blues** - The Joey Gilmore Blues Band takes the stage at the Little Bar Restaurant, Marco Island. 394-5663 or www.littlebarrestaurant.com.

■ **Bluegrass Jam** - Scott Ritter hosts a bluegrass jam from 7-11 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or www.fredsnaples.com.

■ **Girls Night** - It's "Girls Night Out" with complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres from 9-10 p.m. in the Zig Zag Lounge at the Seminole Casino Immokalee. (800) 218-0007 or www.seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

Saturday, June 9

■ **Time for a Trunk Show** - A carefully curated collection of 200 certified pre-owned Tourneau timepieces will be at the Tourneau showroom in Waterside Shops today through June 16.

■ **Family Event** - The Naples Area Board of Realtors hosts its annual "Family Fun Day" from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Enjoy a carnival atmosphere complete with a clown, dunk tank, face painting, obstacle course, and bounce house, plus food, raffles and more. 1455 Pine Ridge Road. 595-6105 or www.NABOR.com.

■ **Dixieland Tunes** - A celebration of Dixieland jazz runs from 1-3 p.m. at The Norris Center, 755 Eighth Ave. S. 213-3049.

■ **Tribute Show** - A Rod Stewart tribute show starts at 7:15 p.m. at The Stage, 9144 Bonita Beach Road. Dinner seating begins at 5:45 p.m. 405-8566.

■ **Live Tunes** - High Tide plays acoustic rock from 8-10 p.m. in Market Plaza at Gulf Coast Town Center. 267-0783 or www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

■ **Live Music** - Them Hamilton Boys play from 8-11 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or www.fredsnaples.com.

Sunday, June 10

■ **Great Organ Music** - The best organists in Southwest Florida perform works from all periods of music history at 3 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org. See story on page C1.

■ **Latin Music** - West Side Tropico performs at Freddie Rebel's. 5310 Shirley St. 597-3333 or www.freddierebels.com.

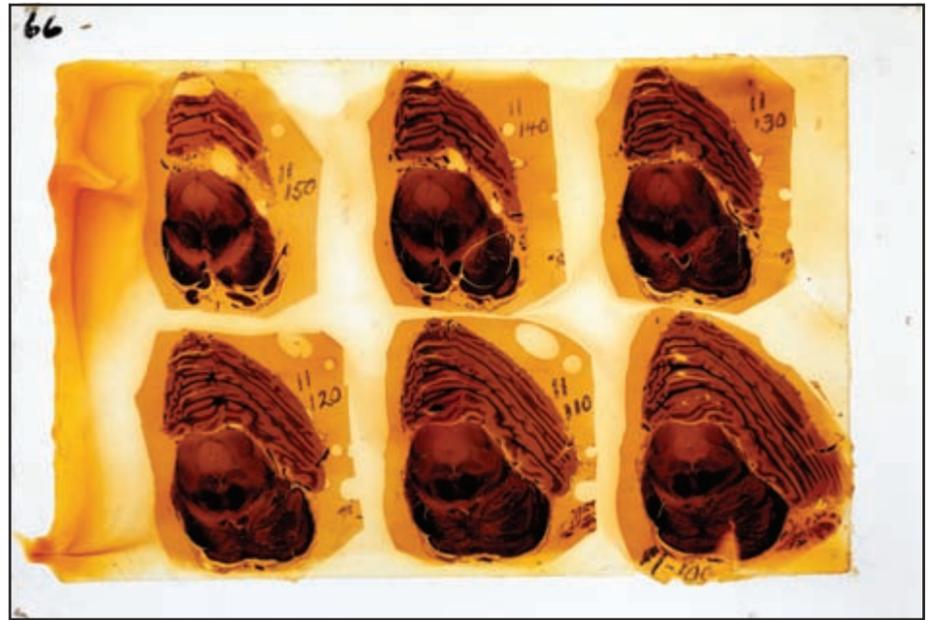
■ **Glory of the Grape** - CJ's on the Bay at the Esplanade on Marco Island hosts the annual "Glory of the Grape" beginning at 6 p.m. \$50 per person for wine and hors d'oeuvres. 389-4511. www.cjsonthebay.com.

Monday, June 11

■ **Movie Night** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents a screening and discussion of "In The Mood For Love" at 7 p.m. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. \$8. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Tuesday, June 12

■ **Raku and You** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents "Raku and You" from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Learn raku and create your own masterpiece while enjoying a picnic-style meal. \$40. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Washington, D.C., photographer Jon Malis earned the \$5,000 first place prize in "Camera USA," on exhibit through Aug. 10 at The von Liebig Art Center, with this photograph of 100-year-old scientific slides of the human brain. Summer hours at the art center are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Admission is free, with donations welcome to support the Naples Art Association. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

■ **Free Family Film** - Gulf Coast Town Center presents "Ratatouille" beginning around 8:30 p.m. on the Market Plaza lawn. www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com or 267-0783.

■ **Tribute Show** - An Elton John tribute show starts at 7:15 p.m. June 14 at The Stage, 9144 Bonita Beach Road. 405-8566.

■ **Triple Tribute** - A Whitney Houston, Dianna Ross and Aretha Franklin tribute show starts at 7:15 p.m. June 15 at The Stage, 9144 Bonita Beach Road. 405-8566.

■ **Mustache Bash** - Cancer Alliance of Naples hosts the 2012 "Mustache Bash" from 5-8 p.m. June 16 at South Street City Oven & Grill. Come in your best mustache (real or fake) and join the competition for funniest, best and worst. \$30 admission; two raffle tickets for everyone with a mustache (real of fake). 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 287-3276.

■ **Beachfront Jazz** - The Legendary JC's open the 27th annual "Summer-Jazz on the Gulf" series of free concerts on the lawn at the Naples Beach Hotel at 7 p.m. June 16. The series continues July 21 with Late Night Brass, Aug. 25 with New Groove City and Sept. 22 with Eight to the Bar. 261-2222 or www.naplesbeachhotel.com.

■ **Father's Day Picnic** - Bring Dad to the Naples Botanical Garden for a picnic and concert by the Sarah Mac Band from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 17. 643-7275 or www.NaplesGarden.org.

■ **Grease** - At the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers, June 28-Aug. 18. 278-4422 or www.Broadway-Palm.com.

- Submit calendar listings and high-resolution photos to events@floridaweekly.com. E-mail text, jpegs or Word documents are accepted. No pdfs or photos of flyers. The deadline for calendar submissions is noon Sunday.

Wednesday, June 13

■ **Book Talk** - The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida hosts "Up, Up and Oy Vey!" an book talk and signing with Rabbi Simcha Weinstein, at 6 p.m. in association with the current exhibit "American Cartoonists, Nazi Germany and the Holocaust." 4760 Tamiami Trail N. RSVP required: 263-9200 or www.holocaustmuseumsfwl.org.

■ **Open Mic** - Singers and songwriters showcase their talents from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

Coming Up

■ **Downtown Jazz** - Glenn Basham, Lew Del Gatto, Dan Miller, Dan Heck, Jerry Stawski, Paul Shewchuk, Ron Hefner and vocalist Susie Hulcher pull out the stops for "Jazzin' It Up!" beginning at 6 p.m. June 14 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Fort Myers. The evening is a benefit for Footsteps to the Future. 281-7378.

■ **Music on Fifth** - Enjoy the sounds of Cruzan Vibes, Tres Amigos, Bill Colletti and FUSE, Radio Flyer, Steel Cruzin, the Ambassadors and Travis Gerbec from 7-10 p.m. along Fifth Avenue South. www.FifthAvenueSouth.com.

