UF researchers identifying, developing noninvasive plant varieties

Plants from around the world beautify America’s yards, and to minimize the chance that exotic species will grow where they shouldn’t, University of Florida researchers are identifying and developing varieties with a low risk of running wild.

Scientists with UF’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences are on the cutting edge of a trend, said Gary Knox, a UF environmental horticulture professor. They are evaluating common ornamentals to find the varieties least likely to become invasive nuisances.

“We’re one of the first states to really look into this,” Professor Knox said.

Florida is so much more than that with its hammocks, swamps, forests, prairies and more. This diversity allows a huge variety of plants to call Florida home. This is one reason why so many different kinds of butterflies can be seen at Naples Botanical Garden. With a variety of cultivated gardens and preserve areas, the Garden is a butterfly haven, providing the butterfly larval food and nectar plants necessary to maintain but-

SEE BUTTERFLIES, A8

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Annals of the Citizenship Clause, 2010

According to Lindsey Graham, who can’t distinguish between a woman and a bovine, it’s time to scrap the 14th Amendment, the “Citizenship Clause” of the U.S. Constitution. Mr. Graham is the senior Republican senator from South Carolina, which is not known for producing male politicians who think clearly when women are involved (last year South Carolina’s Republican Gov. Mark Sanford became confused about women, too, particularly one in Argentina). The 14th Amendment is the simple little tour de force that “embodies the jus soli rule: you become a citizen the moment you drop a child. It’s called ‘drop and leave.’ To be a citizen. That shouldn’t be the case.”

Sen. Graham now rejects that classic American thinking. He announced on FOX television recently that people come to America “to drop a child. It’s called ‘drop and leave.’ To have a child in America, they cross the border, they go to the emergency room, have a child, and that child’s automatically an American citizen. That shouldn’t be the case.” Apparently, he coined the term “drop and leave” himself.

For those who view little brown border-crossing females as bovines, the word “drop” is probably accurate. After all, in our common usage — the English usage that Sen. Graham would require immigrants to learn and speak immediately — cows “drop” calves. Human females on the other hand, even little brown ones, give birth to their children. They don’t lay them, hatch them, pop them, excrete them or squirm them, let alone drop them.

By extension, in Sen. Graham’s fantasticating farm usage the English term “droppings” should apply to several children born on American soil from little brown border crossers. But it doesn’t. Instead, it means poop. Since Sen. Graham is a native speaker born in Pickens County, S.C. (slim Pickens County, some say), surely he must know this. In effect, he’s calling these little American children, bullshit, poop.

But that’s nothing new. Who’s here welcome and who isn’t who’s been a contentious issue since the nation’s beginnings, full of finger-pointing, name-calling and hot-headed hyperbolic speech-making.

“…in part, Americans are conflicted because our families all came from someplace else; in part, because most Americans are convinced that those wishing admission do not measure up to their immigrant stock,” explained Gary Mormino, professor of history, co-director of the Florida Studies Program at the University of South Florida, and author of the revealing book, “Land of Sunshine, State of Dreams: A Social History of Modern Florida.” “So it is. So it has always been,” he told me the other day. “Ben Franklin railed against the Pennsylvanians Dutch (Germans from the word Deutsch) in his own case, Professor Mormino’s recalled. “So it is. So it has always been,” he told me the other day. “Ben Franklin railed against the Pennsylvania Dutch (Germans from the word Deutsch) because of their stubborn cultural customs.”

In his own case, Professor Mormino’s grandparents immigrated from Sicily to Louisiana in 1890. There, his grandfather, Rosolino Mormino, cut sugarcane and failed to become either a fluent English speaker or a citizen until the 1930s, when he moved his family to Illinois for a job in a Standard Oil refinery.

“Rosolino Mormino symbolized ‘beaten men from beaten races,’ the sum of Europe that was vomiting its refuse to America,” Prof. Mormino said. “But American factories needed Rosolino Mormino, and millions followed.

The sheer number of (mostly European) immigrants drawn to American cities in the first decades of the 20th century would not be equalled until the 1980s and 1990s.”

But after the immigration boom of the last couple of decades — which coincided not with emergency-room availability for the droppers and droppings but with a booming economy — the numbers have… well, dropped.

In Florida, there may be about 720,000 undocumented residents currently, down from about 980,000 at mid-decade, according to the Census Bureau’s 2010 Statistical Abstract of the United States. That’s one in every 26 people (about 19 million live in the state). The estimated figure is based on numbers supplied by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

So what are we going to do? To start with, let’s not exacerbate the 14th Amendment. And let’s not define those who want to close the borders as fascists — that’s Professor Mormino’s suggestion, and it strikes me as wise.

Let’s not put the burden on local law enforcement, either. If they have to stumble around grabbing anybody who looks like she might drop and leave, ala the proposed Arizona law supported by such up-and-comers as Neapolitan gubernatorial candidate Rick Scott, the civil rights of a lot of Americans are going to be violated.

As Professor Mormino suggested to me, much of the debate is not about immigrants themselves, but about politics. “Within two decades, Republican-leaning states such as Florida and Texas will have populations that tilt African American and Latino. Translation: Democrats win.”

Finally, let’s begin a real conversation by trying to speak the truth.

The data suggests that border crossers “search for work and a better economic standing over the long term, not quick citizenship for U.S.-born babies,” note the researchers at polifact.com, the Pulitzer Prize winning St. Petersburg Times website that rates the truth of comments by prominent leaders left or right. They assigned Sen. Graham’s statement a “Half-False.”

Illegal immigrants do have babies here, polifact concludes, but “Graham appears to be conflating two things — a pattern of wealthy foreigners engaging in ‘birth tourism’ using legal visas, and illegal immigration of poorer people from Mexico. In our view, failing to make the distinction exaggerates the alleged problem and uses inflammatory rhetoric to obscure legitimate policy questions.”

Inflammatory rhetoric again, nothing new. When a Baptist preacher named Sidney Johnston Catts won Florida’s governorship on a third-party ticket in 1916, he opposed Catholics and supported Prohibition, Professor Mormino recalled.

“Those were often seen as joined at the hip by Protestants (principally because of the Irish). A Tampa legislator wishing to curry favor from Cuban voters introduced a bill that would allow ballots to be printed in Spanish. Mr. Catts is said to have thundered, ‘If English was good enough for Jesus Christ, it’s good enough for Florida’!”

Sen. Lindsey Graham might have felt right at home.
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If you could boil down the public’s lament with Washington, it might be: “What happened to the adults?”

Assume for a moment that in the area that I was, in the “Triangle of Tragedy,” it — I could have died at any moment — I decided that it’s not worth it. He knew the stakes. I asked why he was coming, he was still shaken to the core. He was a combat veteran, a graduate of West Point and a trained Arabic linguist. I ran into him the day he retired. When Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid took the stage, the moderator handed him Lt. Choi’s West Point ring and said Lt. Choi wanted him to keep it. Lt. Choi then joined Sen. Reid on the stage. The holding the ring, Sen. Reid asked Lt. Choi, speaking of the repeal of “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell,” “When we get it passed, you’ll take it back, right?” Lt. Choi said, “I sure will, but I’m going to hold you accountable.”

As we mark the end of America’s combat mission in Iraq,” President Barack Obama said this week, “a grateful America must pay tribute to all who served there.” He should have added “unless you’re gay,” because, despite his rhetoric, weeks earlier the commander in chief fired one of those Iraq vets: Lt. Dan Choi.

Lt. Choi was an Iraq War veteran, a graduate of West Point and a trained Arabic linguist. I ran into him the day after he received his official discharge. We were at the Netroots Nation conference in Las Vegas, a gathering of thousands of bloggers, activists and journalists. While Lt. Choi knew the discharge was coming, he was still shaken to the core. He took out his phone and showed me the letter he was e-mailed.

Lt. Choi announced he was gay on national television in March of 2009. He knew the risks. I asked why he did it. “I came back from Iraq,” he told me, “and I decided that it’s not worth it — I could have died at any moment in the area that I was, in the ‘Triangle of Death.” Why should I be afraid of the truth of who I am?”

He went on: “I’ve wanted to go back to Iraq and to Afghanistan, but then I thought, ‘If I die in Afghanistan or Iraq, then would my boyfriend be notified?’ Or would he have to hear about it through “Democracy Now!” or CNN — who would be the one telling him? And the fact of the matter is that’s not true of many of my peers. “A lot of people have given up quite a hefty sum of benefits, including your medical benefits and VA rights, to go to a VA hospital without paying, if your disability rating is like mine — I’m something like 50 percent disabled from my time in service — I stood to lose all of that as well as scholarship monies, GI bill and a home loan through the VA programs.”

— Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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Retired colonel proud booster of Junior ROTC

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When Paul Garrah retired in 2004 with the rank of lieutenant colonel after more than two decades in the United States Army, he knew where he wanted to live — Southwest Florida — and what he wanted to do, which was help to establish and then oversee the junior ROTC program at Golden Gate High School. Col. Garrah accomplished both of those goals and then some. In fact, he has become so active in so many facets of the community that he recently was awarded the first James V. Mudd Fellowship by the Leadership Collier Foundation. The fellowship means that Col. Garrah is given full tuition to participate in the 2011 class of Leadership Collier.

Mike Reagen, foundation president, said Col. Garrah exemplifies the award, which goes to someone who strives “to make Collier County among the best places in America to live, work and visit.”

Col. Garrah, 49, is a native of Maryland and spent his years in the army in a variety of locations both in the United States and abroad. His postings were wide ranging — everything from Latin America and Spain to Africa and then oversea, and they miss out on a lot.

But he grew to love the army, and three years became 22. He originally began as a telecommunications specialist, but he then went on to become the army’s equivalent of a diplomat, eventually specializing in Latin America, and also putting in time in Washington, D.C. But through it all, he knew that he wanted to spend his post-army life in Southwest Florida.

“My grandparents were among the first 200 people to settle in Cape Coral, back in the late 1950s,” he says. “I spent a lot of time down here on vacation with my parents when I was growing up, and I knew this is where I wanted to live eventually.”

Col. Garrah actively sought the job as the ROTC instructor at Golden Gate in 2004, when the school opened its doors for the first time. In addition to his ROTC duties, Col. Garrah also taught world history, so I think my wife agree, such as leadership, translate well into almost all areas.”

Still, if a student shows genuine interest in the military and displays an aptitude for that career, Col. Garrah is an enthusiastic supporter.

“I tell my students that if you have the drive, determination and energy, you can go as far as you want to go (in the military),” he says. “Truthfully, you can do as much as you’re able to do.”

He proudly notes that two of his former students now attend military academies — one at Amnopolis and the other at West Point. “They are both doing great,” he says. “It can be a wonderful career,” he says. “You have the adventure of going all around the world, and if you take advantage of your deployment to foreign countries, that can be an education in itself. Some people choose to stay on the base and eat at McDonald’s when they are posted abroad, and they miss out on a lot. I always traveled to the farthest corners of every country and learned about the people and the culture.”

Col. Garrah takes his students on an annual trip to Washington, D.C., and he believes this is a vital part of their education.

“I feel that citizenship is extremely important, and what better way is there to enhance that feeling than by going to Washington,” he says.

Col. Garrah was transferred from his posting at the Pentagon three months before terrorists crashed an airliner into the building on Sept. 11, 2001. He had worked in the area of the building that was hit on that day.

