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THERE IS TIME, STILL — ALWAYS TIME IN A WORLD where a growing garden is like a good marriage: seasons and temperaments must be acknowledged and accommodated, of course, and nothing will turn out exactly like you planned it. But the earth will welcome you and even accept your weaknesses, sometimes. And if you persevere, the seeds you plant will

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Unlike most of the U.S., winter is the prime growing season in Southwest Florida. Planting now in your own yard can lead to harvests of fruits and vegetables in the late winter.

All dolled up for the children's hospital

American Girl Fashion Show makes Southwest Florida debut

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Young girls (and their mothers and grandmothers) who cherish American Girl dolls can see the objects of their affections (and collections) come to life at Southwest Florida's inaugural American

Marián Hanlon, left, and Charlotte Laquis will model with their American Girl dolls.

Girl Fashion Show. A benefit for the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, the show comes to the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club on Sunday, Nov. 10.

Dozens of models ages 5-11 will walk the runway wearing contemporary and historical fashions from American Girl and carrying dolls to match. Some of the models are former cancer patients at The Children's Hospital.

Fashion show co-chairs Wendy Tooley and Anne Wittenborn recently visited the hospital to bring

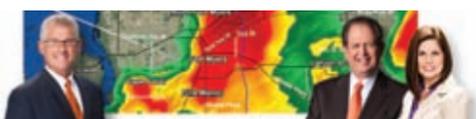
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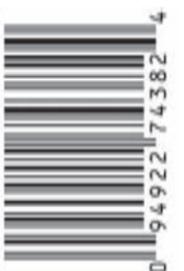
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COMMENTARY

Vessel of holiness



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Whistleblowers get called a lot of things, many of them unprintable here.

But the most powerful single characterization I've ever heard came from Rabbi Jeremy Barras at Temple Beth El in Lee County last Saturday evening.

Rabbi Barras had just concluded the weekly Shabbat by incanting the havdala with wine and candlelight — the holy day's sign-off prayer, if you will — when he turned to introduce Dr. Robert Hilliard to an audience of Jews and gentiles alike.

Mr. Hilliard had agreed to speak to a chapter of Jewish War Veterans along with a host of others, including me, after a showing of the 2002 documentary film about him, "Displaced: Miracle at St. Ottilien," by John Michalczyk. The film is based on Mr. Hilliard's 1996 memoir, "Surviving the Americans: The Continued Struggle of the Jews After Liberation" (available at Amazon.com).

An author, professor emeritus from Emerson College in Boston and decorated combat veteran who practices no formal religion, Mr. Hilliard is now 88.

"You are," the rabbi told him over the heads of the crowd, "a vessel of holiness."

That immense peal of praise might be the rabbinical equivalent of the Medal

of Honor, and it was based on the fact that then 19-year-old Private First Class Robert Hilliard, wounded in and after the Battle of the Bulge, became one of the most successful whistleblowers of all time, at least if lives are the measure.

He and the late Ed Herman, a fellow Army PFC who later became an international financier before retiring to Palm Beach, saved thousands of lives in the weeks and months following the German surrender on May 8, 1945.

But ironically that history of two young men — soldiers who used their wiles and their immense determination to do good by exposing callous American misbehavior to President Harry Truman and Gen. Dwight Eisenhower — has become a near non-history.

Why?

The story does not appear in standard history books, although it occurred at a Benedictine abbey converted to a hospital for refugees only about 30 miles from the brutal German camp, Dachau, and PFCs Hilliard and Herman personally saved many of the emaciated souls who had somehow avoided execution there.

The story doesn't even appear in the massive collection of "New York Times Front Pages, 1851-2012," where editors left out their own front page, dated Sept. 30, 1945.

There, a detailed report was topped by this headline: "President Orders Eisenhower To End New Abuse of Jews... Likens Our Treatment To That of the Nazis."

Such is the fete of one of the most

honorable whistleblowers ever to sound out an injustice.

Here's what happened: The Americans let many refugees sicken, starve and die between mid-May and late fall of 1945. Army commanders withheld food and clothing from camps where the starving and desperate had staggered, on foot and wandering down the German roads, after liberation.

Fearing disease, military police put the refugees behind barbed wire. In more fortunate camps, Army officers administered food at a per-person rate of about 600 calories per day, which was the standing order from Gen. Eisenhower.

In some locations, American troops even traded food, clothing and medicine for favors from women behind the wire.

That's all on the one hand, and documented.

On the other hand, PFCs Robert Hilliard and Ed Herman blew the whistle on it.

They also stole food from their own mess halls, bought out the Post Exchange store where GIs shopped for luxury items, and snuck that largesse into St. Ottilien, past military police guarding the place.

Then, in the 1945 version of an Edward Snowden action, the two young men bribed the printer on the base newspaper where Pfc. Hilliard worked. They ran off 600 copies of a vivid letter he wrote accusing the Americans of their own genocide, and asking for help. Finally, they mailed those letters past Army censors to every sympathetic person and

organization they knew of on the eastern seaboard of the United States.

A copy eventually reached the president, who investigated. The senior investigator even visited Pfc. Hilliard's mother and read the personal letters her son had sent home relating what he saw.

That ultimately ended one of our most disreputable hours. By late fall, Army trucks carrying some of the 1,400 packages of 40, 50 or 60 pounds, mailed from American cities and towns to St. Ottilien, were delivering the goods to the desperate.

As many as 10,000 may ultimately have been saved there — and American policy toward the displaced changed everywhere, too.

It was an immense feat for a teenager with no power, no backing, and nothing but brains, heart and guts, and he was never officially celebrated for it.

"In a true sense Ed and I were whistleblowers," Mr. Hilliard told me the day after his visit to Temple Beth El. "Some GIs called us unAmerican and traitors for criticizing our country's policies and actions."

But the two young men were lucky. "If this had occurred today," Mr. Hilliard acknowledges, "as whistleblowers we'd either be in jail, or seeking asylum in Russia."

Fortunately for all of us, he is still here to stand witness to what happened.

Without remembering — without telling and retelling what happened — we Americans, all of us, become cultural and ethical amputees. ■

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OPINION

The defunding debacle



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The Republican push to defund Obamacare defied the strategic wisdom of the ages.

“Avoid what is strong,” Sun Tzu advised, “to strike what is weak.” According to Machiavelli, “Prudence consists in knowing how to recognize the nature of the different dangers and in accepting the least bad as good.”

In contravention of all these axioms, the defunders stormed the barricades at their strongest point. They exhibited no willingness to distinguish among bad options or appreciation for what was really achievable. At best, their approach was a high-risk, low-reward strategy. As it turns out, there wasn't even any reward.

The shutdown fight has been interesting in its particulars but dull in its overall trajectory, which was so predictable that the news stories on the endgame almost could have been filed in advance.

Even bomb-throwers hesitated to light this fuse. Sen. Rand Paul never thought the shutdown was a good strategy. When the allegedly wholly impractical libertarian doubts your

tactical judgment, it should be taken as a warning.

Sen. Ted Cruz, the very able point man for the defunders, kept the strategy afloat longer than most people would have expected, but he could never explain persuasively the path from a shutdown to a signing ceremony in the White House defunding the president's signature piece of legislation.

A key part of the theory was that, in the heat of a shutdown, red-state Democrats would buckle and join the anti-Obamacare bandwagon. Given the near-certainty that Republicans would be blamed for the shutdown, this was always fanciful.

Republicans did the best they could during the shutdown. They passed rifle-shot bills out of the House funding specific functions of government that put Democrats in a tight spot. They highlighted the idiotic excesses of the National Park Service. They hit Democrats for their unwillingness to negotiate. But all of this amounted to damage control.

In the end, although polls showed the gap relatively narrow, more people blamed Republicans than Democrats. As the anti-government party that was forcing the issue, the Republicans were always going to have trouble escaping blame. Gallup and *Wall Street Journal*/NBC polls showed the party's favor-

ability scraping bottom.

On top of all this, the party went into the fight divided, with the House Republicans most enthusiastic about the strategy foisting it on their leadership. They proved again that, in the right circumstances, they can control the House Republican Conference, which gives them control of... the House Republican Conference.

An initial plan promoted by House Majority Leader Eric Cantor simply to force a vote on defunding in the Senate and then move to a clean continuing resolution was blasted by defunders as empty symbolism. After a few weeks of political pain, Republicans ended up in the same place: The House voted on a defunding provision that was quickly pushed aside by the Senate, and it was forced to accept an essentially clean continuing resolution.

Now, the same defunders who argued that Obamacare would be unrepealable beginning Oct. 1 with the opening of the exchanges are vowing to fight on against the health-care law — as they should. It will be a long fight, requiring not just passion and principle but also a little strategic wisdom. ■

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

Police brutality, mental illness and ‘The Memphis Model’



amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

Elsa Cruz filed a federal lawsuit in New York this week, months after police shot her husband dead. Last May, Cruz called 911 asking for help with her husband, Samuel. She feared he hadn't taken his medication while she was on vacation in her native country, the Philippines. Eight months, almost to the day, before Cruz was killed, not far away in Harlem, Hawa Bah called 911 to ask for medical help for her son, Mohamed. Rather than getting medical help, Mohamed Bah was confronted by the New York City Police Department. Within hours, he, too, was shot dead by police, hit eight times, once in the head. Mohamed's sister, Oumou Bah, is suing the City of New York and unnamed police officers. While neither lawsuit will bring back the dead, they may prevent future deaths by forcing the New Rochelle Police Department and the NYPD to adopt an increasingly mainstream police practice for dealing with emotionally distressed people, called “The Memphis Model.”

In an exclusive interview Tuesday on the “Democracy Now!” news hour, I had the chance to interview Hawa Bah and Elsa Cruz. They were meeting each other in our studios for the first time.

Hawa Bah made annual visits to New York from the West African nation of Guinea to see her son, Mohamed. On her most recent visit, she was struck by Mohamed's deteriorating condition. He had lost weight and had a cut above his eye. He was acting erratically. She suspected he was depressed, and wanted him to go to the hospital. Unable to convince him to go, she sought advice from

friends, who suggested she call 911. She told me, “When I saw the police car, I see him, I say, ‘Hey, I don't call police. I call an ambulance.’ He say, ‘No, ma'am, don't worry. In New York here, when you call an ambulance, we will come first. We will look at the person and call an ambulance.’ He said, ‘Don't worry, he will be OK.’”

The NYPD never told Mohamed Bah that they were there at his mother's request. Hawa Bah told me, “He didn't tell Mohamed, ‘Your mom say go to the hospital.’ He just say, ‘Mohamed, open the door. I came for you.’” She begged the police to let her talk to her son. Her attorney Randolph McLaughlin explained what happened next: “They broke the door down, tasered, beanbagged and shot him eight times. The last bullet went into his head and had stippling around the entry wound, which says that that shot, which probably took his life, was at close range.”

On May 26, Samuel Cruz, like Mohamed Bah, was acting erratically. Elsa called 911. She recounted to me what she told the operator: “There's something wrong with my husband. He needs help. Can you please send us somebody to help me to assisting him to go to the hospital?” She said, “Your husband is harming anybody?” And I said, “No, ma'am, no. He's a very nice person. He never harm anybody. Could you please send us somebody, or whatever?” And then, “OK.” The New Rochelle police arrived, dressed, as Elsa recalls, “for war.” They forced their way into the apartment and shot her husband dead.

Both the NYPD, in Bah's case, and the New Rochelle police, in Cruz's case, claim that the distressed individual lunged at officers with a knife. As Bah and Cruz's other attorney, Mayo Bartlett, noted: “The thing that's striking in these cases is the fact that the police are not called in response to a crime. There's no rush. There's no need to take such immediate

action.”

This is where “The Memphis Model” comes in. Maj. Sam Cochran is a retired officer with the Memphis, Tenn., police. In 1987, police responded to a man who was harming himself, and threatening others, with a knife. The police killed the man. Community outcry prompted the mayor to call for a solution. They developed the Crisis Intervention Team. Sam Cochran explained to me, “It's a community program (with) three main partnerships: law enforcement, local mental-health services providers and also advocacy.” CITs put a trained officer or mental-health professional on the scene, to de-escalate a situation. Since its inception in Memphis, it has been adopted in more than 2,500 communities in 40 states, as well as internationally.

The Cruz and Bah families are suing, demanding that the New Rochelle Police Department and the NYPD adopt CIT policies. As attorney Randolph McLaughlin summarized: “The police say the exact same thing in Bah and in Cruz: ‘He came at us with a knife, and we killed him.’ ... What was their plan? Did they have a plan when they broke in the door? Why did they break in the door? Why didn't they slow things down? Why did they aggravate the situation? In fact, the officers in all of these cases have not been trained in crisis intervention. They've been trained in the use of force — deadly force. And if that's all the officer has at his disposal, he will use it.” ■

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Meet the 'other' Bill Barnett

Everyone in Naples knows former mayor and city council member Bill Barnett. Not everyone knows the other Bill Barnett, but everyone should. Physically, the two men could not be more different, but they are alike in their love of Naples and their passion for improving the community.

The two met during a concert of thanksgiving and celebration following Hurricane Wilma in 2005 and continue their friendship over occasional breakfasts.

The "other" Bill Barnett, who grew up in Jamaica, Queens, N.Y., serves as coordinator of lay ministries at Covenant Church of Naples-CPA. He founded a ministry born of the conviction that the arts and media can communicate the Gospel in compelling and creative ways to a media-focused world. He launched Storytellers Creative Arts, Inc. in 2002 and is organizing its fourth annual conference in Naples Nov. 7-9 (www.storytellerscreativearts.com).

He believes God is raising a generation of artists who will make a positive difference in our culture by using their creative gifts in worship and service. Storytellers Creative Arts exists to inspire and develop creative people, by

providing opportunities for connection and networking among both professional and emerging artists.

Creative expression groups focus on the spiritual formation of artists, while hands-on art projects in the community help artists share ideas and support. Conferences, roundtable discussions and art and film festivals in Naples and other cities bring Christian professionals and students in the arts and media together. Workshops explore how the media and culture affect each other, with an emphasis on the connection to the Christian-world life view.



BARNETT

A vocalist, graphic artist and art show curator, this Mr. Barnett has been leading conferences on media, faith and culture since 1999. For the past three years, as part of his duties at Covenant Church of Naples, he has organized a team of 500-plus volunteers

who spend the second Saturday of February every year going throughout the community doing acts of kindness and extending the love of Christ by helping the elderly, making minor repairs, cleaning, landscaping, etc. It's called Project Serve, and the 2014 date is Feb. 8. He also has recently started a community gospel choir.

Talking points with Bill Barnett

One thing on your bucket list: That's a tough one, but one thing I would like to do is open a center/school where artists would inspire one another through all types of media — art, music, poetry, etc. It would have space for performances as well. It would be a special place for inspiration and encouragement, where we would focus on opportunities to use what we have to make a difference in the world.

First job: My first official job was assisting a curator at an upscale gallery in New York. It was primarily a corporate art gallery.

Most recent travels: My last trip was to Johannesburg, South Africa, to work with orphan children. I enjoy going to other countries to teach music to these children. I have a clown ministry to children as well. While there I did have a chance to experience the culture, food, shopping and an elephant safari.

Skill or talent you wish you had: I wish I could play piano. I am a self-taught singer who sings by ear. I do not read music.

Advice for the younger generation: I don't have kids, but I do have nieces and nephews. My advice would be to first follow the Lord and

to love Him with all their heart.

Something that makes you laugh: Jackie Gleason and "The Honeymooners."

Last book you read: "Abba's Child," by Brennan Manning.

Something people might be surprised to find out about you: I have written two children's books, a few songs and a fifth-grade curriculum book.

What are you most proud of? I am thankful to be serving people and that most of my work in all my life has been working with people, especially helping them to grow and be productive in whatever their callings may be.

Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast: The picturesque glimpses of color and the beaches. I especially like the fall. This is the best time of the year to live in Naples.

What you miss about the Paradise Coast when you're away: I definitely miss the warmth and sunshine if I'm up north in the winter.

Before moving to Naples, Mr. Barnett worked with Campus Crusade for Christ, serving with the King's College and local urban ministries in New York City as executive assistant to the presi-

dent. He organized many community choirs in New York and has recently started a community gospel choir here in Naples. ■

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ultimately produce miracles.

That, at least, is a rough approximation of what the gardeners tell of us of growing in the subtropics, now as October winds up.

If it's food you want from a garden, it's time to plant — especially in the winter months, when Southwest Florida's embrace is like few others in North America. Here, vegetables emerge that are traditionally associated with such hallowed growing ground as summertime Iowa or Indiana or Missouri.

Tomatoes and onions and peppers and beans and whatnot, for example.

"I always say, plan in September and plant in October," advises Bob Cook, whose personal food garden is designed almost solely around the production of salsa, with heirloom tomatoes, 12 varieties of peppers, onions and herbs.

For those who haven't planned their salsa gardens ahead, like he does, Mr. Cook offers a helpful "but."

"But," he adds, "you can plan in one day and plant on the weekend."

This weekend, as a matter of fact — that is, if you want to stick to the Florida vegetable schedule, and have your food in the ground by or just after Nov. 1.

Gardeners who do it professionally — for example, such widely known master gardeners as Millissa Bell in Lee County (The Unruly Gardener), or Eva Worden in Charlotte County (Worden Farms) — offer simple aphorisms or advice that should always be heeded, even by experts.

"Beneath the pavement, earth remembers," is Ms. Bell's mantra.

"A garden is not finished when it's planted — it's only begun," is Mrs. Worden's caveat.

Both are right as rain, says Mr. Cook.

A Michigander by upbringing and a longtime planting expert, he holds a degree from Michigan State University to go with his various Florida certificates in the subject of growing plants. Coupled to that, he has now spent 24 years in the subtropics, managing or working for such businesses as Naples Fertilizer and Garden Center, and Southern Fertilizer.

"Gardening and growing is my vocation and it's also my hobby — it's all I do," he admits, describing himself as "a plant nerd." Which is why he'd stopped by the internationally renowned food farm, ECHO, in North Fort Myers, the other day — ECHO is an acronym for the Christian-based Educational Concerns for Haiti Organization.

The organization helps small-scale farmers worldwide living simple and sometimes stricken lives to boost their harvests of diverse and nutritional crops, in whatever climates and with whatever resources they have — in old barrels, in tires, in terraced hills, in tin cans, on poles, in wet or dry or hot or cold. Here, they experiment with plants and techniques at their elaborately planned and designed farm just north of the Caloosahatchee River, east of I-75.

The place has become a learning center with tremendous gravity, drawing in even very experienced gardeners and growers from throughout southern and central Florida who discover ideas and pick up information they never imagined, many say.

Mr. Cook is one of those.

"I had to buy something," he acknowledges, displaying his new katuk, a prolific edible green that grows in such places and Vietnam and Borneo, but also happens to be beautiful.

"I don't care how it tastes, I just like the way it looks," he says.

The learning curve

No matter what you grow in the subtropics or how much you've grown else-



Bob Cook with a katuk plant he purchased at ECHO. The plant is an edible shrub that grows to 6 feet in height and 5 feet wide. Although it has flowers and fruit, it is the leaves that are edible. They have a nutty flavor and do not need to be cooked.



in the know

Bob's salsa recipe

Four medium tomatoes; 2-3 serrano or jalapeño chiles, stems and seeds removed; 1 large Florida sweet onion; 1 pimiento or bell pepper; 2 cloves garlic; 1/4 cup finely chopped fresh cilantro; juice of one lime or lemon; salt to taste. Mix and enjoy.

where, humility is probably one of the greatest virtues of a subtropical gardener — the willingness to ask questions of those who may know more than you know.

"You have to ask questions: there is so much passion around gardening and landscaping in Florida, and so much you can learn — at the local Home Depot, at your neighborhood nursery, or walking through the gardens of the Edison-Ford Winter Estates, just anywhere," says Dwayne Bergmann, owner of two businesses on the Southwest coast: Southern Palms and Design, and Dwayne Bergman Design, LLC.

With his partner, Fort Myers attorney Luis Insignares, Mr. Bergmann created one of the most elaborate and imaginative ornamental gardens in a home setting anywhere in the region — in part through experimentation at their home in the Brynwood neighborhood of south Lee County. And when the couple had a chance to expand their opportunities to two acres on a home next door recently, they sold that place and started again.

"There are so many knowledgeable people around, so that's the first thing I would suggest to anyone interested — ask for help," Mr. Bergmann says.

"Second: Don't be afraid to experiment. If they won't grow in one place, try them someplace else. If they look like they

aren't healthy, start over with something else."

To create their first home garden, the couple started with Mr. Insignares' ideas, along with Mr. Bergmann's "genetic gift" for envisioning the ideas and then growing them into reality, explains Mr. Insignares.

It didn't hurt, either, that Mr. Bergmann grew up on a farm in northeastern Missouri, where his father, his uncle and his grandfather all operated a custom home building business and a landscaping business — and knew what they were doing, he says.

"So, for the landscaping, I had a couple of concept pictures I'd gathered, I had seen landscape artistry that was an eclectic mix of plants that may or may not be used together in typical applications, and we have an extremely random assortment of those plants," explains Mr. Insignares.

"The process was quite fun. I procured all the species of these plants, 30 to 35, and I would buy 20 to 100 of each of those species.

"I had them all delivered, and then I literally applied plants like you would apply paint to a canvas. So instead of having 20 different paint colors, I said, 'Here is my

complete palate and species of plant,' and I placed them about the landscape."

Some landscape artists would do that by starting with a 3D rendering, perhaps — but not these two. In this case, it was a real-time application.

"From a process perspective, I did research on the different plants, which included number one, reading about what grows well and does well in different environments, and two, interviewing three or four different nursery owners," says Mr. Bergmann.

"So I was also completing and conducting research at same time, and asking, 'How does this look when its five years old versus 10 years old?'"

I was worrying about moisture, light, soil — it wasn't a weekend project. It was probably six months continuous, to pull it all together. And even if I'd done it as a professional project, it would have been 90 to 100 days."

Among the biggest surprises in the garden was a variety of banana with a large purple underleaf.

"Everyone told me they were decorative and they wouldn't produce fruit, but we had about eight dozen bananas off of each tree. We had to build supports to keep



John Brossard of Naples Fertilizer & Garden Center with a handful of begonias.



Flowers from Dwayne Bergmann's garden.

them from pulling the whole tree over," says Mr. Insignares.

And what they got was spectacular, by their own definition.

"The overall look really nailed the private tropical retreat that we wanted. What turned out more interesting than I had thought, were the various cacti I planted. I put all of them, varieties of succulent, in pots instead of on the ground, and it allowed moisture to be controlled, so they also thrived.

"So it was an interesting dichotomy to see all these luscious tropical plants, and in the middle a couple different cacti. This was all about creating."

Starting out

But before any creating in this peninsular garden of near Eden, there are a few things to know, whether they seem obvious or not: first, putting plants in the sun is a good idea.

And second, the soil, paradoxically, is about as poor as it comes — especially if you live on property less than three decades old.

"One of the first things I learned when I came here," says Mr. Cook, "was how poor our soils are. In the Midwest, people are used to clay, loam or something else, but here, they're beyond barren. In a lot of places there is no topsoil — it's all subsoil or fill. Cape Coral is built on fill, for example. And people assume they're just going to dig a hole and plant something, and it will grow."

But in spite of the visual and stereotypical evidence — everything is green and it rains a lot in summer, so if you just throw out a seed, the plant will spring up, won't it? — that's not enough.

"You have to improve the soil, any soil here, with some sort of organic matter," Mr. Cook explains. "We have many things going for us, but our greatest hurdle is infertile, almost unfriendly soil."

Ms. Bell's advice echoes that of others, and it's simple and straightforward: "Most sandy south Florida soils are alkaline, so I don't worry too much about it outside of planning for it," she says.

"Since the pH

affects the plant's ability to take up nutrients, I recommend a pH test and nutritional analysis when you first get started as a way to identify potential problems and to troubleshoot when problems do arise.

"It also helps ensure appropriate fertilization. After that, I only soil test if problems arise that I can't pinpoint elsewhere, or if I want to see how my soil-building techniques are progressing."

Compare and contrast

In Punta Gorda Isles in Charlotte County, a tidy, upscale community built along canals running into the Gulf of Mexico, starting out with a soil test helps, and so does wide experience.

The well-kept homes and yard gardens frequently reflect the careful, not-so-ambitious passions of growers who want to make sure it all works without a lot of trouble — but some have much wider ranging tastes.

Suzanne and Don McCormick, for example.

Connecticut Yankees who grew up with New England gardens, when the McCormicks left Connecticut they skipped Florida entirely and landed in the Turks and Caicos Islands of the Caribbean. There, they bought a farm and learned to grow large quantities of fresh produce for local restaurants and markets, which they did for several years before returning to the United States and settling on the Gulf Coast.

All of which puts them in a position to compare garden experiences in widely different regions. And in some ways there is no easy comparison, says Mr. McCormick, who works with his wife to produce a robustly varied and eclectic ornamental garden that is now widely admired among experts in the area.

"It's mixing pears, apples and oranges because one variable is soil, another is the length of the day and the third is the intensity of the sunlight," he explains.

"Connecticut had topsoil and long relatively cool days, ideal for growing tomatoes. The Turks and Caicos islands had short,

intensely hot days that kept the tomato plants dormant most of the day — didn't Jimmy Buffet write a song about the closer to the equator the shorter the day? And finally here in the reclaimed soil from the canal dredging in Punta Gorda Isles, the tomatoes suffer from the lack of nutrients in the sandy bottom that contains no decayed plant material."

Then, there's temperature, says Mrs. McCormick.

"Once you realize that the whole temperature thing is different, you have a leg up," she says. "Here right now, you can grow pansies and snap dragons and petunias — things you would grow in the summer in the north. Of course, you're not dealing with rich soil, but you can improve that. And the good side is, it's easy to dig.

"You have more bugs, which is also true in the Turks, and there are more insects and things to worry about."

But those are just worries. Mrs. McCormick has caladiums, hibiscus, allamande bushes, flax, lilies, crown of thorn, Dutchman's pipe vine, crepe myrtle and a variety of palms, including an enormous bismarkia, and triangle and Christmas palms.

For hand tools, she recommends "a trowel for digging, a shovel, you don't really need a rake but you always have one. Pruning shears, and then, what they call 'loppers,' which are pruning shears with a longer blade. You need a watering can — really, a watering system. We have an irrigation system that goes on once a week, and waters the plots."

Simple, really. As long as you're willing to learn.

"It's just a learning experience for everyone," says Mrs. McCormick. "You can't say, 'OK, I'm going to do what I did at home.'"

Spectacular results

But if you can learn, and if you start by improving the soil, and if you're willing to accept occasional failures, the results can be spectacular.

Then, as Mr. Cook demonstrates each year and to name only

in the know

What to plant when

Seasons here are distinct, but calendar dates are not. For example, gardeners can plant many fall vegetables in late winter, or spring vegetables in early summer, and expect a harvest.

There are two climate-defining characteristics of the southwest coast to keep in mind: one, the likelihood of one-night freezes several times between mid-December and late February, and two, heat in summer. If you plant vegetables or fruit vulnerable to freeze, have a plan to protect them when the temperature drops below 32 degrees.

For more information, go to www.unrulygardener.com or www.wordenfarm.com.

>> **FALL** (plant Oct. 1 on): Tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers, green beans, corn, peppers, Asian greens such as bok choy and others.

>> **WINTER**: (plant Dec. 1 on): broccoli, sweet peas, hardier greens such as kale or lettuce varieties, potatoes, carrots, beets, radishes, strawberries

>> **SPRING** (plant March 1 on): cherry tomatoes, hot peppers, black-eyed peas, okra, heat-tolerant greens such as collards, mustard greens and New Zealand spinach

>> **SUMMER** (plant May 15 on): Sweet potatoes, papayas, okra, calabaza squash and the like.

Useful books

■ "Vegetable Gardening in Florida" by James M. Stephens, University of Florida Press. A colorful, thorough guide.

■ "Square Foot Gardening" by Mel Bartholomew. An efficient way to organize your beds to get the most food per inch.

Some helpful websites

Visit these sites to learn more about gardening in Southwest Florida.