■ **Island Sounds** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents the island sounds of John Frinzi and John Patti at 7 p.m. June 14 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. Wear island-style clothing and get a free raffle ticket. \$15 members; \$20 non-members. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

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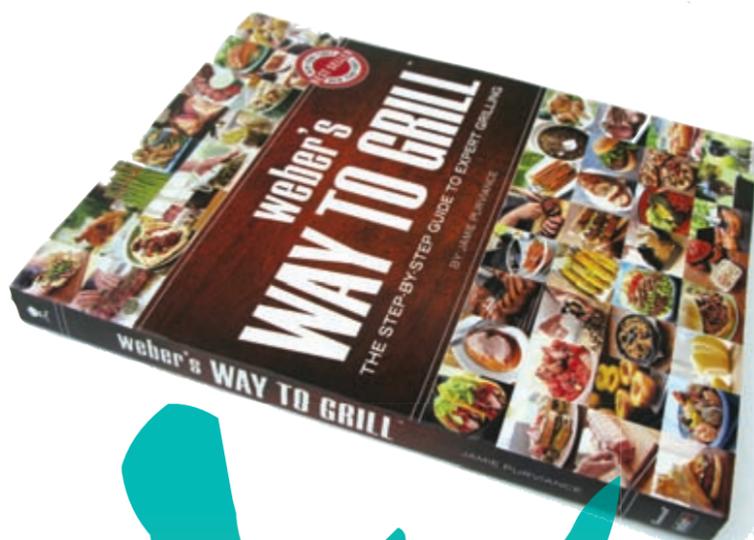
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ARTS COMMENTARY

A night at the opera... and another... and another...



I just spent a night at the opera, and I'm not even a Marx Brother! (ba-dum-bum!)

Actually, it wasn't one night, but five. And technically, I wasn't at the opera, but at the local movie theater.

I was watching the encore presentations of The Metropolitan Opera's latest production of Wagner's Ring cycle, all 15 or 16 hours of it.

Let me quickly explain that I'm not an opera buff. Though I cover arts and entertainment and have extensive background in theater, music and the visual arts, I don't have the specialized training of someone steeped in classical music and opera.

One of the turn-offs of opera, for me, is that it's so pretentious. The singers seem more concerned with being technically perfect than in conveying any emotion. It's like music in a straitjacket, or a very tight, restrictive corset.

So how did I wind up watching opera on five nights in May?

Well, I was partially influenced by seeing "Das Barbecü" earlier this season at Sanibel's Herb Strauss Schoolhouse Theater. Originally commissioned by the Seattle Opera, the musical relocates Wagner's Ring cycle to Texas and features country western music. I have to say, it was one of the strangest performances I've ever seen. But enjoyable.

I had never seen the work "Das Barbecü" was parodying, however, and I was unfamiliar with the characters of the Ring cycle. Whenever anyone mentions "Das Rheingold," I think of the commercial I heard when I was a little girl: "My beer is Rheingold, the dry beer/Ask for Rheingold whenever you buy beer." And as for "Götterdämmerung," the name of the last opera, I think it sounds like someone cursing the Ring in German.

I knew the Ring cycle isn't performed as often as many other operas, and thought the screenings at a local theater might be my one opportunity to see them all, as performed at the Met. When I saw a movie trailer about this production, I was hooked, because the staging looked so innovative. And when I learned that Robert Lepage was responsible, that cinched it.



Deborah Voigt as Brünnhilde.

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Years ago, I saw Lepage's film, "The Far Side of the Moon," and fell in love with its whimsical surrealism. He's also worked with Cirque du Soleil and is known for pushing the creative boundaries.

So, I decided to push my own boundaries and committed to watching the entire Ring cycle.

I wish I'd known some things in advance though, such as Mark Twain's comment that Wagner is "a composer whose music is better than it sounds." Or Rossini's observation that Wagner "has beautiful moments but awful quarter hours."

The first night I watched "Wagner's Dream," a two-hour documentary about the making of the Met's latest production of "The Ring."

(Correction: actually, first I watched "The Ring Kings," but that turned out to be a boxing match between Mayweather and Cotto at the MGM Grand in Vegas.)

"Wagner's Dream" takes you behind the scenes to see how Lepage designed the opera. He created an enormous computerized set of 24 panels that move together or separately, on an axis, to create a variety of scenes. Three-dimensional images are superimposed on these panels, creating, for example, a forest with snakes slithering around the roots and birds flying. And at one point, it transforms into an aerial view of a staircase, upon which two figures (who

are actually at a 90 degree angle to the set) run down the steps.

According to the film, Wagner created an opera that was impossible, or at the very least, extremely challenging, to stage, because it includes mermaids underwater, flying horses and gods walking across a rainbow. Lepage's staging fulfills all those challenges, and very creatively. For his underwater scenes, he suspended the mermaids in mid-air. (In rehearsals, one of the women, about to dangle in the air, declares, "This is effen' scary, dawg!") That one comment in the documentary made me like opera a whole lot more.)

Over, over, over

Let me just say, opera is strange. It's overwrought, over-the-top, overly dramatic and any other "over" you can think of.

During all those many hours of watching, I was bored, puzzled, exhilarated, surprised, moved, confused and entertained. (Part of my confusion was because one woman is in three of the operas, but plays a different character in each.)

I quickly learned that time in opera is like football time: It can take 17 minutes to do what should only take three. I was probably the only one in the theater who didn't know the plot and was watching partially to discover what happens. But all too often, the action would grind to

a stop, and the singers would just stand and sing... and sing... and sing.

It wasn't until weeks afterward that I read about the conductor Arturo Toscanini, who, after sitting through "Tristan und Isolde," another of Wagner's operas, commented that if the leads had been Italian, "they would've already had seven children, but they're Germans, so they're still talking."

And, I have to say too, that German doesn't seem like a great language for opera. It's so harsh and guttural, better suited for punk or speed metal. When all those sounds were a little too much, I'd just think of it as a Klingon opera. And the valkyries, goddesses who ride winged horses and collect dead heroes from battlefields, do look very much like Klingon warrior women (without the topographical foreheads.) They're every bit as fierce and fearless, though much, much prettier.

Deborah Voigt plays the lead valkyrie, Brünnhilde, and her performance is captivating.

Opera can be kinky

This four-opera series has giants (who look as if they came out of "Where the Wild Things Are"), dwarves (including one with dreadlocks), mermaids, flying horses, a dragon, magic potions, spells and a henpecked god who can't keep his zipper zipped. That same god makes a deal with the giants: If they'll build his house, he'll give them his wife's sister. Needless to say, this does not go over well with his wife or his sister-in-law.

In one of the operas, a man and woman fall in love (and then stand and sing about it for half an hour.) Then they realize they're actually brother and sister, separated at birth. But that doesn't deter them. (By this point, I was wildly looking around the theater, dying to ask someone: "Am I understanding this correctly?" And I thought: "Wait until the One Million Moms find out about this! They'll be boycotting the Met and opera!")

Who'd have thought opera was so kinky?

On the fifth night of the series (the documentary followed by the four operas), I hunkered down for the long haul; I knew this opera was more than five hours long. However, as the action was gearing up to the climax, the movie screen suddenly grew full of pixels. The action stopped and then jumped ahead, bypassing 40 to 60 vital minutes of the

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opera. Siegfried was dead, Brünnhilde was mourning, and his body was placed on a pyre. Then the performers were taking their curtain bows.

I couldn't believe I'd just invested 16 hours or so, only to miss out on much of the ending by a transmission glitch.

I might be able to catch what I missed in September when PBS airs some or all of this production. (If they broadcast the documentary, "Wagner's Dream," be sure not to miss it.)

I'm not totally sold on the genre, but I did see coming attractions for another transmission from the Met that I'd like

to check out. I don't know what it was, but there was a man in a nun's outfit, and then a scene with three people in a huge bed; it looked like two men and a woman, but during a close-up, you see that one of the men is actually a woman in drag.