“A couple of years ago, when I was in Washington with the students, we went to the Pentagon,” he notes. “I saw the names of the people (who died in the attack), and these were people who I had served with, who I knew. It was tremendously emotional for me, and I think for the kids as well.”

Col. Garrah says he does not miss the challenges and excitement of his military career. His work with the Junior ROTC suits him perfectly at this stage of his life.

“I’m being totally honest when I say that I could not think of a better job in the world than the one I have now,” he says.

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Looking to spot some of these colorful garden helpers?

First, make sure to search when the butterflies are awake. Butterflies are most active between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.; outside that window, the butterflies will likely be dozing in the bushes. Additionally, take note of the weather: butterflies are cold-blooded, sun-loving insects. The sun warms up their bodies and gives them energy for their daily activities. On cloudy or rainy days, the butterflies rest, conserving energy until it’s sunny again.

Another way to ensure seeing butterflies is to look for them. Yes, that sounds like a no-brainer, but too often we ignore our surroundings, missing a butterfly whizzing right in front of our faces. Our minds are elsewhere — thinking about bills, making mental to-do lists — and we don’t pay attention to the little things in nature. If you’d like to see butterflies, slow down and watch. Stop in front of a white plumbago and you’re likely to see a Cassius blue butterfly flitting among the flowers and laying eggs on the leaves. Walk among the herbs; even there, you can find black swallowtails laying eggs on parsley or monarchs sipping nectar from pineapple sage flowers. Find any passion vine and pause in front of it; within a few moments you’re sure to spot a gulf fritillary laying eggs on the freshest tendrils of the plant. The key is to know what plants are attractive to butterflies. Once you find those plants, let your sense of wonder take over and soon enough, you won’t be able to stop seeing butterflies.

—Brittany Patterson-Weber is the Children’s Garden coordinator and resident butterfly expert at the Naples Botanical Garden.
Zebra (Heliconius) – Heliconius c. haritonius
After the Japanese news agency, Domei, announced Japan’s unconditional surrender on Aug. 14, 1945, Emperor Hirohito addressed his people asking for full cooperation with Allied occupation forces under the new leadership of Gen. Douglas MacArthur. As a coup attempt to take over the Imperial Palace to prevent surrender failed, across the Pacific, the success of a “cease fire” in Asia was announced from Washington followed by the news that automobile production would commence immediately.

The formal ceremony of surrender occurred on Sept. 2, 1945 in Tokyo Bay aboard the battleship USS Missouri. "The announcement that was met with numbness gave way to pent up feeling over.” The announcement that was met with numbness gave way to pent up feeling over.” The announcement that was met with numbness gave way to pent up feeling over.” The announcement that was met with numbness gave way to pent up feeling over.” The announcement that was met with numbness gave way to pent up feeling over.”

At 7:03 EST more than two million people jammed into New York’s Times Square waiting to hear President Harry Truman declaration that “the war is over.” The announcement that was met with numbness gave way to pent up feeling over.” The announcement that was met with numbness gave way to pent up feeling over.” The announcement that was met with numbness gave way to pent up feeling over.” The announcement that was met with numbness gave way to pent up feeling over.” The announcement that was met with numbness gave way to pent up feeling over.”

"Keep the spirit alive"

On Jan. 13, 2010, the House Concurrent Resolution 226 was passed, establishing a first legislative step for a permanent national commemoration of Aug. 14 as the end of the Second World War. "Keep the Spirit of ’45 Alive’ (www.spiritof45.org), led by national spokesperson Edith Shane, sought to achieve three key objectives: (1) Call on Congress to designate the second Sunday in every August a national day of remembrance to educate and inspire future generations of Americans; (2) Raise awareness by encouraging communities to hold commemorative events; and (3) Collect oral histories of those who experienced Aug. 14, 1945.

Bernadette La Paglia, community liaison for Vitas Innovative Hospice Care, set out two weeks ago to do her part to help Ms. Shane with her mission. "Ms. Shane’s work to keep alive the memory of this time in our history where Americans came together in a time of need is a noble effort,” Ms. La Paglia says. "When I learned of the project, I thought of my father, and like Ms. Shane, I thought we could overcome this short time challenge if we work together as a community." Naples spirit

"Keep the Spirit of ’45 Alive" is collaborative and intergenerational project designed to preserve forever an important part of our nation’s history and heritage. In a large part, its purpose is to rekindle the importance of coming together as a community through service to others, and creating a sense of national unity at a time when America, the world and Collier County needs it most. Whether you choose to “Oo-Rah,” “Hosah” or “Hooah,” let’s pledge to keep the spirit of ’45 alive. Semper fi.
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For more information, contact Karen Morgan at 377-0512.

Health department gives reminder about children’s vaccines

With the 2010-2011 school year fast approaching, health advisors remind parents and caregivers to make sure their school-aged children’s vaccines are up to date. The Collier County Health Department encourages parents and caregivers of children needing back-to-school immunizations to visit the health department or private provider as soon as possible to avoid extended waiting periods.

The health department invites parents to use the resources on the Collier County Health Department website at http://www.collierhealthdept.org/ to find out which age-appropriate immunizations their children should have in order to enter school. Vaccines offered through the CCHD are free for school-aged children and no appointments are needed when coming to one of the two health department locations.

For more information, call 252-8959 or 252-2564. The Collier County Health Department offers immunizations at two locations:

- **Naples**: Building H, Room 156, at the Government Complex, 380 East Tamiami Trail; Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Immokalee**: 499 North 1st Street, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

August is National Immunization Awareness Month and the CCHD remind people to make sure their immunization records are up-to-date. Diseases that can be prevented by vaccines include: chicken pox, measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, influenza, polio, hepatitis A and B, meningococcal disease and human papillomavirus.

K6 Sports announces Kinder-Sports program

They’ve mastered walking, and for the most part, running. Now they have the chance to master the skills necessary for sport activities in a fun atmosphere.

K6 Sports announces its Kinder-Sport program for boys and girls ages 4-6. It will be held at Community School of Naples every Saturday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. from Sept. 11 through Oct. 30.

“We developed this program specifically for boys and girls in pre-K, kindergarten and first grade,” said Bill Carufe, director. “The whole idea is to make a child’s first experience with sports a fun and engaging one, and a means to further develop their motor skills.”

The program is designed to help kids with hand-eye and hand-foot coordination, agility, spatial concepts and balance. In addition, kids will learn about various sports, as well as the importance of good sportsmanship and a positive, competitive spirit.

The registration fee is $95 per child and includes a T-shirt.

Registration forms and fees can be mailed to: Sports Camp Inc., P.O. Box 11030, Naples, FL 34108. K6 Sports is a division of Sports Camp Inc., which is a nonprofit organization that provides after school and summer camp care for children. Its mission is to provide a safe and successful school environment for children through physical and mental activities.

Additional information is available by visiting online at www.k-6sports.com, by calling 290-3430, 821-7972 or by e-mail at K6Sports@gmail.com.

Project Backpack coming Aug. 14

The new school year is set to start in just a couple of weeks, and that means area children need supplies. The Southwest Florida Project Backpack will be hosting a block party at six locations from Fort Myers and Immokalee to Naples.

The block party is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14. The first 1,000 kids to arrive at each location will receive a free school backpack filled with the supplies they need to start the school year.

Now in its third year, volunteers have more than 4,500 backpacks ready.

Collier and south Lee locations are:
- **Naples**: YMCA Naples, 1515 Pine Ridge Road;
- **Immokalee**: BCMA Charter School, 123 N. 4th St.; Bonita Springs: Riverside Park, 27300 Old 41; and Estero: Three Oaks Middle School, 18500 Three Oaks Parkway.

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has greater need for this work than most states—we have very diverse flora, so some native plants exist in very narrow niches and invasives can force them out.”

Answers are coming, though the process of getting them can be long and tedious, he said.

One example: A current UF project on ligustrum, also known as privet, a woody shrub from east Asia that’s used for hedges in the South and sometimes colonizes wild areas. Though researchers have spent 18 months evaluating wild and cultivat-ed varieties for their vigor and reproductive potential, it will take another year to finish the study, said Sandra Wilson, an environmental horticulture associate professor at UF’s Indian River REC in Fort Pierce.

The process is slow partly because it takes time to see how well any exotic plant survives here, Professor Knox said, or whether it will pose problems in Florida. Cultivated varieties, known as culti-vars, are genetically different from their wild ancestors, he said, and can vary widely in their ability to survive and reproduce.

Identifying low-risk cultivars already available to consumers is one of the program’s two main goals, Professor Knox said. Already, Professor Knox and Wilson have identified and tested a low-risk variety of the broadleaf, evergreen shrub Nandina, called Firepower. The plant does not produce flowers or fruit, meaning it’s unlikely to reproduce in the wild.

“The UF scientists’ other goal is to develop new, low-risk cultivars, Professor Knox said. Plant breeder Rosanna Freyre, is developing low-risk purple Mexican petunias, also called Ruellia, at the main UF campus in Gainesville. She hopes to produce seedless forms in pink, a more sought-after color.

And Zhano Deng, an environmental horticulture associate professor at UF’s Gulf Coast REC in Balm, is developing low-risk lantana. They will eventually be released through Florida Foundation Seed Producers Inc., a not-for-profit corporation that licenses crop cultivars developed at UF.

Greater environmental awareness has helped spur demand for low-risk culti-vars, but consumers still want attractive plants, Professor Wilson said. “If it doesn’t look good or perform well, what’s the point?” she said.

So the UF breeding program strives to balance beauty and low-risk traits. Land-grant institutions in several major agriculture states have begun similar programs, notably North Carolina State University, Professor Knox said. The U.S. Department of Agriculture has shown interest as well. The trend will benefit consumers and pri-
vate enterprise, Professor Knox said. “This area of research has a lot of potential because cultivars have usually been tweaked to please human percep-
tions,” Professor Knox said. “That’s not necessarily going to match nature’s perceived..."
My fellow voters,

Take a good look at the ethics of the County Commission candidates before you vote in the upcoming Primary Election.

Joe Foster was a primary player in the Cirrus Pointe scandal where he orchestrated an insider deal to enrich his law firm while causing the county to lose $350,000. He arranged for no-bid funding for the project that had no security for our tax dollars. Foster’s law firm carried out all project legal work after he cleverly resigned to run for commissioner in 2006.

Foster professes that he favors auditing by the Clerk of Courts, yet his law firm has fought the clerk’s subpoena which would disclose details of what transpired at Cirrus Pointe. He has now teamed up with Fred Coyle, holding a joint fundraiser on June 22, 2010. Foster and Coyle are now operating together as one.

Gina Downs says she’s “working for you” but she obtained $7,436 in campaign contributions from Marco Island’s gated Hideaway Beach Club, just before her mentor, incumbent Frank Halas voted on 3/23/10 to award Hideaway a $1.6 million project. Fred Coyle also reaped his share of contributions from Hideaway Beach residents (over $10,000) in return for the same vote.

Do you want these characters making decisions for Collier County? Beware of glib tongues and “wolves in sheep’s clothing”. Do your homework: research these topics, and please do not make the mistake of voting for Downs or Foster.

Chuck Roth

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• Call the Clerk of Courts (239-252-2646) if you have any questions about Joe Foster and Cirrus Pointe. He has to show you the public records, just as he did to me when asked.

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Following a local stone crabber as he baits and pulls traps through a season; celebrating the enduring cultural legacy of area fishing piers; taking a tour of some of the region’s classic old Florida fish shacks and experiencing the exhilaration and excitement of kiteboarding. Hosted by Jim McLaughlin.