<http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/>
www.edenflorida.org
www.greencoaches.net
<http://echonet.org>

one small but widely cherished example, you can grow the same tomatoes or better ones than a northern gardener.

"Heirloom tomatoes are my favorite but hardly anybody grows them here because it's such a challenge, like building a ship in a bottle. But the rewards are terrific," he says.

Mr. Cook has a trick, which he's happy to share: call it, Reach for the sky.

"Almost all heirlooms are crazy vines," he says. "So first, stake. If you let them ramble on the ground, the plant will grow 12 feet wide and rot.

Also, a tomato cage is worthless because it's only four feet high. These plants will typically grow 8 to 10 feet high.

"So I have eight or nine plants, and (for each) I drive a fencepost into the ground, then attach a (vertical) two-by-two to it, so all my stakes are 8 feet high.

"You prune a little on the side, and there is nothing magic about it — all my tomato plants get 8 feet high."

And those luscious heirlooms originally from Russia or Poland or the Amish country of Pennsylvania or somewhere else — they begin to produce abundant fruit.

"Here we have high humidity and fungus, so they are not carefree," Mr. Cook warns.

"I stake them, I watch them closely for fungus, then I'll spray them and keep them clean. That way, I end up with a decent crop."

And in ornamentals or food, a decent crop is the name of the game. ■



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Norway's battle against chaos

Norwegian public television (NRK), which introduced the now-legendary continuous, live log-burning show (12 hours long, with "color commentary" on the historical and cultural importance of fire), scheduled a new program for this week in its appeal to serenity (labeled "Slow TV"). On Nov. 1, NRK was to televise live, for five hours, an attempt to break the world record for

producing a sweater, from shearing the sheep to spinning the wool and knitting the garment (current record: 4:51, by Australians). (In addition to the log, NRK viewers have been treated to live cams on a salmon-fishing boat and, for five days, on a cruise ship.) Said an NRK journalist, "You would think it's boring television, but we have quite good ratings for these programs." ■

The entrepreneurial spirit

■ Extract of cockroach is a delicacy among some Chinese, believed able to miraculously reduce inflammation, defy aging and cure tuberculosis, cancer and cirrhosis. Quartz reported in August that Yunnan province is a Silicon Valley-type business center, where pulverized roaches can sell for the equivalent of about \$89 a pound, and five pharmaceutical companies have contracts with ranches that have formed the Sichuan Treasure Cockroach Farming Cooperative. (In August, a start-up farm in Jiangsu province was, police suspect, vandalized, allowing at least a million cockroaches being prepared for market to flee to adjacent neighborhoods.)

■ Hipster Haven: Two fearless entrepreneurs inaugurated services recently in faux-fashionable Brooklyn, N.Y. Lucy Sun, a Columbia University economics major, began seeking work as a \$30-an-hour "book therapist," to help readers find the "right" book to read or give as a gift, with attention to clients' "specific

situations." In Brooklyn's Greenpoint neighborhood in September, the stylish Eat restaurant began reserving certain nights' meals to be experienced in total silence. On opening night, a Wall Street Journal reporter noted one throat-clearing and a muffled sneeze, but barely any other human sound. Some diners were won over; another said it felt like "being 50 and married."

■ It's expensive to go broke in America. Detroit, which most acknowledge acted wisely in filing for bankruptcy protection in July (in the face of debts estimated to be at least \$18 billion), will nonetheless be on the hook for bankruptcy legal fees that could total \$60 million under current contracts (according to an October *New York Times* report), plus various expenses, such as the \$250,000 to Christie's auction house to price and sell some assets. A fee examiner has been hired to keep the expenses in line, but he charges \$600 an hour. ■

Medical marvels

■ A recent medical journal reported that a 49-year-old man in Brazil said he had recovered from a stroke except that the damage to his brain (in a "subcortical region" associated with higher-level thinking) has caused him to develop "pathological generosity" toward others. A Duke University neurologist told London's *Daily Mail* that stroke-induced personality changes (such as hoarding) are common, but that this particular change appears unique. Doctors reported in the journal *Neurocase* that even with medication, this patient's beneficence was unabated after two years.

■ Blood clots can be especially dangerous, often requiring urgent, harshly invasive open-heart surgery to remove the clot before it can be fatal, but a team from UCLA Medical School reported breathlessly in September that a "minimally invasive," cutting-edge machine worked just as well: a vacuum cleaner. When a 62-year-old man arrived at an emergency room with deep vein thrombosis, AngioVac lines were inserted in the leg and neck and sucked out the 24-inch-long clot. The patient was back home and full of energy a week later. ■

Weird animals

■ A "scatological force field" is how a Reuters reporter in September described the way ordinary house termites are able to increasingly resist extermination. They use their own feces to build their nests, and the pathogens seem to form a protective shield that attacks unfriendly bacteria trying to invade the nests.

■ "Pig Drinks 18 Pints and Has Fight With Cow" read one August headline from Port Hedland, West Australia, after rampaging wild pigs stole and drank 18 beers from a campsite. Inter-

national Business Times, summarizing recent research in September, noted that moose, especially, are attracted by fermenting apples; that prairie voles are prominent social drinkers (consuming much more available alcohol when other voles are around); and that African elephants often turn violent to secure the fermenting fruit of the marula tree (although the elephant would require 1,400 pieces of fruit to generate the seven gallons of alcohol that — if consumed all at once — would match humans' legal limit for driving). ■

Perspective

Americans frequently cite the rigorous, above-board testing of prescription drugs as one of government's most important functions, and health insurance companies use such seals of approval in policy-coverage decisions. However, some consumers seem to prefer unorthodox, untested, unregulated products and, backed by lobbyists for Complementary and Alternative

Medicine, are challenging insurers for "discriminating" against these "drugs," especially in the game-changing rules of the new Affordable Care Act. A Forbes.com columnist explained in August what would happen if CAM prevails: "You could start offering dried bird poop for arthritis, call it 'avian nature therapy,' and if an insurer won't pay for it, you can sue." ■

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Mariann, Megan and Robert MacDonald in the spotlight at the 55th annual NCH Hospital Ball after the announcement of their \$6 million gift. See more photos from the ball on C28-29.

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\$6 million gift announced at NCH Hospital Ball

More than 500 guests at the 55th annual NCH Hospital Ball were the first to learn of a \$6 million gift from Naples residents Robert and Mariann MacDonald and their daughter, Megan. The gift, which was announced Oct. 26 at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort, will be applied toward the overall renovation and enhancement of the NCH Emergency Department, a portion of which will include the Pediatric Emergency Department.

The PED will be named for the MacDonalds in recognition of their longtime support of NCH. In 2009,

the pediatric department on the fourth floor of the Baker Tower at the North Naples campus of NCH was named the Robert & Mariann MacDonald SeaCAREium in recognition of a previous gift.

Mrs. MacDonald has served as chairman of the NCH board of trustees since 2012. "It was an easy decision for our family to make," she says about the contribution. "I am a mother and grandmother first and foremost, but my professional background is in the health-care industry."

Especially designed for newborns to children up to age 18, the PED

sees a diverse mix of full-time and seasonal residents as well as visitors to Southwest Florida. In 2012, the North Naples campus cared for more than 17,000 pediatric ER patients, a 33 percent increase over the last five years. The MacDonalds' gift, along with support from others in the community, including First National Bank of the Gulf Coast, will enable the expansion of the PED from its current seven patient rooms to 14 rooms, including two trauma rooms. Plans call for 24-hour care with the most advanced pediatric technology and equipment. ■

Alan Korest to be honored for championing education

The Education Foundation—Champions For Learning honors Alan Korest as its 2013 Heart of the Apple recipient at a luncheon Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the Hilton Naples.



"Every year we look for someone in the community who has left a legacy to our organization through their time, talent and contributions of leadership," says Susan McManus, president

of the Education Foundation—Champions For Learning. "Alan Korest's passion for education over the years is certainly something that we want to honor."

The Korest family founded the Bower School of Music at Florida Gulf Coast University and built the Bower Chapel at Moorings Park. Mr. Korest is a major supporter of MusicScores!, the pre-kindergarten violin program, and is the chairman of Music in America, a national program that supports using music as a learning tool.

He is a former vice mayor of the city of Naples and a former board member for The Education Foundation—Champions For Learning, among many other distinctions.

Previous Heart of the Apple recipients include Lavern Gaynor, Herb and Ann Rowe and Alan and Beverley Horton.

"I feel very, very special sitting in the same seat that they have," Mr. Korest says.

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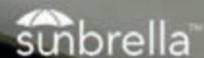
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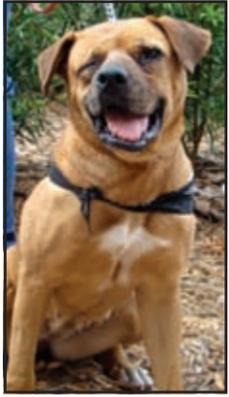
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for a permanent place.

Karen Hill of Brooke's Legacy suspects Hansa Rose was a "bait dog," one

that is chained or otherwise confined and set against another dog for sport. The right side of her face doesn't match the left (the right eye is there, but it's set way back), and she has very few teeth. Ms. Hill estimates the lovable boxer/Labrador mix is about 3 years old. She has been spayed.

Whatever mistreatment she suffered in the past has not damaged Hansa Rose's disposition, however. She loves people and is OK with cats (other dogs tend to upset her).

Brooke's Legacy thanks Ark Natural Products for Pets for sponsoring the effort to place Hansa Rose in a permanent home. For more information, call 434-7480, e-mail Admin@BrookesLe-



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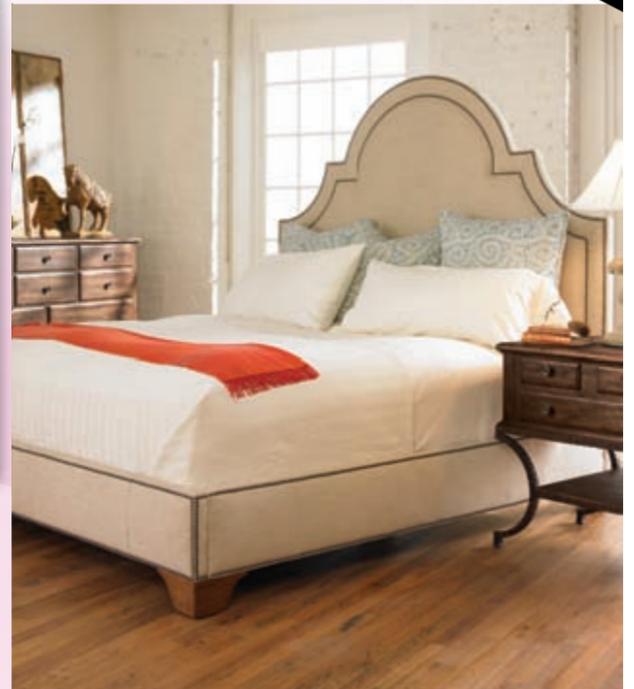
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The following public meetings about the park are coming up in November at Naples City Hall. Additional meetings are scheduled for December-March.

■ **4-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8:** Stakeholders design charrette meeting and park program discussion

■ **10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 9:**

Open meeting for public input

■ **9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12:** Community Services Advisory Board

■ **3-6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22:** Public input/discussion of initial design concept (design charrette No. 1)

■ **10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 23:** Public input/discussion of initial design concept (design charrette No. 2)

Updates are posted and questions/comments are encouraged on the park's Facebook page and at www.naplesgordonriverpark.com. E-mail input is also welcome at info@naplesgordonriverpark.com. And for those who want to pick up the phone, the Naples Community Services Department welcomes calls at 213-7120. ■

Learn how to file a small claim

The Collier County Clerk of Circuit Court office holds a free seminar about how to file a small claim from 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at South Regional Library on Lely Cultural Boulevard. All are welcome.

Filing a small claim is a way to settle a legal dispute with someone when the damages or value of property involved does not exceed \$5,000. A lawyer is not

required.

The seminar will cover the basic administrative process, forms and fees involved. Case examples will be presented, and group discussion will be encouraged. The clerk's office cannot provide legal advice, however.

Sign up by calling 252-7542 or by visiting www.collierclerk.com. ■

Marco art center seeks executive director

The Marco Island Center for the Arts is searching for an executive director. In addition to being a liaison to the community, the candidate selected will be responsible for administration of the center, fundraising and budget development and execution. The position requires excellent communication skills as well as experience in fundraising,

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Bowls at the 2013 event

Bowl-making and bowl-painting workshops are already under way, thanks to Clay More Ceramics, Masterpiece Mixers, Bar-

ron Collier Potters Guild, Pelican Bay Rotary Club and Rinny Ryan.

Sponsorship opportunities are available from \$100 for a bowl sponsor to \$10,000 for presenting sponsor. For a \$50 donation, individuals can become a Friend of Empty Bowls and enjoy admission to the lunch and a bowl made especially for Friends.

For more information, call Joyce Jacobs at 334-7007, ext. 130, e-mail joycejacobs@harrychapinfoodbank.org or visit www.emptybowlsnaples.org. ■

Collier students have Veterans Day plans

Two Collier County schools are planning Veterans Day programs to which the public is invited, especially veterans from all branches of the armed forces and their families. Both programs are set for Friday, Nov. 8.

■ **Tommie Barfield Elementary** School on Marco Island will hold its annual "Salute to Our Veterans" at 9:30 a.m.

The Lely High School JROTC Color Guard will open the ceremony with the presentation of colors, Pledge of Allegiance and the national anthem. The school's fifth-grade class will perform several patriotic songs before the program concludes with "God Bless

the USA." For more information, call Sandy Hurley at 377-8500.

■ At 2 p.m. the students at **Sabal Palm Elementary** School will honor veterans. The Cypress Palm Middle School band and the Palmetto Ridge High School JROTC will open the program. Fourth- and fifth-grade students will lead presentations about each branch of the armed forces, and the school's English Language Learner students will perform "You're a Grand Old Flag." A thank-you video to veterans will conclude the afternoon. Sabal Palm Elementary is at 4095 18th Ave. NE. For more information, call the school at 377-8200. ■

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Man and nature come together at Wiggins Pass

County's \$1.7 million straightening project ends with a celebration

BY CONNIE KINDSVATER
Special to Florida Weekly

About 200 people gathered in boats, along the shore of the Cocohatchee River and at Pelican Isle Yacht Club on Oct. 26 to celebrate the newly straightened channel in Wiggins Pass. It was also a celebration of "man and nature coming together" to enhance the state-designated safe boating channel in the pass for recreational boaters, commercial marine operations and fire, police and rescue boats.

Increased oyster bed production and sea grass growth will be another result of the straightening project.

The effort to straighten the channel was begun five years ago by the Collier County Office of Coastal Zone Management. The Estuary Conservation Association, a nonprofit organization charged by the state of Florida with monitoring, preserving and enhancing Wiggins Pass Estuary waters; the Pelican Isle Yacht Club; and environmental groups such as the Conservancy of Southwest Florida assisted in the effort.

The goal was to develop an engineering design for maintaining Wiggins Pass to provide safe navigation for boats, reduce the cost of channel maintenance and increase the flow of water through the pass to improve water quality throughout the estuary. After much effort, representatives of the above organizations agreed on a new engineering approach for Wiggins Pass that would straighten the channel rather than trying to maintain the S curve. A straight pass would require dredging only every four to five years, rather than every 18 months, at a cost of \$450,000 to \$750,000 each time. The state's designation of the estuary as pristine waters precluded the use of rock jetties and other permanent structures to slow shoaling, such as those at Gordon Pass and Doctor's Pass.

The new plan needed the approval



Boats paraded through Wiggins Pass as part of the celebration.

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Mayor John Sorey



Joe Moreland, president of the Estuary Conservation Association

of more than 20 federal, state and local entities before it could be implemented. Funding for the project would come from tourist tax funds. The Collier County Commission gave final

approval for the \$1.7 million project in February 2013. Work was started in March and the project was completed in July. ■

Traffic deputies are watching

The Collier County Sheriff's Office gives drivers a heads-up that traffic enforcement deputies will be posted at the following places the week of Nov. 4-8:

■ Monday, Nov. 4

Logan Boulevard and Pine Ridge Road: Speeding
Lakeland Avenue: Aggressive driving
Immokalee Road at Gulf Coast High School: Aggressive driving

■ Tuesday, Nov. 5

Vineyards Boulevard and Vanderbilt Beach Road: Red-light running
Enterprise Avenue and Livingston Road: Red-light running
U.S. 41 East and St. Andrews Boulevard: Speeding

■ Wednesday, Nov. 6

Goodlette-Frank and Pine Ridge roads: Aggressive driving
Santa Barbara Boulevard at Calusa Park Elementary: Speeding
Collier Boulevard and Golden Gate Parkway: Red-light running

■ Thursday, Nov. 7

Davis and Madison Park boulevards: Speeding
Orange Blossom Drive and Airport-Pulling Road: Speeding
Immokalee Road and Wilson Boulevard: Speeding

■ Friday, Nov. 8

Naples Boulevard and Pine Ridge Road: Aggressive driving
U.S. 41 North and Vanderbilt Beach Road: Red-light running
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College scholarship fair set for seniors

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Representatives of the following schools and organizations will be on hand: Alabama A&M University, Benedict College, Citadel University, Claflin University, DeVry University, Edison State College, Florida A&M University, Florida Gulf Coast University, Hodges University, ITT Technical Institute, Johnson C. Smith University, Keiser University, Kentucky State University, Livingstone College, North Carolina A&T University, Oklahoma State University-Institute of Technology, Payne

College, Reynolds University, Saint Louis University, Tuskegee University, University of Missouri, University of North Florida, University of Northern Iowa and the United States Army ROTC. Students must register online at www.infinitescholar.org and print a ticket that will be required for admission. They also must bring with them at least 10 unofficial high school transcripts and unofficial ACT/SAT scores, two letters of recommendation and a brief essay on "Why I Want to Go to College." ■

Collier Coyotes youth lacrosse registration open

The Collier County Lacrosse Association has introduced a new image for its affiliate youth lacrosse teams. All youth lacrosse teams are now the Collier Coyotes, represented by a new logo in the navy blue, silver and white team colors.

CCLA has operated fall and spring youth lacrosse programs since 2003. Spring teams participate in the regional youth lacrosse league known as FLYLAX along with teams from Fort Myers and Estero. Boys ages 7-15 participate. CCLA had seven teams and more

than 125 boys in the FLYLAX league for the spring 2013. The current fall ball program has more than 90 boys who participate in weekly practices and scrimmages.

Sign-ups for the spring 2014 season can be completed at www.collierlax.com or in person at Coastland Center Mall between noon and 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 9-10.

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For more information, call 325-1700 or visit www.bgccc.com.



COURTESY PHOTO

Kids at the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County colored paper light bulbs to hang in the lobby as part of "Lights on Afterschool." Top: Kaitlynn Wilbur and Kayla Jets. Center: Shakeem Harvey and Kers-Andy Michel. Above: Regine Loute, Michelle Glorin and Alexia Swam.

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FASHION

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an American Girl doll to an 18-month-old patient, Stella, who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer. Along with the doll, they brought a doll-size hospital gown.

Ms. Tooley says Stella dressed the doll in the hospital gown herself and seemed grateful to have another little girl just like her in her arms. "That solidified what I'm doing for the hospital right there," she says. "That's my whole being right now — that little girl and that little doll. That's why I'm doing this event."

NBC-2 anchor Kellie Burns will share the American Girl story at the fashion show. She also went to the hospital the day Stella received her doll. "It was something I will never forget," she says in an e-mail. "She hugged her, touched her hair over and over (Stella has no hair as a result of her cancer treatments) and kissed her. Stella is too sick to leave her hospital room, so this doll will be a big comfort to her."

Ms. Burns likes that American Girl dolls don't look like super models or Barbie dolls. They look like little girls.

"I love the fact that they talk about celebrating girls," she says about the American Girl mantra. "They look like young girls and girls love them, just like they should love their bodies and faces and hair. I know they can be expensive, and that's one drawback, but I love the message."

The dolls can cost upwards of \$100. Many are set in historical periods and come with clothing lines, accessories and a storybook to teach children about that moment in time from the perspective of a little girl.

More modern American Girl dolls can come fashioned with a wheelchair, hearing aids or braces to make little girls like Stella feel like there is someone else like them out there somewhere, even if it's a doll in their arms.

Ms. Tooley first presented the fashion show idea to the hospital about a year ago when the Impact Initiative of Southwest Florida, what started out as a small group of women, gathered together in a conference room to figure out how to raise money for The Children's Hospital.

"Chairing this event has changed my life," she says. "Meeting these sick children is the best and worst thing about fundraising. I leave those kids, walk out of the hospital and think, 'Who can I call? What more can I do? Who can help me?'"

Eleven-year-old Marian Hanlon is one of the models who will walk the runway of the American Girl Fashion Show. She



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Front row: Morgan Leach and Julie; Peyton Wittenborn and her doll, both dressed in this year's American Girl holiday dress; Charlotte Laquis and her doll, both wearing Pink Summertime Flowers. Back row: Marian Hanlon and Molly; Brooke Tooley and Rebecca (also near left); Lauren Meunch and Saige; Reagan Rebeor and Kaya (also at far left); Allie Vallieres and Emily.

has dark brown hair, light blue eyes, ivory skin, a few freckles and a beauty mark above her lip. People say she looks just like Molly, a doll American Girl will be retiring this year, and that's exactly who's she going to be in the show: Molly, dressed in a black skirt, saddle shoes, red-and-black checkered sweater, French beret and white collar, looking just darling.

Marian has three American Girl dolls.

"I think when we gave her her first American Girl, it definitely brought us closer," says her mother, Mary Hanlon. "It's a way for a mother to teach her daughter how to appreciate something. Not that every gift is not special," she adds, "but this is very special. You can tell your daughter, 'If you cherish this and take care of it, you can pass it down from generation to generation.' It's an opportunity to teach her how to respect things."

Ms. Burns hopes the American Girl Fashion Show will lend another mother/daughter lesson. "I hope the mothers who take their daughters to the fashion show use this event as a teachable moment. Perhaps they encourage their daughters to do some fundraisers to pay for the ticket or the merchandise, knowing it will go to help another child who is sick. If we

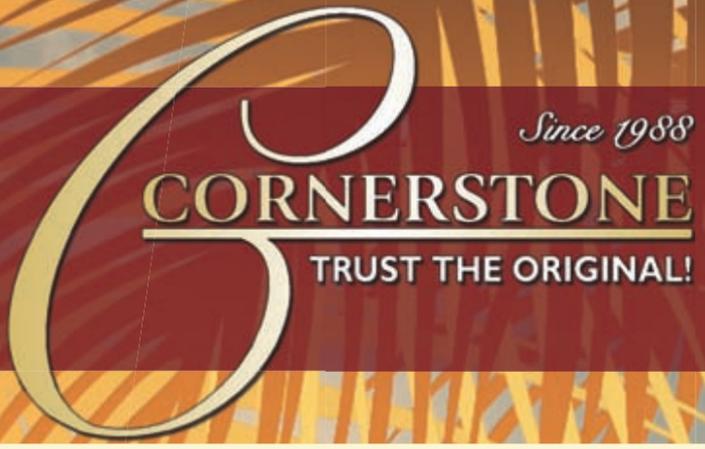
can teach community and empathy for other children, it will be a huge success. I love that it's a fundraiser that gives mothers and daughters a special day together. That what makes the fashion show so special."

As much as the show benefits The Children's Hospital, American Girl dolls benefit young girls.

The day after Ms. Tooley visited the hospital to give Stella her gift, Stella's mother wrote Ms. Tooley: "Stella will see you on the American Girl Fashion Show runway in three years," for her doll had given her something to hope for and something to hold. ■

in the know

- >>**What:** The American Girl Fashion Show, a benefit for the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida
- >>**When:** Two seatings: 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10
- >>**Where:** The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club
- >>**Tickets:** \$100 per person. Sponsorships are available for \$200, which will allow a patient and parent to attend.
- >>**Details:** Each show includes brunch/lunch, party favors, raffle prizes, a keepsake photo and door prizes. Guests (and their dolls) will also be able to visit an American Girl doll salon and pop-up bookstore.
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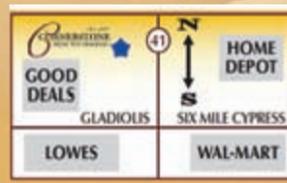
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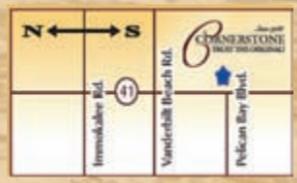
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University report: Consumer confidence takes a dive

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Florida's consumer confidence fell sharply in October to 71, down seven points from September and its lowest level in nearly two years, according to a new University of Florida survey.

"This is the lowest reading since December 2011 following the last debt ceiling showdown in August of that same year," says Chris McCarty, director of UF's Survey Research Center in the Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

Although confidence among Floridians was already declining prior to any indication of a shutdown and debt ceiling debate, "There is no doubt that confidence in September took a hit as we replayed the events of August 2011, the last time the U.S. was precariously close to a default," he adds. "Much like the rest of the country, Floridians were not happy with the prospect of defaulting on our national debt and a prolonged shutdown of federal services."

All five components used in the index decreased. Respondents' overall consensus regarding whether they are personally better off financially now than a year ago fell three points to 62. Their expecta-

tations of improved personal finances a year from now was 74, a decline of six points from September.

The survey-takers' confidence in the U.S. economy over the coming year dropped eight points to 68, as their outlook for the nation's economic health over the next five years sank two points to 73. Both components are their lowest level since December 2011.

Meanwhile, their view that the present is a good time to buy a big-ticket item, such as a vehicle, fell 11 points to 80.

Age matters

Seniors were the survey's most pessimistic respondents. Their ratings fell in all five categories with two showing dramatic declines. Respondents age 60 and over registered a 12-point drop in expectations of U.S. economic conditions over the next year and a 20-point drop in perceptions as to whether it is a good time to buy big-ticket items.

The older respondents were likely troubled by the prospect of the federal government defaulting on its debts, which would delay Social Security checks and negatively affect the stock market, hurting retirement accounts, Mr. McCarty says.

More unease

Anxiety over the federal shutdown and debt ceiling problems was not the only cause of October's confidence decline, however. There was also concern over Florida state revenues. Although a surplus is now expected, revenues might be smaller by the beginning of the year if Floridians and tourists decide to spend less, Mr. McCarty adds.

Floridians also might see a rise in unemployment in September, especially in the leisure and hospitality sectors, when new statistics, which were delayed by the shutdown, are released next month.

"The expected decline is due to a pull-back in consumer discretionary spending that will show up in retail sales data, which is another indicator with a delayed release date, as the census was part of the shutdown," Mr. McCarty explains.

Another sign of growing pessimism is the news that the median price of a single-family home fell in September to \$170,000 from a post-recession high of \$177,500 in July, according to a Florida Association of Realtors study. The finding is significant because it predates the shutdown.

"Though new housing listings were up over 20 percent compared to those in September of last year, they may reflect

an eagerness to sell before mortgage rates increase beyond the reach of some buyers," Mr. McCarty says.

He also notes that while the Federal Reserve is unlikely to change course until the new year, it is likely to purchase fewer mortgage-backed securities by the end of the first quarter, which it has been doing in recent months to keep interest rates low.

"As the holiday season is upon us, we estimate weaker-than-usual sales as the Florida consumer remains pessimistic, particularly since new debates among lawmakers are due in January," he says, adding the effect could be reversed if lawmakers signal agreement on the postponed debt-ceiling debate sooner.

About the survey

Conducted Oct. 1-24, the UF study reflects the responses of 411 individuals, representing a demographic cross-section of Florida. The index used by UF researchers is benchmarked to 1966, which means a value of 100 represents the same level of confidence for that year. The lowest index possible is a 2; the highest is 150.