Maybe opera's not so stuffy after all. ■

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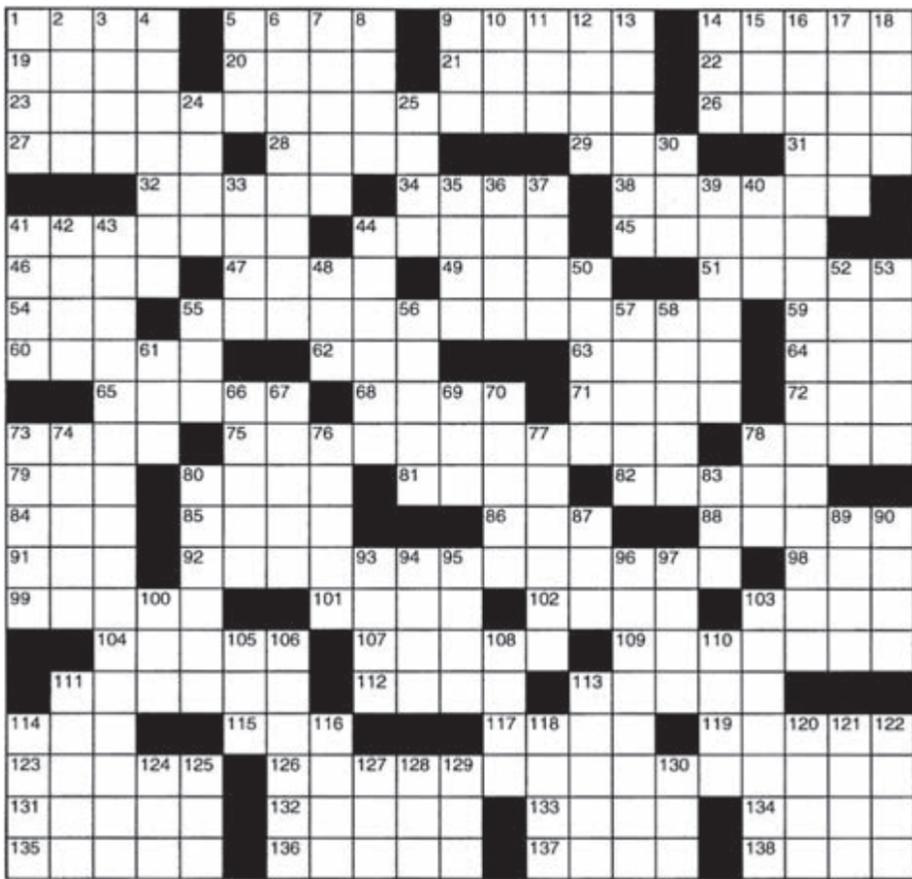
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 - 38 Shadowy site?
 - 41 "La Traviata" tenor
 - 44 Musty
 - 45 Family car
 - 46 Dutch painter
 - 47 Spine start
 - 49 Fountain order
 - 51 Shoe measurement
 - 54 "Xanadu" rockers
 - 55 Revolutionary War hero?
 - 59 Nest egg
 - 60 Madame Curie
 - 62 Gelid
 - 63 Rock's — Maiden
 - 64 Word form for "center"
 - 65 Wrapped up
 - 68 Gymnast Korbut
 - 71 Overdo a tan
 - 72 Caravansary
 - 73 Safe place?
 - 75 Syndicated film critic?
 - 78 Tizzy
 - 79 Circle section
 - 80 Paella ingredient
 - 81 Wordy Webster
 - 82 Actor Reeves
 - 84 Sprawl on the sofa
 - 85 Computer image
 - 86 "Winter of Artifice" author
 - 88 Terra —
 - 91 Aspin or Paul
 - 92 "It's Too Late" singer?
 - 98 Letters of credit?
 - 99 Move through mud
 - 101 Part of NB
 - 102 Literary contraction
 - 103 A real Swede guy
 - 104 Nick of "Cannery Row"
 - 107 "The — Man" (72 song)
 - 109 Most laconic
 - 111 Vietnam's — Van Thieu
 - 112 Painter Paul
 - 113 Baker's appliance
 - 114 Taradiddle
 - 115 Fall behind
 - 117 Coup d'—
 - 119 Gary of "The Buddy Holly Story"
 - 123 City on the Mohawk
 - 126 "I Dream of Jeannie" star?
 - 131 Flynn of films
 - 132 Psychedelic Timothy
 - 133 Poorly
 - 134 Sundance's sweetie
 - 135 Stick
 - 136 Violinist Mischa
 - 137 — majesty
 - 138 Groucho's gaze
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 - 1 Timber wolf
 - 2 Grad
 - 3 Lie low
 - 4 Hammerstein's partner
 - 5 Seer's gift
 - 6 Arnold or Brutus
 - 7 Influence
 - 8 Clean your ears?
 - 9 Alphabet sequence
 - 10 "Ben- —"
 - 11 Funnyman Philips
 - 12 Be adjacent to
 - 13 Pocket flowers?
 - 14 Director Browning
 - 15 Hosp. area
 - 16 "Captain Ron" star?
 - 17 Serengeti springer
 - 18 Be bombastic
 - 24 81 Across' alma mater
 - 25 Gnat or brat
 - 30 Comic Louis
 - 33 — St. Vincent
 - 35 Rpm indicator
 - 36 South African plant
 - 37 Composer Bartok
 - 39 "The Perfect Fool" comic
 - 40 Chou En- —
 - 41 "Excuse me"
 - 42 Tra- —
 - 43 Famous nurse?
 - 44 Manatee or dugong
 - 48 Sweater letter
 - 50 Cover story?
 - 52 Singer Lopez
 - 53 Common contraction
 - 55 "Waking — Devine" ('98 film)
 - 56 Synthetic fabric
 - 57 Jack's place
 - 58 Mob
 - 61 Squid's squirt
 - 66 Author Jong
 - 67 Furnishings
 - 69 Moo — gai
 - 70 Hersey town
 - 73 "Great — of Fire" ('58 hit)
 - 74 Sharon of Israel
 - 76 Vacuum-tube gas
 - 77 Say neigh
 - 78 — -Cat (winter wheels)
 - 80 In full measure
 - 83 Rhine whine
 - 87 Angus' uh-uh
 - 89 Stocking stuffers?
 - 90 Cousin's mom
 - 93 Canal feature
 - 94 And more of the same
 - 95 Lion's pride
 - 96 Solo performances
 - 97 Essence
 - 100 Old French coin
 - 103 Potsdam pastry
 - 105 — Aviv
 - 106 Make feasible
 - 108 Graceful ruminant
 - 110 Melodious McEntire
 - 111 Safe-cracker's tool
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HOROSCOPES

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A friend might ask for a favor that you feel would compromise your values. Best advice: Confront him or her and explain why you must say no. A true friend will understand.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A relationship continues to develop along positive lines. Meanwhile, a brewing job situation could create complications for one of your pet projects. Look into it right away.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your interest in a co-worker's project could lead to a profitable experience for you both. But before you agree to anything, be sure to get all your legal I's dotted and T's crossed.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Be careful whose counsel you take about a possible long-distance move. Some advice might not necessarily be in your best interest. Stay focused on your goals.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Someone might try to complicate efforts in an attempt to work out that confusing job situation. But don't let that keep you from sticking with your decision to push for a resolution.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A disagreement on how to handle a family problem could create more trouble for all concerned. Look for ways to cool things down before they boil over.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) An unexpected change

in long-standing workplace procedure and policy could provide a new career target for the Archer to aim at. Start making inquires.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You're finally able to get back into the swing of things, as those temporary doldrums begin to lift. Expect some surprising disclosures from a new colleague.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Rely on your innate sense of justice to see you through a dilemma involving a family member. Other relatives who've stood back will soon come forward as well.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A new friend seems to be pushing you into taking risks — financial or otherwise. Best advice: Don't do it. She or he might have a hidden agenda that hasn't surfaced yet.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Recently obtained information could open a new opportunity for a career change. But temper that Arian impatience and act on it only when all the facts are made available.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're moving into a more active cycle. So put your ideas back on the table, where they'll be given the attention they deserve. Expect a favorable change in your love life.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love to see new places and meet new people. Have you considered working for an airline or cruise-ship company? ■

By Linda Thistle

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'Snow White and the Huntsman'

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Is it worth \$10? Yes

"Snow White and the Huntsman" is a bold reimagining of the classic Grimm Bros.' fairy tale, told with a 21st century style and pizzazz that helps it feel fresh. That said, the film drags and the main performances are a smidge off from where they should be, leaving the audience amused but not thoroughly entertained.