> SATURDAY, AUG. 14, 7 P.M.
The Big Band Years
This retrospective features the songs that brought the country through World War II and kick-started the baby boom in a mix of vintage live, rare and unreleased footage of bands and vocalists from the 1930s and ’40s. Peter Marshall hosts.

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Hot Town Poster, Face Jug, Lost City of Gold

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Meet the monitors, the largest, fiercest, and craftiest lizards on Earth.

> WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18, 8 P.M.
Live from Lincoln Center
South Pacific
Live television premiere of Lincoln Center’s new production of the award-winning musical classic based on James Michener’s Pulitzer Prize-winning book. See on a tropical island during World War II, the musical tells the sweeping romantic story of two couples — U.S. Navy nurse Nellie Forbush (Kelli O’Hara) and French plantation owner Emile de Becque (Paulo Szot) and Navy Airman Joe Cable and a young local native girl, Liat — and how their happiness is threatened by the realities of the war and by their own prejudices. Music by Richard Rodgers and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II and a book by Hammerstein and Joshua Logan.

> THURSDAY, AUG. 19, 8 P.M.
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> FRIDAY, AUG. 20, 8 P.M.
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> SATURDAY, AUG. 21, 7 P.M.
The Big Band Years
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> SUNDAY, AUG. 22, 8 P.M.
The Best of WGCU
Tune in to find out what’s hot on WGCU-TV.
Shawnee Corn King dishes at an antiques bring high prices. A Herter Brothers pedestal is rare but sell for moderate prices. Pedestals for the rich and famous, including President Ulysses S. Grant (for the White House) and William Vanderbilt. Herter Brothers made this 41-inch rosewood pedestal, it sold at a Cottingham auction in Geneva, N.Y., for $5,900.

Herter Brothers made this 41-inch "Washburne Pat'd Mar 27-94, Feb 4-96." There's a small clip at each end of the clip. That was not their intended use, but at least according to the U.S. Patent Office.

Women whose feet were bound needed special shoes, and today those shoes, especially if they're hand-embroidered, are valuable. They normally sell as pairs, however, so a single shoe probably would sell for less than half the price of a pair. Pairs can sell for $500 or more, depending on age, style and condition. If you no longer want the shoes and are having a hard time selling it, consider donating it to a Chinese-American museum.

Q: After my father died, I went through his top drawer dresser and found an odd-looking 2-inch metal fastener marked "Washburne Pat'd Mar 27-94, Feb 4-96." There's a small clip at each end of the fastener that can be opened and locked closed. One clip is mounted perpendicularly to the shank and the other is horizontal. What in the world was it used for? And would anyone be interested in buying it?

Herter Brothers made this 41-inch "Bull-Dog Grip" cuff holder invented by James V. Washburne of Morrison, Ill. Washburne was a prolific inventor of clips, clasps and fasteners for clothing, key chains and paper. They were all marketed as "Washburne Fasteners." The cuff holder was meant to hold a loose shirt cuff tight, with one end of the clip holding the top of the cuff in place and the other end attached to the sleeve-opening above the cuff. We have seen Washburne cuff holders offered online as a means to cheat at cards — apparently you can hide an "ace up your sleeve" using one end of the clip. That was not their intended use, but at least according to the U.S. Patent Office.

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Q: I own a single small shoe that was one of a pair that belonged to a Chinese woman with bound feet. I also have the documentation that accompanied the shoe when it was given to a U.S. Navy officer in 1920. The shoe has a curved wooden base that's covered with hand-stitched needlework. What could the shoe be worth today?

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Q: How do you spot a Shawnee Corn King fake? I recently purchased three Shawnee Corn King dishes at an antiques mall. When I got home, I noticed that the items did not have "USA" stamped with the Shawnee logo on the bottom like the rest of my collection. Are these fakes? Did all original Shawnee Corn King dishes have the "USA" stamp?

A: The dishes you just bought are probably reproductions. Corn King pieces with bases too small to fit the words "Shawnee" and "USA" are marked simply "USA" or are not marked at all. Compare the style of the logo on the dishes you just bought with the style on your other pieces. And compare the quality of the pottery and the way the corn rows align. Reproductions tend not to be as heavy or well made as originals, and some have the corn rows on top of each other rather than staggered, as they are on originals. Shawnee Pottery was in business in Zanesville, Ohio, from 1927 to 1964. A Georgia wholesaler now owns rights to the Shawnee trade-mark and has been selling reproductions marked "Shawnee" (without "USA") for a few years. Other copies, not marked at all, have been around for decades.

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Joyful Yoga offers meditation course

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Free health seminar

Physicians Regional Healthcare System presents a free seminar about advances in shoulder surgery at 6 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 19, at Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge.

Dr. Steven Goldberg will discuss the various causes of shoulder pain, from arthritis to rotator cuff disorders, and treatments including shoulder resurfacing, minimally invasive arthroscopic surgery and joint replacement surgery. To register, visit www.physiciansregional.net/events.

‘Shapedown’ classes designed for obese children, teens

A 10-week series of nutrition classes to help obese children and teens change their food and exercise habits will begin Thursday, Sept. 2, at the Catholic Charities Counseling Center in Naples. Classes combine diet, exercise and other techniques to help families become less food-focused, find more active, social and life-enriching pursuits, and increase self-esteem and sense of responsibility. For more information, call 455-2615 or e-mail michelle@catholiccharities.org.

Executive Health: Where busy CEOs and VIPs go for a clean bill of health

BY KELLY MERRITT
Special to Florida Weekly

Paul Hobaica, M.D., understands how challenging it can be to find time for wellness. He is the medical director of S.W.A.T. Academy of Fitness and is the founder and medical director of the First Health program, designed and tailored to streamline and upgrade the medical process for firefighters, emergency medical technicians, law enforcement and other first responders. Dr. Hobaica also serves as the local medical director for both the PGA and Champions Tour events when they come to town. Even as a medical doctor, Dr. Hobaica understands that’s why he’s good at helping other community leaders stay in good health. Dr. Hobaica runs the Physicians Regional Executive Health Program, which caters to busy professionals and retirees committed to maintaining excellent health.

In executive physicals, patients undergo comprehensive health examinations in a package tailored to meet their needs. At Physicians Regional, patients typically spend one day on campus where they participate in an extensive exam that is designed to target, reduce and remove health risks. “Executives can get busy and medical care can be inefficient in the sense of the time it takes to complete an extensive physical, so we try to make these very efficient as we look for disease processes that may not be picked up under traditional standard medical practice management,” says Dr. Hobaica.

For example, when a patient goes in for a regular exam in his doctor’s office, it’s unlikely that doctor will put him on a treadmill. “In an executive physical, we want to put that patient on a stress test and also conduct tests like a colonoscopy—you give us your eight hours and you’re good for the year,” said Dr. Hobaica.

“It’s been proven that when you keep people fit and healthier through fitness, weight management and preventative medical care, the majority of these patients will be able to more effectively do their jobs,” said Dr. Hobaica.

For executive health patients, multiple specialists and services are all scheduled in a one-one-day timeframe that allows for same day results, explanations and suggestions on optimal health. The 10-day executive health program can take about four to seven hours. To ensure that they see all of the specialists they are scheduled to visit, someone usually escorts patients to each service.

Executive health programs are available new, from the University of South Carolina in Charleston, S.C., has had an executive health program since 1978. The local Physicians Regional Executive Health Program is not unlike the MUSC program. Each medical health patient receives a comprehensive adult diagnostic and preventative health evaluation and all services rendered utilize state-of-the-art equipment and testing procedures. They can include but are not limited to:

■ Pulmonary Function Test
■ Hearing Test
■ Dietary Assessment with Body Fat Percentage Analysis
■ Stress Echo
■ Comprehensive Eye Exam with Glaucoma Testing
■ Dermatology Body Check
■ Chest X-Ray
■ Complete Blood Chemistry and Urinalysis
■ Mammogram
■ Bone Density

Optional services may also include:
■ Total Body Scan
■ Colonoscopy or Virtual Colonoscopy
■ Aortic and Abdominal Aortic Ultrasound
■ Travel Medicine and Immunization
■ Consultation with the Center for Aesthetic Surgery

Just as medical practices may sound swanky, but as health benefits diminish and medical costs rise, preventative care such as executive physicals is fast becoming a financial priority in people’s yearly budgets.

Why doesn’t everyone get executive physicals? Because executive health physicals are preventative, highly specialized and customized. In most cases, most insurance companies don’t provide coverage. That makes executive physicals cost prohibitive for most patients. An executive health physical can range from $2,000 to $4,000 depending upon services the patient chooses. The Physicians Regional executive health physicals take place at the Pine Ridge location. The program is billed as a fee-for-service and therefore patients must pay for the physical at their appointment.

Interested patients can schedule an appointment by calling Kelly LaFata in the Executive Health Management Program Department at 588-4052.

Executive Health: Where busy CEOs and VIPs go for a clean bill of health

STRAIGHT TALK

Goals are still quality, efficiency, fiscal responsibility

It was a decade ago that the NCH Board of Trustees ratified the three goals that still guide our institution 10 years later: demonstrated quality; operational efficiency; and fiscal responsibility. As we look back along the time line, we can document our journey in improvement on each of these yardsticks:

■ We won our first quality award ever in 2004 for excellence in cardiology.
■ The subsequent years we have earned more than 90 awards, most based on the publicly reported data shared by 5,000 U.S. hospitals.
■ Four years ago, we formed a Quality Committee of the Board, now chaired by Dr. John Lewis. Dr. Paul Dernbach, medical staff president, has made quality a centerpiece as our journey continues.

In medicine, there is an expression, “You are only as good as your last patient.” That applies to all of us at NCH. We don’t have the luxury of relying on past performance. We must constantly improve the quality of the care we deliver to our patients.

To help track that care, there are more than 200 different hospital rating services with more than 3,000 measurements. Clearly, no single service is foolproof. Health care is in flux and in the midst of a great digital revolution. This suggests a lack of precision and accuracy from these agencies, which leads to some confusion and lack of confidence in some data produced. Nonetheless, it is imperative that we select a few measurement organizations to help track our progress.


Each has advantages and disadvantages, but in combination, all help NCH focus on improved quality and patient satisfaction, while providing transparency for others to judge our performance.

■ Hospital Compare helps us assess our performance relative to state and national benchmarks for patient satisfaction and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid core measures. This service doesn’t address physicians.

■ HealthGrades is the easiest for a patient to navigate and understand. This service provides ratings and profiles of 5,000 hospitals, 16,000 nursing homes and 750,000 physicians to consumers, corporations, health plans and hospitals.

■ Thomson Reuters provides the most comprehensive balanced scorecard for improvement, by using 10 metrics covering quality, financial health and patient satisfaction. We’ve recently reviewed where we stand relative to the top 20 large community hospitals on six Thomson Reuters measures—mortality, complications, patient safety, Medicare and Medicaid core measures, 30- and 90-day readmission rate. We are better than the top 20 in two measures, close in two others, and need to improve on the other two parameters. In terms of financial metrics, we do well on length of stay and have room to improve relative to expenses. The final Thomson Reuters measure is patient satisfaction, where we are about 11 percent below the top 20.

As you know, patient satisfaction has become a priority focus at NCH as ascended Vice Chair Mariann MacDonald leads the effort.