For more information about the October survey, visit www.bebr.ufl.edu/cci. ■



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The center is at 3000 Immokalee Road. The first event takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7. Registration is required. Call 593-5327. ■

90-minute session will introduce MELT

Janet Herrberg of Core360 Wellness invites the public to learn about foam rolling and the MELT method for improving the efficiency of your fitness routine as well as reducing chronic pain symptoms. A 90-minute workshop is planned for 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at Core360 Wellness, 7700 Trail Blvd. Cost is \$35. Ms. Herrberg has more than 20 years of experience in the fitness and massage industry. To register or for more information, call 325-9082 or e-mail janet@core360wellness.com. ■

Musical tells story of a 'Balancing Act'

As a thank-you to the community for 56 years of support, the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida invites the public to a free presentation of "Balancing Act: The Musical" at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6, at Hodges University. Written and performed by Wambui Bahati, the one-woman show tells her true story of a journey that includes mental institutions, Broadway, welfare mom and dining with presidents.

Seating is limited. Reserve yours now by calling Brian Follweiler at 261-5405 or visiting www.mhaswfl.org. ■



Yoga techniques parallel, complement recovery programs



BY KIERSTEN MOONEY
Special to Florida Weekly

Yoga can be a powerful and supportive tool for people who are going through major life changes and recovery. Increasingly, yoga and meditation are being embraced as ancillary modalities because they parallel and complement many recovery programs.

When strong urges or cravings come up due to addictions or major life crises, they create extreme emotions and even physical reactions. Through awareness-based yoga practices, one can increase the gap between a stimulus and one's ability to choose how to respond instead of reacting to the sudden urges and emotions.

Yoga teaches individuals in recovery to:

- Heal from the inside out.
- Stay through pain, urges

and cravings with patience, grace and tolerance.

■ Focus on their breath and relax into the moment without reaction.

■ Create self-awareness for where we are in the present moment.

■ Recognize when we react compulsively versus respond with honesty and compassion.

■ Coordinate our breath with the movement of our bodies and to flow with what is without resistance.

The only constant in life is change, and it's inevitable. We can choose to resist change or we can flow with it, but what we resist persists. Accepting change is awakening to our inability to control the natural flow of the universe. Yoga can help individuals in recovery let go, have faith and open themselves up

to receive the love and support that is around them.

Since 2011, Bala Vinyasa has been donating weekly yoga flow classes at the Bala Vinyasa studio for clients enrolled in the Crossroads recovery program at the David Lawrence Center. Crossroads is the center's 18-bed adult residential substance abuse treatment program. The biological and psychological benefits of yoga are a direct complement to Crossroads treatment services are designed to address the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the individual seeking treatment.

Our goal is to provide a community and safe haven where Crossroads clients can

find new hope through the calming and transformative effects of yoga.

We have recently expanded our partnership with David Lawrence Center and now offer a second complimentary yoga for sobriety class to support people in recovery from addiction. The class, which includes asana and discussion, meets from 5:15-6:30 p.m. Friday at our studio and is open to anyone in substance abuse recovery in the Collier County community.

For more information, call 598-1938 or visit www.bvyoga.com. Bala Vinyasa Yoga is at 6200 Trail Blvd. N. ■

— Kiersten Mooney is the owner of Bala Vinyasa Yoga.



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Journey to higher quality continues apace for NCH



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We have been on the journey to higher quality for more than a decade. Among our successes over the years:

- Prevention of death by sepsis (blood infections) saved more than 230 lives last year.

- Avoidance of central line infections (intravenous catheters used to deliver fluids, medications and nutrition to very ill hospitalized patients). Our system has decreased infections to just a few a year with a goal of zero.

- Surgical complications have decreased and are now significantly below the national average.

- We have decreased urinary tract infections by avoiding inserting catheters unnecessarily and by removing them as soon as they are no longer needed.

- Improved preventable readmissions in accord with the Florida Hospital Association's "No Place Like Home" program. NCH has been asked to share our best practices with 750 others at an upcoming national meeting sponsored by U.S. News and World Report.

In addition, our critical care coordinator, Chris Raphael, R.N., and our director of infection control, Georgine Kruedelbach, recently shared the story of our success in avoiding ventilator-acquired pneumonia with the Florida Hospital Engagement Network. And Mary McElligot, our diabetes program coordinator, will tell the NCH story about insulin control with surgical patients to a national audience.

Jon Kling, R.N., associate chief nursing officer, will host an Institute of

Healthcare Improvement webinar about central line infection prevention, and Jennifer Ringle, R.N., critical care assistant director, will present our experience with catheter-associated urinary tract infection prevention in a similar program.

All of our efforts have been under the direction of Teresa Golden, R.N., our new director of quality and performance improvement.

With NCH as a major participant, the Florida Hospital Association's quality committee has been on a parallel "quality journey" for the past five years. Leaders from around the state have been meeting quarterly to share results in "Five Years of Quality: Working Together to Prevent Harm, Save Lives and Reduce Costs." NCH, first as a member and later as chair of this productive committee, has worked to involve many of the 305 hospitals in Florida, with best practices, benchmarks and encouragement to improve Florida's health-care quality. According to the American Hospital Association, our state has improved from 44th to 34th in national rankings, resulting in our winning the Dick Davidson Award for quality from AHA this past summer.

Across Florida, participating hospitals have reduced readmissions by 15 percent, saving \$25 million; reduced surgical complications by 14.5 percent, saving \$6.67 million; and reduced blood stream infections by 41 percent and urinary tract infections by 37 percent.

As to our continuing quality journey at NCH, I am pleased to announce that Dr. Doug Ardoin has joined our team as chief medical officer. He most recently was at HCA TriStar Health in Tennessee and before that was CMO at Memorial Hermann in Texas. ■

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

Do you try too hard to fit in?

The Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida invites the public to "What Will People Think?," a seminar by psychologist Donna Daisy at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at MHASWFL headquarters at 2335 Tamiami Trail N.



Too many of us spend too much time trying to fit in and/or worrying about what others will think. Because the fear of rejection is so great, the results can run the gamut from behavioral issues to acting out, depression, self-injury, eating disorders, addiction, violence and suicide.

Ms. Daisy will offer strategies for protection from shame, judgment, criticism and blame, and for empowerment to live a full and authentic life.

Attendance is free. Mental health professionals can receive one CEU. Registration is required and can be done by calling Brian Follweiler at MHASWFL, 261-5405, or e-mailing bfollweiler@mhaswfl.org. ■

Aiding those with visual impairment

Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss and the Florida Division of Blind Services offer programs to help blind and visually impaired be independent in Collier. Anyone who has been recently diagnosed with macular degeneration, cataracts, tunnel vision or another eye condition and who need help learning how to socialize, navigate, communicate and feel safe in a sighted world is welcome.

Programs are designed to teach skills for navigation at home, work and in the community; skills to live independently and safely at home, including tactile medication labeling, cooking, money identification, grooming and other daily tasks; and the use of assistive technology, such as large-print displays and Braille, as well as talking PCs for accessing e-mail and the Internet.

The Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss is at 2685 Horseshoe Drive. For more information, call 430-3934 or visit www.lighthouseofcollier.org. ■

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GET OUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Walk the walks, run the runs, hit the links or bait a hook in the name of a nonprofit organization. Here are some opportunities for getting out for a good cause.

■ The fourth annual **Southwest Florida Epilepsy Walkathon** takes place from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 2, at North Collier Regional Park. For registration or more information, call 254-7710 or 348-5155 or e-mail Danny Rosenfeld at dbrosenfeld08@gmail.com.

■ The inaugural **Ted Todd Insurance Fort Myers Beach Marathon** expects 1,500 runners from 37 states on Sunday, Nov. 10. The starting line for the Eident Racing event is at Nervous Nellies restaurant. The marathon and half-marathon races set out at 7 a.m. A 5K race will begin five minutes later. The race course crosses the Matanzas Pass Bridge and goes down Summerlin Road and through Lakes Regional Park before returning to Nervous Nellies.

For registration details, call Eident Racing at 653-7881, ext. 102, or visit www.fortmyersmarathon.com.

■ The second annual **Footloose & Fancy Free 5K run/walk** takes place Saturday, Nov. 16, at Koreshan State Park in Estero. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. and the race begins at 8 a.m. Participants are asked to bring a pair of used shoes for donation to Soles4Souls and Shoes for the Cure. Shoes can be donated at Foot Solutions Estero in Corkscrew Village Plaza prior to the race.

Registration forms and sponsorship information are available at the store and



online at www.footsolutions.com/estero. For more information, call 495-8911 or e-mail estero@footsolutions.com.

■ The fifth annual **All Species Fishing Tournament** to benefit Miracle Limbs-Courage in Motion is set for Saturday, Nov. 16, at Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club. Anglers in the catch-and-release competition will earn points for 19 different species and a mystery fish.

Participation is limited to the first 30 boats that sign up. For more information, call Bob Ayers at 591-8393 or Diana Ayers at 300-8156, e-mail Robert@miraclelimbs.org or visit www.miraclelimbs.org.

■ The **Immokalee Foundation's 2013 Charity Classic Pro-Am golf tournament** pairs two dozen of the world's greatest golfers with Naples' most philanthropic players on Monday, Nov. 18, at Bay Colony Golf Club. This year's chair is Kevin Johnson of Morgan Stanley Private Wealth Management. Entry fees begin at \$5,000. All pro-am golfers will receive tickets to the 2013

Charity Classic Celebration dinner and auction Saturday, Nov. 16, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort.

To sign up or for more information, contact The Immokalee Foundation by calling 430-9122, e-mailing info@immokaleefoundation.org or visiting www.immokaleefoundation.org.

■ The **Jolly Be Good 5K run/walk** to benefit the Marco Island Parks & Recreation Department sets out Saturday morning, Nov. 23, from Veterans Community Park on Marco and follows a course along Collier Boulevard, across the Jolley Bridge and back. Runners start at 7:30 a.m., walkers at 7:35 a.m.

Registration is \$20 through Nov. 22 and \$25 on race day; students pay \$10.

For more information, call 642-0575 or visit www.cityofmarcoisland.com.

■ The inaugural **Gulf Coast Runners Turkey Trot 5K** sets out from Cambier Park at 7:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28. The route will wind through downtown Naples and return to the park. Registration is \$25 through Oct. 31, \$30 through Nov. 27 and \$40 on race day (\$15 for ages 17 and younger).

Moe's Southwest Grill has pledged to donate 1 pound of rice or beans to St. Matthew's House for every registrant. In addition to Moe's, race sponsors include Arthrex, the Naples Pathways Coalition and Naples Velo. Sign up at www.gcrunner.org.

■ The ninth annual **Iron Joe Turkey Ride** to benefit the Naples Pathways Coalition takes place Sunday, Dec. 1. The race sets out from North Collier

Regional Park and gives bicyclists the change to pedal 15, 30 or 62 miles, or to take the 15-mile Crossfit Box Challenge, with the box challenge taking place mid-ride on the beach. The day begins with sunrise yoga from 6:30-7:15 a.m. and includes lunch.

Registration for each of the above is \$30 in advance, \$35 on the day of. To sign up or for more information, visit www.naplespathways.org or e-mail info@naplespathways.org.

Corporate, small business and in-kind sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, e-mail ruffpathways@gmail.com.



19th annual **Greater Marco Island Family YMCA golf tournament**, tees off Saturday morning, Dec. 14, at Cedar Hammock Golf & Country Club. Registration for \$115 per person includes continental breakfast before the game and lunch with an awards ceremony following play. Various sponsorship levels are available. For more information, call Leslie Drake at 394-3144, ext. 205, or e-mail leslie@marcoislandymca.org. ■

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CLUB NOTES

■ The **Greater Naples Branch of AAUW** meets from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at Hodges University. Guest speaker Dr. Allen Weiss, president and CEO of the NCH Healthcare System, will discuss "The Future of Health Care." Guests are welcome. For reservations or more information, visit www.aauwgnb.org.

■ The **Naples Garden Club** celebrates its 60th anniversary at a members-only luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 4, at Windstar Country Club. Cost is \$45. For more information, call 262-1272 or e-mail info@naplesgardenclub.org.

■ The **Naples Orchid Society** meets at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Guest speaker will be Raphael Romero, import/export manager at Plantio La Orquidea, an orchid producer with operations in Sarasota and Venezuela. Mr. Romero will discuss the large, frilly-petaled Schomburgkia orchids that grow in tropical areas of Venezuela. He will have plants available for purchase. Before the program, AOS judge Bill Overton will present a 30-minute class on orchid pests and diseases.

Admission is free, and all are welcome. The society's annual orchid sale takes place from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at the church. Admission is free.

For more information, call 775-5220 or visit www.naplesorchidsociety.org.

■ The **Jewish Genealogy Shared Interest Group** meets at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the Jewish Federation of Collier County, 2500 Vanderbilt Beach

Road. All who are interested in getting starting and/or continuing to explore the world of Jewish genealogy are welcome. No experience is necessary. RSVP by e-mailing genresearch13@yahoo.com.

■ The **Italian Cultural Society** holds its annual Welcome Back Brunch beginning at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.

Tom Turicchi, president of the society, will present "Finding the Fun in Italian Opera," a multimedia program about the comic operas of Rossini. Mr. Turicchi, a former professor of music history and director of instrumental music at Texas Woman's University, lectures regularly at the Center for Lifelong Learning at Hodges University and the Renaissance Academy of FGCU.

Cost of the Welcome Back Brunch is \$36. The new season of the society's Italian film series begins with a screening of "Tosca's Kiss" (1985) at 6:45 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4, at The Norris Center.

For luncheon reservations or more information about the society, call 434-3323, e-mail ics.naples@gmail.com or visit www.italianculturalsociety.com.

■ The **Naples chapter of Ikebana International** meets at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, at Moorings Presbyterian Church.

Senior teacher Mah Tavallali will conduct a workshop on Ohara landscape design. Members and guests will be able to purchase containers and flower-arranging materials at the ginzi, or marketplace.

All are welcome. Advanced registration is required. There is a \$5 charge for provided workshop materials.

For reservations or more information, visit www.ikebananaples.com.

■ The **Genealogical Society of Collier County** meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Guest speaker Ray McAdams will discuss how to identify, date and preserve old photographs. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and guests are always welcome. For more information, visit www.thegscc.org.

■ The **Everglades Astronomical Society** holds its regular meeting from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at The Norris Center. Newcomers to astronomy and those experienced in star-gazing are welcome. The society also holds a monthly dark sky viewing at the Fakahatchee Strand. For more information, e-mail Mike Usher, society president, at usher34105@earthlink.net.

■ The **Women's Cultural Alliance** hosts its annual Welcome Back luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at Grey Oaks Country Club. More than 250 members and guests are expected to hear guest speaker Bonita Springs resident and author Peggy Post, the granddaughter of Emily Post.

WCA is an affinity group of the Jewish Federation of Collier County. New members are always welcome. For more information, visit www.WomensCulturalAlliance.com.

■ The **Naples Woman's Club** holds its annual Valentine Family Scholarship Luncheon beginning at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at Windstar Country Club. Guest speaker Allison Blankenship will present "Lessons of a Life Diva."

Tickets are \$50, with all proceeds supporting the scholarship fund and



The Naples Newcomers Club recently hosted its annual Fall Fashion Show at Windstar Country Club. Member Kathy Demski was among those who modeled clothing from Patchington in Venetian Village. The club helps those who are new to the area make new friendships centered on various social activities. Luncheon meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at Naples area country clubs. An orientation coffee for prospective members takes place on the first Thursday of each month. For information about the Nov. 7 orientation or the Nov. 14 luncheon, call 298-4083 or visit www.naplesnewcomers.com.

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children. The Valentine family gives \$500 a year and the club matches that for a total of \$1,000 in scholarships.

For reservations, call Anne Palmer at 262-6331 or e-mail napleswomensclub@comcast.net. ■

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Every few years, when we get a new puppy or adopt an adult dog or have a foster dog spend some time with us, I have to dog-proof our home and learn some new tricks about interacting with particular dogs. You might think that I would have dog-proofing down by now, but each dog has been attracted to different items or has done things it didn't occur to the other dogs to try. Our current "new dog" is Kibo, a Cavalier King Charles spaniel we're fostering until he is adopted.

One of the first things Kibo taught me was to put away my shoes and to close doors. None of our other dogs have been chewers, but Kibo likes to examine things with his mouth in the fervent hope that they will be edible. He has gone into the closet to chew on my leather sandals (caught before he did any damage) and explored the walk-in shower. There he found and carried away a plastic razor, which, fortunately, he abandoned in the hallway instead of swallowing. He is also fond of a tiny, gold papier-mache box. He hasn't chewed it up or swallowed it, which he could easily do, but he likes to take it off the side table and lie with it. It's now out of reach, too.

Despite his short stature, Kibo tries hard to be a countertop surfer. We've



Evaluate your living areas to make sure your new dog doesn't have access to anything that could hurt him or that he could damage.

learned not to hold or place food at any height where he could jump up and reach it. Our other dogs are also highly food-oriented, but they wouldn't dream of snatching food out of our hands. Kibo does more than dream it — he tries it. I always push the chair in if I get up from the table because I can tell that the idea of jumping onto it to get at the food is running through his mind.

If you are living with a Kibo of your own, here are some tips to keep your belongings safe, your house in one piece and your dog out of trouble.

■ Use a crate. When you cannot supervise your dog, even if it's just for a few minutes, put him in the crate to

prevent any misbehavior. Kibo hangs out in his crate on his own and he's happy to go into it when asked because he knows he will get a treat.

■ Tether your dog. That means he is leashed at your side at all times. This is a great way to learn the signals a new dog or puppy gives when he needs to go potty. It keeps him under your watchful eye so he can't get into mischief and helps build a bond between you.

■ Get down at dog's-eye level to see what might attract the dog's attention. Electrical cords, small trash containers and dangling dish towels all can pose threats. Bundle cords and encase them in tough plastic covers, put trash containers out of reach, and keep dish towels in drawers if your dog is attracted to them. Chair and table legs often look good to chew. Coat them with Bitter Apple spray to deter taste-testing (try it first in an inconspicuous area to make sure it doesn't damage the finish). Make sure no sharp edges or choking hazards are within a dog's reach.

■ Most important, never underestimate the intelligence and inventiveness of dogs. They can learn to open doors, climb up on counters and desks using other pieces of furniture as launch pads, and crawl under or wiggle into places you've never imagined they would go. Be smart and put away or block access to valuable, fragile or dangerous items and secure cabinets with childproof locks. ■

Pets of the Week



Blonde Brownie-star is a spayed, 4-year-old cattle dog/terrier mix. She's about 20 pounds of fun and friendliness.



Bramble is a neutered, 2-year-old terrier mix who doesn't know how he ended up without a loving home.



Chancellor is a neutered, 1½-year-old foxhound mix who weighs about 55 pounds. His happy expression matches his great temperament.



Lynx is a spayed, 5-month-old beagle/rat terrier mix who's as friendly as she is adorable.

To adopt a pet

This week's adoptable pets are from **Brooke's Legacy Animal Rescue**, an all-volunteer, foster home rescue organization. For more information, call 434-7480, e-mail Admin@BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.org or visit www.BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.com.

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THE DIVA DIARIES

Some ladies just love to dress up like loose women

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“Halloween is the one night of the year when a girl can dress like a total slut and no other girls can say anything about it. The hardcore girls just wear lingerie and some form of animal ears.”
— The movie “Mean Girls,” 2004

Indeed, the “naughty” costume parade has begun. I was out and about last Saturday night and there were naughty nurses, naughty policewomen, naughty secretaries and, of course, plenty of naughty pirate wenches.

Sigh. I’m sorry, but grown women donning nothing but lingerie and bunny ears and calling it a Halloween costume just seems so boring and uninspired. An informal poll of some of my straight male friends yielded results that are quite different, however. Most (okay, ALL) of the men definitely went with sexy over scary. But when asked if they would wear, say, a Speedo out on Halloween night, none of the fellows were up for the challenge.

Alas, it seems the barely there costumes are reserved exclusively for the fairer sex. Sometimes I wonder if this is just a Florida thing. I mean, this time of year up north, one would freeze to



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Some of our favorite costumes from the 2012 Spooktacular on Fifth

death in her sexy Tinkerbell costume. I just can’t imagine any woman in Wisconsin hitting the clubs wearing a French maid’s outfit.

I checked a few Halloween costume websites and found some doozies. For the lady who really wants to get the attention of the men folk at the party, there was a pizza “costume” — basically a short, tight, yellow (cheese) dress with a plunging neckline and red dots (pepperoni) and green squiggles (Onions? anchovies? Hard to say, but does it even matter?) Then there are the names of the costumes (I’m assuming you use them when people inquire what you’re dressed as). “Ms. Blazin’ Hot” (a tiny firefighter dress and high-heeled boots), “Dirty Desperado” (a tiny cowgirl dress and high-heeled boots), “High Speed Hottie” (a tiny dress with racing stripes

and high-heeled boots) and, worst of all, “Pocahottie” (that’s right: a tiny Native American-style dress and high-heeled boots — because I’m pretty sure Pocahontas was famous for her high-heeled boots).

So, yes, besides the fact that these costumes set us back as women — and are chilly — they’re basically a dime a dozen and don’t tend to stand out in the crowd. And until men start dressing up as Olympic swimming champion Ryan Lochte (just as he’s getting out of the pool), I just can’t endorse a schoolgirl costume called “Debbie Does Detention” (I am not lying) being worn out in public.

I must confess, though, that my friends and I came up with a fun game that made the naughty costumes a little more interesting while we were out on the town last Saturday night. Remember when

you were a kid and on a road trip with your parents and you’d count Volkswagon Bugs to keep from being bored? Well, that’s what we did — but we counted slut costumes instead. It really helped pass the time. We stopped counting high-heeled boots early on in the evening.

Frightful fun on Fifth

You’re really going to have to summon your creative spirit if you head to “Spooktacular on Fifth” for Halloween night. Fifth Avenue South is always where most of the coolest costumed revelers show off their creations and delight in what everyone else is wearing. There is some friendly competition, however, in several costume categories.

Even The von Liebig Art Center is getting in on the ghoulish fun this year, with kid-friendly activities on the front deck and haunted hallways and a graveyard inside.

Fifth Avenue’s frightfully fun festivities for adults, kids and even pets begin at 4:30 p.m. and continue until 9:30 p.m. For all the details you need, visit www.fifthavenuesouth.com.

— *Ciao for now, my lovelies! Stay tuned for another divalicious diary entry next week ...*



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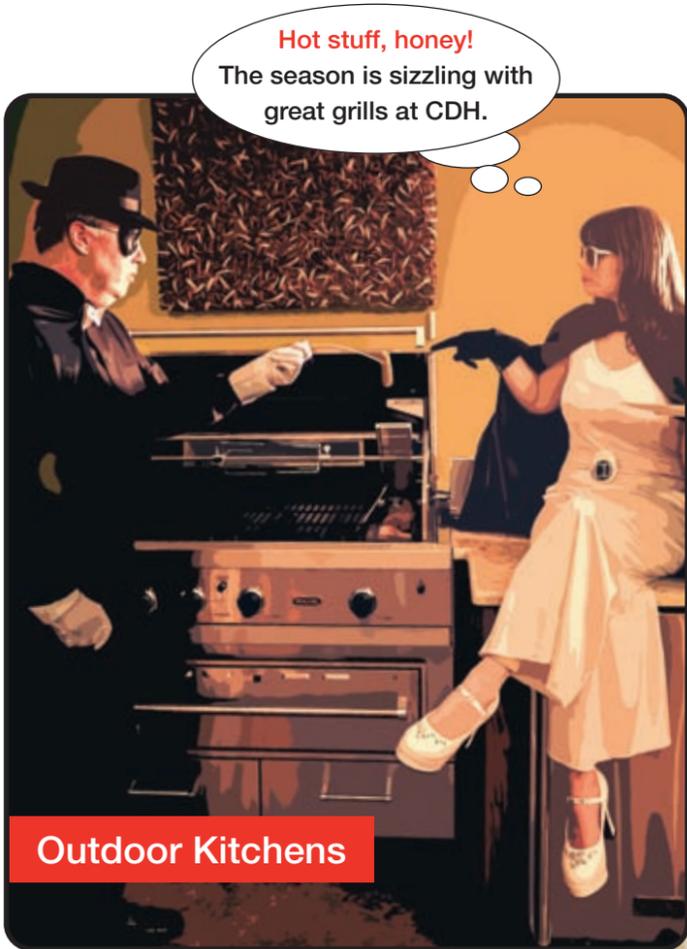
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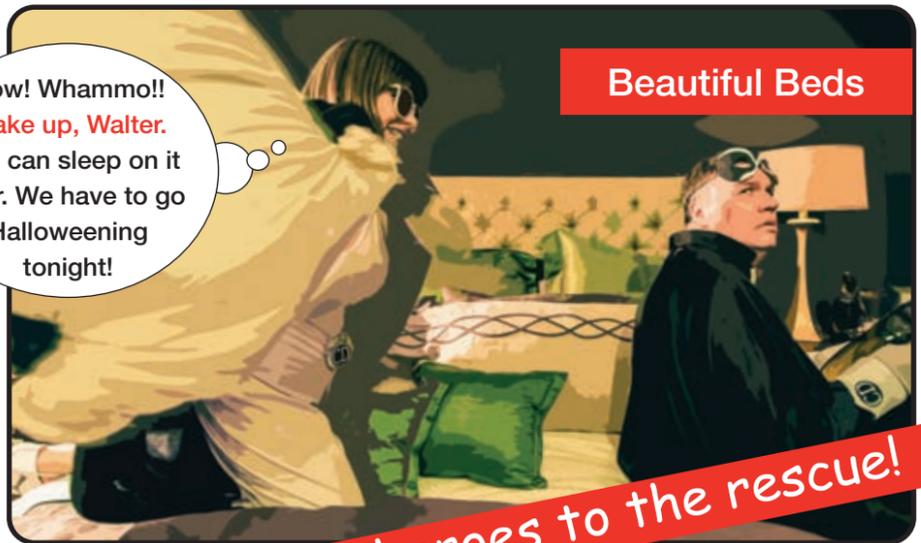
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— **Christine Ross**
Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce

SURGES IN PRICE

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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FLORIDIANS HAVE ALREADY PAID \$16.1 BILLION into the National Flood Insurance Program, more than four times what they’ve gotten back in claim reimbursements.

Now they’re set to pay even more. The Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 could increase rates sharply for 270,000 policies held in Florida — nearly 54,000 of them in Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties.

“This unfair consequence could devastate parts of Florida’s real estate market, stymie Florida’s economic recovery, and diminish the state’s tax base,” wrote Gov. Rick Scott

in a Sept. 17 letter to the U.S. senators from Florida, Democrat Bill Nelson and Republican Marco Rubio.

South Florida is at the epicenter of NFIP rate increases because it has the greatest number of people in the country paying artificially low rates. About 20 percent of NFIP policyholders nationwide, representing 1.1 million policies, pay what the government calls “subsidized” rates.

In Florida, those lower rates were often grandfathered in on older properties, usually built in the mid-to-late 1970s or before, and they’re in low-lying flood prone areas. The government calls them “pre-FIRM” homes,

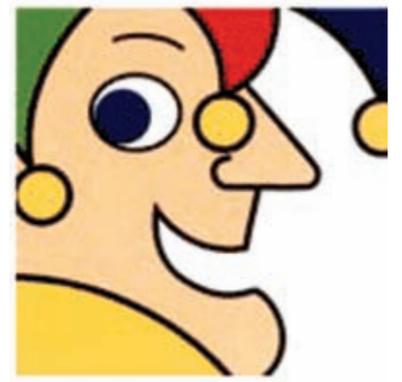
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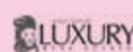
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MONEY & INVESTING

Wall Street expressions and buzz words



If you want to “make a ton of money” in investing, it’s best you learn the meaning of various expressions and buzzwords unique to the investment industry.

At the core of investment slang are the words bull and bear, describing investors who are positively inclined toward the equity market and are likely to be invested or “long” equities and investors who are negative about the equity market prospects and are likely to be “short” equities. If reference is being made to a market other than equities, the market is specified, such as bond bull or bond bear. As most investors are replete with opinions and emotions, they will generally fall into one camp or the other.

Building on the bull/bear words, other expressions have been created. Perma bulls are always (permanently) bullish equities. Even when the markets are in a tailspin, perma bulls will spin the story to be a mild correction. Many older or seasoned investors lament the equity market and talk like perma bears, but oddly their portfolios are full to the gills and look like perma bull portfolios. For many bears, the thought of paying

capital gains taxes is so painful that they never sell their holdings; they buy and hold.