The story is familiar: Imprisoned by the Evil Queen Ravenna (Charlize Theron), Snow White (Kristen Stewart) escapes and seeks refuge in the dark forest. Needing to consume Snow's heart to be the fairest in the land for all time, Ravenna sends her brother Finn (Sam Spruell) and a Huntsman (Chris Hemsworth, aka Thor) to retrieve Snow.

They find her, but the Huntsman, a raging alcoholic who lost his wife, has a change of heart and vows to protect Snow. They also get help from William (Ben Clafin), the son of a duke, and eight dwarves (that's right — eight!) played by Nick Frost, Johnny Harris, Brian Gleeson, Bob Hoskins, Toby Jones, Eddie Marsan, Ian McShane and Ray Winstone (more on this below).

Director Rupert Sanders has certainly taken the kid gloves off the story, and the PG-13 rating is refreshing. The action scenes are upbeat and intense, albeit edited a bit too quickly to fully grasp what's happening, and the visual effects are stark and impressive, as is the A-level production and costume design.

Where Mr. Sanders struggles is the pacing. Sometimes the action is too quick, other moments are far too slow. There's a good amount of minutiae inside the castle with Ravenna and Finn, and too many scenes in the forest mean nothing (such as Snow befriending a troll). And there's no need to use William as another male lead, as it clutters

the focal point of the story.

Many moviegoers are excited to see Ms. Theron play the Evil Queen, and as expected, she hams it up with great delight. Where she goes wrong is in screaming — at her brother, at Snow White, at anyone within earshot. Ms. Theron should know that the tone of one's voice is what's most important, not the volume. As for Ms. Stewart, she's still in that angst-y "Twilight" mode, but more important: We need to believe that she's so pretty she could supplant Snow White as the most beautiful woman in



world, but one look at Ms. Stewart's pasty complexion, and there's no comparison to Ms. Theron (Stewart has a pretty face, but that's about it).

For an idea of how Mr. Hemsworth plays the Huntsman, just imagine Thor without bleached blond hair.

Add to the slow story and off-kilter performances an ensemble of actors who can never remember which accent to use, and "Snow White and the Huntsman" becomes a stylish movie whose beauty is only skin deep. ■

in the know

>> In order to look their part as dwarfs, the eight actors had to learn to walk in proportion with a smaller version of themselves. The filmmakers also used a combination of body doubles and visual effects (literally shrinking the men down).

CAPSULES

High School ★ ½

(Matt Bush, Colin Hanks, Michael Chiklis) It's bad luck for impending high school valedictorian Henry (Mr. Bush) when his uptight principal (Mr. Chiklis) orders a drug test the day after Henry experiments with marijuana. Predictable, unfunny and downright dumb, this movie gives straight-to-video stoner comedies a bad rap. Rated R.

Men In Black 3 ★★½

(Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones, Josh Brolin) Alien fighter Agent J (Mr. Smith) travels back in time to save Agent K's

(Mr. Jones) life, but he first has to get the younger K (Mr. Brolin) to trust him. It's a mildly entertaining lark with a handful of moving pieces that don't always work in unison. Rated PG.

The Dictator ★★

(Sacha Baron Cohen, Anna Faris, Ben Kingsley) A tyrannical North African dictator (Mr. Cohen) gets lost in New York City and struggles to adjust. It's not always as biting as it should be, but similar to "Borat," it's at its best when Mr. Cohen pokes at American culture. Rated R. ■

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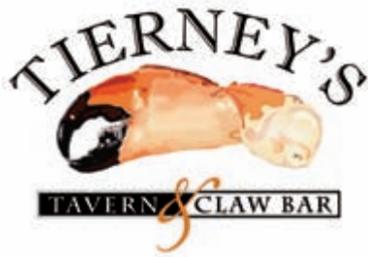
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pitch and, depending on their musical background, may be asked to sight-read.

Under the direction of James Cochran, the Youth Chorale rehearses weekly on Saturday mornings with breaks that coincide with public school vacation schedules. Annual tuition is \$125, and the one-time music fee is \$25. Some scholarship assistance is available.

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FLORIDA WRITERS

Fact-based fiction reveals enormous security threat



■ **“Castle Bravo” by Karna Small Bodman. Publisher Page / Headline Books. 320 pages. \$24.95 hardcover, \$19.95 trade paperback.**

In her latest thriller, Karna Small Bodman raises the possibility that a characteristic of nuclear explosions called EMP (electromagnetic pulse) can bring sections of the developed world to a standstill by rendering useless all devices using modern electronics. Everything from computers to microwaves, from transportation systems to financial systems, would collapse. Cities would be paralyzed and targeted populations seriously threatened, as food could not be delivered, hospitals would shut down and ATMs would stop working.

It's back to the technologies of a half-century ago and more, before every-

thing depended on computer chips and circuit boards.

And this is no mere speculation. EMP has a real history, and the basic science behind it, as well as discussions of major incidents, can easily be found.

Ms. Bodman's protagonist, Samantha Reid, newly installed as assistant to the president for Homeland Security, is convinced that the U.S. must develop ways of deterring EMP attacks. Unfortunately, given military cutbacks and front-burner priority for other projects, no one is listening. To some of the higher-ups, she sounds a bit wacky and more than a bit pushy. The president's assistant for political affairs doesn't want any news about such threats alarming the public during an election cycle.

Meanwhile, across the country, two UCLA students are concerned about the lack of programs and funding to assist nuclear test victims. Pete is the grandson of a woman who lived on Rongelap in the Marshall Islands and was poisoned, along with many others, by the residue of the 1954 Bikini Atoll nuclear test. He's become a political activist. Nurlan, an exchange student from Kazakhstan, has a similar story to tell about Soviet nuclear tests in his country. He, too, is dedicated to fighting against the lack of concern about such unintended consequences.

Nurlan arranges for Pete to join him in Kazakhstan for the summer, where



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Nurlan, a computer geek, has a job at a nuclear facility. Nurlan's beautiful sister, Zhanar, finds a job for Pete. Hoping to minimize its negative consequences, Nurlan modifies the program for a nuclear test so that the bomb is exploded at high altitude. The result? An EMP. A large swath of the country is crippled. Nurlan, Zhanar and Pete barely survive.

Samantha's boyfriend, Tripp Adams, and her father, Jake, just happen to be in Kazakhstan helping that country with its petroleum exploration and production technology. When the EMP jams Jake's pacemaker, he dies.

News of the disaster in Kazakhstan reaches Samantha, providing her with the leverage and allies she needs to initiate EMP defense activity. News of her

father's death leads her to breaking off her relationship with Tripp, whom she believes had persuaded her father to make this trip against her wishes.

U. S. attempts at sanctions against Kazakhstan over the botched test lead its megalomaniac president to set a scheme in motion for an EMP attack on San Francisco.

Soon, U.S. government leaders are forced into action. Brought in to thwart this attack are Dr. Cameron ("Cammy") Talbot (the lead character in two of

Ms. Bodman's earlier novels) and Hunt Daniels, Dr. Talbot's beau and also the president's assistant for nuclear and proliferation issues. Will Dr. Talbot's experimental defensive system work?