The journey to improve that we described examinations continues today. We have made significant and gratifying progress over these last 10 years. And with your best efforts, we will continue to improve our performance for many, many more years. My sincere thanks for all that you do for our community.

— Dr. Allen Weiss is president and CEO of the NCH Healthcare System.
The green iguana is a pest in Southwest Florida. In parts of Central and South America, it is eaten fried.

Since 2006, Lee County has spent an average of $100,000 attempting to eradicate this invasive species from Gasparilla. To date, nearly 10,000 spiny-tailed iguanas have been caught and euthanized, mostly from the northern end of the island. The sheer numbers of these lizards, coupled with their high fecundity, make their removal a daunting and expensive task.

Echoing this program, the city of Sanibel has undertaken a green iguana eradication program on the islands. To date it has captured and euthanized more than 750 iguanas at a cost in excess of $50,000. Although nowhere near as devastating to wildlife as the spiny-tailed iguana, this huge lizard destroys ornamental vegetation, eating shrubs, orchids, fruits, mangoes, berries and tomatoes. It also digs nesting burrows in private swimming pools and is known to harbor salmonella bacteria.

The green iguana’s high reproductive rate makes its eradication difficult. A single clutch can contain as many as 65 eggs. With the destruction of so many of the island’s alligators after the death of an island resident in 2004, the green iguana has no natural predators other than bobcats to keep its population in check. Although South Florida represents the northernmost part of its range, the iguana appears to be undergoing a process of natural selection. The more cold-tolerant members of the species are surviving, while the others die off during the winter. Eventually, the cold-resistant iguanas will continue to move northward, possibly as far as central Florida. Thus far, it has not been able to survive a hard freeze.

In Central and South America, many people eat the green iguana. The level of harvest in some areas has become so severe that the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources is considering listing it as an endangered species. It is said to taste like chicken, especially when fried; hence, the nickname “chicken of the tree.”

Recent changes in the pet import laws, including special permit requirements and the insertion of electronic chips for tracking the ownership of these animals, are expected to curtail future outbreaks of green iguana and other invasive imports. The Burmese pythons flourishing in the Everglades are another example of what happens when unwanted pets are intentionally released by their former owners. Even the most harmless of creatures, such as goldfish, can have unforeseen and sometimes devastating consequences to an environment unable to naturally control their populations. While releasing your unwanted pet might seem like the best thing to do for it in the short term, relieving you of the guilt associated with euthanizing it, in the long term you may be adversely harming the local ecosystems for decades to come.

— Charles Sobczak is a Sanibel-based writer. His newest book, “The Living Gulf Coast,” is due out this winter.
Tick talk

Pet lovers win a few battles, but ticks winning the war

BY DR. MARTY BECKER & GINA SPADAFORE

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Spot a flea or two on your dog or cat, and the reaction is likely to be a slight shudder and a mental note to check the calendar to see if it’s time for the monthly application of a few magic drops between the shoulder blades. But spot a tick or two on your pet, and the reaction is more likely to be a string of swear words, or even a scream.

There’s something about those nasty eight-legged pests that evokes a visceral reaction and does more than trigger a desire for parasite control: The sight of a tick, says internationally known flea and tick expert Dr. Michael Dryden of Kansas State University, makes pet owners dream of a nuclear option able to annihilate the blood-sucking pests in as complete and painful a way as possible. And if possible, by yesterday.

Says Dr. Dryden, affectionately known as “Dr. Flea” in veterinary and academic circles, don’t hold your breath. That’s because the range and numbers of North America’s tick species — about a dozen of them — just keep growing, along with America’s tick species — about a dozen circles, don’t hold your breath. That’s because the range and numbers of North America’s tick species — about a dozen of them — just keep growing, along with the populations of deer and wild turkey that serve as their primary targets.

“When I started studying ticks, I didn’t know I needed to study deer,” Dr. Dryden said at the American Veterinary Medical Association’s recent convention in Atlanta. “But where there are deer, there are ticks. When I was growing up, we used to stop and stare in amazement when we saw a deer. Now, you only stop if you hit one.”

The explosion of deer populations means that ticks are everywhere — and in mild climates, they’re a year-round problem that’s not getting better and likely won’t.

Aggressive hunting and deforestation had decimated deer and turkey populations by the beginning of the last century, said Dr. Dryden, noting that the deer populations of the United States and Canada fell below 300,000 before legislation banned the mass slaughter of game animals. Then, in 1930, Add increases in the number of deer and wild turkey — perfect hosts for juvenile ticks, noted Dr. Dryden — to the successful efforts to regrow forests, as well as a mobile human population that loves to be where the wild things are, and, well, the good news for ticks just keeps coming.

“It’s a numbers game,” said Dr. Dryden, who said the problem widely thought to be resistance to tick-control products is really a matter of those products being overwhelmed. In some areas, a dog can pick up one tick per minute on a simple walk, and if a spot-on product eliminates all but a couple of them, the dog’s owner will consider it a failure.

“Tick control isn’t like flea control.” he said. “People want to have ticks eliminated and repelled, and that’s just not possible.”

Still, he says, some products seem to do better in different regions against different tick populations, making it worthwhile to ask your veterinarian which product works best in your area. For the ticks that remain — and there will always be ticks, ticks and more ticks — picking them off with tweezers or a tick-removal tool immediately after a walk remains the best defense against the parasites. On your property, keep grasses cut low, leaf piles cleaned up and spray under shrubs and along the fence lines, where ticks are waiting for you and your pets.

That, or avoid the areas where ticks are heaviest from spring through fall. While to ask your veterinarian which product works best in your area. For the ticks that remain — and there will always be ticks, ticks and more ticks — picking them off with tweezers or a tick-removal tool immediately after a walk remains the best defense against the parasites. On your property, keep grasses cut low, leaf piles cleaned up and spray under shrubs and along the fence lines, where ticks are waiting for you and your pets.

To adopt a pet

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Pets of the Week

>> Polly Ann is a 2-year-old spayed female border collie retriever. She is a lovely girl who weighs about 50 pounds. She is ready for her forever family.

>> Grooper is a 2-year-old neutered male bloodhound/mastiff mix. He weighs about 20 pounds and is a very happy little guy. He would be great in an active home with children.

>> Peter is a 3-year-old neutered male boxer/rottweiler mix. He is well mannered, very well mannered, and likes other dogs.

>> Maxx is a 2-year-old neutered male pomeranian/cattle dog. He is a nice dog and would be great for an active family.

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Imagine me on the psychoanalytic couch, the crazy pirate swallowing and ebbing waves of disjointed narrative: When I think of meself, I think of pirate. When I think of pirate I think of Long John Silver. When I think of Long John Silver, I think of Orson Welles. And when I think of Orson Welles, well, I think of “The Dreamers.”

“The Dreamers” is an unfinished film project that Mr. Welles worked on in the 1980s. It consists of two 10-minute segments. The first segment, shot in black and white, shows Mr. Welles as a Jewish merchant telling the story of his beloved Pellegrina Leoni. Ms. Leoni is an amazing opera diva. Her swan song enfolded as part of the set fell to the stage before her, blazing. She continued to sing in that fire. And as she sang she lost her voice, her name, her identity. The second segment of this film was shot in color. Oja Kodar, the Croatian actress who was Mr. Welles’ lover in his later years, played Ms. Leoni. She bid goodbye to her old life, and spoke about the unfolding of her new life of changing anonymous multiplicity.

In the “Seven Gothic Tales of Isak Dinesen” (the nom de plume of Karen Blixen), this tale appears as the short story “The Dreamers.” Dinesen/Blixen speaks through the mouth of her Leoni character this way: “The time has come for me to be called to be that: a woman called one name or another. And if she is unhappy we shall not think a great deal about it. And if I come to think very much of what happens to that one woman, why I shall go away at once and be someone else: a woman who makes lace in the town, or who teaches children to read, or a lady traveling to Jerusalem to pray at the Holy Sepulcher. There are many that I can be. If they are happy or unhappy, or if they are fools or wise people, I shall not think a great deal about that. I will not be one person again. I feel, I am sure, that all people in the world ought to be ...more than one. They would have a little fun.”

On the other fun hand, there is Freddie Garrity, of Freddie and the Dreamers. He was a milkman before becoming a triumph of rock as cretinous swell, thuggish friends as no masterpiece, as talentless idiocy.

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Pet sitters aren’t sitting still

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

Air the consistency of hot wool goes hand in hand with the yearly slowdown in sales experienced by most Southwest Florida businesses. Even many year-round residents take a week or two to vacation in more clement venues. But for people who pet sit while the owners are away — showing up at their homes to care for dogs, cats, snakes, lizards and other pets — the now seemingly interminable heat and humidity signals peak business season.

“June, July and August are usually crazy (busy),” said Rosemary Piergentili, one of the top pet sitters for Animal Sitters, a Lee and Collier County-based company. Last Thursday morning, Ms. Piergentili aimed a flashlight under the seat of a home-theater inside what she described as a “multi-million mansion” in south Lee County trying, with tuna fish, to coax a cat to come out and take a dose of medication.

In July, she made 20 to 30 such home visits per day (including multiple visits to the same house), caring for a wide variety of pets, such as a pit bull with an eating disorder, and two parrots. Her sales added up to more than $3,000, a record for a single month since Animal Sitters was started in 1984, said Penny Lane, owner of the company’s locations in south and east Lee County and Collier County.

Ms. Lane employs as many as 12 full- or part-time pet sitters like Ms. Piergentili to reach pet owners over a broader area.

Amnesty makes it easier to catch a break on back taxes

The Florida Department of Revenue has made it easier this year for delinquent taxpayers to come forward, admit they stiffed the government and make it right. The new tax amnesty program, which expires Sept. 30, eliminates penalties, reduces the amount of interest due and protects participants from any further action.

“I’ve used amnesty for my clients,” says CPA Bill Mattingly. “I see it a lot with commercial rentals. Say you have a place and rent it to your business, then you have to pay taxes on it. A lot of people don’t know that that’s a commercial rental.” With the economic slowdown, he adds, many clients have simply been unable to pay their taxes. Amnesty offers them a chance to get off the hook.

**Amnesty at-a-glance**

Who’s eligible for tax amnesty?
You are eligible if your liability for tax, penalty or interest was due before July 1, 2010, and:
- You complete a Tax Amnesty Agreement.
- Your liability is not already covered by a settlement or installment payment agreement.
- You are not under a pretrial intervention or diversion program, probation, community control, or in a work camp, jail, state prison or another correctional system regarding a Florida revenue law.
- You are not under criminal investigation, indictment, information or prosecution regarding a Florida revenue law.
- You have not been denied amnesty in the prior 3 years:

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Some taxes and fees eligible:
- Communications services tax
- Corporate income and emergency excise tax
- Documentary stamp tax
- Estate tax
- Gross receipts tax on utility services
- Insurance premium taxes, surcharges and fees
- Motor vehicle warranty fee (“lemon law”)

—Source: Florida Department of Revenue
Unemployment: The one figure that really matters

A few more stats to put the picture in perspective. Of the unemployed, about 45 percent are long-term unemployed, having not worked in more than 27 weeks. Also, there are now 1.2 million “discouraged” former workers — they have stopped in their attempts to find work and they are no longer counted as unemployed. And the “involuntary” part-time worker count has been falling, these people want more than part-time work but can’t get it.

Non-farm employment for July was down from the prior month by 133,000 and most of it was a census worker no longer on pay-roll. The last strong hiring month was May 2010 with a gain of 433,000 workers.