Bulls and bears can get into a lot of trouble, not just when they are permanently in an investment posture but when they get greedy either “long” or “short.” Hence the expression, “Bulls make money; bears make money... but pigs get slaughtered.” It refers to those investors who are never satisfied with positive results and take unwarranted risks or, on the heels of a great return, waiting for even more return. Any rules for taking gains are overridden by greed.

As investor bulls and bears often overreact emotionally, there is an index designed to capture their feelings of fear or complacency: the VOL Index or Volatility Index. If VOL is high, chances are good that bearish feelings reign. If VOL is low, there is complacency or strong bullish bias of investors.

What strategies do bulls and bears use? The value investors are known for “bottom fishing” or buying after a stock has fallen, but before it has made a “dead cat bounce.” Some investors like an industry and don’t worry about the specific stock selection; they are making “field bets.” Those who are delusional might chase returns, in that they are taking disproportionate risks just to get a little more return. As bears and bulls have a positive or negative market opinion, they are likely not to be “random walkers” who believe that equity returns cannot be figured.

Investment firms will make more money in a bull market than a bear, unless as Goldman did in the crisis, they were selling their inventory of bad collateralized mortgage bonds and even creating a “short” position. These investment firms are also called “shops,” heralding to the days when their forefather firms were small shops on Wall Street. It’s somewhat ridiculous that the word “shop” even today applies to hedge fund managers, as they are largely found in high end multi-storied buildings in upscale Greenwich, Conn. — far from the humble days of being a storefront. These hedge fund shops so cover the area from Manhattan to Westport Conn., that the strip of geography is called Hedgeistan.

As some of the hedge funds have collapsed, buzz words were created out of their demise. Amaranthed means taking large bets and collapsing, as Amaranthe was an energy hedge fund Amaranth created in 2006.

And that is not the only type of collapse, as ETFs can “blow up”; a large number of investors suddenly redeem their ETF shares and the ETF must close.

Both bulls and bears look at what the Federal Reserve Bank is doing as investors have learned “Don’t fight the Fed” and more often than not, “the Fed has your back.” A positive market allows investors to sail with the wind; to be negative on the equity market when prices are rising would be akin to sailing into the wind... pretty hard to sail

into the wind and pretty hard to make money shorting stocks if the bull is stampeding ahead.

Bears and bulls always get squeamish with quadruple witching hours — no, not Halloween, but the last hour of trading on a Friday when stock index futures, single stock futures, stock index options and stock options all expire. This happens on the third Friday in March, June, September and December.

Now that is not the full “long” of it, since expressions abound. Why are there such expressions? These are often short form terms that paint a picture that synthesizes a thousand words describing behavior, a story of success or failure, an unusual investment scenario, etc.

New investors should not hesitate to ask seasoned investors when they speak a dialect of the English language that mystifies. ■

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To assess bankruptcy risk, start with the company's debt position. Debt can be helpful, boosting returns in good times. But it can also amplify risk in bad times. A debt-laden company suddenly facing declining sales can cut its dividend — but it still has to make its interest payments, and eventually its principal repayment. Worse still, when the economy goes south, access to additional financing can be expensive or simply unavailable.

So how much debt is too much? It varies by industry. High debt can be manageable for a utility with predictable cash flows, but it's worrisome in tech firms, retailers or restaurant chains — all of whose cash flows can fluctuate widely. (One gauge is to compare a firm's debt level with its competitors.)

Regardless of industry, compare a com-

pany's debt load to its cash — what it currently has on its balance sheet, and what it can generate. Ideally, it will be able to pay any debt due in the next year with cash on hand and make its interest payments many times over with its free cash flow. (That's cash flow from operations, minus capital expenditures.)

Cash and debt aside, look for other red flags. Is its pension plan underfunded? Is it invested in risky derivatives? Is its industry vulnerable to rapid obsolescence?

Then there's plain old corporate stupidity: Is the company buying back shares with money it should be using in better ways? Is it paying dividends, when it's clear that it needs that cash to fight for its life? Missteps like these can push an otherwise solvent company right into bankruptcy court.

It's smart to stay away from companies with a good chance of ending up filing for bankruptcy. They aren't likely to be stocks you can hold for the long term, and their underlying businesses have clearly experienced some mis-

steps. ■

Name That Company

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The Motley Fool Take Energize Your Portfolio

Some stocks that rewarded your grandparents can reward you, too. Consider General Electric (NYSE: GE), founded in 1892 and now valued near \$250 billion.

GE has adapted to a changing world over time. Once known mostly for light bulbs and appliances, its operations now include oil and gas businesses; jet, locomotive and diesel engines; health care equipment; and financial services — among other things. It's even involved in wind power and solar energy.

The company is slimming down its bloated financial business and returning to its roots as an energy infrastructure leader, with its aviation and oil and gas divisions being among its fastest growing.

GE is poised to benefit from a recovering world economy. In its last quarter, it noted that orders were up 20 percent in the U.S., and that the company's overall order backlog hit a record level of \$223 billion. That represents several years' worth of work — and future earnings — already booked.

The company is not immune to trouble. GE's dividend was slashed by two-thirds in 2009 during the credit crisis, but it has nearly doubled since then, and recently yielded 3 percent.

Between dividends and stock buybacks, GE is on track to return \$18 billion to shareholders this year. And it's sitting on more than \$132 billion in cash. Does it merit a spot in your portfolio? ■

My Dumbest Investment

Didn't Take My Profits

Another reader has lamented that he sold his Apple shares too soon. Well, my biggest investing mistake has been not selling, and letting my money ride on various stocks, including Apple.

I watched Apple shares rise to \$700 and was delighted. Did I take out at least my original investment? No. As it later fell, dipping below \$400, I trusted it would go up again, as I'm a long-term investor. I've held Apple for more than 15 years. I did finally sell 12 shares. It was an exercise in picking fruit at harvest time rather than letting it rot or having someone else pick the fruit.

— A.B., online

The Fool Responds: Patience serves long-term investors well. Apple stock is indeed down over the past year and has gone through some long rough patches, but it has averaged more than 17 percent growth annually over the past 25 years.

As long as you're confident in a company's long-term prospects, hanging on through downturns can be smart. Stocks don't move in a straight line. If you bought Apple 15 years ago, you've done quite well!



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

Last week's trivia answer

I began in 1865 as a paper mill in Finland and today am a global telecommunications giant, connecting more than a billion people. Over the years I've produced rubber boots, tires, televisions, radio telephones, electricity and more. I introduced the first car phone in 1982, and in 1987, the first handheld mobile phone for Nordic Mobile Telephone (NMT) networks. I aimed to sell 400,000 of my 2100 series phones, but sold 20 million instead. I sold my billionth phone in 2005, and sold my entire phone business to Microsoft this year for about \$7 billion. Who am I? (Answer: Nokia)



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Ask the Fool

Growth vs. Value

Q What's the difference between "growth stocks" and "value stocks," and which is better to invest in?

— H.W., Auburn, Ala.

A The terms "growth" and "value" are often broadly applied, and can sometimes even describe the same investment. After all, an ideal stock would probably be tied to a company increasing sales and earnings briskly (that's growth), and also be priced significantly below what's its really worth (that's value). You can do well by seeking both value and growth when investing.

Q How should I set up and use a stock watch list?

— P.R., Bristol, Ind.

A As you read or hear about companies, take note of the ones you think you might like to invest in. You can maintain a watch list on paper, but it's much easier to do so online.

Sites such as Yahoo! Finance and AOL let you set up online portfolios, where you can easily track your "holdings" from week to week or month to month. Perhaps you could pretend that you bought one share of each stock at the price at which you first noticed the company. (That way you'll be able to see quickly how much it's risen or fallen since then.)

Meanwhile, research the companies on your list and get to know them well. When you're ready to buy, you'll be familiar with a bunch of firms and will be able to compare them to see which ones are the most promising. You'll also be more likely to notice when companies you like encounter temporary problems and fall significantly in price. In such cases, do some digging, and as long as the problems seem temporary and not fatal, these can be attractive buying opportunities. ■

Got a question for the Fool? Send it in — see Write to Us

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ **A Job Search Support Group** meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Contact Karen Klukiewicz at kluk77@comcast.net or visit www.napleschamber.org.

■ The general membership of the **Collier County Bar Association** meets for lunch at noon Friday, Nov. 8, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker David Stevens, principal at Investment Properties Corp. of Naples, will present his "Real Estate Outlook for Collier County." Sign up at www.colliercountybar.org.

■ The **Above Board Chamber of Florida** welcomes members and guests to its luncheon from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11, at the Hilton Naples. \$23 for members, \$28 for guests. Reservations required by Friday, Nov. 8. Call Jeanne Sweeney at 910-7426.

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at the Hilton Naples. The 10th annual Distinguished Public Service Awards presentation will take place. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its annual "Harvest Night" Business After Hours from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at Gulf Coast Coin & Jewelry, 25355 S. Tamiami Trail. Guests are asked to bring a donation of canned food for the Bonita Springs Assistance Office. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door for members; \$30 for non-members. Call 992-2943 or visit www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ The second annual **Marco Island Area Home Show** sponsored by the Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 4-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort. Networking for exhibitors will start 30 minutes before the doors open to the public. Exhibit space and sponsorship opportunities are still available. Call 394-7549 or e-mail Katie@marcoislandchamber.org.

■ The **East Naples Merchants Association** meets for Business After Business at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at Physicians Regional-Collier Boulevard. For more information, call 435-9410 or 643-3600 or visit www.eastnaplesmerchantsassoc.com.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Marco Island Area

Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Arturo's Restaurant. \$5 for members, \$10 for others. For more information, call 394-3061.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, at Talis Park, 16980 Livingston Road. \$8 for chamber members, \$25 for others. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ Consultants from the **Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University** are available at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, 2390 Tamiami Trail N., every Thursday. To make an appointment for a free session, call Suzanne Specht at 745-3704. ■

ON THE MOVE

Board Appointments

Dr. Loan Lam, founder and owner of Comprehensive Foot & Ankle Center, has been appointed for her second three-year term on the American Cancer Society's Florida Division board of directors. Dr. Lam is one of three members appointed from Southwest Florida to the board that comprises 30 members representing an array of backgrounds and regions in Florida and Puerto Rico. She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology at Rice University in Houston and graduated from the Barry University School of Graduate Medical Sciences in Miami as a doctor of podiatric medicine. She completed her internship and residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital in 2007.



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Banking

Jane Goble has been named vice president and trust officer and Phyllis Santini has been named administrative officer for the Naples office of Cypress Trust Company. Ms. Goble is a veteran trust officer of financial institutions in Southwest Florida, most recently with BMO Harris Private Bank in Naples. She is a graduate of Cannon Trust School and is a past president of the Estate Planning Council of Southwest Florida and a past member of the board of trustees of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation. Ms. Santini has more than 30 years of experience as a wealth management and trust administrator with the Naples offices of BMO Harris Private Bank, Bank of America and Barnett Bank Trust Company. She is a graduate of the National Graduate Trust School and Florida Graduate Trust School.

Ana Maria Senica has been named branch manager of the Central Bank location in Naples. Ms. Senica has 30 years of experience in the banking industry and has been in the Naples market since 1995. She earned an MBA in management from Hodges University in May 2002 and a bachelor's degree in management from Hodges in 2000.

Club Management

Ron Parris has been named general manager/COO at Pelican Marsh Golf Club. A PGA professional with more than 21 years in the industry, Mr. Par-

ris earned his MBA from the University of Central Florida and a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida. He most recently served as general manager of The Legacy Club at Alaqu Lakes in Longwood, Fla.

Insurance

Kimberly Vargas of Galt Insurance Group has earned her 2-15, Florida life, health and variable annuities license. Ms. Vargas has been in the insurance business for 11 years and is also a Florida licensed notary.

Nonprofit Organizations

Lisette Holmes has joined the staff at the Community Foundation of Collier County as Chief Financial Officer. She previously served for more than six years as CFO of the Community Foundations of Hudson Valley, growing their assets from \$29 million to \$41 million. She earned a bachelor's degree in accounting, a bachelor's degree in physics and a master's degree in education, all from SUNY New Paltz.

Signe Larson has been named development assistant and office manager for Opera Naples. In addition to providing general support to the executive director and staff, she will enter, manage and update donations and donor records and assist with donor appreciation, fundraising and education events. Originally from Madison, Wis., she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Florida Gulf Coast University. Her philanthropic endeavors include volunteering for David Lawrence Center, Naples Botanical Garden and numerous animal shelters in Naples and Fort Myers.

Elaine Reed has been named president and CEO of the Naples Historical Society. Ms. Reed has served the society as executive director since January 2007. Her new title represents organizational growth and enlightened planning. She will lead the society in the visionary process, recommend strategy and establish organizational and performance standards. She holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from the University of Cincinnati and earned an MPA at Hodges University.

Professional Associations

Arthur Rubin, a Naples-based business consultant, tax accountant and certified fraud examiner, has been elected president of the Southwest Florida

Chapter of Enrolled Agents. Enrolled agents are federally authorized tax practitioners who have demonstrated technical competence in tax law and are licensed to practice by the United States government to represent taxpayers.

Public Relations & Marketing

Michelle Hudson has joined CONRIC Public Relations, Marketing and Publishing as the company's digital strategist. Ms. Hudson worked at *The News-Press* for 15 years, most recently as digital editor. In her new position, she is responsible for website design and maintenance, social media management, e-mail marketing, e-newsletters, and blogs for clients and will also monitor analytics.

Real Estate

Jane Reader Weaver has been appointed director of business development for the Sanibel and Captiva Islands offices of Premier Sotheby's International Realty. Her new responsibilities include building the agency's market position by locating, developing and defining business relationships. She has more than 25 years of experience in the real estate industry. She is an alumnus of The Baldwin School in Bryn Mawr, Pa., and Dickinson College in Carlisle, Pa.



WEAVER

Joseph Buch, Lizette Candela and Craig Cervantes have joined the Vanderbilt office of Premier Sotheby's International Realty.



BUCH

Mr. Buch's professional career spans numerous genres including general real estate, commercial real estate, legal practice, fundraising and finances. He earned a JD from the West Virginia University College of Law in Morgantown, W.Va., and holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Notre Dame. He previously worked as a broker associate at Premier Commercial Properties, Grubb & Ellis/VIP D'Alessandro in Bonita Springs.

Ms. Candela has worked in new home construction and in general real estate. She began working with Pulte Homes in 2004 and earned the Pinnacle Award multiple times for the highest volume and number of sales throughout her career. She grew up in Lakeland and earned a degree in biology from Florida Southern College.

Mr. Cervantes, a licensed broker associate, has 30 years of experience in the real estate industry, beginning in his hometown of St. Louis, Mo. He moved to Naples in 2012. He holds a master's in music composition from Walt Disney's California Institute of the Arts and enjoys performing on the piano in local art galleries and at charitable events. ■

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those built before a community adopted federal insurance rate maps.

Pinellas County has the greatest number of subsidized policies, those that stand to be affected, in the nation: 50,225. That's followed by Miami-Dade (47,442), and Lee County third (30,398).

Ending those subsidies was designed to make rates more fair for everyone in the country and bring NFIP back to fiscal health after huge payouts following Hurricane Katrina and other storms left it roughly \$20 billion in debt.



PETERSEN

The Biggert-Waters Act had bipartisan support and was signed into law by President Barack Obama July 6, 2012. Much of it went into effect Oct. 1.

Right away, pre-FIRM businesses and vacation properties in flood-prone areas stand to see rate increases of 25 percent per year until they are paying the "true risk" — in some cases two to three times what they pay now.

The 25 percent figure reflects a provision in the new rule that raises the cap on rate increases from 10 to 20 percent — and then adds an additional 5 percent, at least initially, for a reserve emergency fund.

Also right away, any pre-FIRM home in a high-risk flood zone purchased after July 6, 2012, pays the full rate.

And people trying to take out a new mortgage on one of the older, low-lying homes who let their policies lapse, or buy new policies will see a jump to the full "true risk" price with no scale up at all.

"The first reaction was panic, for Realtors, that the purchasers or buyers were not going to want to pay the new flood costs," said Sandi Benson, licensed agent for Lutgert Insurance in Naples. But she adds that for most people — the 80 percent of all NFIP policyholders who don't receive subsidized rates — they won't pay more, or not much more.

Even if the new rates haven't had an effect yet on many flood insurance policyholders (since most of the rates just went into effect), real estate agents are taking precautions.

"The Naples Area Board of Realtors did create a disclosure that we're asking all Realtors to give to their potential purchasers telling them to please check into flood insurance before they (enter) into an agreement," said Wes Kunkle, president of the Naples Area Board and a commercial broker.

Home and business mortgage holders, especially with older homes in easily flooded areas, are encouraged to check with their insurance agents on the new rates. A struc-

As of press time, a group of legislators in the U.S. House and Senate reached an agreement to delay the rate hikes for four years. The measure is expected to pass because it has bipartisan support, said Sen. Bill Nelson's office. The legislation would also require FEMA to complete an affordability study before increasing any insurance premiums in the future.

What is flood insurance?

Flood damage is not typically covered by a homeowner's insurance policy. So the government requires flood insurance in areas considered "high risk," where there is at least a one in four chance of flooding during a 30-year mortgage. In these areas, flood insurance is required by law as a condition of receiving a mortgage from a federally regulated or insured lender.

The National Flood Insurance Program insures a one to four-family structure for up to \$250,000 and its contents up to \$100,000. It insures business structures up to \$500,000 and contents up to the same.

— Source: www.floodsmart.gov

ture's elevation compared to sea level is a major factor in determining the rates. FEMA is also set to draw updated flood maps for some areas in 2014, causing more uncertainty about the rule and who will pay what.

"What we're hearing is it's causing real estate transactions close to the water to fall through," said Christine A. Ross, president of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mark O'Brien, managing agent of Island Insurance Services on Sanibel Island, heard of one home quoted for yearly flood insurance at \$43,000. That's the most extreme. More typical, he added, were rates that were quoted at more than three times the current price, from \$2,000 to \$6,000 per year, or \$3,000 to \$10,000.

"It affects real estate markets pretty severely," he said. And because federally backed mortgages require an NFIP policy, but not those without a mortgage, "It essentially makes the home cash-only type buys. You take a lot of people out of the market at that point."

Most of the changes already went into effect on Oct. 1, even though multiple states on coasts, governors, business associations and even supporters of the new rule are trying to delay it, avoiding rate increases that could upset the economy.

A bipartisan group of lawmakers in the U.S. Senate is trying to delay the flood insurance rate increases for at least a year, including Florida Sens. Nelson and Rubio.

"When Congress had to rescue the flood insurance program from collapsing a few years ago, post-Hurricane Katrina, no one could have predicted the size of the rate hikes that FEMA would be sending consumers today," said Sen. Bill Nelson in a statement provided by his office. "That's why I'm working with a bipartisan group of senators to come up with a fix as soon as possible. The government shutdown caused an unnecessary delay, but I'm still confident we can get it done."

Sen. Rubio's office didn't respond to requests for comment.

Huge increases

Pinellas County homeowner Kurt Petersen's bank, Wells Fargo, didn't pay his flood

insurance on time after he refinanced his mortgage.

His was a pre-FIRM home, built in 1972, and in one of the highest risk areas for damage from a storm.

As a result of the lapse of the escrowed policy, his flood insurance was automatically reset at the "full risk" rate, which for him is slated to begin January 2014.

His flood insurance covers his home for \$250,000. His premium stands to go from about \$2,000 per year to \$8,000, his insurance agent told him, even though the home has never flooded.

Even if Mr. Petersen wasn't forced to start paying the \$8,000 right away, he said, his policy would still stand to increase 25 percent per year until it reached that "true risk" mark.

"It's going to cost me \$500 or more a month," he said. "That's a car payment."

Bruce Howry, who works as a branch manager for Synovus Bank in Pinellas County, has a mortgage on a waterfront home for which he was paying \$3,600 per year for flood insurance. Not intending to sell it but "just curious" what the new rate would be, he checked: \$48,874. The home is worth about \$500,000.

"That would be the premium if they were to write a new policy on somebody if they were to buy that policy today," he said. "So obviously that wouldn't work for me. That rate is not going to be my rate next year or the year after. But my understanding is that if nobody makes any changes, it will go up, up to 25 percent per year."

He adds, "I think it's ridiculous that somebody would pass a law like that without thinking through entirely what the effect would be not only on individual homeowners but the big picture as far as the real estate market... and the overall economy."

Delaying insurance hikes

Most agree it makes sense for people at a higher risk of flooding to pay more than those with less risk, but not if it deals a crushing economic blow, said Bonita Springs Mayor Ben Nelson in a Sept. 4 letter to U.S. Sens. Rubio and Nelson.

"We understand the need for the NFIP to remove subsidies and be self-sustaining, but the way in which this law is implemented

will result in widespread economic hardship in many communities," he wrote.

The law should be delayed and then a new approach found, said John Sebree, senior vice president of public policy for Florida Realtors.

"What we probably need to do is reverse this for now, give it a couple of years, let's figure out a new approach," he said. "Florida by far has the most people in the NFIP but there are flood incidents all over the United States. What happens is the people like us in Florida who are 37 percent or so of all participants of the NFIP, we are carrying the weight of the rest of the country."

"Maybe if you actually ensured that everyone who is supposed to have flood insurance does, we wouldn't need to raise rates to cover the \$20 billion or so that they're in the red because of Sandy and Katrina — that's really what drove this ..."

"We don't believe someone should be building on the coast and expecting to not have to pay what's a fair rate — so we're all about revamping the program and making it more fair. But there are many pieces to fairness. They need to look at the big picture and make sure everyone who should be getting flood insurance is."

So far Congress hasn't come up with a solution.

"We have to be in a wait and see mode because there's really no hard and fast information out there," said Kevin Graham, owner of Suncoast One Title and Integrity Insurance Agency in Charlotte County. "It's just another item that's putting more uncertainty into our economy — that's the sad part about it." ■

in the know

What the Biggert-Waters Act means for your flood insurance policies:

- Those in lower to moderate risk areas aren't affected because they don't currently pay subsidized rates.
- If you pay subsidized rates and don't sell your home, don't make any big renovations, don't let the insurance lapse, don't make any changes to the insurance, and are not repetitively flooded, you can keep paying the same rate.
- Newly purchased, not previously insured, and lapsed policies for some older homes in low-lying areas stand to see immediate, sharp rate increases.
- Among those seeing annual increases of 25 percent include pre-FIRM businesses, second or vacation homes, and those that have often been repeatedly flooded
- In late 2014, premiums for properties affected by map changes are set to increase by 20 percent each year to full risk rates.
- Pre-FIRMs newly purchased on or after July 6, 2012 renew at "full-risk rates."
- All new policies that were formerly subsidized pay full-risk rates.

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NABOR jubilee celebrates veteran real estate professionals

The Naples Area Board of Realtors took a trip back in time at the NABOR Jubilee celebrating veteran real estate professionals including John R. Wood and many more telling tales and recounting significant memories of life and work in the Collier County real estate industry 20, 30, 40 and 50 years ago. More than 100 members attended.

Guests recalled stories about how Hurricane Donna sparked new interest in the area, the challenges of selling property on Marco Island and missed investment opportunities in Pine Ridge during the 1960s. Mr. Wood confirmed a rumor that he once showed property in Aqualane Shores via a boat with no motor.

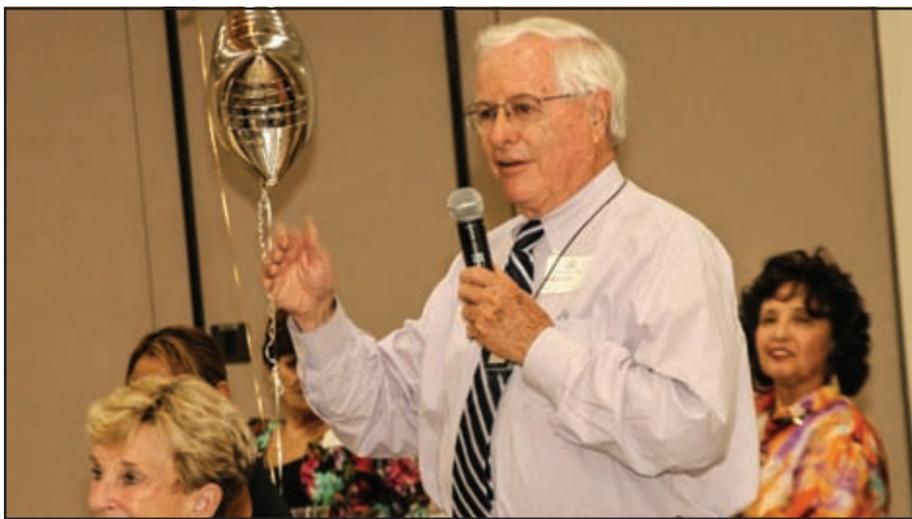
The event also featured many tables lined with historic images including print advertisements and nostalgic flyers documenting the evolution of the market over the last 60 years.



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Of course, the folks at Top Ten ensure that intrepid buyers will be perfectly safe at home in any of them. For more information, visit www.toptenrealestatedeals.com.

■ **Sultan Massacre House**

New Orleans is the backdrop for the macabre tale surrounding the 10,000-square-foot Gardette-LaPrete Mansion, also known as the Sultan Massacre House. The nine-bedroom, eight-bath home in the French Quarter was constructed in 1836 for a dentist who then sold it to a plantation owner. After the family fortune was destroyed by the Civil War, the house was rented out to a sultan's brother. As the story goes, the brother had many lavish and

loud parties. After one particularly raucous night, blood was discovered running down the front steps and everyone inside was discovered dead.

The mansion, now divided up into six apartments, is on the market for \$2.5 million.

■ **Ma Barker's Place**

The infamous house where Kate "Ma" Barker and her son Fred made their last stand against a barrage of FBI gunfire can be yours for \$889,000. The place comes with the original, circa 1935 furni-

ture in place, and rumor has it that Ma's ghost won't budge either (of course, the bullet holes have been patches and the blood cleaned up).

Situated on the lovely Lake Weir in Ocklawaha, Fla., the nine-acre property has more than enough room for the whole gang.