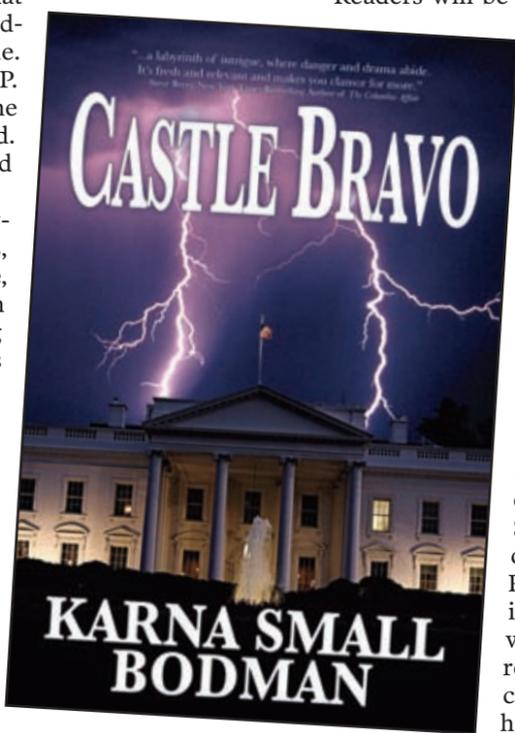
Readers will be breathless with anticipation as the narrative builds from crisis to crisis and the scenes shift back and forth between action locations and decision-making conference rooms.

Drawing upon her experience as senior director of the National Security Council during the Reagan administration, and with three well-received political thrillers to her credit, Ms. Bodman's latest

is sure-handed, thoughtful and abundant in authentic detail. It doesn't hurt that she has skillfully mixed in some hot romance.

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— Karna Small Bodman plans to be at her Naples home in December for several pre-holiday appearances and book signings.



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Wedding cake topper fashions changed with the times



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might be in tails. Soldier, sailor and other military uniforms were chosen for military weddings. All-sugar figures returned, and a few porcelain sets were made. Today's toppers are plastic, sugar or even porcelain figurines by Lladro or Lenox that can be kept for life. Old toppers are inexpensive but hard to find.

The bride and groom topper on a contemporary wedding cake often is made of plastic or sugar. But the traditions of wedding-cake toppers and even wedding cakes do not go back very far. The sweets served at weddings centuries ago included barley bread, sweet rolls or pies. Later, fruit cakes were served, and, by the 1600s, dessert cakes. In the 19th century, white icing was expensive because of the high cost of refined sugar, so it was served only by the rich. The modern wedding cake became fashionable in the 1880s, but the bride and groom topper wasn't introduced until the 20th century.

Early figures were made of bisque, composition (like that used for dolls), chalkware or a sugar mixture called "gum paste." The groom wore a tux or tails and a top hat. In the 1920s, small bisque kewpie figures were dressed in crepe paper to represent the couple. The bride usually wore a lace cap and a long veil. In the 1940s, the war influenced topper designs and materials. Plastic toppers were introduced. The bride wore a fashionable dress with lace, and the groom was hatless but

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about 3 inches tall and has raised work on one side. It is marked "Lauchhammer," with a crown over the name and crossed hammers beneath it. I would like to know who made this vase.

A: A bell and art foundry was established in Lauchhammer, Germany, in 1725. Bells, bowls, boxes, candlesticks, mirrors, plaques, sculptures, statues and other items were made in bronze, brass, iron, nickel, tin, zinc and other metals. The foundry is still in business, operating under the name Lauchhammer Kunstguss.

Q: A few months ago you wrote about a Bonnyware red plastic biscuit cutter marked "For Bisquicks." You asked if anyone had more information about the Bisquick cutter. My aunt collected biscuit and cookie cutters for years. One of her books, "Cookie Cutters and Cookie Molds: Art in the Kitchen" by Phyllis Steiss Wetherill, explains that Bonny Ware (two words) was a brand name for a hard plastic used in 1932 to make round biscuit cutters as product premiums for General Mills' Bisquick baking mix. A customer could mail in one Bisquick box top and receive a 2 3/8-inch green cutter and a 1 5/8-inch white cutter. Wetherill says a 2 1/8-inch yellow Bonny Ware cutter was sold in the General Mills company gift shop.

A: We have a copy of Wetherill's book in our library and didn't know it

discussed Bonny Ware until we read your letter. A recent article in the Jackson (Mich.) Citizen Patriot confirms that Bonny Ware, a molded plastic, was made by the Reynolds Spring Co. of Jackson. Reynolds Spring's plastics division opened in 1922 and made plastic products of all kinds. In the late 1920s or early '30s, the company introduced Bonny Ware, a line of plastic dishes and kitchenware that came in red, orange, pink or green. Pieces were marked "Bonny Ware." The newspaper article says that Bisquick gave away the cutters "in boxes ... for years." Anything marked Bonny Ware is collectible.

Tip: Wash your hands before handling paper collectibles. Wipe off the table before you put valuable papers down on it. There are mold spores in dirt and dust. ■



This 3 1/2-inch porcelain bridal pair with moving arms and paper clothing sold for \$18 at a Rachel Davis Fine Arts auction in Cleveland. Each figure is marked "Made in Japan."

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

The disappearing trick

The outcome of most deals depends largely on how the adverse cards are divided. Good contracts might fail because the defenders' cards are divided unfavorably, while bad contracts might succeed because the defenders' cards are favorably located. However, good play sometimes can overcome a bad lie of the cards.

Consider this deal where West leads the king of diamonds against four spades. Declarer has no way of knowing at this point how he will eventually fare. The outcome depends mostly on how the missing cards are distributed.

Thus, if the trumps break 2-2 and either defender has a singleton or doubleton queen of hearts, declarer makes 12 tricks. If the cards are divided somewhat less favorably, he finishes with either 10 or 11 tricks; and if the cards are badly stacked against him, the contract might fail altogether.

Declarer starts by winning the diamond lead with the ace and plays the ace of spades, learning to his horror that East has two sure trump tricks. The contract now seems doomed, since South apparently must lose a diamond and, unless he gets very lucky, a heart as well.

But South carries on, hoping to overcome the 4-0 trump division. He begins by conceding a diamond, planning to crossruff thereafter. West takes the diamond with the queen and shifts to a club. Declarer wins with dummy's ace and ruffs a club. He then trumps a diamond in

North dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

dummy, ruffs another club, leads a heart to the king and cashes the heart ace.

South next ruffs the jack of clubs with the seven of spades as East helplessly follows suit, and so winds up scoring 10 tricks even though the enemy has four apparent winners. One of the defenders' tricks gets lost in the shuffle because, at the end, West's high heart and one of East's high trumps are telescoped into one trick. ■

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THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 8 P.M.
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Do you want to feel more fit, energized and mentally sharp? The fountain of youth is literally between your ears. A healthy brain is the key. Clinical neuroscientist and best-selling author Dr. Daniel Amen shares simple steps to boost your brain to help you live longer, look younger and decrease your risk for dementia.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 9 P.M.
The Big Band Years

This retrospective features the songs that brought the country through World War II and kick-started the baby boom. The program mixes vintage live, rare and unreleased footage of bands and vocalists from the 1930s and '40s. Peter Marshall hosts.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 7 P.M.
Magic Moments: The Best of '50s Pop

Phyllis McGuire, Pat Boone and Nick Clooney host this nostalgic trip back to the 1950s. The program's mix of live performance and archival footage takes viewers back to the era's pop music



days with classics from Patti Page, Perry Como, Debbie Reynolds, the McGuire Sisters and more.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 7 P.M.
Alfie Boe: Live from the Royal Festival Hall, London

Filmed during Alfie Boe's sold-out tour, this new special showcases the much-loved tenor's mesmerizing voice. Perhaps best known for his role as Jean Valjean in the 25th anniversary stage show of Les Misérables, Boe delights with a of selection of inspired renditions from Broadway musicals.