Can these reported numbers be revised? Yes, and dramatically. June non-farm employment was first reported as a loss of 125,000 workers but as of Aug. 6, the June number was revised downward to a loss of 221,000 workers.

That is a very big downward revision. All of these employment/unemployment reports on Friday, Aug. 6, came on the heels of prior week’s report of second quarter GDP that came in at an annualized rate of 2.4 percent. This sounds okay, but consider some other facts.

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Clarke Purvis has been named marketing director of Naples Motorsports Inc. Mr. Purvis brings more than 35 years of graphics, printing and web design experience to the exotic car dealership. He is responsible for the recent complete redesign of its website, www.naplesemotorsports.com, and is active with the breakfast club that meets on the first Saturday of each month.

Nicki Purvis has joined Naples Motorsports Inc. as controller and office manager. Ms. Purvis brings more than 15 years experience in the automotive industry. She is responsible for all financial and legal title transactions.

The Board of County Commissioners has named Martin Haas to the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board. The board oversees and coordinates major initiatives that include Welfare Transitions, One-Stop Career Centers and the Youth Council and also oversees and administers the Workforce Investment Act. Mr. Haas is president and owner of Entech Computer Services, a full-service consulting firm that is celebrating its 13-year anniversary in Southwest Florida.

The David Lawrence Foundation announces the addition of three members to its board of trustees.

Michael Benson is CEO and chartered financial consultant for Insurance Management Consultants. Mr. Benson has more than 34 years of experience in the wealth transfer marketplace and has established several firms to serve the needs of ultra-affluent families and their advisors. His current company manages more than $3 billion of in-force life insurance for 250 clients.

Thomas Dieters is vice president of charitable services for Comerica Bank in Naples and Fort Lauderdale. He has extensive education in nonprofit management and employment relations and psychology, including a doctor of education from Nova Southeastern University; a master's degree from the University of Miami; and a bachelor's degree from Michigan State University.

Christine Galliford Williamson resides seasonally in Naples and is the owner of JCD Properties LLC, an asset management firm in Virginia Beach, Va. Prior to establishing that business, she was president of Dome Ceilings of Virginia. She earned her bachelor's degree from the Randolph-Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Va., and is a recent graduate of the Greater Naples Leadership Program.

The Mortgage Bankers Association of Southwest Florida announces the installation of the following officers for the 2010-2011 year: President, Erica Lolli, Stock Financial; president-elect, Nancy Merzwellner, Bank of America; secretary, Delphine Couchman, Noble Title & Trust; and treasurer, Ed Erickson from Fifth Third Bank.

Governors are: Mary Harper, Royal Palm Bank; Jay Crotts, First Financial; and Barbara Haman, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. Governor: Ray Faubion, BB&T/ Osvald Trippe & Company, immediate past president.

MBAWF is the local chapter of the Mortgage Bankers Association of Florida. Established in 1952, the originations members adhere to a code of ethics that calls for the use of sound and ethical business practices within the mortgage banking industry.

Gal Hamilton has joined GATES as a project coordinator performing a broad range of duties: meeting organization, information and data processing, permitting, mail, printing and reproduction, records management, telecommunication management, field supplies, recycling and disposal. With more than 16 years experience in a variety of construction administrative positions, Mr. Hamilton is familiar with submittals, drawings, contracts, purchase orders and direct material purchase procedures. He has also worked closely with superintendents and assists them in job site set-up, subcontractor meeting management and safety meetings.

Donald Scott has joined Moran Asset Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors as a financial consultant. He will work directly with Thomas Moran and Robert Edwards, managing directors-investments, of Moran Asset Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors, consulting with clients about their portfolios. A resident of Naples for 30 years, Mr. Scott has been responsible for the management of more than $250 million of his clients’ assets at both McDonald Securities and Paine Webber. Following eight years as a pilot in the USAF and with Pan American, he began his investment career in 1975 in Connecticut with Eastman Dillon and moved to Naples in 1980.
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  - **Fill-or-Kill**: If this type of order is not filled immediately, it’s automatically canceled.

- **Day order**: This order terminates automatically at the end of the business day if it hasn’t been filled.

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This is a stop loss order. It remains in effect until executed by the broker or canceled by you. Many brokerages cancel GTC orders after a month or two.

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Some of these orders can be combined. For more on brokerages, visit www.brokerage.fool.com.

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**Hewlett-Packard, Defense Contractor**

If you thought that defense contracts were the eminent domain of traditional arms dealers, you’d sadly mistaken. The lion’s share of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps contracts go to the usual suspects such as Boeing, Lockheed Martin and General Dynamics (a “Motley Fool Inside Value” pick), but the pie is so big, and information technologies are becoming such an integral part of the military, that even Silicon Valley geeks can grab a serious slice.

Hewlett-Packard (NYSE: HPQ), for example, recently renewed an information technology (IT) support contract with the U.S. Navy, adding another three years of services for an additional $3 billion in revenue. This is serious cash even for a giant like HP, because the Navy network is among the largest IT installations anywhere.

It doesn’t stop there. IBM also has a strong relationship with the military and federal government and has a massive contract for automating forms across the Army, among other things. In fact, pick any large IT enterprise, and chances are that it is dipped in government spending on a regular basis.

The defense sector is full of surprises.

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**The Motley Fool Take**

If you like defense, this one’s a no-brainer. We’ll cover the defense sector in much more detail in another story, but for now take a look at the big picture.

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5. Gordon Kruse, Wally Knee and Robert Upson
6. Taylor Wells
7. Rob Oteri and Robert Wright
8. Beatrice Hardwood and Bradley Engle
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**REAL ESTATE BRIEFS**

**Lennar records 100th home sale at Bella Terra**

Lennar has sold 100 new homes since December at Bella Terra, the country club community three miles east of I-75 on Corkscrew Road in Estero.

Matt Devereaux, director of sales for Lennar’s Southwest Florida division, reports the company recently introduced eight new floor plans at Bella Terra priced from the $160,000s to more than $900,000. Sales have been strong all year, he says, adding, “The Bella Terra community amenities dramatically increase the value of the Bella Terra lifestyle, and home buyers see this immediately.”

New single-family homes and twin villas at Bella Terra range in size from 1,400 square feet of living space to more than 3,800 square feet. The community’s 7,000-square-foot clubhouse has a fitness center, meeting room, clubroom with kitchen, children’s play area, game room, on-site management office and a pool with waterfall and spa.

Community amenities also include basketball, tennis, volleyball and bocce ball courts, walking trails, ball fields and an in-line skating rink.

For more information about Bella Terra, call 243-8699 or visit www.Lennar.com.

**Heatherwood set to renovate Savoy condos**

Heatherwood Construction has won the contract for interior renovations of the Savoy Condominium on Gulfshore Boulevard. Scott Whiteleather is the senior project manager, and David Lister is the job superintendent. Don Stevenson Design Inc. provided architectural design services.

Based in Bonita Springs, Heatherwood Construction Company is a full-service commercial general contractor serving Southwest Florida since 1980. The company provides preconstruction turnkey services to clients from Marco Island to Sarasota including site search and selection, feasibility analysis, site development, value engineering, vertical construction, LEED certification and more. For more information, call 494-8955 or visit www.HeatherwoodConstruction.com.

**Kraft Construction at work on Plant City courthouse**

Kraft Construction’s central Florida team has begun construction on the new courthouse in Plant City. Senior project manager is Bart Amey; senior superintendent is Joe Cicchetti. The new facility is on Michigan Avenue, directly across from the existing courthouse, parts of which date back to the 1950s.

The two-story, 60,000-square-foot building is slated for completion during the third quarter of 2011 and will accommodate the courts of the 14th Judicial Circuit along with related support functions such as the sheriff’s office, public defender and state attorney’s offices and the clerk of the circuit court.

The project is being developed to meet the criteria for certification under the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program. LEED is the nationally accepted benchmark for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings and promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in key areas such as sustainable site development, water efficiency, energy efficiency, sustainable materials and resources, and indoor environmental quality.

In business for 42 years, Naples-based Kraft Construction Company Inc. has offices statewide and has been under the same leadership team for more than three decades. The general contractor and construction management firm specializes in commercial, government, educational, medical, hospitality and mixed-use construction. Kraft is part of the Manhattan Construction Group of companies. For more information, visit www.KraftConstruction.com.
Save Saturday for a free lesson in design
Miramar Design Center invites the public to the following free design seminars. All are from 2-3 p.m. at the center on Corkscrew Road east of I-75 in Estero.

• Saturday, Aug. 14
“Designing Green Interiors”
Learn how to implement environmentally friendly design techniques into your existing or future home. Melissa Allen, principal of MGA Interior Design LLC, provides easily understood concepts related to the environmental issues in home furnishings, finishes and indoor air quality. Learn what to look for, what to avoid and how each option relates to different environmental concerns.

• Saturday, Aug. 21
“Enhance your Home with Faux Art”
Join artist Arthur Morehead of Art-Faux Designs for a faux finishing seminar and demonstration of tissue faux finish, a versatile textured finish that can be applied in multiple ways.

• Saturday, Aug. 28
“Secrets of a Successful Mural Artist”
Murals are a great way to add impact to a space, visually enlarge a room and create cohesive color harmonies. “Secrets of a Successful Mural Artist” speaks not only to the process of creating murals, but the art of designing them to work with the vision of the client, the process of working effectively with decorators/designers and ways to market art in interior and exterior spaces.
Artist Jan Ellen is a “contemporary realist” who often works directly from nature, emphasizing the effect of color and natural light in her work. A professional artist with a bachelor’s degree in art, she has exhibited for more than 35 years and has an extensive list of collectors, both private and commercial.

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Mario Monti loves old-style eateries
BY NANCY STETSON
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Mario Monti’s got a thing for diners. His license plate reads “Diner Guy.” Ditto for his e-mail address.
One of his favorite shirts is black with a colorful pattern of diner signs and clocks.
And while most other people will show off photos of their children and grandchildren, his albums are full of pictures of diners.
He and his wife, Lucille, have visited almost 900 diners so far. When they go, they’ll enjoy a meal, or at least a cup of coffee.

‘CATS’ takes over stage at the Sugden
SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

KidsAct present “CATS,” the timeless musical that combines the poetry of T.S. Eliot with the musical brilliance of Andrew Lloyd Webber. This long-awaited addition to the repertoire of many Naples Players has danced its way into Blackburn Hall at the Sugden Community Theatre, boasting a feline cast of 60 teens and tweens. “CATS” plays through Aug. 15.

‘CATS’ is based on T.S. Eliot’s “Old Possum’s Book of Practical Cats,” a collection of poems depicting the quirky individuality of felines. Mr. Webber’s musical embellishes and elaborates on Eliot’s work, taking each of his poems and bringing it to life with music and dance.
Each poem serves as a musical number that introduces one unique cat and depicts the characteristics that set him apart from all the rest.
The show takes place in an abandoned junkyard, but don’t let that fool you; it’s all flash and glitter once the Jellicle Cats come out at night. Characters such as the maternal yet militant Old Gumbie Cat Jennyanydots, fickle and unappeasable Rum Tum Tugger, wizened Grizabella The Glamour Cat, plump and proper Bustopher Jones, and many other feline personalities strut their stuff through music and dance.
The magic of “CATS” is that the show relies completely on the poetic powers of song and dance to develop its plot. The energy is contagious, and the audience is left with a sense of admiration for the feline cast and the skilled artists who bring them to life.