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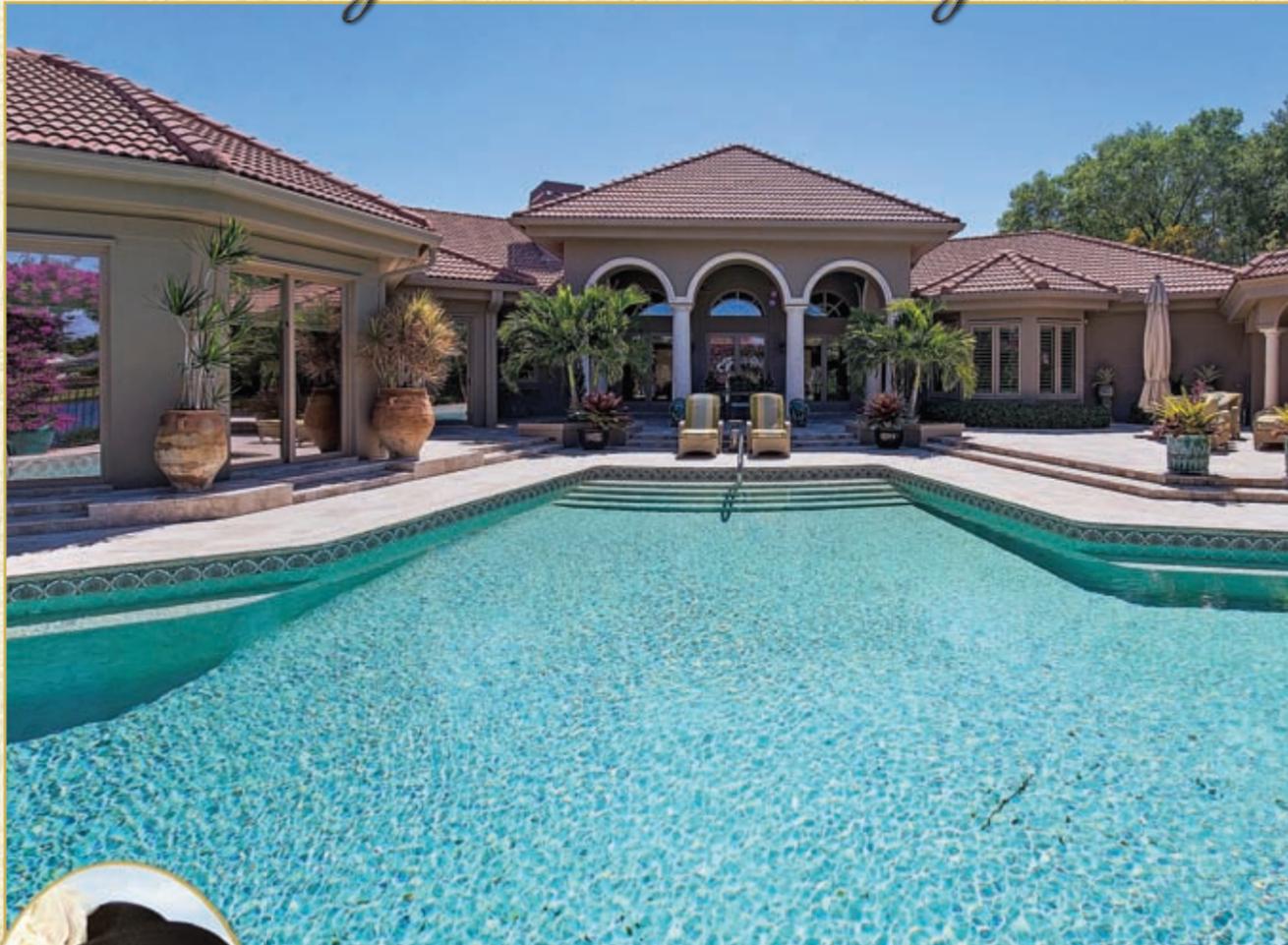
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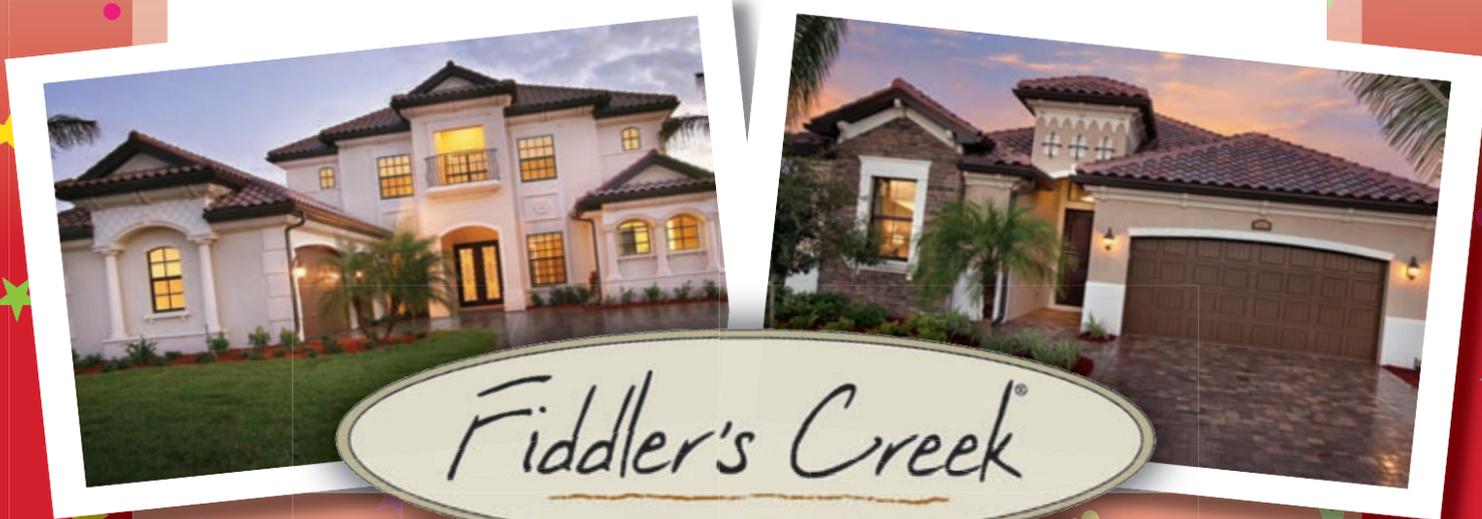
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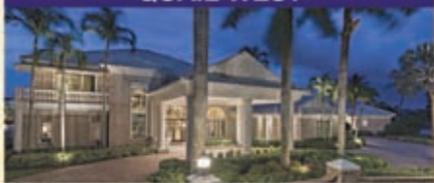


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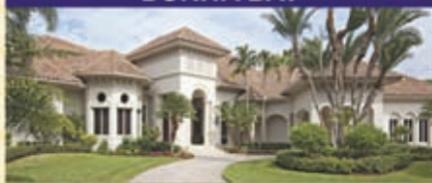


QUAIL WEST



- Quail West Estate Home**
- 6 Private Suites & 7.5 Baths
 - Water & Golf Course Views
 - Full Golf Membership w/2 Carts
 - Outstanding Point Location of Cul-de-sac
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- Spring Ridge**
- Magnificent Custom Designed Home
 - Spacious, Timeless Dé cor, Architectural Masterpiece
 - Soaring Lanai Encourages Entertaining
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- Entertainers Delight on the Water**
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- 5 Bedrooms, 4.5-Baths, Over 4,800 Sq. Ft. Under Air
 - Situated on Prestigious Roberts Bay
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 - 107 Feet of Gorgeous Water Frontage
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BONITA BAY



- Cranbrook At Bonita Bay**
- Two-Story Villa w/Lake View and Spacious Lanai
 - Located Across from Riverwalk Park
 - New Roof, Two-Story Pool Cage Built to Hurricane Code
 - 4 Bedroom, 3.5 Baths, 3,100 Sq. Ft. Under Air
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**BONITA FARMS
NEW LISTING**



- Bonita Springs**
- Lovely Newer Home on Canal w/ Gulf Access
 - 4 Bedrooms + Den, 3 Baths, Immaculate
 - Stone & Wood Flooring, Granite Throughout
 - Beautiful Pool & Spa on Spacious Patio
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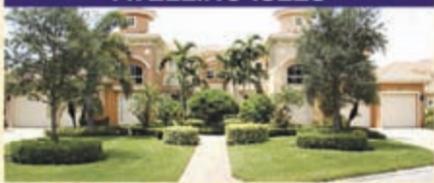
- Palm River's Most Charming Lake View**
- Amazing Outdoor Resort Pool Area Overlooking Lake
 - Great Open Floor Plan
 - New Kitchen, Tile Throughout Living Areas
 - Over 7,500 Sq. Ft. Living Area
 - \$650,000 MLS 213506848
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**MEDITERRA
NEW LISTING**



- Porta Vecchio at Mediterra**
- Beautiful 2nd Floor Lake View Coach Home
 - Freshly Painted & Meticulously Maintained
 - Diagonal Tile, Granite Countertops, Soaring Ceilings
 - First Class Amenities
 - \$575,000 MLS 213505261
 - Martinovich & Nulf 239.398.3929

AVELLINO ISLES



- Vineyards**
- Beautifully Upgraded Michelangelo Model
 - Upgraded Gourmet Kitchen
 - Lake View with Fountains
 - Columns and Archways
 - \$537,000 MLS 212024564
 - Kurt Petersen 239.777.0408

PELICAN MARSH



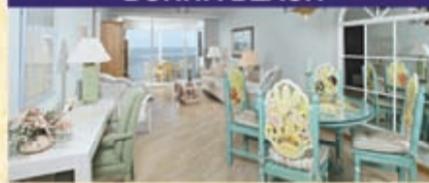
- Pelican Marsh**
- 3 Bedroom + Den w/2 Car Garage
 - Turnkey w/Lake Views
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NEW LISTING**



- Seawinds of Marco**
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 - Beautiful Views of Crescent Beach & the Gulf
 - Walking Distance to Restaurants & Shopping
 - \$499,000 MLS 213506249
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BONITA BEACH



- The Egret**
- 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath
 - Spectacular Views of Gulf of Mexico
 - Open Floor Plan, Offered Turnkey
 - 7th Floor Residence
 - \$499,000 MLS 212037496
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VANDERBILT COUNTRY CLUB



- North Naples**
- Augusta Model Villa in Bundled Golf Community
 - Assessment Fully Paid
 - 2BR + Large Den, 2 Bath
 - Beautiful Sunsets w/View of Lake & Golf Course
 - \$424,900 MLS 213505028
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VANDERBILT BEACH



- OPEN SUNDAY, NOV. 3, 1-4PM**
- 11116 Gulfshore Dr. #103**
- Beautifully Updated, 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
 - Sunset Views from Screened Lanai
 - Boat Docks Available for Purchase or Lease
 - Across from Vanderbilt Beach
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RESIDENCES AT COCONUT POINT



- Fantastic Panoramic Views**
- Ideal Location in The Heart of Fashion Drive
 - 2+Den/2 Bath/1 Assigned Parking Under Building
 - Gorgeous Interiors Including Wood Floors
 - Gourmet Kitchen w/Stainless Steel Appliances & Granite
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CEDAR CREEK



- Bonita Springs**
- 3 Bedrooms / 2.5 Baths
 - Master Suite Upstairs, Walk In shower
 - New Kitchen, Granite, Stainless Appl, Top of The Line
 - Tennis, Community Pool, Spa, Bocce, Play Area
 - \$369,900 MLS 213024142
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- Naples Bath & Tennis Club**
- Completely Remodeled, 1st Floor, End Unit
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 - 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths, Great Room Floor Plan
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GOLDEN GATE ESTATES



- Naples**
- 3 Bed/ 2 Bath, 2 Car Garage
 - 1.14 Acre Lot
 - Completely Redone
 - Concrete Pad in Place for Detached Building
 - \$169,900 MLS 213500193
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**VANDERBILT COUNTRY CLUB
NEW LISTING**



- Vanderbilt Country Club**
- 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath Condo On Golf Course
 - Fully Furnished w/High-end Furniture
 - View of 11th Fairway & Lake
 - New A/C/Heating Unit 2012, Assessment Fully Paid
 - \$164,900 MLS 213003434
 - Barbara Irons 239.821.2510

**SPANISH WELLS
NEW LISTING**



- Bonita Springs**
- Turnkey 2BR, 2BA Condo
 - Fantastic Lake & Golf Course Views
 - 1-Car plus Garage
 - Community Pool Nearby
 - \$159,900 MLS 213506976
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QUAIL WEST



- Mega Mansion of Quail West**
- 6,900 Under Air & 4 Car Garage
 - 18 ft. Ceilings, Porcelain African Tile
 - Three Grand Living Rooms
 - Gorgeous Pool & Spa
 - \$2,495,000 MLS 212024318
 - Lauren & Mike Taranto 239.572.3078

TALIS PARK



- Tuscan Villa**
- 3 Bedroom + Den, 4 Baths
 - Former Model, Courtyard
 - Pool/Spa with Blue Glass Tile
 - Views of 10th Hole
 - \$1,895,000 MLS 213501277
 - Steve Suddeth & Jennifer Nicolai 239.784.0693

THE STRAND



- Naples**
- Beautiful 5 Bedroom + Den, 5 Bath Home on Oversized Lot
 - 3 Car Garage Attached, 2 Car Detached w/ Private Entry
 - Nearly 6,000 sq ft of Indoor/Outdoor Area w/ Private Pool & Spa
 - Completely Private Upstairs Guest Suite
 - \$989,500 MLS 213017103
 - Sandy Kass, The Fagan Team 239.292.4044

BONITA BAY



- Vistas at Bonita Bay**
- 2 Bedroom + Den, 3 Baths
 - South Corner Residence, Curved Bay Windows
 - Custom Built-ins
 - Wrap Around Terrace
 - \$949,000 MLS 212005117
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BELLINO AT VASARI NEW LISTING



- Bonita Springs**
- Fantastic New Home In Vasari
 - Beautiful Lake & Golf Course Views
 - Diagonal Tile, Stainless Appliances, Granite
 - Gorgeous Pool with Waterfalls
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 - The Taranto Team 239.572.3078

OLDE NAPLES



- South Beach Club**
- Top Floor West Facing 2 Bedroom + Den, 2 Bath Condo
 - Totally Renovated & Furnished
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 - Three Blocks To The Beach
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MEDITERRA



- Mediterra**
- 3 Bedroom + Den, 3 Baths
 - Custom Features & Finishes, Crown Molding
 - Large Screened Lanai, Western Exposure
 - Private Resident's Beach Club Available
 - \$545,000 MLS 213005756
 - Martinovich & Nulf 239.398.3929

MEDITERRA



- Mediterra**
- 2 Bedroom + Den, 2.5 Baths
 - 1st Floor Coach Home, Extensive Upgrades
 - Gourmet Kitchen w/Gas Cook Top
 - Southern Exposure, Lake & Golf Course Views
 - \$545,000 MLS 213024637
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LELY RESORT



- Lely Resort**
- 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths
 - Paved Courtyard with Pool
 - Guest Suite
 - Wonderful Amenities
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PELICAN BAY



- Pelican Bay**
- 3 Bedroom, 3 Bath, Exciting Floor Plan
 - 25' Ceiling, Peaceful Water Views
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COPPERLEAF AT THE BROOKS



- Copperleaf At The Brooks**
- Great Location
 - Extended Lanai
 - Lake to Golf Course View
 - Hurricane Shutters
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BONITA BAY NEW LISTING



- Bonita Bay**
- Light, Bright & Beautifully Updated
 - 3 Bedrooms, 3.5 Bathrooms
 - New Kitchen, Tile Throughout
 - Private Pool/Spa, Golf & First Class Amenities
 - \$439,000 MLS 213505819
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ROOKERY POINTE NEW LISTING



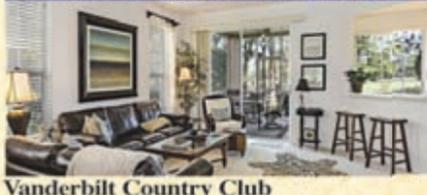
- Estero**
- 2 Bedroom + Den, 2 Full Bathrooms
 - Over 1800 Sq. Ft
 - Pool Home w/ Wonderful Lake View
 - Nice and Quiet Community
 - \$332,500 MLS 213506030
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COPPERLEAF AT THE BROOKS NEW LISTING



- Wisteria Pointe**
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 - 3 Full Bedrooms
 - Lake & Golf Course Views
 - Electric Hurricane Shutters on Lanai
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VANDERBILT COUNTRY CLUB



- Vanderbilt Country Club**
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 - Wonderful View Looking Down 11th Fairway
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 - 1st Floor Residence
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VANDERBILT BEACH



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 - Bright & Cheery 6th Floor Residence
 - Close To Everything
 - Heated Pool
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PELICAN BAY



- Pelican Bay**
- 2 Bedroom + Den, 2 Baths
 - Glassed All Weather Lanai
 - Newer Appliances
 - Wonderful Amenities
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PORT ROYAL



- Port Royal**
- 4 Bedroom + Den, 5 Full & 1 Half Bath
 - Cherry Wood Flooring, Custom Woodwork
 - Spacious Patio With Pool & Spa
 - Sweeping Water Views & Boat Dockage
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- Walden Oaks**
- 2BR + Den, 2BA Townhouse
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 - Great Floor Plan with Over 1,837 Sq. Ft.
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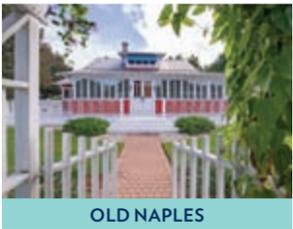
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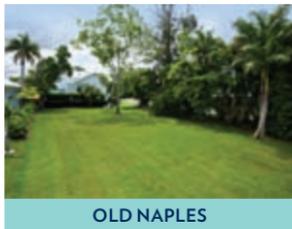
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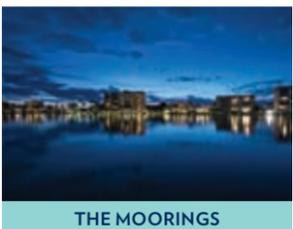


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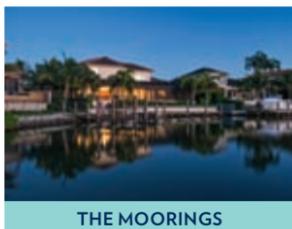
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These quiet, tree-shaded neighborhoods are a mix of single-family homes and condominiums; some enjoy waterfront access on Moorings Bay, Compass Cove, Venetian Bay and Hurricane Harbor. The Moorings has a private golf and country club.



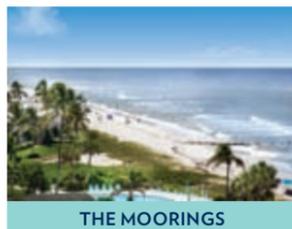
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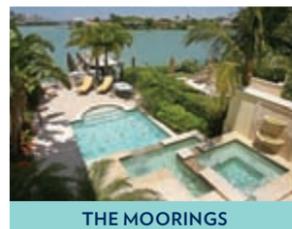
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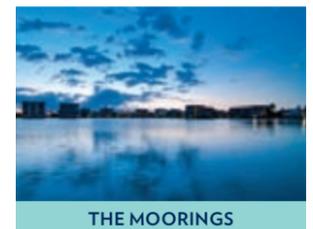
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Gramercy #6N
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THE MOORINGS

Westgate #S-8
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COQUINA SANDS

Charleston Square #310
Tom Gasbarro 239.404.4883
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Martinique Club #401
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Lausanne #501-S
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THE MOORINGS

Carriage Club #51
Ruth Trettis 239.571.6760
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Billows #9
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John D'Amelio 239.961.5996
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premiersir.com/id/213503884 \$995,000



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Lura Jones 239.370.5340
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Ravenna #102
Kim Rose 239.404.7203
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Clermont #202
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premiersir.com/id/213507223 \$1,895,000



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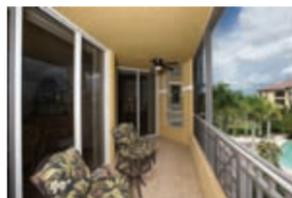
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Leah Ritchey/Amy Becker 239.289.0433
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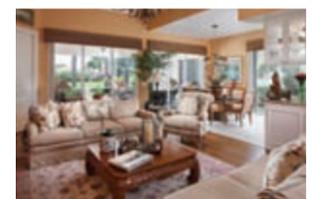
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Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars 239.216.1973
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Patrick/Phyllis O'Donnell 239.250.3360
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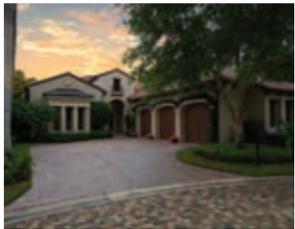
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premiersir.com/id/213018599 \$1,150,000



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Kathryn Hurvitz 239.290.0228
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Mark Maran 239.777.3301
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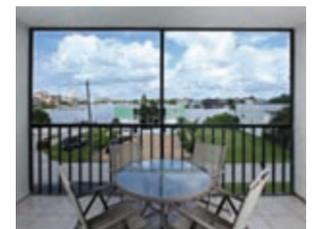
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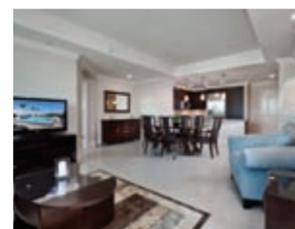
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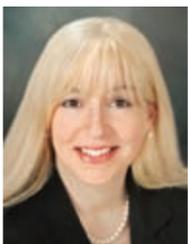


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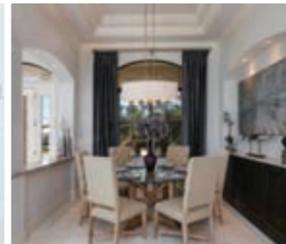
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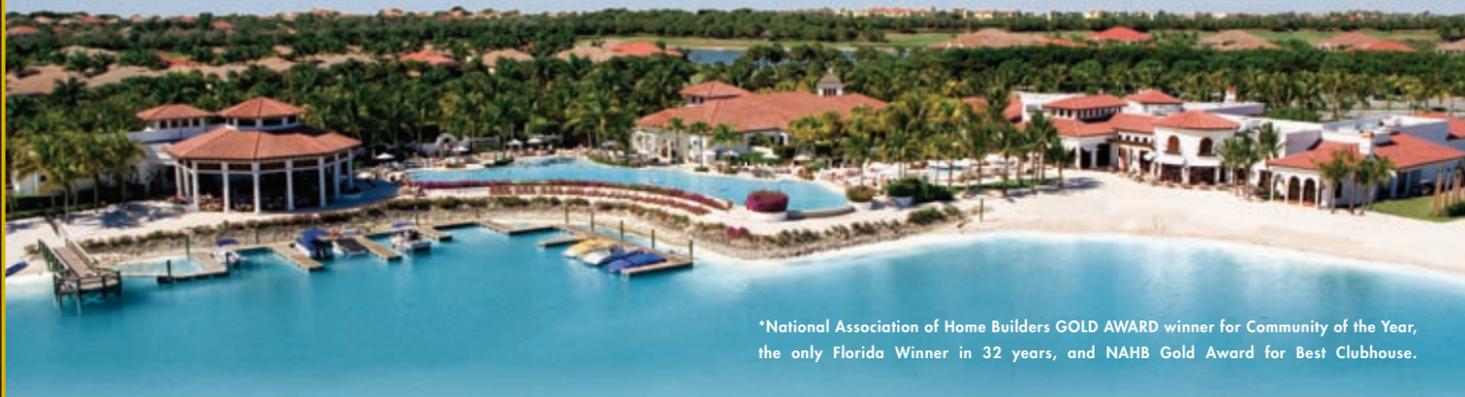
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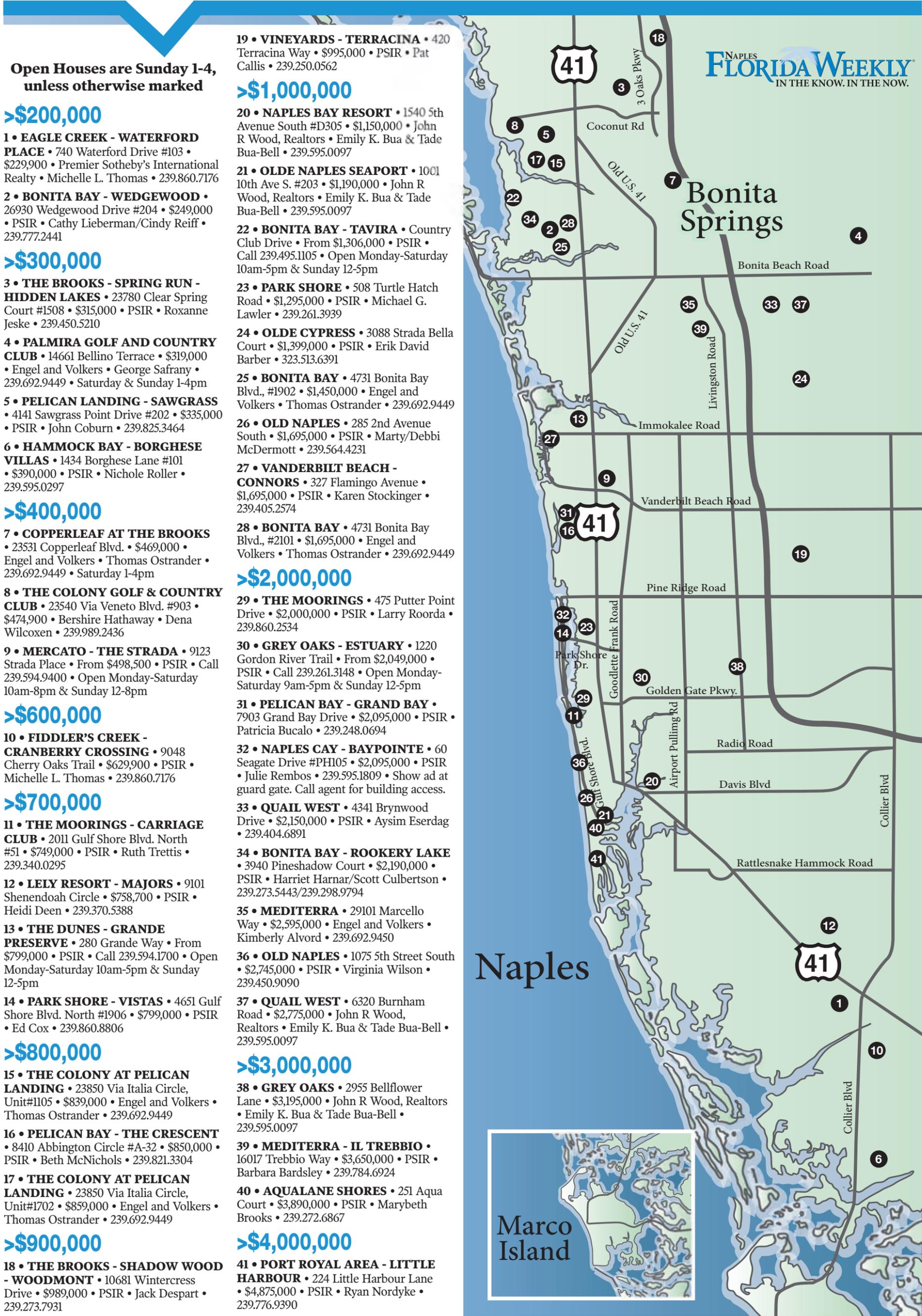
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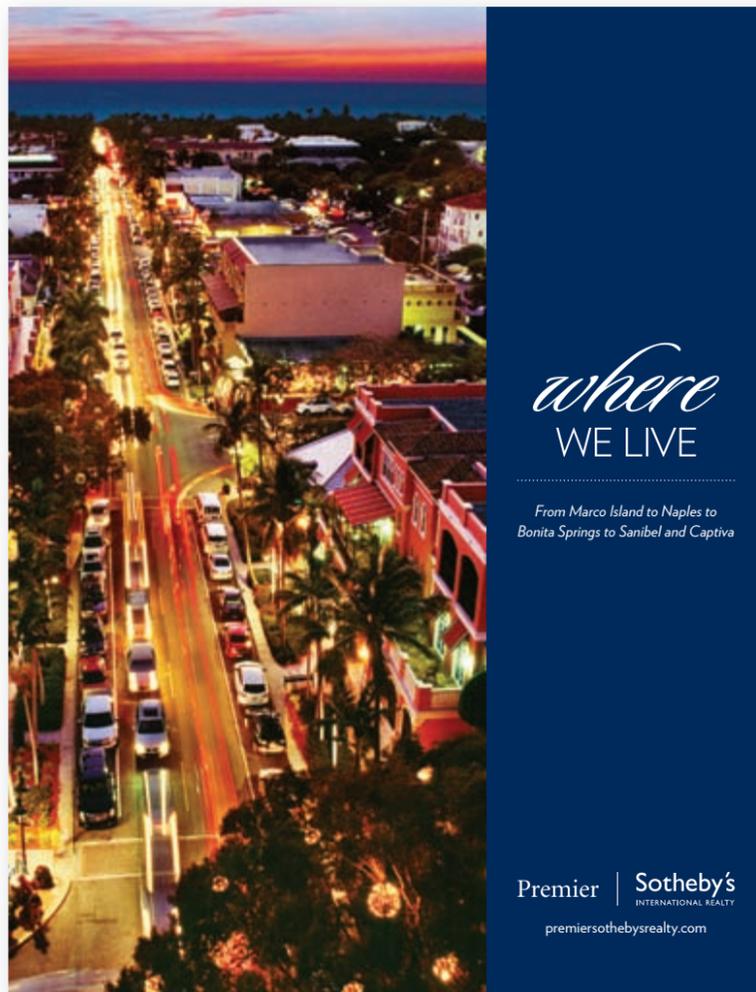
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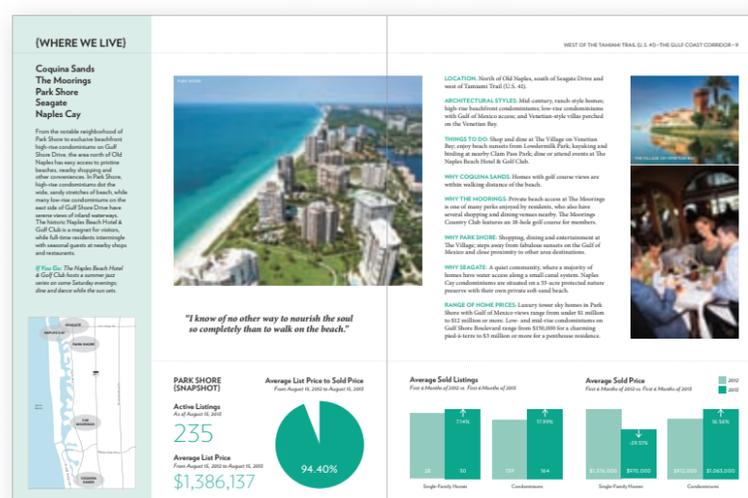
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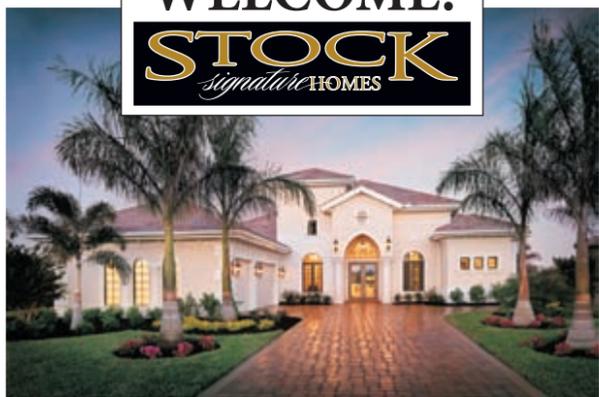
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50 films for the fifth annual NIFF

BY DON MANLEY
Florida Weekly Correspondent

A CONTEMPORARY, MULTIMEDIA revisiting of a classic Puccini opera, humor's role in helping veterans heal the psychic wounds of war, and a glimpse into Barron Collier High School football coaches as they help prepare players for adulthood are among the cinematic topics highlighting the fifth annual Naples International Film Festival.