MONDAY, JUNE 11, 8 P.M.
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TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 8 P.M.
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ORGANISTS

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organ. Made in Quebec, Canada, it boasts 3,604 pipes, four keyboards and a pedal board. The pipes, which open and close electronically, range in size; they're as tiny as a pinkie all the way to 16 feet high.

"It's majestic," he says. Every summer, Dr. Cochran serves as recital coordinator for the Phil's Festival of Great Organ Music. This year's festival takes place at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 10. Ten local organists, including Dr. Cochran, will perform. All have performed in previous years' concert.

One participant, Paula Leighton, is returning to Naples from her summer home in Maine just to perform, Dr. Cochran says. Others on the program come from Bonita Springs, Fort Myers and Cape Coral.

Claire Marie Faasse, the organist at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Fort Myers and a past dean of the Southwest Florida Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, has participated a dozen or so times, although she missed it last year because she was in Europe.

"I go on these pipe organ tours," Ms. Faasse says. "We join a tour of organists and organ aficionados and travel to various cathedrals, churches and colleges to play the pipe organs and study the history of them."

She loves the Southwest Florida festival because it gives area organists the chance to share their love of the organ on a first-class instrument in a concert hall setting.

"Many of us who play in churches every Sunday have the opportunity to present our music in a way that lifts people's hearts. We have a congregation that appreciates our music," she says. "But when we have the opportunity to play in a concert hall, as we do in Naples, (it allows us) to present our craft to a larger, wider audience."

Some who attend, she suggests, might not attend church regularly but want to hear pipe organ music. At the Festival of Great Organ Music, they get to hear eight to 10 organists perform in an acoustical setting.

A thrill to play

Playing the Phil's pipe organ is a peak experience for the musicians.

"You're on a concert stage, and it's a very fine instrument," Ms. Faasse explains. "One has the opportunity to present various colors through that organ that we may not have in our own home churches. We try to choose organ literature that will reflect the beauty of the instrument... It can go from a mere whisper to a roar, and very few other instruments can do that. You can just sit at it and make it do what you want it to do."

Mozart called the pipe organ "the king of instruments" because it's so varied, not only in its colors but also in its volume, she adds.

For James Lorenz, another Cape Coral resident and also a past dean of the Southwest Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, this will be his sixth time performing at the festival.

"It's wonderful," he says of the experience. "It's great fun. It's a concert hall organ, designed to be a fairly powerful sound, very full. It's designed to fill up a huge space... Most organs in most churches don't have that demand placed on them, and churches are significantly smaller than the hall."



COURTESY PHOTO

Dr. James Cochran is resident organist of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra and recital coordinator for the annual Festival of Great Organ Music.

in the know

Festival of Great Organ Music

- >> **When:** 3 p.m. Sunday, June 10
- >> **Where:** The Philharmonic Center for the Arts, Naples
- >> **Cost:** \$20 for adults and \$15 for students
- >> **Information:** 597-1900

The Phil's Casavant is also an expensive instrument. Dr. Lorenz estimates that replacing it today would cost in the neighborhood of \$1 million.

What does it feel like to sit behind the five keyboards and 3,600-plus pipes?

"To be in command of that, it's as if a single person is playing all of the instruments of an orchestra at once," he says.

In fact, he adds, French composers in the 19th century who began writing large, multi-movement pieces for organs called them symphonies, a term typically reserved for orchestras. But because of the variety and volume of sound the pipe organs can make, the composers decided to call their works

symphonies.

Sitting behind the Philharmonic organ, he says, can have a very intimidating effect on a musician initially.

"But you come to it, having a full understanding of what you're doing, and you get over the intimidation and just have a blast with it, frankly."

Playing the Casavant, Dr. Lorenz says, "has a certain thrill. It also has some beautiful, delicate, quiet tones to it. It's not just about sheer testosterone."

Dr. Cochran agrees, nothing that this year's program is very varied.

"After the fifth year I said, 'We have to do soft music too.' Everybody was playing the big, French romantic repertoire that this organ was built to play," he says, noting that the Philharmonic pipe organ is modeled on the French symphonic organs found at Notre Dame Cathedral and other big churches in Paris.

This year's program includes Bach's "Air (Suite in D)" and "Prelude and Fugue in A Minor," "Adagio" by Barber, Verdi's "La Traviata" and Bizet's "Carmen."

An exciting 16 years

The annual concert came about "because we had a brand new organ to play," Dr. Cochran says. "Myra (Janco Daniels, the Phil's founder and first CEO,) was so kind. The local chapter of the American Guild of Organists was very anxious to play the instrument. She said, 'Why don't we invite everyone to play one piece?'"

"In conjunction with that, we had the Naples International Organ Competition. We had a wonderful weekend of recitals, and Myra said, 'Let's do it

recital. It's been an exciting 16 years."

Dr. Lorenz's performance will conclude this year's program. He'll play the last movement of Widor's "Toccatina," which he describes as "the big barnburner movement. Very flashy and exciting music... one of the two most famous organ music ever written."

The program draws from organ music from the 1600s to the present.

"We even get to hear things we've never heard before, and that's fun too," Dr. Lorenz says. "You'll find the music to be rather accessible. It's not all dirge."

"People have that connotation of (organ music) with church: boring and dull. Nothing could be further from the truth." ■

in the know

Organists, in order of performance

- >> **Dr. James Cochran**, founder and director of the 70-voice Philharmonic Center Chorale, resident organist of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra and director of the Philharmonic Center Youth Chorale, director of music at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church
- >> **Brian Aranowski**, director of music and organist at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Bonita Springs
- >> **Joyce Finlay**, coordinator of worship and ministries and organist of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Naples
- >> **Paula Leighton**, co-resident organist and chancel and bell choir director at Faith Lutheran Church in Naples
- >> **Brice Gerlach**, director of music at First Presbyterian Church and the assistant director and accompanist of the Philharmonic Center Chorales
- >> **Claire Marie Faasse**, organist at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Fort Myers
- >> **Sandra M. Averhart**, substitute organist in Lee and Collier counties
- >> **John Fenstermaker**, director of music at Trinity-by-the-Cove in Naples
- >> **Jonathan Birner**, organist and choir director at Grace Lutheran Church in Naples
- >> **James E. Lorenz**, organist and choirmaster at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Fort Myers

"It can go from a mere whisper to a roar, and very few other instruments can do that."

— Organist Claire Marie Faasse,

commenting about the one-of-a-kind, 3,604-pipe Casavant organ at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts in Naples



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It's never too early to mark your calendar to you're sure not to miss galas and fundraisers for area charities in the coming social season. Nor is it too soon to list your nonprofit organization's event in *Florida Weekly*. Send Save the Date details to editor Cindy Pierce at cpierce@floridaweekly.com.

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Marissa Collections will host a 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.

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\$500 are also available. For more information, call the Garden at 643-7275 or visit www.naplesgarden.org.

■ The 2013 "Mending Broken Hearts with Hope" luncheon to benefit the **Shelter for Abused Women & Children** is set for Friday, Feb. 22, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. Guest speaker

Dr. Susan Weitzman is the founder and president of The Weitzman Center, a nonprofit educational and resource center dedicated to helping survivors of upscale violence, increasing public awareness and educating professionals who respond to these survivors.

A psychotherapist, educator, researcher and litigation consultant, Dr. Weitzman has dedicated the last decade to researching upper-educated and upper-income battered women, a previously underserved and heretofore unrecognized population. The result is her groundbreaking book "Not to People Like Us: Hidden Abuse in Upscale Marriages." She is working on a documentary about upscale violence and researching how batterers utilize the court system to harass and abuse their victims.

The luncheon will also feature a silent auction and the Designer Boutique (Feb. 22-23).