COURTESY PHOTO
Mary Mitchell as Grizabella, the Glamour Cat

WEEK at-a-glance

Kids prove they can
Cancer Alliance of Naples youth stage fashion show. C20-21

Ad libbing
Naples City Improv returns to the Norris Center. C12

After the storm
In her new Maggie O’Dell novel, Alex Kava draws on real hurricane experiences. C16

It’s Greek to us
Get to Zorba’s in Bonita Springs for great Greek fare. C23
SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

The Liar’s Club

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First, skates are not all that common on a commercial basis. Second, skates, like sharks, have no bones. They have cartilage. The wings of the skate have finger-like cartilage rays, which when removed leave indentations in the meat. You would see these indentations on the “scallops.”

Also, in order to stamp "scallops" from skate wing, the wing would have to be skinned on both sides. One side is dark skin and the other is white skin. The skin is tough and not easy to remove so I doubt that the labor required to do so would be worth the effort. One final point, the texture of skate wing is stringier than most scallop meat and the grain is horizontal vs. a vertical grain of the scallop meat.

Freddie, I have been in every seafood market in S.W. Florida several times over a 15-year period. I have never seen skate wing scallops. The relevant quality issues with scallops are freshness and the difference between dry-pack and wet-pack scallops. True dry-pack sea scallops are not treated with any chemicals for moisture retention. Wet-pack scallops are often soaked in sodium tripolyphosphate to promote moisture retention. The seafood professor recommends buying only dry-pack sea scallops from a reputable vendor.

Freddie T.

Dear Freddie T.,

This story has been around as long as I can remember—and that’s a long time. I first heard this when I was commercial fishing in Alaska. I also heard it in my travels along the pacific coast. I heard it when I lived in Boston, and I’ve heard it here in Florida.
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of coffee and slice of pie. Whenever they visit another state, they'll visit nearby diners. It's a good thing their six adult children live around the country, they joke.

Mr. Monti finds it difficult to explain exactly why he's so enamored with diners. But he's definitely fervent about them. "It's like being a fan of the Dodgers or the Miami Dolphins," he says.

How it all started

Mr. Monti, 80, grew up a few blocks away from the Jupiter Diner, near the Long Island Expressway in New York. When he was a teenager, his mother would give him 75 cents or a dollar, and he could buy an entire meal at the diner. "Salisbury steak! Peas and carrots, and mashed potatoes. And blueberry pie," he says, listing all he could eat on so little.

As college students, he and Lucille would regularly stop by a diner in Queens Plaza after classes, where they'd order coffee and cookies, or an English muffin. "It was her first diner," he says. "We'd go out to dinner, and we'd tell each other stories about them.

The origin of diners

According to the Montis, diners initially began as horse-drawn lunch wagons in 1872, in Providence, R.I. They were created by Walter Scott, who saw a market in shifting workers who needed to eat. They then progressed to being permanent fixtures, and included booths and a counter where people could eat inside. The idea was to be open 24 hours, in order to serve meals to workers on the various shifts.

The Montis made a poster to illustrate their point. It shows the different styles of these prefabricated structures throughout its history. The barrel roof ones were made from 1910 to 1935. Mrs. Monti says, adding, "The first ones were made of wood."

Then came the "modern stainless," made from 1935 through 1955. From 1955 through 1965, the style was "exaggerated modern." "They were more space age-looking with flared edges," Mr. Monti says. From 1965 through 1985, the "environmental" style dominated, with brick or stone facing. These diners had less chrome, and were made in the Colonial or Mediterranean style. (Diners were facing competition from fast-food restaurants and wanted to look more family friendly.) Diners made from 1985 onwards are called "post-modern." "There's a nostalgia about diners," Mrs. Monti says.

Some were even made without locks in the doors, because they were open 24 hours daily and never closed. And a good diner typically offers breakfast at any time of the day, too, she says.

"They don't say, 'Oh, it's past 11, we don't serve breakfast anymore (like other restaurants do),"" she says. Mr. Monti co-wrote a book about diners with Michael Engle. "Diners of New York," is now in its third edition. The two men traveled all over New York visiting its various diners and collecting information on them. More recently, Mr. Monti self-published a spiralbound book about Florida diners. (For the record, he considers places such as Mel's Diner and Denny's as diners, while purists would disagree and say they're restaurants built to look like diners, but aren't true diners.)

Mr. Monti discovered also a publication called Roadside, which could be obtained by subscription or purchased at a diner. He began contributing to it.

"There's a nostalgia about diners."

— Lucille Monti, collector
beloved piece “Memory” is sure to bring a tear.

KidzAct’s “CATS” is co-directed by Charles Fornara and Dawn Lebrecht Fornara, both professional alumni of “CATS.” In addition to using their combined experience to mold their young cast, ages 8 through teens, and build a quality production, they’ve put their personal stamps on the show by incorporating their individual expertise.

Mr. Fornara is music director for the show, training young voices to do justice to the work of Andrew Lloyd Webber and conducting the orchestra that accompanies the show. As choreographer, Mrs. Fornara has taught as well as conditioned her cast for the rigorous physical requirements of the show. Some numbers, such as “The Jellicle Ball,” are nearly seven minutes long and require vast amounts of stamina in order to execute the precise choreography, belt out tunes and stay in character. Some of the dancers trained up to a month in advance just to prepare for rehearsals.

While every show has its challenges, those that “CATS” poses are unique. At the auditions, the co-directors screened their perspective cast members with more than just singing, dancing and acting in mind. The young actors are required to dance around on stage with thick greasepaint on their faces and skin-tight Lycra suits on their bodies... and they must fearlessly adopt the physical and emotional demeanors of felines. Certainly not the job requirement for the average actor, and certainly not for the average teen.

Experience the haunting beauty and whimsical magic of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s world-renowned masterpiece at the Sugden Community Theatre, home of The Naples Players and KidzAct. Tickets are $15 for adults and $10 for those under 18, and are available at the box office, 701 Fifth Ave. S., or by phone at 263-7990. This is a limited engagement of eight performances. Shows are at 7:30 p.m. through Sunday, with matinees at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.
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Theater


• Searching for Eden - The Diaries of Adam & Eve - By Theatre Conspiracy Aug. 20-Sept. 4. 936-3239.


• Improv Group - Naples City Improv performs a dinner show at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 21. 2700 Immokalee Road. Reservations: 431-7928.

• Cats - By KidzAct teens and youth through Aug. 15 on the main stage at Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990.

• Seussical the Musical - By the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre through Aug. 15. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

• More Jazz - Fred’s Food, Fun & Spirits presents the Expandable Jazz Band from 6-8:30 p.m. Thursdays with Bob Zottola, Stu Shelton and John Lamb. 2700 Immokalee Road. 435-7928.

Thursday, Aug. 12

• Night Out - Evening on Fifth starts at 7 p.m. Stroll the avenue, shop, dine or enjoy a cocktail while listening to live bands. 435-3742.

• Jazz Jam - Jeryl’s Jaz Jam happens Thursdays at Capt. A Taste of Italy, 11140 Tamiami Trail. 594-3500.

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WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

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The 25th annual “Summer Jazz on the Gulf” free concert series is set for 7-10 p.m. Aug. 28 with a free concert by the five-piece Mike MacArthur Band on the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club’s scenic Watkins Lawn overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. 261-2222.

**Tuesday, Aug. 17**

- **Raku Event** - The Art League of Bonita Springs hosts “Raku and You” from 5-8 p.m. at the Center for the Arts, 2620 Old 41 Road. $39. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

**Monday, Aug. 16**

- **Band Performs** - Bob Zottola & the Expandable Jazz Band perform from 6-9 p.m. Mondays at Capri - A Taste of Italy, 431-7928 or www.dimmercollective.org.

- **Jazz Tunes** - Enjoy Jebry’s Jazz sessions from 5-8 p.m. every Monday at the Island Pub, 600 Neapolitan Way. 262-2500.

- **Love Trivia?** - The Pub at Mercato has Trivia Night every Monday at 7:30 p.m. 594-9400.

**Upcoming events**


- **Summer Event** - Live at the Promenade, Summer Sizzle with Erin Dunbar and Jessie Garcia, starts at 7 p.m. Aug. 19 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay, 2681 S. Bay Dr., Bonita Springs. $15 members, $20 non-members, $25 at the door, Enjoy sizzling hot dances and cool hours d’oeuvres and drinks, 495-8989.

- **Third Thursday** - Third Thursday on Third kicks off at 6 p.m. Aug. 19 with music and entertainment on Third Street South, 434-6533.

- **Music Walk** - More than 30 venues in downtown Fort Myers participate in the new Music Walk at 7 p.m. Aug. 21. 322-0305.

- **Photo Exhibit** - The Clyde Butcher Exhibit opens Aug. 24 at the SWFL Museum of History, 303 Jackson St. The award-winning black and white fine art photographer returns for his third season to the SWFL Museum of History to share his iconic landscapes in an exhibition that runs until Oct. 2. 322-7430.

- **Beach Concert** - The 25th annual “Summer Jazz on the Gulf” concert series is set for Aug. 28 with a free concert by the five-piece MacArthur Band on the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club’s scenic Watkins Lawn overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. 261-2222.

- **Birthday Bash** - The Imaginari-um’s 15th Birthday Bash starts at 11 a.m. Aug. 28 with special activities throughout the day. Free child admission package with paid adults. 322-7420.

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Let’s hear it for coming in second

Surely you know people like this at school or in the office – the ones whose work is unremarkable, but can spin outlandish tales and talk a good game.

Of course, some might say that the art world is all about making up an image for yourself and how you market yourself. So maybe those who succeed on this show will succeed in the field.

But sometimes it just strikes me as so arbitrary, what the judges declare is the best. I’ve always thought that just because a book is No. 1 on the bestseller list doesn’t mean it’s the best book. It just means a lot of people have bought it (and not even necessarily read it.)

It’s sometimes been a topic of conversation among fellow artists: would you rather write as poorly as a Dan Brown (or fill in the blank with the name of another non-literary bestselling writer) and sell a ton of books, or would you rather write well and sell fewer books? Because commercial books are rarely as well-written as literary novels.

(Someone will inevitably say, “OK, I’ll write poorly and sell a ton of books and get filthy rich, and then be able to write the type of books I want to write.” It’s kind of the writer’s answer to being granted three wishes, and for the third wish, wishing for an unending number of wishes.)

I understand that it’s called the publishing business or show business for a reason — and that businesses want to make profits.

And if you’re writing or performing or creating, of course you’d love your book to be experienced by as many people as possible.

But more and more lately, it’s been striking me how, at least creatively, first doesn’t always mean best.

Look at “American Idol.” In my opinion, two seasons ago, Adam Lambert was so much better than whoever he was actually crowned first. (I don’t even remember his name. And I wouldn’t even be interested in buying his CDs.) Adam Lambert was definitely much more adventurous. His performances were dynamic, innovative.

And this past season, I enjoyed listening to Crystal Bowersox, who came in second, much more than I did Lee Dewyze, the guy who came in first. Though he had his moments, he was often out-of-tune, and looked decidedly uncomfortable on stage. But he was named the winner. The woman who came in second seemed the much better musician to me.

Sometimes, the way to find interesting art/music/books is to go where the crowds aren’t. Sometimes going to the obscure channel at the end of the radio dial in a strange town, the college radio station, the tiny gallery on the side street, the book published by a small press. Not everyone can be first.