The opening night red-carpet party is set for Thursday, Nov. 7, at Artis—Naples; screenings will take place Friday-Sunday, Nov. 8-10, at SilverSpot Cinema at Mercato.

Independent narrative features,

documentaries and short films — 50 in all — make up the festival roster along with Q&As with visiting film-makers and additional programs.

Organizers take what amounts to a broad-brush approach where devising the festival line-up is concerned.

“We’re very intentional as we program to (be sure to) have



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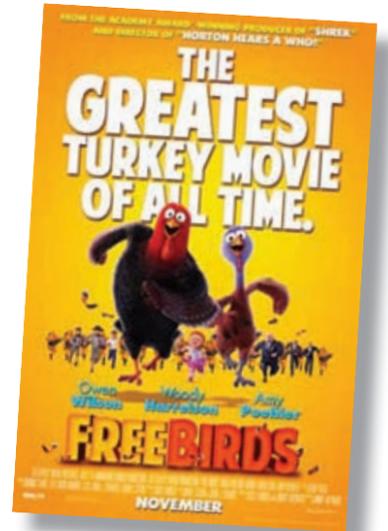
something for everyone,” says Shannon Franklin, NIFF executive and artistic director. “We also like to showcase all the different types of films,

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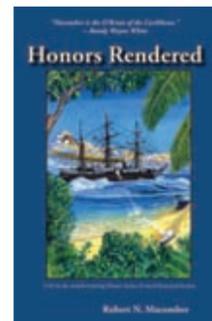


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Sanibel Island Writers Conference welcomes Inaugural poet Richard Blanco

BY NANCY STETSON
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What a difference a poem makes. When President Barack Obama commissioned Richard Blanco to write a poem for the second inauguration earlier this year, Mr. Blanco became the fifth inaugural poet in American history, joining the ranks

of Robert Frost, Maya Angelou, Miller Williams and Elizabeth Alexander.

But in many ways, he is the first: the first Latino, the first immigrant, the first openly gay man. (And at 44, he was also the youngest.)

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An old friendship with a surprising future



I recently received a message on Facebook — that great provider of updates and enabler of stalking — from my best guy-friend in middle school, Mark. We knew each other during the turbulent years of early adolescence, when the transition from childhood to young adulthood is in full awkward bloom. Mark had been my best friend for three years, my note-sharer, my late-night phone caller, my sidekick at haunted houses and school dances.

Except for one very sloppy kiss on the bus ramp in sixth grade, we managed to maintain a platonic friendship.

But at the end of eighth grade, our relationship evaporated. Mark went to a performing arts high school and I attended a super cerebral school, and life went on like so much water under the bridge.

Then, this summer — his message on Facebook.

Mark saw I had passed through New York and he suggested we meet for coffee the next time I came to the city.

For a second I was delighted. Then I started to worry. What would we talk about, this old friend and

I? Could we reinhabit our former closeness? What sparks might still be there?

I considered combing through his Facebook page, searching for relevant information. Was he married? Did he have children? What did he do for a living? I knew nothing about the last 20 years of his life. But I decided

to let things unfold naturally, to see what he would reveal in person. I will say this though: His Facebook profile picture was absolutely gorgeous.

So when I found myself in New York at the beginning of the month, I dropped him a note. Was he still interested in that coffee? He was,

as it turns out, and he suggested we meet in a hip neighborhood place.

I recognized him as soon as I walked through the door. He was taller than his 13-year-old self and his chest and shoulders were broader. He seemed more confident, more at ease in his skin than he had been two decades ago.

Yet though he possessed a man's good looks and had grown into a fine, strong body, there was still something of Mark's middle school self there that I recognized. Which must have been why it was so easy for me to talk to him, why I found myself slipping into the comfortable rhythms of our long-ago friendship. He made me laugh in a way that I recognized, and I relaxed at the familiar ease and substance of him. Here was my long-gone friend suddenly feeling like my BFF. And he was so handsome —breathtaking, really — that I couldn't help but think back to that sixth grade smooch.

I was actually turning it over in my mind when Mark mentioned that he had been single for some time.

"Since my last boyfriend," he said. Boyfriend?

I must have looked startled, because Mark smiled wide. Through my disappointment, I smiled back.

Maybe it's true that the past is uninhabitable. But this new friendship? Well, that's something to explore. ■

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NIFF

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from first-time independent filmmakers working with micro-budgets, all the way to films from larger independent studios with established directors.”

Small, indie films are NIFF’s primary focus. However, this year’s roster also includes the big-budget “August: Osage County,” a film adaptation of Tracy Letts’ Tony and Pulitzer Prize-winning drama that stars Meryl Streep and Julia Roberts.

The film is set for a late December theatrical release. “It’s a special sneak peek for our audiences,” Ms. Franklin says.

Amour is at the heart of festival opener “Hank and Asha,” which has won awards at four film festivals since its release in January. The comedy follows the long-distance romance of two strangers: an Indian woman studying in Prague and a lonely New Yorker, who begin corresponding through video letters and must eventually decide whether to meet face-to-face.

— NIFF screenings of “August: Osage County” at Silverspot are at 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 8, and 1:45 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 9.

New this year

For the first time, this year’s festival includes a wrap party. The occasion will be marked by a closing-night screening — and the North American premier — of “The Girl from Nagasaki.” The film’s director is renowned photographer Michel Comte, who shot the retelling of the opera “Madame Butterfly” live and in 3D, as a melding of musical performances, contemporary ballet and original animated sequences.

“The Girl from Nagasaki” is Mr. Comte’s directorial debut.

“It’s very unique and a visual masterpiece,” Ms. Franklin says. “It’s really one of those once-in-a-lifetime film experiences. It’s very high art, very high concept. It’s something our arts-loving community will appreciate.”

It begins with the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. As the film unfolds, Madame Butterfly emerges from the ashes of WWII and undergoes a metamorphosis into today’s world, dramatically illustrating the sharp differences between Japanese and Western values.

Mr. Comte refers to the film, as a “sensory feast” and as a “trans-opera” because of its multi-media and artistic blend.

The film stars Japanese actress Miriko Wordell, prima ballerina Polina Semionova as the tragic geisha Madame Butterfly, and Mr. Comte’s wife, Ayako Yoshida, as her maid Suzuki.

Ms. Yoshida also produced “The Girl from Nagasaki,” which lists rock chanteuse Marianne Faithfull as a cast member.

“The Girl from Nagasaki” grew out an idea for a 3D-film art installation mixing opera and dance that the couple was planning for the ACE Gallery in Los Angeles. Work on the project had begun when it had to be shelved after Mr. Comte injured his eyes in an accident.

“Madame Butterfly” is set in his wife’s hometown of Nagasaki. Given their roughly \$1.8 million investment in the project to that point, they decided to rework the idea and make a movie.

“We said why don’t we



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The “Comedy Warriors” team

move the story 80 years forward and call it a trans-opera, something that is between film and opera and can be viewed in the theater in 3D,” he says.

— The NIFF closing night screening of “The Girl from Nagasaki” begins at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10. The husband-and-wife director and producer will attend and will hold a Q&A session with the audience afterward. Tickets are \$75 and include the wrap party with hors d’oeuvres, dessert and hosted bar beginning at 8:30 p.m. Movie tickets not sold separately.

A Naples documentary

Among this year’s four entries in the Florida Films category are three that were shot in Southwest Florida, including one in Naples.

“One of our goals is to support our local filmmaking community,” Ms. Franklin says.

“The Storm” is a documentary shot by 2010 Barron Collier High School graduate Vito Trupiano, who also wrote, produced and directed. The former Barron Collier football player shot the film as a project for his documentary class at Lynn University in Boca Raton, where he is a senior majoring in film and television.

It’s his first documentary, and both he and “The Storm” will make their festival debut in Naples.

Mr. Trupiano says the film’s title refers to the moment when a father and a coach, or someone wearing both hats, releases a young man to the world to fulfill his destiny. “It’s about the interaction of these middle-aged men and the effect they have on players,” Mr. Trupiano says.

fessional comedy writers and assisted by such comedians as Zach Galifianakis, Bob Saget, B.J. Novak and Lewis Black. The culmination of their journey is a one-night performance at the top comedy clubs in Los Angeles.

The veterans sustained injuries ranging from burns to multiple amputations. Mr. Kashnow served in Iraq with the U.S. Army’s 4th Infantry Division for five months in 2003, until he was wounded by a roadside bomb explosion. After 18 months of surgeries, his right leg had to be amputated below the knee.

He says comedy was something he long wanted to pursue, but after retiring from the Army in 2008, he settled on taking a government job to provide for his wife and two young sons.

That plan changed when he saw a notice for applicants for “Comedy Warriors” through the Wounded Warrior Project.

He sent in an audition tape and the rest is history.

“It was a perfect opportunity,” he says.

He’s always been the type to employ comedy during difficult times, he adds, and it was no different after the explosion and during his recovery.

“I was making really horrible jokes while I was laying on the side of the road waiting for a medvac,” he says. His doctors, however, didn’t always have a sense of humor. “When they had to tell me they might have to amputate, I said I wanted a secret cookie compartment in my prosthesis. They didn’t laugh.”

One of the goals of “Comedy Warriors,” he adds, is “to show you can have an amputation or burns and it’s not all doom and gloom. There is a lighter side to it. If you can handle getting blown up, you can pretty much handle anything that’s thrown at you.”

— NIFF presents “Comedy Warriors: Healing Through Humor” at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10. ■

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The fifth annual Naples International Film Festival

- >>When: Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 7-10
- >>Screenings: Various times Friday-Sunday at Silverspot Cinema at Mercato; \$29 each or 12 for \$130
- >>Opening night: Red carpet gala and screening of “Hank & Asha” beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at Artis—Naples; \$29 general admission, \$159 VIP
- >>Saturday night: 9:30 p.m. at The Bay House, 799 Walkerbilt Road; \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door
- >>Closing night: Screening of “The Girl from Nagasaki” and wrap party from 6-11 p.m. at Silverspot Cinema; \$75
- >>Info: www.naplesfilmfest.com, where you can purchase tickets and download the 92-page NIFF program guide

Fort Myers welcomes back the Black Maria

Thomas Edison’s 1910 film “Frankenstein” — the first cinematic adaptation of the Mary Shelley classic — will grace the screen as part of the Black Maria Film Festival’s return to the Fort Myers area this week.

This is the seventh year the award-winning international festival has visited Lee County, and as before, the Edison & Ford Winter Estates and Edison State College will serve as the screening site. Films will be shown on the river lawn at the estates Friday evening, Nov. 1, and in an auditorium at the college Saturday night, Nov. 2.

Black Maria (pronounced Mar-EYE-a) was the name of Mr. Edison’s film production studio, the world’s first, which was



completed in 1893 at the inventor’s laboratory complex in West Orange, N.J.

The festival honoring Mr. Edison’s contributions to film has toured for 32 years,

hosted by major museums and colleges and showcasing contemporary independent and experimental works drawn from annual juried selections of award-winning films and videos.

Wendy Chase, professor of humanities at ESC, was instrumental in bringing the festival to the Fort Myers area in 2006. She will lead a discussion of “Frankenstein” after its screening on Friday.

The film is rare and at one point was thought to be lost until an original nitrate print was found in Wisconsin in the mid-1970s. Mr. Edison’s adaptation differs from later versions in that rather than the monster being cobbled together from corpses, this Frankenstein is created using

chemicals and potions. The scene involved filming a wax figure melting into a pot and then playing the footage backwards.

This year’s lineup

John Columbus, founder and artistic director of the Black Maria Film Festival, will introduce both evenings of the festival. Eight films will be shown each night (with only two repetitions). Among this year’s films are:

■ “Fordland,” an experimental film that examines automation, industry and American culture by manipulating appropriated 16mm footage from a vintage Ford corporation industrial film.

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BLACK MARIA

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■ “The Lost Interview of Ray Bradbury,” Harry Hall’s personal tribute to the sci-fi-fantasy author who died last year. The film shows Mr. Bradbury reflecting on such topics as Steven Spielberg, the Hollywood Black List and politics of the 1950s and his indictment of TV networks.

■ “Balance and Swing,” a hand-painted watercolor animation that celebrates life, love and the beauty of the medium itself.

■ “Here and Away,” which was shot in India and inspired by a short story by Franz Kafka titled “Children on a Country Road.”

“There’s always quality, but the variety differs from year to year because it depends on submissions,” Ms. Chase, who teaches film at ESC, says about the Black Maria Film Festival.

While the festival tries to appeal to varied tastes, one of its contributions to the cinematic world is its focus of works that are artistic and not just entertaining, she adds.

“One of the genres they ask for is experimental films, a genre that counters the entertainment we find in the mainstream. Film doesn’t always have to be about making you forget; it can also be about stimulating your brain.

“We want to challenge the idea that

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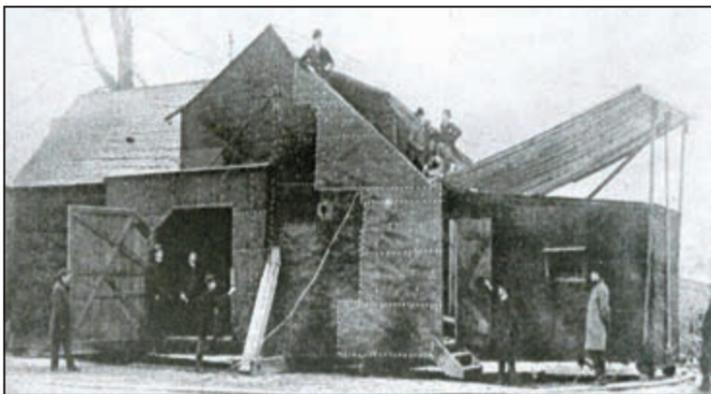
The Black Maria Film Festival

>>**When & Where:** 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 1, on the river lawn at The Edison & Ford Winter Estates, Fort Myers; 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, at Edison State College, Fort Myers

>>**Tickets:** \$7 at the door or in advance at the website below

>>**More:** Enjoy dinner on the river lawn at the estates starting at 5 p.m. Friday. Meal selections range from \$5 to \$8. Reservations required.

>>**Info:** 334-7419 or www.edisonfordwinterestates.org



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Thomas Edison’s original film studio, named the Black Maria because it resembled paddy wagons of the day that went by the name.

entertainment means unhooking your brain. It can also mean being challenged. I think that’s a value that this festival adds — curated films that are different than what you get in the mainstream.”

For more information about the Black Maria Film Festival’s stop in the Fort Myers area, visit www.edisonfordwinterestates.org.

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Thursday, Oct. 31

■ **Green Market** – Naples Green Market takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot at Clive Daniel Home. 2777 Tamiami Trail N. 594-9358 or www.greenmarketflorida.com.

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■ **Halloween Bash** – The Gladezmen take the stage at 9 p.m. at South Street City Oven Bar & Grill. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 435-9333 or www.southstreetnaples.com.

Friday, Nov. 1

■ **American Indian Art** – The Ahtah-Thi-Ki Museum holds an American Indian Arts Celebration from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Nov. 2. \$9 for adults, \$6 for seniors, students and members of the military. (877) 902-1113 ext. 12211 or www.ahtaththiki.com.



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■ **Here's to Beer** – Naples Beach Brewery offers a tour and tasting from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today. \$15 for the tour includes sample of 6 beers. 4110 Enterprise Ave. 304-8795 or www.naples-beachbrewery.com.

■ **Play with the Arts** – Four local artists share their creative process during demonstrations today and Nov. 2 at The Artist's Gallery in the Esplanade on Marco Island as part of The Marco Players Theaters "Play with the Arts" event. 760 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 784-4436 or www.themarcoplayers.com.

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■ **Art Exhibition** – The Gallery on Fifth in Mercato hosts an opening reception for the exhibition "Heat Wave" featuring the works of Russian-German artist Alexander Solotzew from 6-8 p.m. 220-7503 or www.artorg.net.

■ **Cook's Corner** – Chef Kristina San Filippo of The Good Life hosts a cooking class featuring flavors of Mexico from 6-8 p.m. \$60. 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 514-4663 or www.goodlif-enaples.com.

■ **Improv Comedy** – Naples Performing Arts Center hosts "Night at the Improv" with the WOW Improv troupe from 7-8:30 p.m. \$10. 6646 Willow Park Drive. 597-6722 or www.wowimprov.com.

■ **Looney Tunes** – Artis—Naples presents "Bugs Bunny at the Symphony II" at 8 p.m. tonight and Nov. 2. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

■ **Stand Up Guy** – Bret Ernst takes the stage tonight through Nov. 3 at the Off the Hook Comedy Club, Marco Island. 389-6901 or www.offthehook-comedy.com.

Saturday, Nov. 2

■ **Muck Around** – Guided swamp walks take place every Saturday through March in the wet wilderness behind Clyde Butcher's Big Cypress Preserve gallery off U.S. 41 in Ochopee. \$50 for adults; \$25 for ages 18 and younger. Reservations required. 695-2428 or www.clydebutchersbigcypressgallery.com.

■ **Arts on the Bay** – The Village on Venetian Bay hosts a day of art from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a pop-up gallery featuring local abstract artist Mally Khorasantchi. 261-6100 or www.venetianvillage.com.

■ **Designer Anniversary** – Designer Diva's Resale Boutique celebrates its first anniversary by donating a portion of proceeds from the day's sales to the Miss Southwest Florida Scholarship fund from 1-4 p.m. Pageant volunteers will model select fashions from the store throughout the afternoon. 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-6341 or www.naplesdesignerdivas.com.

■ **Marching Orders** – Palmetto Ridge High School hosts the 10th annual Marching Band Invitational starting at 4 p.m. at the school's Bear Stadium. \$7 at the gate. 377-1160 or pardeh@collierschools.com.

■ **Live Tunes** – The Raiford Starke band plays from 2-5 p.m. today and Nov. 3 at Joanie's Blue Crab Café. 39395 Tamiami Trail East. 695-2682 or www.joaniesbluecrabcafe.com.

■ **C'mon to Oktoberfest** – The Golisano Children's Museum of Naples holds its second annual adults-only Oktoberfest celebration from 7-11 p.m. \$125. www.cmon.org.



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ArtGallery OldNaples2 opens its fifth anniversary season with a reception for "Partners in Pastel #1" from 6-9 p.m. On display through Jan. 8, the exhibit showcases realist still lifes and impressionistic landscapes by Lynne B. Wilcox and Karen Stone. Included is Ms. Wilcox's "Take Your Pick," above. 1187 Eighth St. S. 560-9569 or www.artgalleryoldnaples2.com.



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More than a dozen marching bands from high schools throughout Florida will take part in the 10th annual Marching Band Invitational starting at 4 p.m. Nov. 2 in Bear Stadium at Palmetto Ridge High School. \$7 at the gate. 377-1160 or pardeh@collierschools.com.

Sunday, Nov. 3

■ **Flippin' Good** – The Marco Island Fire Rescue Foundation hosts a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon at the fire station at the corner of San Marco Boulevard and Bald Eagle Drive, Marco Island. \$6. 331-0908.

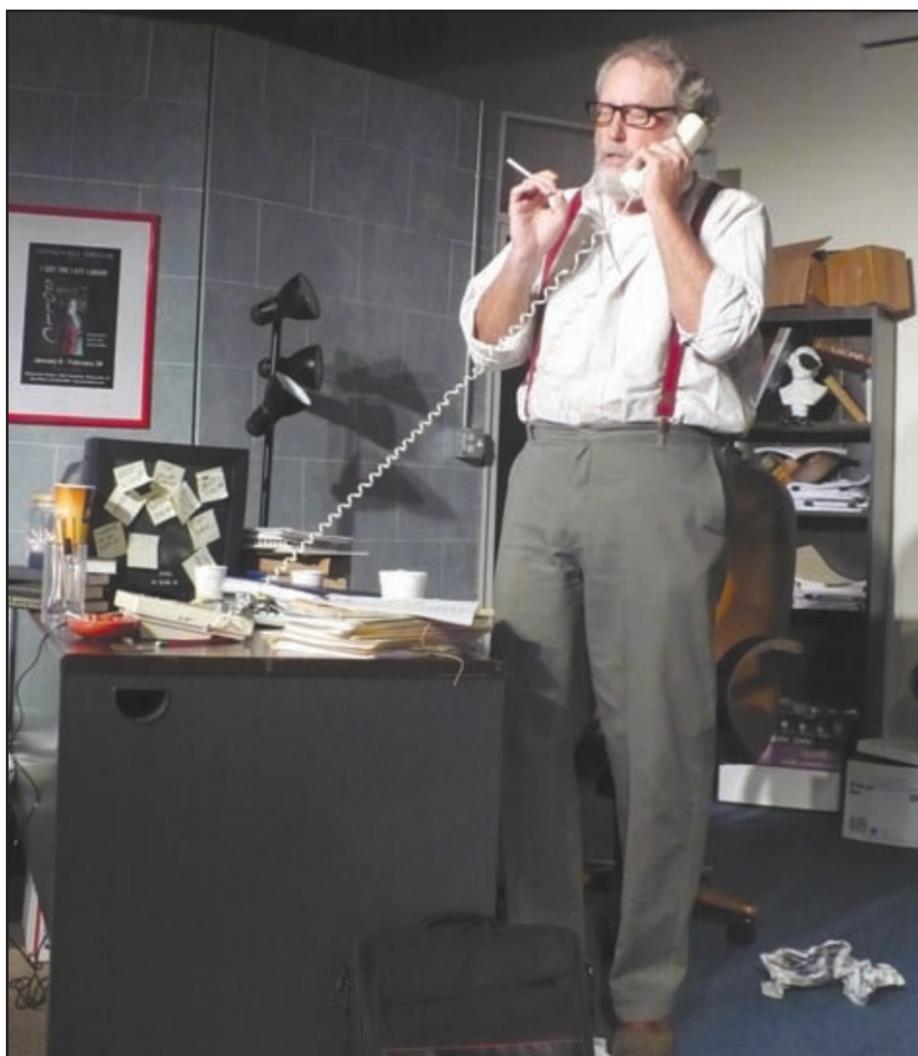
■ **Cooking Class** – Sur La Table holds a Thai classics cooking class from noon to 2 p.m. \$48.96 per person. 9105 Strada Place in Mercato. (800) 243-0852 or www.surlatable.com.

■ **Foreign Film** – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU hosts a screening and discussion of "Dear Zachary: A Letter to a Son about his Father" from 1-4 p.m. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. Pre-registration strongly suggested. www.fgcu.edu/racademy.

■ **Little Bar Jam** – Jim Allen performs at 2 p.m. at the Little Bar Restaurant in Goodland on Marco Island. 394-5663 or www.littlebarrestaurant.com.

■ **More Tunes** – Kirk Mcfee performs at Vandy's & 5 Brothers starting at 11:30 p.m. 1089 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 394-8767.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO



COURTESY PHOTO

The Island Players present "Blame it on Beckett" on select dates Nov. 1-15 at the Marco Island Historical Museum. Set in a theater, the comedy by John Morogiello stars John Moulton, above, as a cynical literary manager who deals with an endless stream of bad scripts by desperate playwrights. 394-0080 or www.theateronmarco.com.

Tuesday, Nov. 5

■ **Before the Boogie** - Burn at Mercato hosts a pre-party for Lighthouse of Collier's Center for Blindness and Vision Loss's "Boogie on the Beach" beginning at 6 p.m. The main event takes place Nov. 10 at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. 430-3934 or www.lighthouseofcollier.org.

■ **It Takes Two** - Pablo Repun Tango hosts an beginners class from 7-8 p.m. and Milogna from 8-11 p.m. \$15/person. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or www.pablorepuntango.com.

Wednesday, Nov. 6

■ **Exhibition Opening** - The Naples Depot Museum hosts an opening recep-

tion for "The Art of Jerry Vallez, Naples' Lasting Legacy" from 6-8 p.m. Free. 1051 Fifth Ave. S. 262-6525 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **See You at Stan's** - The Hot Damn Duo performs from 6-10 p.m. at Stan's Idle Hour on Marco Island. 394-3041 or www.standsidlehour.net.

■ **Classic Music** - FGCU Bower School of Music students present a composition recital at 7:30 p.m. at the Tobe Recital Hall at FGCU. www.fgcu.edu (click on "concerts").

■ **Harry Connick Jr.** - Harry Connick Jr. brings his signature sound inspired by his New Orleans roots to Artis-Naples at 8 p.m. \$95-\$149. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Coming up

■ **Local History** - Historic Palm Cottage, home of the Naples Historical Society, offers guided tours of The Norris Gardens beginning at 10 a.m. Nov. 7 and 21. \$10 (free for NHS members). 137 12th Ave. S. Reservations required. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

■ **Music at Mercato** - Mercato Nights presents Randy Stephens & The Blue Shades from 6-9 p.m. Nov. 7 on the lawn across from Naples Flatbread. www.mercatoshops.com.

■ **Wine Tasting** - Decanted Wines hosts a tasting of premium wines from Napa and Sonoma including light appetizers from 5-7 p.m. Nov. 8. \$15. 434-1814.

■ **Music & Arts** - Storytellers Creative Arts hosts an evening of music, dance, live art and other performances, featuring artists from across the country and around the world at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 8 at Covenant Church of Naples-PCA. Admission is free, but reservations required. 6926 Trail Blvd. 250-1822 or www.storytellerscreativearts.com.

■ **Artcrafters Show & Sale** - The Naples Artcrafters hold a juried fine art and craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 9 at Cambier Park. Free admission, free parking. 250-0804 or www.naplesartcrafters.com.

■ **Movie Night** - The Center for the Arts Bonita Springs presents a screening and discussion of "The Butterfly" beginning at 7 p.m. Nov. 11. \$9. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **The Little Mermaid Jr.** - Students of the Naples Performing Arts Center present "The Little Mermaid Jr." at 7 p.m. Nov. 15-16 at Lely High School. \$15. 597-6722.