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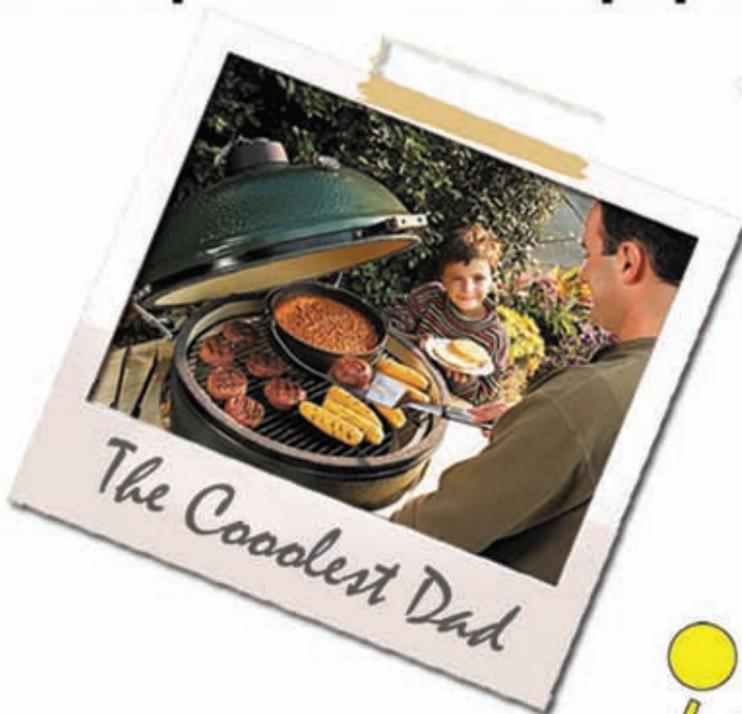
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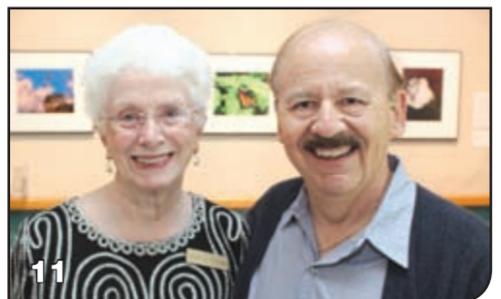
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5. Dianna Rehla in the center's gift shop
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8. Bridget and Sheridan Wright
9. Magen Kellam and Steve Hovland
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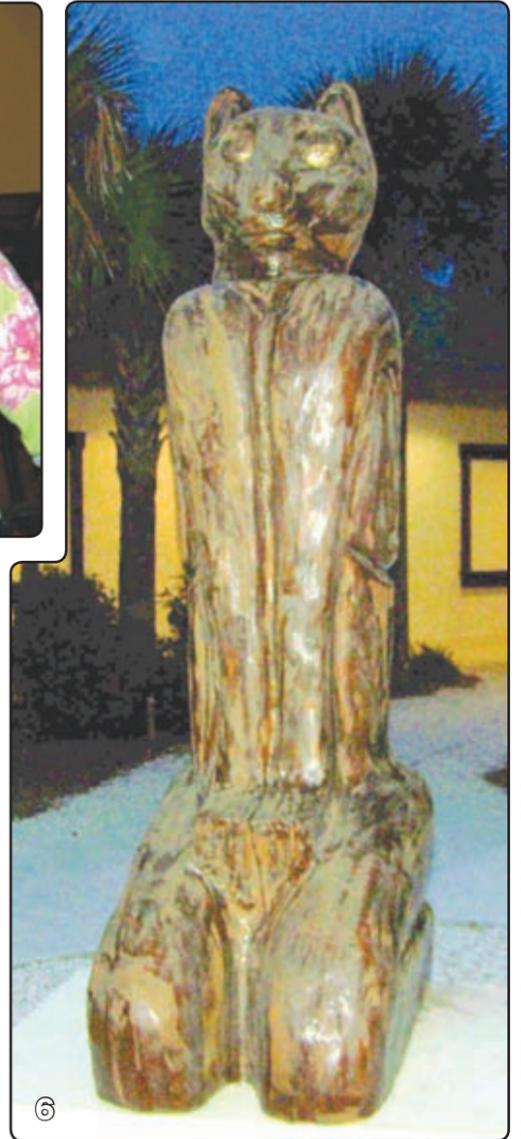
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PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

➤ **Alberto's on Fifth**, 868 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 430-1060

Serving Northern Italian cuisine — not the heavy, marinara-drenched fare that dominates so many Italian restaurants in Southwest Florida — Alberto's is a breath of fresh air. Chef/owner Alberto Varetto hails from Torino and presided over the kitchen of the venerable Sale e Pepe on Marco Island for more than 10 years. You'll find no mass-produced pasta here. Only freshly made ribbons of pappardelle and taglierini are good enough to be laced with Chef Varetto's ragouts; only hand-folded envelopes of agnolotti, raviolini and tortelloni are worthy of being stuffed with meats, cheeses and herbs. Flavor pairings such as plump sea scallops with lush lobster sauce and sweet onion confit, and salty prosciutto with sweet roasted pears and peppery baby arugula, are well conceived. If the to-die-for taglierini with pesto and copious amounts of jumbo lump crabmeat is a fair indication, the fresh pasta dishes are not to be missed. Because the portions of each course were so reasonable, we left feeling fully satisfied but not stuffed — and eager to revisit. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
Reviewed April 2012

➤ **Buffalo Chips**, 26620 Old 41 Road N., Bonita Springs; 947-1000

If you judge a restaurant by its cover, odds are you've never patronized Buffalo

Chips. But what the "upscale dive," as its owner calls it, lacks in visual appeal it makes up for in homey hospitality and solid, well-executed food. The Buffalo wings are authentic (owner Al Greenwood hails from Buffalo) and exceptionally good, as are the fried green tomatoes. The grouper sandwich and buffalo burger were substantive and tasty. We preferred the fresh-tasting straight-cut French fries to the seasoned curly ones. The vast menu also includes pizza, barbecue, nachos, chili and more. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Reviewed August 2011

➤ **Grouper & Chips**, 338 Ninth St. N., Naples; 643-4577

In an older strip plaza across U.S. 41 from NCH Hospital, Grouper & Chips is a self-described "small, unpretentious hole-in-the-wall restaurant." It is indeed so small, that you might find yourself rubbing elbows with other parties or waiting an hour for table (reservations are not accepted). Takeout and delivery are options, but then you'd miss out on the warm hospitality of the staff. Besides, once you order, food is quickly delivered. The menu is heavy on fried foods. The night we dined, the conch fritters and grouper did not suffer from greasy excess; the fried shrimp, how-

ever, were overwhelmed by batter. You wouldn't expect to find it in a place like this, but the bouillabaisse is loaded with lobster, sea scallops, mussels, shrimp and chunks of grouper and is worth trying. Dessert shooters — petite servings of Key lime pie and chocolate mousse — are the perfect way to end a meal here.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ½
Reviewed October 2011

➤ **Martin Fierro Restaurant & Steak House**, 6002 Radio Road, Naples; 659-5996

Carnivores will be well rewarded for taking the time to find it this Argentinian-style steak house tucked into a small strip center on Radio Road. The house specialty is parrillada, or a meat platter containing a cornucopia of animal flesh served on an open grill over smoldering wood chips. Although fairly meat focused, the kitchen conjures up an excellent ceviche. A grilled salmon entrée delivered to a nearby table looked so good I was sorry I hadn't ordered it. Appetizers of steamed mussels and veal tongue vinaigrette were also delicious. There are no fancy trappings here, no leather booths or tuxedoed servers. Prices are modest, and vegetables accompany entrees without an added charge. For dessert, dulce de leche crepes came filled with rich, gooey caramel cream topped with gener-

ous mounds of real whipped cream. Service is leisurely but hospitable. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
Reviewed February 2011

➤ **Noodle Saigon**, 13500 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 598-9400

For an inexpensive but excellent Vietnamese feast, head straight to Noodle Saigon. The 12-page menu might be intimidating at first, but the friendly servers are happy to help newcomers sort through it. I've found it's hard to go wrong here. On my most recent visit, I enjoyed savory asparagus crabmeat soup, shrimp paste on sugar cane, steamed rice crepe with grilled pork, shrimp summer rolls, clams with black bean sauce and the restaurant's heavenly version of rare beef pho. For dessert, we followed our server's suggestion and tried a tasty mix of mashed avocado, sweetened condensed milk, ice, lime, sugar and mint. The combination resembled Italian water ice and was a great end to a terrific meal. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
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★★★★ Noteworthy	★ Poor
★★★ Good	

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CUISINE

Aqua floating in a place between formal and casual

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The space at 862 Fifth Ave. S. has been an upscale steakhouse (Corks), and a more casual seafood place (Bert's Seafood & Chowder House). Aqua, which opened there earlier this year, floats somewhere in between, never quite anchoring itself to a strong concept.