But maybe, just maybe, sometimes, it’s better not to be.
Transitioning a family private foundation to a Community Foundation donor advised fund

BY CHRISTOPHER P. BRAY, JD, CPA
Managing director, Willow Street Advisors LLC

Last November, The Wall Street Journal published a very interesting article titled, “Time to Convert?” The article discussed the increasing number of families that have decided to convert their charitable private foundation into a charitable donor advised fund to reduce the administrative costs related to funding their charitable objectives. The article included the interview of a donor who established a private foundation in 2000 in order to fund and promote education and literary programs. By converting the private foundation to a donor advised fund, the donor estimated that he saved at least 10 percent in administration costs instead of paying for his own lawyers, accountants and recordkeeping services. More importantly, the donor was able to shift significant amounts of his time formerly devoted to the administration of the private foundation to the charitable activities he enjoyed most.

If you or your family are the founders or administrators of a family private foundation, you should strongly consider transitioning all or a portion of your private foundation to a donor advised fund with the Community Foundation of Collier County. Substantial savings of money and time are just a few of the reasons that you should consider taking this step.

Cost savings
The financial costs related to running a private foundation include financial accounting and recordkeeping fees, legal compliance fees, tax return preparation and compliance fees, account maintenance fees, grant administration and grant compliance fees, annual state registration fees, and other related administrative fees and costs. All of these costs can be completely eliminated by using the existing administrative infrastructure of the Community Foundation to achieve the charitable objectives of the private foundation.

Tax savings
Private foundations are subject to annual excise taxes on investment income. In addition, unless a variety of complex distribution requirements are met, private foundations can be subject to heavy penalty taxes. These taxes are completely avoided through the use a donor advised fund with the Community Foundation.

*Continued involvement*
Although legal administration of charitable funds shift from a stand-alone family private foundation to the umbrella of donor advised funds with the Community Foundation, a family can still pursue the exact same charitable objectives as they did through the family private foundation (without the hassles). In fact, more family involvement can be allocated to the charitable activities formerly conducted by the private foundation since so much administrative time has been saved by operating as a donor advised fund.

After considering whether or not to transition their private foundation to a donor advised fund, most people ask, “is the transition process difficult?” The answer is easy: no. The IRS has issued a ruling that guides the transition process difficult. The answer is easy: no. The IRS has issued a ruling that guides this simple process. Although the Community Foundation does not provide legal or financial advice, the philanthropic professionals at the Community Foundation can assist you and your advisors with considering whether or not this option might be right for you and your family. If you would like to discuss this topic in greater detail, call the Community Foundation.

— With assets of more than $60 million, the Community Foundation of Collier County manages more than 400 funds established by charitable individuals and organizations. Investment earnings on these funds are used to address community needs. Since 1985 the foundation, together with its fundholders, has granted more than $40 million back to the community. For more information, call 699-8000 or visit www.cfcollier.org.

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**Privacy**
Anyone with access to the Internet can obtain significant family and donor information by accessing a variety of public filings that are required for family private foundations. This detailed public information is limited significantly, and in some cases eliminated, when charitable activities are conducted through a donor advised fund with the Community Foundation.

**Expanded grant-making resources**
The Community Foundation has made a substantial investment over the years in acquiring, maintaining, and updating significant financial, operating, and performance information on a variety of non-profits in a variety of areas in Southwest Florida. This information has proven to be invaluable to a number of donors with donor advised funds at the Community Foundation who are making important decisions on the allocation and disbursement of their charitable funds.

**Time savings**
The time can be better allocated to activities that make a direct charitable impact when funds are administered through a donor advised fund with the Community Foundation.

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LEO (July 23 to August 22) Play- ing cat and mouse with a matter you don’t really want to tackle wastes time, energy and, most important, an opportunity. Ask someone with experience to help you get started.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A shift in policy might not please you, but before you put up a “No Go” wall of resistance, examine the circumstances. You might be quite pleasantly surprised by what you find.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Yesterday’s critiques about your methods might have already evolved into today’s praise for your achievements. Good for you. Now go on and continue to build on your credibility.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An occasional temperamental flare-up might occur as you continue to help get things back to normal. Stay with it. You should soon get some idea of where to take things next.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A negative reaction to what you believe was a well-deserved request might mean that you need to reconsider your position and make changes accordingly.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) There’s always room for someone new at the Sea Goat’s table. And the someone new this week could bring a message you’ve been waiting a long time to hear.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A relaxed mood early in the week could give way to high-temperature disputes. The Aries Lamb should resist being pulled into heated quarrels that could really singe your wool.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Satisfy that practical obligation first, then you can feel free to indulge in your creative endeavors. Also, check for hidden or overlooked areas where repairs might be long overdue.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home is still the Twins’ major focus this week. But outside matters begin to take on added importance, especially those involving possible career moves. Stay alert for signs of change.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A travel plan might need to undergo some considerable adjustment because of unexpected changes. Keep an open mind and let the facts guide you on how you want to handle this.

BORN THIS WEEK: Few things make you happier than bringing people together and helping to forge new friendships.
‘Step Up 3D’

The good: The 3-D in “Step Up 3D” looks great — it’s bold, striking and vivid. The bad: Everything else about the movie is terrible.

Surely the street dancing is good, you say. Maybe it is. It’s certainly physically impressive. But for a movie in which everything relies on how well some-one dances, it’s a critical flaw to never explain what makes this form of dancing good or bad. There are competitions, winners and losers and judges, but we never know what the judges are looking for. It’s like a sports movie that doesn’t share the rules of the sport.

Returning from “Step Up 2: The Streets” is Moose (Adam G. Sevani), now a freshman at NYU. His parents want him to stop dancing and study engineering, which is a sure sign he’s going to keep dancing. He meets Luke (Keone & Mari), who deems Moose a natural and invites him to meet the other members of “the vault,” a commune of sorts where Luke’s friends live and dance. With $100,000 and their home on the line in an upcoming dance competition, “the vault” can use all the help it can get. Luke thinks Natalie (Sharri Vin-son) can help the team as well, but she’s also his token love interest, so artificial/forced/tacky conflicts ensue.

Much of the story ignores logic, reason and accountability. Luke follows every-one around with a camera, yet wants his filmmaking aspirations to be kept a secret. Here’s an idea: If it’s a secret, don’t follow everyone around with a camera. Also, Moose clearly looks up to Luke, but Luke is a terrible influence. You’re supposed to meet your lifelong best friend (Alyson Stoner) for lunch? You’re supposed to be broke and fighting for their livelihood, and then it dawns on you for the final time: Right, all that matters is looking good. It’s like a sports movie that doesn’t know how to stop, just like his performers don’t know how to act.

For the climactic dance-off, “vault” members wear brand new outfits highlighted by electronic lighting that perfectly synchronizes their dance moves. Visually this is very impressive. Then you recall they’re supposed to be broke and fighting for their livelihood, and wonder how they can afford such extravagant outfits with no money. And then it’s over and you have to wonder how they can afford such extravagant outfits with no money. And then you remember the film was shot in 3-D, what with the bubbles, balloons, slushies and more flying into your face. It makes sense to use 3-D to make the dancing “jump” on screen, but why all the cheap gimmicks to go with it? Director Jon Chu clearly doesn’t know where to stop, just like his performers don’t know how to act.

Not sure about you, but I’ve heard this is how all tough guys are settling their fights these days. But at least the 3-D looks great. And not for a second can you forget the movie was shot in 3-D, what with the bubbles, balloons, slushies and more flying into your face. It makes sense to use 3-D to make the dancing “jump” on screen, but why all the cheap gimmicks to go with it? Director Jon Chu clearly doesn’t know where to stop, just like his performers don’t know how to act.

— Dan Hudak is the chairman of the Florida Film Critics Circle. You can read more of his work at www.hadakonhollywood.com.
Naples City Improv returns to Norris Center

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Naples City Improv, a group of actors and artists who perform short-form improvisational theater games and routines, take their spontaneous zaniness back to the Norris Center for a series of shows beginning Aug. 13.

NCI provides a “Whose Line Is It Anyway?” kind of entertainment. Audience participation in the form of suggestions is encouraged — in fact, is absolutely necessary — for the show to succeed.

In several games, audience members come on stage and set players in certain positions. In a couple of instances, the audience member is actually enticed to play the game with the troupe, although no audience member is ever pressured to participate. The shows are for the entire family.

NCI arose from a series of one-event dates in the spring of 2008, culminating in a one-night stand of comedy and standup in early July 2008. Several of those players wanted to continue and create a group, other players were added, and the group evolved from there.

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The Naples Players has scheduled auditions for two shows coming up in the season ahead. Tryouts for “Regrets Only” will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, for “A Christmas Carol,” auditions begin at noon Saturday, Sept. 11. No appointments are necessary.

“Regrets Only” is a comedy that explores 21st century trends in marriage and relationships. The story follows a powerhouse attorney, his deliriously happy wife and their closest friend, a successful fashion designer, as they navigate marriage, friendship and the repercussions of squandered riches. The show calls for: four women, two middle-aged, one in her 20s or 30s and a grandmother; and two men, both middle-aged.

Rehearsals for “Regrets Only: will begin Sept. 13. Performances in the Toby Studio at the Sudgen Community Theatre will take place Oct. 27 through Nov. 20, at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. “A Christmas Carol” is a timeless holiday classic, and adaptor John Jakes uses a unique dramatic concept in his vivid retelling of the timeless tale. Adding Charles Dickens himself as narrator, Mr. Jakes’ version adds new life and theatricality to the piece. Naples Players Artistic Director Dallas Dunnagan directed the world premiere of Mr. Jakes’ production at his home stage in South Carolina. The show calls for at least 10 women and 11 men, ages 16-60; and six boys and five girls, ages 8-15. Singing roles are available and will be auditions at callbacks, if necessary.
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Auditions on tap
for Naples Concert Band

The Naples Concert Band will begin its 39th season of offering musical concerts for the greater Naples area and Collier County. Rehearsals start at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, at Gulf View Middle School with the first performance of the season scheduled for 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 17, in Cambier Park. All concerts are free and open to the public. Patrons are asked to bring lawn chairs and/or blankets.

To audition for the band, contact the band hotline at 263-9521 for further information or visit www.NaplesConcertBand.org. Auditions will continue every Tuesday until all positions are filled.
Opera Naples will be holding auditions for its 2010-2011 season on Saturday, Aug. 28, and Saturday, Oct. 9. The auditions are open to candidates for the following positions: secondary grand opera roles to be filled by regional professional Young Artists; paid chorus section leaders; volunteer chorus members; children ages 8-15 for the children’s chorus in an upcoming production; and students ages 10-18 for the student apprentice program.

All auditions are by appointment only. The audition schedule is as follows:

- **All positions:** Noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 28, North Naples United Methodist Church chapel, 6000 Goodlette-Frank Road.
- **Chorus, teens and children:** 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, the ON Center for the Arts, 2408 Linwood Avenue.
- **Regional professional Young Artists:** 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, North Naples United Methodist Church sanctuary, 6000 Goodlette-Frank Road.

To make an audition appointment, contact Opera Naples chorus master, director of educational outreach and music administrator Robin Shuford Frank at rfrank@operanaples.org.

Professional Young Artists will be required to perform at least three arias in different languages and to provide a headshot and resume. Chorus candidates, students and children will be required to perform one selection in any language (aria, art song, folk song, hymn, etc.). An accompanist will be provided.