■ **Family Fun at C'mon** - The Golisano Children's Museum of Naples holds its second annual C'mon Family Fun Day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 17. Free. www.cmon.org.

— 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 fliers. The deadline for calendar submissions is noon Sunday.

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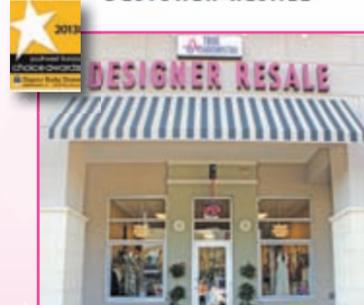
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BLANCO

From page 1

On inauguration day, he stood and read "One Today" before millions: "One sun rose on us today, kindled over our shores ..."

The poem speaks of the diversity of people and professions in our country, unified on "one ground," living and working under the "one sun," "one sky," "one moon." It speaks of farmers and teachers. It references Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, the 20 children who were killed in Newtown, Mass., and the Freedom Tower that now stands in place of the Twin Towers.

It pays tribute to Mr. Blanco's mother, who rang up groceries "for twenty years, so I could write this poem" and to "hands/as worn as my father's cutting sugarcane/so my brother and I could have books and shoes."

Life for Mr. Blanco has not been the same since.

It would be an understatement to say this has been the best year of his life so far.

"The best, the craziest," he says. "It feels like the inauguration happened 10 days ago. I'm still in a dream-like state of floating around."

A licensed civil engineer, he's been unable to practice his profession for the past 10 months because he's so much in demand as a poet. In addition to speaking at colleges and universities and giving readings at bookstores, he's been reading at engineering firms, departments of transportation, law firms, nurses associations and "advocacy groups of all kinds, including LGBT youth groups."

He is the keynote speaker at the 2013 Sanibel Island Writers Conference, where he'll also give a poetry workshop to attendees. His address/poetry reading, which takes place at 6:15 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at BIG ARTS on the island, is free and open to the public.

A threefold identity

Though life up to this point has been a balancing act between civil engineering (in which he has an undergraduate degree) and poetry (his graduate degree), Mr. Blanco says he feels as if he's at a fork in the road.

"Now is a new phase in my life. Poetry is obviously my legacy," he says. "It's too late to build the Golden Gate Bridge, for me ... Right now, it feels great. This big, great, wide door has opened, and one would be a fool not to step through it."

An illustrated children's book of "One Today" is slated for publication in 2015.

Coming out first, however, with a release date of Tuesday, Nov. 19, is "For All of Us, One Today: An Inaugural Poet's Journey" (\$15, Beacon Press), Mr. Blanco's recounting of his journey of being chosen an inaugural poet, "from the moment I get the call to the moment I get back home to Maine," he says.

When tapped to write the inaugural poem, Mr. Blanco was asked to write three. The poems not chosen — "Mother Country" and "What We Know of Country" — will be included in the book.

The experience was more emotional than he'd anticipated.

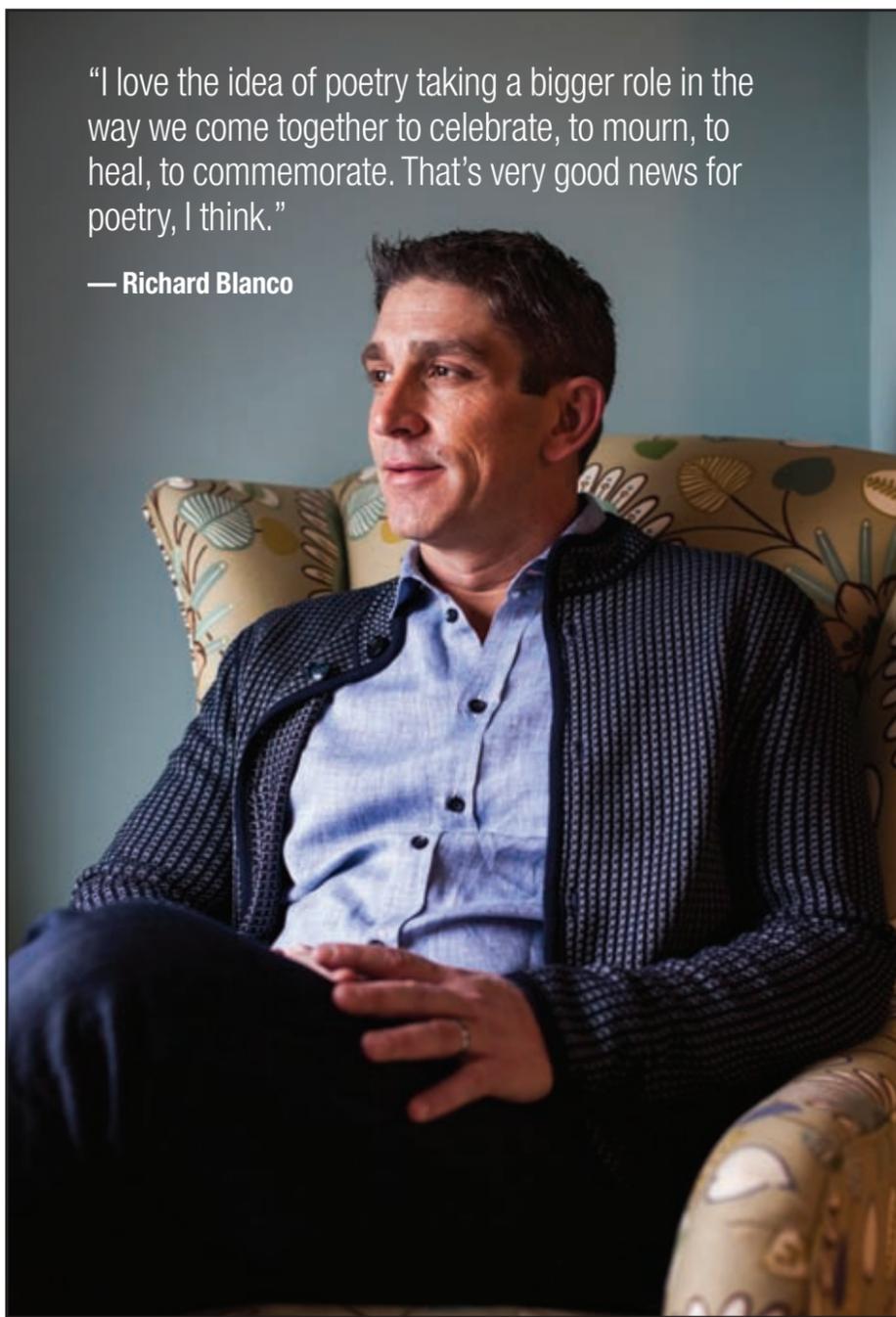
"In some ways, I was trying to stay even-keeled and thought I'd go home and walk the dog, and that would be it," he says. "It was emotional, on so many levels. As an immigrant, and as a gay man, to be welcomed, is pretty amazing. It hit me just before I read the poem."

"I was overcome with a sense of gratitude and felt embraced by America. A lot of people said, 'You seemed so confident and calm.' I felt a part of something so much larger than myself at that moment. I was really enraptured by the whole moment."

A full memoir will be released toward

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— Richard Blanco



Poet Richard Blanco headlines the Sanibel Writers Conference.



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Richard Blanco at President Barack Obama's second inauguration.

the end of next year, by Ecco Press.

"It's all about my years of growing up in Miami from a young age to 16, and the three threads I've had to navigate: my cultural identity, my sexual identity and my artistic identity," he says.

He likes to say that his soul was made in Cuba, he was assembled in Spain, and then imported to the United States, as his mother was pregnant with him when she left Cuba for Spain. He was only 45 days old when they left Spain for the U.S., so his green card photo was his first baby photo.

Opening a creative pathway

In addition to reading at the inauguration, Mr. Blanco and his partner, Mark Neveu, were invited to the White House in May to meet with President Obama — an occasion that made the poet more nervous than the reading.

"Sometimes celebrities, writers or others appear to be one thing on camera, and

you don't want to see the other side," he says about the President. "But he was just as gracious (in person). It was a kind of guy-next-door feeling. We talked a little bit about everything: poetry, the whole experience of the inauguration. Thirty minutes go by real quick. We gave him a broadside of the poem that he hung up in his back office."

Many of Mr. Blanco's poems deal with family.

In "Betting on America" he recalls, with humor, how his family would place \$5 bets on who would win the title of Miss America.

In "América," he tells about his family's reaction to the first time they had turkey as well as pork on Thanksgiving.

And in "Looking for the Gulf Motel," the title poem from his most recent collection of poetry, he writes hauntingly of looking for a motel on Marco Island where he and his family once vacationed

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>> **Info:** 590-7421 or www.fgcu.edu/siwc

decades ago.

Since writing "One Today," Mr. Blanco has been commissioned to write several more poems for specific occasions.

He wrote "Boston Strong" in reaction to the Boston Marathon bombings. Net proceeds from the sale of the poem's chapbook benefit those who were affected by the bombing. He's also been commissioned to write a poem for the Fragrance Foundation Awards in Lincoln Center, another for the Tech Awards in Silicon Valley and one for the Freedom to Marry organization.

"Suddenly people are asking for commissioned poems, as they would a sculpture or a portrait, which I find fascinating," he says. "I love the idea of poetry taking a bigger role in the way we come together to celebrate, to mourn, to heal, to commemorate. That's very good news for poetry, I think."

It's also made a change in the way he views his own poetry. He compares it to suddenly discovering another range in which he can sing.

"I discovered that I still believed that my work had been well received and honored because of the subject matter," he says. "I thought that was weighting much more than the actual craft in my poem. But I realized that what makes a Richard Blanco poem is not what I write, but how I write about it."

"Whatever I bring to the poem emotionally, I can write something larger than just my autobiographical sphere," he explains. "That opened up a very big creative pathway for me."

In general, what makes a good poem, he says, is "a strong emotional center. A poem that's very emotionally honest and knows what it's speaking to and about is what's most important. Aside from all the craft and other things that we learn, there's some magic to why it is that some poems really speak to us and some poems, though technically great, don't. I think it has to do with the ability of the writer to understand what's emotionally at stake."

"As a writer, you have to always understand that your job is to tell the most detailed, honest story that you can. But at the same time, how can you transcend that story? What artists do in general is lay their life down: here's my life, here's what my life says about us as humans, about the human condition."

Mr. Blanco wants to make poetry more accessible to everyone, to create a larger readership of poetry from middle school onward.

"I want to start to explore what some of the causes are for the misconception and rejection of poetry in our country," he says. "I'm trying to do that for all of us, all of us poets, but also for all of us to understand the great power of poetry."

"The inauguration proves to me that we don't have a built-in gene to hate poetry. I think when people are given the chance with contemporary work, it's amazing what will happen. I saw that on a very large scale. It gave me hope."

"Suddenly, poetry is something that broke through." ■

— Richard Blanco and poet Emma Trelles will give a free reading, open to the public, from 6:15-8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 9 at BIG Arts' Schein Hall on Sanibel.

Bus trips set for the new season at Florida Grand Opera in Miami

Naples Opera Society begins the new season at Florida Grand Opera in Miami with a trip to see "Mourning Becomes Electra" on Saturday, Nov. 23.

The opera by Fort Lauderdale resident Marvin David Levy is taken from the Eugene O'Neill play, which is taken from the classic Greek drama. Mr. Levy originally adapted it in 1967 for the Metropolitan Opera in New York. Set in post-Civil War New England, the story follows the lives of the Mannons, a family torn by the war and with a penchant for trouble.

For \$130 per person, the package includes the round-trip bus ride, dinner at a Coral Gables restaurant, pre-opera lecture and mezzanine seating for the performance (rear orchestra seating is

available for an additional \$25).

The bus picks up/drops off in Cape Coral and Fort Myers before picking up Naples passengers at 1:30 p.m. Departure from Crossroads Shopping Center is at 2 p.m. The pre-opera lecture begins at 7 p.m. at the Adrienne Arsht Center for Performing Arts.

Naples Opera Society has been sponsoring trips to Florida Grand Opera since 1997. The new season continues with "Nabucco" (Feb. 1), "Tosca" (April 5) and "Thais" (May 10). Subscribe to all four for \$480 (mezzanine) or \$575 (rear orchestra).

For more information, call Eugene Buffo at 431-7509, e-mail ehandjhb@gmail.com or visit www.naplesoperasociety.org. ■

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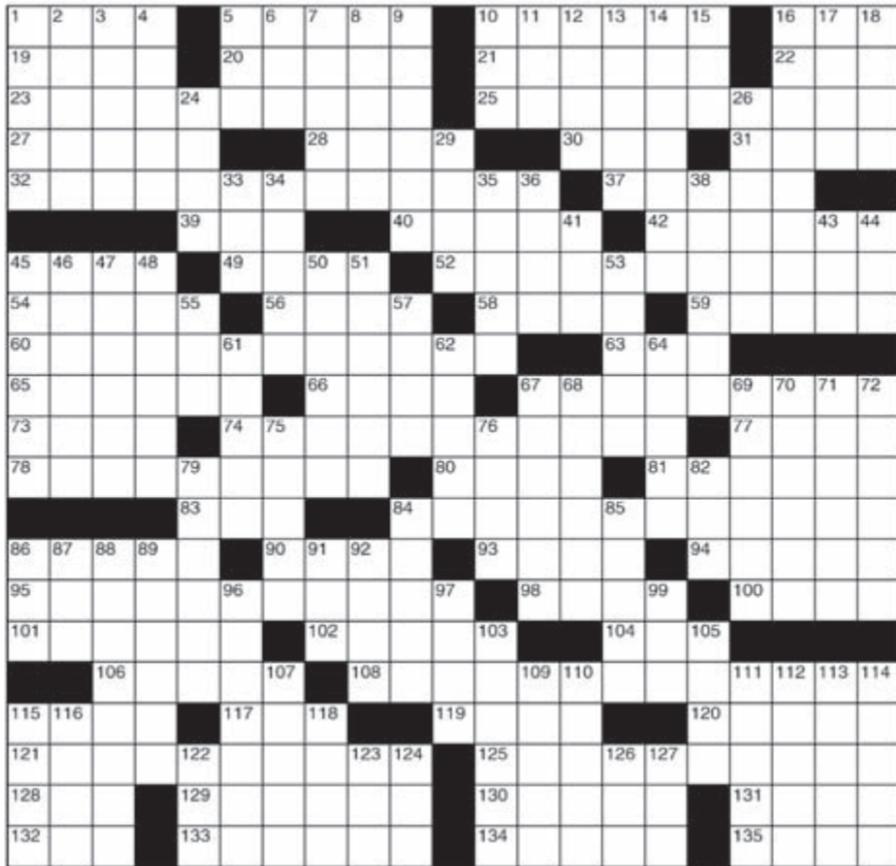
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PEOPLE BY THE SOUND



- ACROSS**
- 1 Peter the Great, e.g.
 - 5 Actor Haas
 - 10 Illuminated like 1890s streets
 - 16 Criminalize
 - 19 Make sharp
 - 20 Came — (Mexican steak dish)
 - 21 Mysterious matters
 - 22 "So that's it!"
 - 23 Senior Manilow?
 - 25 One looking for Bridges?
 - 27 Monte —, Monaco
 - 28 Not difficult
 - 30 Car grille protector
 - 31 "Goodness!"
 - 32 Dillon in a headlock?
 - 37 Head of monks
 - 39 "My gal" of song
 - 40 Stu of early TV
 - 42 Magazine printings
 - 45 Pepsi, e.g.
 - 49 "CD" part
 - 52 Severinsen living in San Francisco?
 - 54 Inner self, to Jung
 - 56 Cartoonist Addams
 - 58 Pod veggie
 - 59 Off. aides
 - 60 One jumping over Rains?
 - 63 EMT's treatment
 - 65 Uses 66-Across, say
 - 66 Dental care brand
 - 67 Gets rid of while snoozing
 - 73 Melodious Murray
 - 74 Brought before Crane?
 - 77 Pastry bag wielder
 - 78 Gain much knowledge
 - 80 Felt regretful about
 - 81 El — (Cher's California birthplace)
 - 83 Java, for one: Abbr.
 - 84 Fisher standing atop a stack of sacks?
 - 86 Exit an egg
 - 90 Java locale
 - 93 Stepped on it
 - 94 Boat-lifting device
 - 95 Pickford acting too quickly?
 - 98 Perplexed
 - 100 Fiddle duet?
 - 101 Prophecy giver
 - 102 Grinders
 - 104 3-D med. scan
 - 106 Sour plums
 - 108 Endeavor by Borgnine?
 - 115 Motrin target
 - 117 It glistens on grass
 - 119 Choir part
 - 120 Bugle sound
 - 121 Bitingly sarcastic Williams?
 - 125 Henning further down?
 - 128 Hightail it, old-style
 - 129 Hun head
 - 130 Radical sort
 - 131 Crooner Campbell
 - 132 What to call a knight
 - 133 Bunkmate
 - 134 Mexican money
 - 135 Urges
- DOWN**
- 1 "Gossip Girl" network
 - 2 — plexus
 - 3 Poet Breton
 - 4 Fishing line holders
 - 5 Chem class component
 - 6 D.C.'s country
 - 7 Crooner Carpenter
 - 8 "What —!" ("How boring!")
 - 9 "I declare it, that's whol"
 - 10 Chatter idly
 - 11 "My hands — tied"
 - 12 Picket line crosser
 - 13 Actress Linney
 - 14 Dwell within
 - 15 Greek letter after sigma
 - 16 Fixtures to soak in
 - 17 Subtle "Yo!"
 - 18 — a one (zero)
 - 24 Deteriorates
 - 26 Loops with slipknots
 - 29 .9144 meter
 - 33 Striping
 - 34 Peter — Tchaikovsky
 - 35 — more (at least a couple)
 - 36 Mite's cousin
 - 38 Note that sounds like C
 - 41 Hide-hair connector
 - 43 Chow down
 - 44 The "S" of TBS: Abbr.
 - 45 Kind of nerve or vertebra
 - 46 Over the Internet
 - 47 "Glee" actress Agron
 - 48 Toy, to a tot
 - 50 Wisconsin-based retail store chain
 - 51 Coated pill
 - 53 Person confronting
 - 55 Fruity beverage
 - 57 Year, e.g.
 - 61 "Cómo —?" (Spanish "How are you?")
 - 62 Accessory
 - 64 Chain for dogs and cats
 - 67 Himalayan guide
 - 68 Peeresses
 - 69 "Arabian Nights" sailor
 - 70 Eight-note interval
 - 71 Black Eyed Peas singer
 - 72 Decorates, as a cake
 - 75 Mosque God
 - 76 "— is not to reason why"
 - 79 Ex — (from nothing)
 - 82 Stop
 - 84 Provide the spread
 - 85 Plant swelling
 - 86 Med. plan option
 - 87 Bern's river
 - 88 More sleazy
 - 89 Rode a bike
 - 91 Used a tuffet
 - 92 "Got it"
 - 96 Must
 - 97 Volcano near Catania
 - 99 Monet works
 - 103 Delayed
 - 105 "Let — Me"
 - 107 Brief quarrel
 - 109 Filched
 - 110 Tipsters
 - 111 Lamentation
 - 112 Sappy tree
 - 113 Get all prettied up
 - 114 Shore fliers
 - 115 Oohs and —
 - 116 Nero's 202
 - 118 Caprice
 - 122 Cup handle
 - 123 "Y" student
 - 124 "Norma —"
 - 126 Miracle — (plant food)
 - 127 Bonn article

SEE ANSWERS, C9

HOROSCOPES

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A hectic job schedule begins to ease just in time to blow off all that work-generated steam on Halloween. A family situation runs into an unexpected complication.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A cutting remark in the workplace needs to be handled with finesse. Remember: How you respond could determine the depth of support you gain from colleagues.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Once again, that Capricorn stubborn streak sets in and could keep you from getting much-needed advice. Fortunately, it lifts by week's end, in time to make an informed decision.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A surprise trip early in the week could lead to other unexpected offers when you return. Word to the wise: Avoid talking too much about this until you've made some decisions.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Learning dominates the week for perspicacious Pisceans, who are always looking to widen their range of knowledge. A series of important job-linked commitments begins late in the week.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** The high standards you set for yourself don't always translate into the behavior you expect of others. That relationship problem can be resolved if you're more flexible and less judgmental.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Not enough party bids to satisfy the Bovine's

fun-loving side this week? Go ahead and throw one of your own. Then prepare for some serious work coming up early next week.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A new and intensely productive cycle is about to kick in. Be careful not to get too stressed out, though. Make time to restore your energies by relaxing with family and friends.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** This could be a good time to share some of your plans with those closest to you. Their comments could give you some added insight into how you might accomplish your goals.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** An attack of self-doubt might be unsettling for the usually super-assured Feline. But it could be your inner voice telling you to hold off implementing your plans until you've reassessed them.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** This is a great time for you to reward yourself for all your hard work by taking a trip you haven't spent months carefully planning, to somewhere you never thought you'd be going.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Some misunderstandings resist being resolved. But your sincerity in wanting to soothe those hurt feelings wins the day. By month's end, that relationship should begin to show signs of healing.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** Your sense of humor generates good feelings and good will everywhere you go. ■

By Linda Thistle

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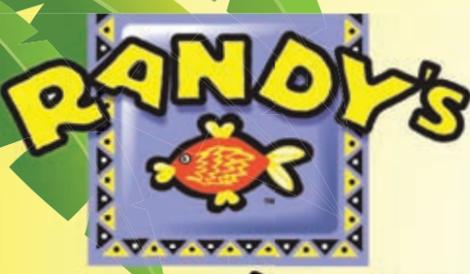
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It's as fair a question as any: Why do we eat turkey on Thanksgiving rather than, say, chicken or pork? Tofurkey, turducken and other alternatives aside, it does seem like turkeys get a raw deal on an annual basis.

At long last, "Free Birds" is here to give voice (literally) to turkeys that want to live. With any luck, these turkeys will get their kind off the Thanksgiving menu forever.

OK, maybe that's an exaggeration. But "Free Birds," nicely animated by Reel FX Creative Studios and distributed through Relativity Media, does present an enjoyable hypothetical scenario with good laughs and a good heart. Blue-headed turkey Reggie (Owen Wilson) is different from the mindless redheads in his flock, and he knows it. He's also lucky enough to be presidentially pardoned during Thanksgiving season, which leads him to Camp David to watch telenovelas and eat pizza.

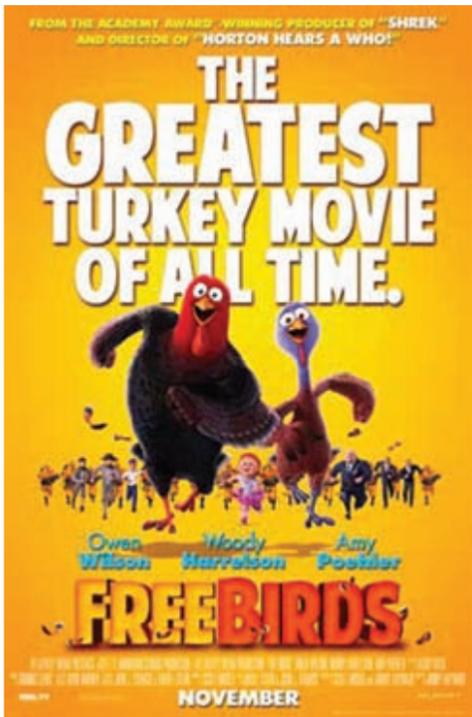
That is, until he's kidnapped by Jake (Woody Harrelson), a wild turkey with a crazy idea: He wants to travel back in time to the first Thanksgiving — Plymouth Colony, 1621 — and change history so turkeys aren't on the menu. After a cool time travel sequence in a machine called S.T.E.V.E. (George Takei) gets them there, they meet the leader of the local flock, Broadbeak (Keith David), his son Ranger (Jimmy Hayward, who is also the director) and his daughter Jenny (Amy Poehler). Predictably, alpha males Jake and Ranger battle for leader-

ship roles while Reggie and Jenny fall in love. Although the premise is clever and fun, "Free Birds" isn't winning any awards for originality in terms of story arcs.

The animation is crisp and clear with vivid 3D, and the images range from present day to outer space to the distant past. There are enjoyable moments throughout, particularly when Ms. Poehler comes on with her impeccable timing and wit. Mr. Wilson does well in the lead role, Mr. Harrelson is solid as the flashier but less grounded co-lead, and kudos to Colm Meaney ("Law Abiding Citizen") for nicely snarling his way along as the villain, Captain Standish.

Watching the film, you quickly become curious how it'll end. Convention dictates that the heroes, the turkeys, achieve their goal at the end of the 91-minute running time, but for them to do that it would mean turkeys are no longer eaten at Thanksgiving, which defies a 150-year-old (see below) American tradition. How it all plays out works for the movie, if not reality.

Speaking of reality, although the PG-rated film is perfectly fine for youngsters, there might be some little ones who have trouble differentiating reality from fantasy — and if so, those children might not want to eat turkey this Thanksgiving. Thus is the risk parents take with their impressionable kids and "Free Birds": Although it's very enjoyable and good for a smile, there's a clear message that it doesn't have to be turkeys on Thanksgiving day, so adults should be prepared to address this after the film. ■



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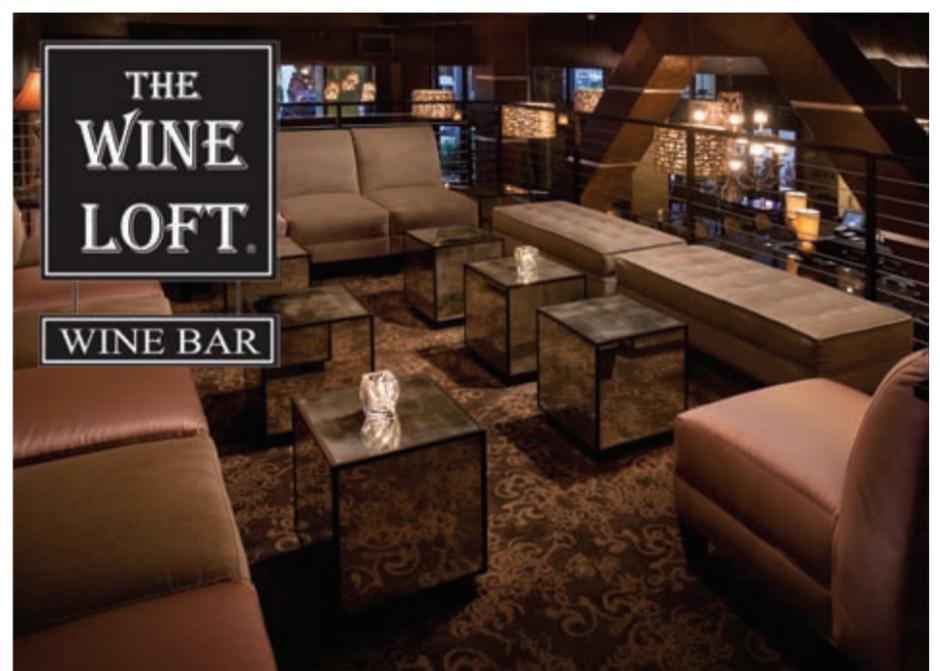
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1940s Hollywood sets the scene for 'Something Intangible'

Drama is next up from Gulfshore Playhouse

Gulfshore Playhouse continues its 10th anniversary season with "Something Intangible," a drama by Bruce Graham, Nov. 1-24 at The Norris Center.

Set among the glitz and glamour of 1940s Hollywood, the play goes inside the movie studio and the lives of two brothers. One is the creative genius responsible for bringing the first animated feature film to the screen; the other struggles to keep the money coming in to fund the next big dream, which ultimately will change the film industry forever: a feature-length, animated film set to classical music.

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Artistic Associate Cody Nickell directs the cast that consists of Shawn Fagan and Ian Merrill Peakes as Tony and Dale Wiston; Charlotte Booker as Sonia Feldman; Josh Tobin as Leo Baxter; and Peter Reznikoff as Doc Bartelli

and Gustav Von Meyerhoff.