Here is a restaurant offering an \$18 shrimp cocktail and \$42 steaks, yet settling for supermarket wines by the glass (Kendall-Jackson, Robert Mondavi, etc.) and disposable salt and pepper grinders.

Here is a kitchen meticulously plating minimalist morsels such as cubes of seared pork belly, while simultaneously burying a fish fillet in fruity rice.

Here is a dining room half-committed to Caribbean colors and Haitian metal sculptures, but also sporting formal lighting fixtures that look like they belong in a museum.

Frank Sinatra and other classic singers were crooning in the background to the lingering happy hour as we arrived on a weeknight. Later, the entertainment switched to live musicians playing harp and violin just outside the front door.

The aforementioned wine list includes bottles from \$50 to \$250 by better vintners such as Cakebread, Stags Leap and Opus, but it would be nice to see a few by-the-glass selections that we can't find at our neighborhood Publix. We settled for \$9 glasses of Trapiche Malbec and Nobilo Sauvignon Blanc — both familiar and good enough for a weeknight dinner.

Appetizers run the gamut from the ubiquitous calamari to cheese flambéed tableside with brandy. We opted for two rootsy items that seem to be trending in these days of "Top Chef" and "Next Food Network Star."

The roasted beets (\$12) were tender jewels of the deepest amethyst, topped

with creamy goat cheese that contributed a tangy counterpoint to the earthy root vegetable. The blood orange gastrique mentioned on the menu was scant, but it was there, adding a hint of sweetness. The only change we'd suggest is the serving size: It's just too much for an appetizer.

Another trendy little tidbit is pork belly (\$12), here seared and painted with a figgy honey-mustard barbecue sauce that was sweet and smoky. I felt a bit fearful of the amount of visible fat on the pork cubes, which resembled layered

The steaks are cut from grass- and corn-fed beef and range from a 9-ounce hanger to a 20-ounce bone-in ribeye. They're served with Yukon Gold puree (fluffy and delicious), a roast-

ed that aforementioned flambéed cheese and the Dover sole entrée that is deboned tableside. We did not take advantage of this, but service was fine throughout the evening — attentive and nicely timed but unobtrusive.

For dessert, we chose instead an exemplary panna cotta (\$9) topped with cherries in syrup and a dense pecan caramel

Goat cheese gives a contrasting tang to sweet roasted beets.



Above: Almond-crusted snapper is paired with coconut-pineapple risotto.



Right: Pecan caramel fudge cake will satisfy your sweet tooth.



A New York strip is served with roasted garlic and broccolini.

petit fours of piggy goodness. But once I bit into a slice, my trepidation turned into elation. Said fat melted in the mouth, leaving a creamy texture that contrasted the crisp crust and the succulent shreds of meat. Any pork lover would be in hog heaven over this dish, which was artfully presented on a brushstroke of sauce with delicate pea greens serving like giftwrap ribbons on top.

With such a promising start, we expected great things for the main course. Although Aqua touts its steaks and seafood, there is another catchall section of the menu that features dishes such as osso buco, roast chicken, shrimp scampi and linguini with mussels. Again, it seems like the owners are hedging their bets instead of sticking with a central concept.

garlic bulb (creamy enough to eat with a spoon) and broccolini (tender and garlicky, but barely warm). I settled on a 14-ounce New York strip (\$37), which came out with a nice grill pattern and juicy interior but not much crust or flavor. It needed salt and pepper for starters. I also tried spreading roasted garlic on it, which helped. As far as I could tell, none of the steaks are offered with accompaniments such as béarnaise or wine sauce, which seems odd.

In fact, the red-wine-and-pear sauce that accompanied the almond-crusted snapper (\$32) would have made a perfect match for beef; it had a lovely note of cinnamon. As for the fish, it was a bit hard to find between the salad on top of it and the large amount of pineapple in the risotto underneath it. The fruit dominated the dish, leaving the nicely crusted snapper to play a minor role. A little more attention to the execution here would put this back in balance.

Among the dessert options is bananas Foster — an old-school bit of show business. Formal tableside service is indeed offered from first to final course, what with

fudge cake (\$9) that was extremely chocolatey but a tad dry in the cake layer.

Aqua has some things going for it but needs to clarify its identity. I would probably return just for the pork belly, although my cholesterol count would suffer for it.

Time will tell if Aqua will hold its own against more consistent, more clearly defined establishments on the restaurant row that is Fifth Avenue. ■

in the know

Aqua
862 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 213-1111

Ratings:
Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★

- >> **Hours:** Lunch from 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. daily; dinner from 4-10 p.m.
- >> **Reservations:** Accepted
- >> **Credit cards:** Accepted
- >> **Price range:** Appetizers, \$6-\$18; entrees, \$22-\$42
- >> **Beverages:** Full bar
- >> **Specialties of the house:** Steaks and seafood
- >> **Volume:** Low
- >> **Parking:** Street and municipal lots
- >> **Website:** www.aquafifth.com

★★★★★ **Superb**
★★★★ **Noteworthy**
★★★ **Good**
★★ **Fair**
★ **Poor**

food & wine CALENDAR

> **Thursday, June 7, 8 p.m.,** Bar Louie: Tater tot lovers should belly up to Bar Louie for the fourth annual "Rock the Tot" competition, a national event involving dozens of Bar Louie locations. Enter solo (whoever eats the most tots, by weight, in a specified time wine) or as a four-person team (first team to complete four baskets wins). Prizes include gift cards and a party for 20; Gulf Coast Town Center, Alico Road and Ben Hill Griffin Parkway; 432-0389. Registration required.

> **Friday, June 8, 15, 22 and 29, 5-7 p.m.,** Old World Foods Market: Sample wines from California, Europe, South

America and South Africa along with cheeses, phyllo pastries and other goodies; free, 2800 Davis Blvd., Naples; 692-3020 or www.oldworldmarket.info.

> **Sunday, June 10, 5:30-8:30 p.m.,** Bayside Seafood Grill & Bar: There's a party on the upper deck bar patio featuring a picnic-style dinner — steak and grilled shrimp or wahoo, salad, vegetables and dessert — and live music; \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door; Village on Venetian Bay, 4270 Gulfshore Blvd. N.; 649-5552.

> **Thursday, June 14, 5-7 p.m.,**

Decanted: Try your hand at figuring out how to identify wines solely through taste, aroma and sight; \$15, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; (800) 980-5766. Reservations required.

> **Sunday, June 17, 1-5 p.m.,** Seminole Casino Immokalee: Sample goodies from a variety of gourmet food trucks while a DJ entertains with music and interactive games; 506 S. First St., Immokalee; (800) 218-007 or visit www.seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

Farmers markets

> **Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.,** the Collier

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> **Saturday, 7:30-11:30 a.m.,** Third Street South, behind Tommy Bahama's between Third Street and Gordon Drive.

> **Saturday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.,** North Naples Green Market, inside at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 1955 Curling Ave.; 594-9358.

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