Opera Naples’ Young Artist Program provides an artistically challenging environment for young singers ages 19-32 who are entering the opera field. Young Artists are eligible for leading roles in the company’s operettas, secondary roles in Grand Operas and to understudy principal roles in the Grand Operas. Additionally, Young Artists may be utilized as chorus section leaders or soloists in various Educational and Community Outreach events, including concerts, the in-school tour and opera workshops. Chorus members may participate in one or more productions within a season. Chorus rehearsals will be held Mondays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at the ON Center for the Arts, 2408 Linwood Ave., beginning in September. No prior experience in opera is required. There are four productions that utilize chorus. One will be performed on risers using music and the other three are staged. Although there are positions available for paid section leaders, chorus members are volunteers. Section leaders are expected to have superior musical skills, strong musical reading abilities, diction knowledge and leadership skills.

The Student Apprentice Program is a junior division of the Young Artists Program. It gives local students, ages 12-18 training and public performance opportunities in various Community Outreach concerts as well as the Family Opera. Select students are invited to sing with the Opera Naples’ Chorus. The Children’s Chorus will perform in one Grand Opera to be performed in February 2011.

For additional information regarding Opera Naples’ 2010-2011 season audition opportunities, contact Robin Frank at rfrank@operanaples.org. To learn more about Opera Naples, visit www.operanaples.org.
"Damaged," by Alex Kava.

BY PHILIP K. JASON
Special to Florida Weekly

How did Nebraskan Alex Kava get to Florida? "I was looking for a writing retreat when a friend invited me to her hometown of Pensacola," she says. "I love the beaches and the area, so I bought a house on Blackwater Bay. That was in 2004. Six months later, Hurricane Ivan hit. Nine months after that: Dennis. I spent the first several years cleaning up." So, at some point, you put a hurricane in a novel, right?

Here are the ingredients: A Category 5 hurricane approaching Pensacola; the Coast Guard finds a cooler filled with body parts floating off Pensacola Beach; a mysterious string of deaths plagues the medical facility at the Pensacola Naval Air Station. Who do you call? Maggie O’Dell.

In this, Alex Kava’s eighth Maggie O’Dell novel, the intrepid FBI profi-le-agent has her hands full. Assigned to team up with a Homeland Security official in dealing with the body parts issue, Maggie is thrown into this complex of interwoven concerns. Where does the cooler come from? How has it ended up near Pensacola? What is causing the fatalities among servicemen who have had limbs replaced? How will the approaching hurricane affect finding the answers to these questions?

The medical issue is not directly Maggie’s concern. A Navy captain, the head medical doctor on the base, runs a surgical transplant program. He has invited an Army doctor, an infectious disease specialist, to help address the unknown disease. However, Alex Kava will bring this mystery and the mystery of the stray body parts into an unexpected relationship. The ticking time bomb of the approaching hurricane adds intensity and anxiety, and Ms. Kava’s portrait of how different townspersons respond to the approaching threat is handled with impressive skill.

In this novel, Maggie O’Dell is one of two heroic female figures. The other is Liz Bailey, a Coast Guard rescue swim-mer whose exploits begin the novel and who just about takes it over at other times. For all of her courage, Maggie cannot imagine herself doing the kind of thing that Liz does: for example, being deployed from a hovering helicopter to secure people in danger — or in this case to secure a floating container. With the hurricane on its way, Liz and people with her training might have plenty of work to do.

Liz’s sister and father are strong minor characters in the novel. So is her sister’s middle-aged husband, Scott Larsen, owner and director of a funeral parlor. Scott, anxious to find additional income to support his family’s overspending, has agreed to rent his mortuary facilities to a fellow named Joe Black and to assist Joe in his endeavors.

Joe needs to separate body parts from cadavers, then package and freeze-store them as part of his burgeoning business of supplying preserved body parts for medical research, medical teaching conventions, and perhaps recycling. Business is so good that demand is exceeding supply through the usual channels, and vulnerable people keep disappearing when Jack Black is around. Readers will be surprised at how Maggie O’Dell saves this day in this compact, fast-moving and thoroughly enjoyable novel. Now that I’ve met Maggie, I’d be happy to meet her again. And I wouldn’t mind running into Liz Bailey again, either.

More about Alex Kava:
- Any further employments of the Pensacola setting? I think one of your stand-alone novels is at least partly set in Florida. Yes, parts of “White-wash” take place in Pensacola, Tallahassee and Chattahoochee. A restaurant in downtown Pensacola and its owners are part of a subplot in “Exposed,” and a body is found just outside of Pensacola in “A Necessary Evil.” So yes, I’m sure I’ll continue to use Pensacola and the Florida Panhandle.

What’s your writing process like? Are you an outliner? A writer of full-length drafts? Or do you write a chapter and revise immediately? I spend a good deal of my time researching, filling at least two 100-page notebooks with interesting trivia and facts. I also jot down bits of dialogue, character quirks, ideas for subplots and snapshots of chapters. When I actually sit down to write, I do it marathon-style, clearing my schedule for hopefully a week — if I’m lucky, two weeks — at a time. No appointments, no dinner or lunch outings, no phone calls, no e-mails. And I write from morning until after dark, every day, day after day. I like to know the first chapter and the last chapter, but how I get there has never quite been the same path. When I’m finished, I have a pretty solid first draft because I’m obsessive — almost to a fault — about editing while I write.

— Keep up with Alex Kava at alexkava.com.

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Social season begins with Hats in the Garden

The new social season begins in earnest with Hats in the Garden on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Naples Botanical Garden on Nov. 10.

Emceed once again by NBC-2 anchor Kellie Burns, the afternoon will include featured guest Carloyne Roehm, jewelry by Farone Mennella and a meal catered by The Ritz-Carlton, Naples.

Hats in the Garden is presented by Northern Trust and The Scots Miracle-Gro Company. For information, call 643-7275 or visit www.naplesgarden.org.

Spay Neuter clinic seeks sponsors for pub crawl

The third annual Pubs 4 Paws pub crawl to benefit the Collier Spay Neuter Clinic is set for Saturday, Oct. 23.

The clinic is soliciting bars and restaurants to become sponsors by providing a free drink and appetizer to Pubs 4 Paws customers who take part in the progresses dinner party-style evening that goes from pub to pub around town.

Sponsorship benefits include prominent name placement and advertising on the CSNC website, Facebook page and in all media materials.

Last year's sponsors report pub crawl participants also purchased additional items and invited friends and family to meet them at stops along the crawl.

For more information and details about sponsorship amounts and benefits, call Tereza Marks at 796-0869 or e-mail terezamarks@hotmail.com.

Eden Autism will benefit from gala

The Council of Hispanic Business Professionals’ second annual Gala Hispanos Unidos, an evening of dining and dancing, will take place at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Proceeds of this year’s event will be donated to Eden Autism Services, a nonprofit organization founded in 1975 with a mission to improve the lives of children and adults with autism.

The council will again present the “Talento Latino” award to the winner of its Talento Latino contest for outstanding creative talent among the youth in the community. The group will also award scholarships to Youth Leadership Collier to two young people who have demonstrated potential for leadership in the community.

For more information, call 220-3995 or e-mail mjtames@CHBPnaples.org.
50 is nifty for Fun Time
Fun Time Early Childhood Academy celebrates its 50th birthday in 2011, and a big party is taking shape for Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. Watch here for more information, or call 261-8284.

AHA lunch goes Red for woman
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Cough up $90 per person and purchase tickets by calling 642-8674 or by visiting www.FloridaWeekly.com.

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➤ Fuji Sushi Bar & Asian Bistro, 6355 Naples Blvd, Naples; 593-0550
This relative newcomer manages to accomplish what many of the big boys don’t: It delivers first-rate Asian fare with style and flair in a faux bank and peaceful setting. Owners John and On Augsundtung are from Thailand but have a firm grasp on the intricacies of sushi, which Mr. Augsundtung expertly crafts while his wife handles the front of the house. I can recom- mend the cheese), a lobster-stuffed portobello with fresh berries sautéed in brandy and the stellar service, Stoney’s makes a meal a special occasion. I can recom-
mend the French onion soup (which comes with a pair of scissors for snipping the cheese), a lobster-stuffed portobello mushroom, the well-seasoned prime rib, groupier Provençal over Parmesan risotto and the aforementioned cherries jubilee. An added bonus: Entrees come with side dishes included in the price. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★ Service: ★★★★★ Atmosphere: ★★★★★½
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➤ The Pub, Mercato, 9116 Strada Place; 594-2741
At this lively gastro pub tartan-clad servers deliver well-prepared British fare in a room that appears to have been lifted whole out of the U.K. then plunked down in Naples. It offers a broad assortment of beers — 25 on tap alone — as well as a full bar that includes an impressive range of gins, bourbons, single-malt scotches and wine. The Scottish egg was a tasty concoction of hard-boiled egg wrapped in sausage and breadcrumbs then fried. A spicy pub mustard completed the dish. An order of curry chips — crisp fries with red and yellow curry sauces — was plenty for two. The fish and chips (made with pollock) were excellent and the prawns, with sweet mangoes and hot red sauces — hearty black bean and delicate toped with toasted garlic and onion. The Таким дук is always available and well worth ordering. Chilean sea bass with two sauces — hearty black bean and delicate garlic — was terrific, as were the mango prawns, with sweet mangoes and hot peppers topped with pine nuts. Service was as polished as the cuisine. Full bar.

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➤ O’mei Chinese Cuisine, 14700 Tamiami Trail; 254-8973
Lovers of authentic Chinese food finally have a place in which to celebrate a wide-
ly misunderstood cuisine. Mark and Mary Cheng bring an elegant new standard to the region with their exceptional food and service. You’ll find no egg foo yung or Rangoon on this menu, just imagina-
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Whether large or small, their owners welcomed visitors as warmly as they did locals, serving bountiful portions of freshly prepared foods and making sure that no one’s glass remained empty for more than a nanosecond.

Owing to a memorably festive evening on Naxos — and the subsequent day, which I’d like to forget — my oozo-drinking days are past, but my fondness for the simple yet soulful cuisine of Greece endures.

I was reminded last week of the pleasant, relaxed conviviality of a meal at Zorba’s Greek Restauant in Bonita Springs. Although it’s situated in the midst of sprawling strip shopping center rather than standing alone in a neighborhood or village center, its interior resembles the typical taverna in many ways.

It begins with the dining room décor that includes Greek key pattern (faux) moulding rimming the room above large paintings of classic Greek scenes — panoramas of gleaming white roofs on island homes that extend to the water’s edge; the soaring Acropolis of Athens with the 2.500-year-old Parthenon at its top; and small fishing boats bobbing at the dock.

Blue chairs line tables topped with cheerful white- and yellow-checkered tablecloths. Archways divide the dining room from the bar, and a couple of television screens in the bar display a running loop of still more scenes of Greece.

The only element missing was the convivial chattering of people mingling and exchanging small talk with friends at other tables, although I’d bet that happens here during the busier winter months.

The wine list features 60 selections, all available by the bottle or glass. The majority are Greek, which means most people aren’t going to be all that familiar with them. Our server inquired as to the types of wine we typically drink then with them. Our server inquired as to the types of wine we typically drink then with them.

Our other appetizer was dolmathakia ($8), rice-stuffed grape leaves, which were tender and lemony, a refreshing starter on a steamy evening. The kitchen proved equally adept with hot dishes.

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