Show tickets are also available by calling the Gulfshore Playhouse box office at (866) 811-4111 or visiting www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

Theatergoers can enjoy dinner before the show at The Chapel Grill for just \$29.95 for three courses and a glass of wine or champagne. Reservations can be made between 5 and 6:15 p.m., and diners must present their Gulfshore Playhouse e-mail ticket confirmation upon arrival. Call the restaurant at 206-4310 for reservations.

The Gulfshore Playhouse season continues with:

■ Tom Mula's "Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol," Dec. 6-22

■ Suzanne Bradbeer's "The God Game," Jan. 17-Feb. 9

■ Ken Ludwig's "The Game's Afoot," Feb. 21-March 16

■ Arthur Miller's "All My Sons," March 28-April 19 ■

Naples Players set auditions for 'Good People'

The Naples Players hold auditions for "Good People" starting at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Sugden Community Theatre. The script calls for two men, one age 25-35 and one age 45-55, and four women, three between the ages of 45-60 and one African American age 28-35.

In the play, sharp-tongued Margie plans to seek employment from an old flame who managed to get out of South-

ie, Boston, and become a successful doctor. Their reunion results in a reflective conversation pondering whether our choices or fate determine our path.

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Florida Repertory Theatre opens its new season with Andrew Bergman's "Social Security," a comedy where modern art meets family mayhem.

Running Nov. 1-20 at the historic Arcade Theatre in downtown Fort Myers, the show tells the story of two art dealers coping with their impossible relations, and reminds us that it is never too late to fall in love.

Mr. Bergman also wrote "Blazing Saddles," "The In-Laws" and "The Freshman." In "Social Security," the playwright introduces David and Barbara Kahn, living the good life in a swank New York apartment surrounded by the finest in modern art and isolated from their bizarre relatives.

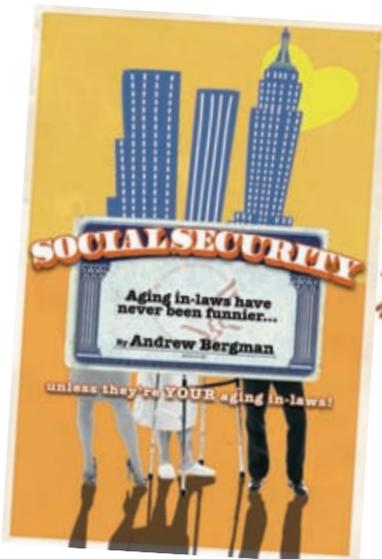
What could possibly go wrong? Everything, it seems.

When Barbara's dreary and dissatisfied sister, Trudy, and her accountant husband arrive from Long Island with their near-senile Jewish mother in tow, the comic sparks start to fly.

"Social Security" features Florida Rep regulars David Breitbarth, Kate Hampton, Carrie Lund and David Howard. Ann Hurst and Mark Lainer make their Florida Rep debuts in this production. Founder and Producing Artistic Director Robert Cacioppo directs.

Show time is 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sunday and on select Saturdays.

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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Famous political rivalry became a pop culture phenomenon

BY TERRY AND KIM KOVEL
Special to Florida Weekly

Political fights among politicians are not new. Today, the rivalries are ridiculed in cartoons and on sitcoms. In the past, political differences were shown in Staffordshire figures, slogans and drawings.

The rivalry in Britain in the last half of the 19th century between the prime ministers Benjamin Disraeli (1804-1881) and William Gladstone (1810-1898) was notable. Both men were skilled politicians, but they hated each other. Gladstone was a rich and deeply religious upper-middle-class man educated at Eton and Oxford. Disraeli never attended a university and was a wild youth who lived extravagantly. He wrote novels, accumulated debts and then married a rich widow.

Gladstone, a liberal (Whig), and Disraeli, a conservative, disagreed on both social and international policies. They called each other names, opposed each other in numerous campaigns and were able to defeat each other at times. The repeal of the Corn Laws, which lowered tariffs, the purchase of stock in the Suez Canal, the favor of Queen Victoria, and other major problems were part of their battles. Political cartoons of the time often showed the two men fighting. There were even toys that pictured the



The two papier mache and wood figures wrestling with the help of some strings are 19th-century politicians who couldn't agree on anything. The toy and original box sold for \$180 at Jackson's Auctions in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Most people today would not recognize the pair, Disraeli and Gladstone, as famous British politicians during the reign of Queen Victoria.

men wrestling. Several versions of the toy have been sold through the years. In 2013, Jackson's Auctions sold a pair of 8½-inch-high Gladstone and Disraeli figures in their original box for \$180.

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Q: I have a red, white and blue metal sign that reads "Hudson, Service Station, Essex." There's a blue triangle that says "Hudson Super Six" and a red hexagon that reads "Essex Motor Cars." It's 13 inches high and 27½ inches wide. What is it worth?

A: Hudson Motor Car Co. was founded in 1909. Its Super Six engine was introduced in 1916. The Essex was a less expensive car introduced in 1919 and made until 1932. Hudson merged with Nash in 1954 and became American Motors Corp. Automobile-related advertising of all kinds is collected. Signs can sell for hundreds or even thousands of dollars. Your sign, from the 1920s, could sell for \$500 or more.

Q: My McCoy cookie jar belonged to my grandmother. It's shaped like an apple and is yellow with red highlights. The lid has a stem and leaf on the top. I'd like to know how old it is and what it might be worth.

A: McCoy pottery was made in Rosville, Ohio. The company made cookie

jars from about 1940 it closed in 1990. Its apple cookie jar was made from about 1950 to 1964. It was also made in turquoise, a rare color that sells for more. Yours is worth about \$100.

Q: I have a picture postcard showing the original photograph of President Franklin Roosevelt signing the Social Security Act on Aug. 14, 1935. It's signed by James Roosevelt, FDR's oldest son. Does it have any value?

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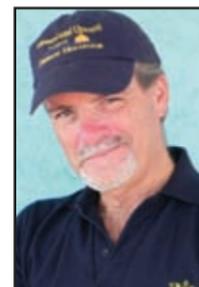
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■ **"Honors Rendered" by Robert N. Macomber. Pineapple Press. 376 pages. \$21.95.**

Though Robert Macomber lives on Southwest Florida's Pine Island, he seems to spend a good part of each year traveling the seas in pursuit of the local color and history that fuel his nautical adventures featuring Commander Peter Wake. All of the Honor Series novels are noted for their meticulous research on the peoples, places and politics that the author allows his powerful imagination to infuse with high action, suspense and moral weight. "Honors Rendered," the 11th in the series, is more than "no exception," it is one of Mr. Macomber's best.



Robert N. Macomber

Set in the late 1880s, this adventure sees Peter Wake covertly attempt defuse a political powder keg in the South Pacific. The U.S. government fears further aggressive actions by Germany against the island nation of

Samoa. Samoa is potentially a U.S. ally, but at present both Germany and the U.S. are positioning for influence — and this means positioning their warships for possible confrontation. Germany has already won the favor of a portion of the Samoans and installed a puppet king. Indeed, the Samoans themselves are near civil war.

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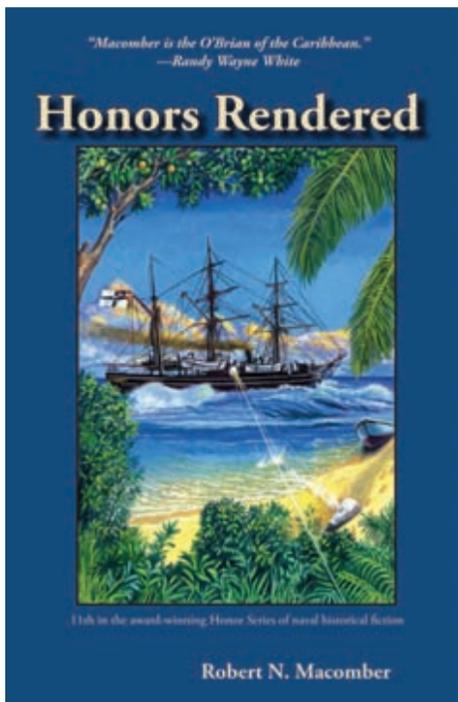
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Authenticity and authority arise as well from the author's handling of physical detail: the dimensions and capabilities of various sea craft; provisions, dress and weaponry; dwellings and other buildings; geography and natural environment.

In the latter going of "Honors Rendered," the author invokes a fierce hurricane that becomes everyone's obstacle. The immense force is the great equalizer, playing no favorites. Mr. Macomber's descriptions of this huge storm, detailing every aspect of its destructive power, are magnificent and terrifying.

If you enjoy history, adventure, strong characters, high-stakes action and a whiff of romance, you'll most certainly enjoy Mr. Macomber's latest sea saga. ■

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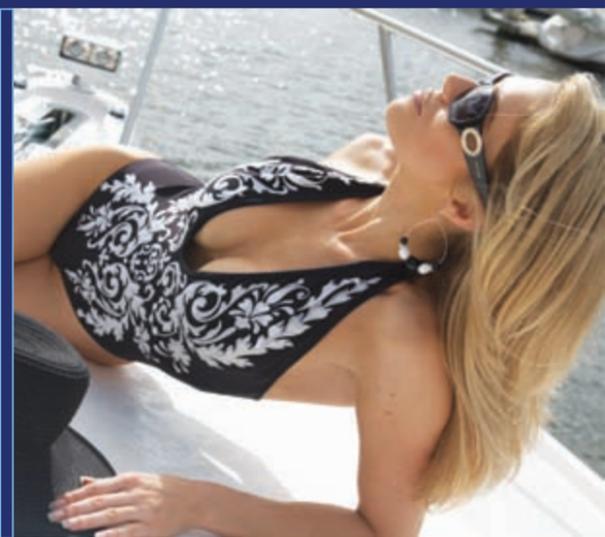
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Time's up. Take your fingers off the keyboard

This year's Writing Challenge has been the best yet. During the past few months, we've provided a series of photo prompts and the writes among our readers have let their imaginations run, providing us with stories inspired

by the pictures. We received almost 150 entries. The quality of the submissions was extraordinary, and the task of picking winners has been daunting. *Florida Weekly* editors pored through the submissions and turned

our Top 20 favorites over to book critic Phil Jason to select two winners. They'll be notified this weekend, and their names will be published in next week's paper. Each will receive a ticket each to the eighth annual Sani-

bel Island Writers Conference Nov. 7-10 (see our story about this year's keynote speaker on page C1).

Thanks to everyone for taking the challenge. ■

Missed Connection

VIRGINIA COLWELL READ

Marco Island

The fog hangs in the air and forms a shroud over the landscape. Leaves no longer tremble on their branches, birds no longer sing, nor crickets shrill. Traffic noises are stilled in this deadly void. I am encased in nothingness.

I try to find my way, but the path is without beginning or end. I see a thin light from a lamppost in the distance. I need to reach that light. It is important. The light is shining on two people sitting at opposite ends of a long bench. There is an empty space between them. They do not lean toward one another, or gesture. They seem to be waiting for someone. I have to go there. I know who they are. I must be with them. I have to hurry, but they're so far away. I need to go faster.

I run toward them and yell, but they

don't hear me. I yell again. They don't move or turn around. The only sound I hear is a steady booming, like the beat of a heart. I run as fast as I can. I'm not getting any closer. I must reach them. I can't stop now. I must keep running, but I'm so tired; my legs are heavy, it's difficult to breathe.

A slight movement of air skims across the skin on my arms. I hesitate and see the mist separate into silent wisps floating through the trees, and rising slowly from the ground. Both of them rise from the bench and become as one with the drifting mist.

Untitled

MARGO GARIEPY

Fort Myers

I found him waiting for the bus again.

"Hi, Pop," I said. "You look cold."

He lifted his head, squinting, as if to see through the light-handed fog cradling him on his bench. "I am cold,"

he said. "I've been here for a goddamn hour. These goddamn buses are no good in a fog. They can't see a damn thing." He bent over, looked past me and shook his head. "Goddamn buses," he murmured.

"Look, Pop, let's get out of here. It's cold and damp and the sun is just up. It's not going to burn this fog off for hours."

He looked up at me. "You may just be right about that," he said. But he didn't move. "Did you talk to your mother? Did you tell her I'm trying to catch a goddamn bus?"

I paused like I always do when he asks that. "Yep," I said. "I talked to her last night. She's doing fine. She'll be glad to see you when she gets home. Any day now."

His face brightened. It looked as if a pale breakthrough of the sun had settled there. "Oh good," he said.

"Oh, good. Then there's no use in me waiting for the bus then, is there?" He was stiff from sitting for so long, but he untangled his knees, rose up and took my arm. I took his elbow and put

it through mine.

"She'll be home any day now," he said. "That's good. It's about time."

He napped most of the day, now and then calling out my name. "You're a good daughter, you know that? You take good care of Mom and me." It was a proclamation, earnest and strong-voiced.

I gave him his dinner. He spooned the potatoes up with two fingers, but he wouldn't touch the beans. "You know I don't care for vegetables," he said. "I know," I said. "But they're good for you." I picked up four of the bite-sized beans and lay them in his palm. "Try just a couple beans, OK?"

He looked at them like he expected them to do something. "Do I like beans?"

"No," I said, "but they're good for you. Mom makes you eat your vegetables, doesn't she?"

"Not always," he said. He smiled like a boy pulling one over on me.

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locked it. I sat down next to him on the sofa and reached to take his hand. "What are you watching?" I asked. He jerked his hand from mine like a man who'd been shocked. "What the hell are you doing?" he cried. "Who the hell are you?" He was beginning to shake. "All you goddamn people come in here and sit all over the place like it's your own goddamn house!" "I'm just here waiting for Tina to come," I said. The back of my throat

was being pushed hard and I did not want to release the stone that sat there. "Well, you can wait for her over there," he said, pointing to the chair in the hall. "Leave me the hell alone. Get out of my house!" When Tina came, I gave her the notes I'd taken during the day. "He got out this morning," I told her. "It was barely dawn and I didn't hear him. I just didn't hear him." "You go home and get a good rest," she said. "I'll see you next weekend." ■



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Q: I am beyond excited that “Catching Fire” will be in theaters soon. I’m intrigued by all the new Tributes that will be battling it out in this film. What can you tell me about the actor who plays Brutus, the scary and kick-butt Tribute from District 2?

— Haley W., via e-mail

A: Bruno Gunn plays the brawny and vicious “Career Tribute” from District 2. And while he’s certainly brawny, he’s anything but vicious in real life. The Canton, Ohio, native is one of the nicest people I’ve ever interviewed, and he’s just as thrilled to be in “Catching Fire” as you are to see him in it.



GUNN

“It was life-changing news,” he told me about learning he had landed the part. “I have been fortunate enough to be working for the past 15 years doing guest stars and small roles and independent films. And then something of this caliber comes along — I was thrilled. Absolutely thrilled. I mean, it’s one of those moments you’ll never forget the rest of your life, to say the least.”

And while the training was intense, Bruno had a blast filming this movie. “Everyone was really focused and bringing their A-game. And at the same time, it was one of those sets that had a very

relaxed, fun vibe. We were all having a great time making memories and friendships. We did about two to three months of training leading up to the movie, and that was a blast.”

Q: When is “Dallas” coming back?

— Karolyn Lubbock, Texas

A: “Dallas” will return to TNT for its third season in early 2014. I don’t have an exact date yet, but I will let you know when I do. In the meantime, I can tell you that my favorite “90210” alum, AnnaLynne McCord, will guest-star in several episodes. All of the Ewing family will return, as well as Mitch Pileggi and Judith Light.

Q: It seems like I’ve been waiting forever for “Teen Wolf” to return to MTV. When will they air the rest of season three?

— Joshua B., via e-mail

A: You still have a couple of more months to wait — until Monday, Jan. 6, at 10 p.m., to be exact. But I do have some good news to share: MTV has announced the hit series will return for a fourth season in 2014 with 12 new episodes. Additionally, the network will debut the talk show “Wolf Watch,” set to air weekly after each “Teen Wolf” episode. ■

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The evening will have live music and comedienne Janet "The Tennessee Tramp" Williams. Hors d'oeuvres will be served, and a raffle will be held. Admission is \$25 (21 and older only). Call 676-0785 or visit www.swflpacla.org.

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■ The **Women's Initiative Network** of the Community Foundation of Collier

County hosts the inaugural **Power of the Purse** luncheon on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at Grey Oaks Country Club. Guest speaker Connie Rose endured 16 years of childhood sexual abuse, much of it at the hands of her serial sex offender father. She founded **Victims2Survivors** to raise awareness and provide support for victims and survivors of sexual violence, sex trafficking and domestic violence.

The foundation's 2014 **Women of Initiative** honorees will also be formally announced at the luncheon. The award ceremony will be held on March 31 at the Naples Beach & Golf Resort.

Tickets to **Power of the Purse** are \$125 per person, \$250 for patrons and \$2,500 for a patron table. For more information, visit www.cfcollier.org.

■ **Humane Society Naples** holds its 15th annual **Tea & Fashion Show: "Passport to Paris"** on Thursday, Dec. 5, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. For tickets or more information, visit www.humanesocietynaples.org.

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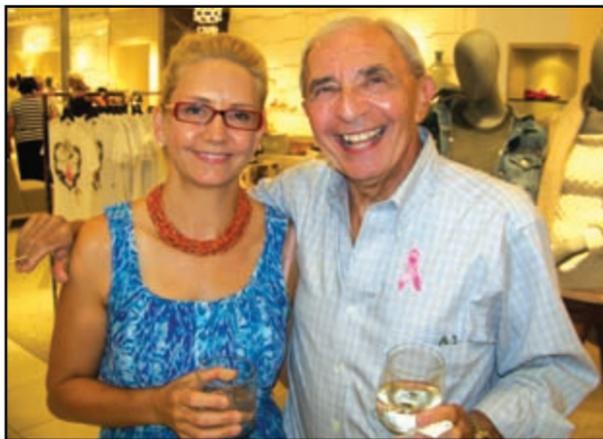
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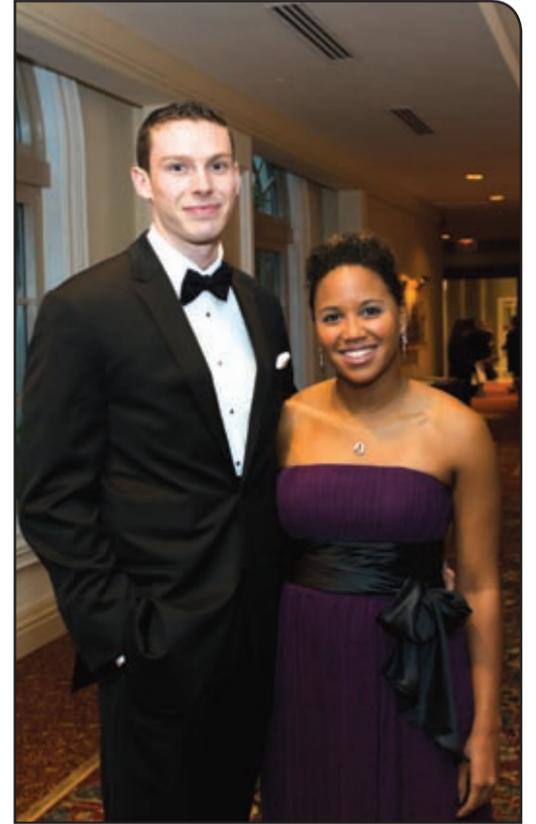
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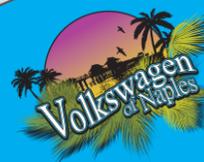
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Want to know what the best part of being a wine columnist is? No, it isn't being able to walk into the house with a case of wine under my arm and tell my wife, "But, honey, it's research for work!" (That's a perk, yes, but she's not buying into it the way she used to anymore.)

The best part is having the opportunity to spend two-plus hours enjoying dinner one-on-one with a passionate winemaker, tasting his (or her) wines with food and discussing the always fascinating topics of how and why he does what he does.

I had the chance to do just that recently at Shula's Steak House in Naples with South African winemaker Jean Engelbrecht, proprietor of Rust en Vrede Wine Estate in the Stellenbosch region.

The first South African family-owned winery to specialize in the exclusive production of red wines, Rust en Vrede only produces wines from cabernet sauvignon, shiraz and merlot grapes. Mr. Engelbrecht's wines have made the Wine Spectator Top 100 Wines list five times, including 2012.

We sampled his highly rated Estate 2010, as well as wines from two other South African wineries, while enjoying a wide-ranging discussion.

Q. Your family has grown grapes in South Africa since the early 1700s. Why

did your father decide to become a winemaker in the 1970s?

A. We used to sell all our grapes to large winemaking co-ops, but we realized we needed to focus our energies and market our products differently. Consumers are looking for handmade products, and selling wine under our winery name puts a face on our wine.

Q. What did your father teach you about making wine?

A. Never in history has there been such a large choice of good wines for informed consumers. My father said that in order to be successful, the most important thing was to pay attention to details. And not just one or two small things, but you must pay attention to all of the details. You have to have a personal investment with your wine, and you get that by focusing on all the aspects of your business.

Q. What do you enjoy drinking when not drinking your own wine?

A. I like to compare enjoying wine to reading good books. When you read many different books, you enrich your life with the different experiences. If you drink wines, this enriches and expands your life as well.

Q. If you were not a winemaker, what would you be doing?

A. I knew I would be in the family business, but before that happened I wanted to have my own achievements. So I was an airline pilot for seven years, and I loved every moment of that. I had a sense of per-



Jean Engelbrecht enjoying a glass of his Estate 2010 wine.

sonal freedom — from (the family) business and also (because of) the traveling.

Q. What differentiates your wines from other producers?

A. Our wine is supposed to be different from the next estate. That does not mean other wines are not as good, just there are always differences. A new BMW and a new Mercedes have different new-car smells, but share the same great quality level and attention to detail. When it became my turn to run the business, I started from a solid foundation. I did not have to reinvent the wheel, just tweak and modernize every year. It starts with the terroir, and then by doing all the small things right year after year, being consistent.

Q. How would you describe your wines to someone who has not yet tried them?

A. Our cabernet sauvignon does not have a European style. I like to describe them as forceful but elegant, more like a quality Napa Valley cabernet than a Bordeaux style.

Q. Do you have any favorite pairings of your wines and food?

A. I hate the notion of certain wines with certain dishes, and I grew up enjoying wines with all dishes. If you believe that this certain wine only can go well with that particular dish, how do you grow?

Wine Picks of the Week:

■ **Rust en Vrede Stellenbosch Estate Red Blend 2010 (\$48):** A blend of 61 percent cabernet sauvignon, 31 percent shiraz and 8 percent merlot, this wine is a bright ruby-red and has a complex berry and cassis nose with an enticing blackberry and spice palate, leading to a long, elegant finish.

■ **Anthonij Rupert Optima Western Cape 2009 (\$35):** Cabernet sauvignon blended with cabernet franc and merlot yields a rich dark purple color with dark berry and plum aromas and flavors mixed with a hint of cocoa and a long, smooth finish.

■ **Ernie Els Signature Stellenbosch 2010 (\$55):** This classic Bordeaux blend of five grapes produces a deep, inky-purple wine with complex nose and palate of dark berries mixed with strawberries, ending with a touch of minerality in its textured finish. ■

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CUISINE

Sumo Sushi Sake wrestles its way into North Naples dining scene



Situated as it is among Jimmy John's, Moe's, Chick-fil-A and Culvers (and with its own drive-through window), you'd be excused for thinking Sumo Sushi Sake is just another chain concept, albeit one with a catchy alliterative name.

It is anything but that.

This unique little outpost in what was once a Starbucks serves serious sushi and well-executed Thai fare and even provides pleasant (and not deafening) live music, at least on Saturday evenings, making it an excellent choice for a bite to eat before or after a movie at the nearby Regal Hollywood 20 complex.

If someone hadn't told me it used to be a Starbucks, I wouldn't have guessed. The owner has done a remarkable job of transforming the mecca of macchiato into the sushi parlor of the new millennium with dark blue plaster walls, an undulating ceiling, pendant lights over wood-grain tables, a black granite bar with bamboo sides and cool blue lights running around the perimeter.

I can't tell you what the Sumo portion of the name means as we saw no well-padded wrestlers hanging about the place, but the rest of the name made sense as there's plenty of sushi and a respectable selection of sakes from which to choose.

We sampled a bottle of Hakutsuru Junmai Ginjo Sho Une (\$27), which had delicate fruit flavors and was full-bodied enough to stand up to the dishes with which we enjoyed it.

The menu might cause some conster-



Top: This double delight features a lobster roll and a lobster tail filled with a lobster and crab-stick mixture. **Left:** Seared scallops come with an unsushi-like salsa. **Bottom:** For those who prefer their food cooked, consider a mixed tempura platter.

nation among purists. In addition to conventional sushi, surimi and chirashi, you'll find ceviche, Thai soups, salads, Thai crab cakes, chicken wings and a roll containing hamachi and jalapenos. Cooked fare includes pad Thai, red curry, tempura, miso ginger salmon and a few other dishes.

For lovers of sushi who have dreamed of becoming chefs themselves, there's even a create-you-own-roll section, in which you select two or three fishes, three vegetables and a sauce (\$16.85-\$18.85).

Clearly, there's a little something for everyone.

With that in mind, we ordered a bit of this and a bite of that, starting with the seared sea scallops with salsa (\$12.95). The five scallops were plump, juicy and lightly breaded. They were tender and, although they could have been hotter, they tasted good, particularly when combined with the cool salsa containing red onions, red bell peppers and cilantro.

Standard nigiri sushi, two of tuna (\$6) and two tamago (egg, \$5) were also

just right, the fish tender and fresh, the omelette firm but not tough, with just a hint of sweetness.

The stars of the meal were the red dragon roll (\$13.95) and the lobster roll (\$24.95). The former consisted of crisp shrimp tempura, avocado and asparagus wrapped in seaweed and rice topped with tuna, scallions, garlic chili mayo and sweet sauce. Displayed on its side like a serpent slithering along the plate, it was a lovely and delicious roll.

The lobster roll took up its own dish and came in two parts: the roll itself, which consisted of lobster, avocado, asparagus, masago and scallions in soybean paper and rice, and a lobster tail stuffed with lobster, shreds of crab stick, masago and something called "yummy sauce," which was slightly sweet and served to hold the mixture together. We dabbed a bit of wasabi on the roll for heat and finished the whole thing.

Our final dish, tempura don (\$22.95), was a platter containing six large shrimp and a variety of veggies, all nicely battered and fried. The sesame seeds and tempura sauce promised on the menu were absent, but the batter had good flavor, the shrimp and vegetables (broccoli, mushroom, green pepper, onions and carrots), were all properly cooked and tasted good on their own.

The only other quibble I had was that

we had specifically asked to have the tempura served after the sushi, but it arrived along with all the rolls. It didn't seem to be a terribly difficult request considering that there were only two other tables and two people at the sushi bar during our meal, so the kitchen certainly wasn't overtaxed.

Nonetheless, all of the dishes we tried were solidly prepared and carefully plated, showing that the chef understood that people eat with their eyes as well as their mouths and noses.

The restaurant offers desserts, including tempura cheesecake, fried ice cream, green tea ice cream and something called "coconut, almond and chocolate bar a la mode," but, alas, we just couldn't manage it, even in the name of research.

This is an interesting little spot, one in which the management has given thought to what makes a pleasant dining experience and works hard to provide it. Should you have a hankering for sushi but no time to linger, check out the website, call in an order and swing by the drive-thru for takeout. That, my friends, is service. ■

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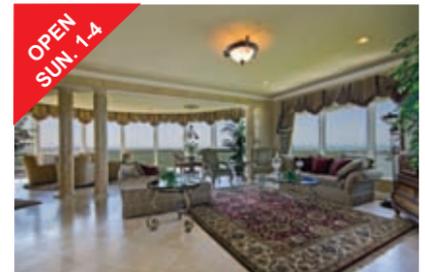
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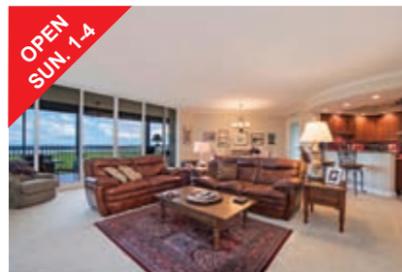
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