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Giddyup, Johnny, and Godspeed

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The last time I saw John Bunch he was vanishing into the forefront of the night like Capt. Ahab setting out in pursuit of Moby Dick: “They plunged like fate into the lone Atlantic,” wrote Melville.

It wasn’t quite that bad, of course, but almost. John was just departing the prettiest little low-key beach retreat in Florida, Jensen’s Twin Palm Marina on the west Coast’s Captiva Island, run by the Jensen brothers. They’re John’s kind of people. Mine, too.

As midnight approached, he was only trying to get home to Bokelcia, lying three or four miles east across the black water on the naked northern nose of Pine Island like a distant, twinkling bar. Not star, bar. But given John’s history and personality, his departure reminded me of the white whale’s ship-borne pursuers. He plunged like fate into the lone northern stretches of Pine Island Sound.

John is a maverick from what I can see, and a man of compulsion, like Ahab. There are other similarities, too. They both chase fish (Ahab chases bigger, paler fish); they both use boats (Ahab’s comes equipped with sails and John’s relies on a 225 horsepower Honda that gets 3.5 miles to the gal-lon); and they’re both captains.

Ahab is known as a wacko, but John is known as Capt. John “Giddyup” Bunch, a respected fishing guide rated one of the best for those who want to ply the waters of the Southwest coast. And I don’t care where you claim to “live”— Peoria, Palm Beach Gardens, Punta Gorda or Punken King Center, Kansas (one of my favorite places). If you haven’t plied those waters you haven’t actually lived. Not at least around here.

Henceforth, I shall quit first-naming John and call him Capt. Bunch, with all due respect.

When it comes to compulsion, the biggest difference between Capt. Bunch and Capt. Ahab is that Capt. Bunch’s compulsion won’t get everybody else around him killed, like Capt. Ahab’s. When you go out with Capt. Bunch, you will come home with the fish. The fish will not go home with you. On the contrary. Capt. Bunch is in the nonprofit business of saving lives, or least hearts and minds — those of American servicemen and women coming back from war, on leave, and seeking a vacation, a chance to have all that without going into deep debt (enlisted troops in particular do not make diddySzquets).

So, in 2005 he founded — and he remains the incarnate — Operation Open Arms (www.operationopenarms.org).

The organization is one with the man. It has a single, white-whale compulsion, if you will: “To provide service men and women visiting Southwest Florida every conceivable benefit during their two-week combat leave or return from a foreign duty station,” he explains.

Without them having to pay for it, of course. That’s why so many merchants and business owners support him in the effort, starting with the Jensen brothers.

Capt. Bunch is nothing if not honorable. He doesn’t use the term “nonprofit” like almost every other outfit with 501(c)(3) status uses it — as a chance to do some good while making a very comfortable salary for the managers, founders or top dogs.

Nonprofit compensation can range from roughly half a million dollars a year or more (various health or hospice organization leaders pull down that money), to $80,000 or $200,000 for managers of feet-on-the-ground help outfits for the poor or the beleaguered-by-emergency.

By contrast, “nonprofit” in the context of Capt. John “Giddyup” Bunch means just that. Absolutely no profit for anybody, including him. No payroll whatsoever for being OOA’s receptionist/secretary/answering service/director/founder.

Which may make me the only commenter in America describing the nonprofit thing literally, at least at this moment in time.

In seven years, Capt. Bunch has managed to recruit roughly 150 businesses to help pro-vide soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines the hallmark standard of real thanks: a warm embrace of more than words.

He helps them marry and honeymoon. He organizes free limo service, lodging, restaurants, fishing charters, golf, tennis, kayaking, boating, emergency dental care (that’s no small thing for troops, sometimes). And he provides them something he under-stands well: treatment of post traumatic stress disorder.

Now in his 60s and raised on the barri-er islands of South Carolina, Capt. Bunch is a former Marine (690 to 797) who did not enjoy, with his peers, a welcome-home embrace from many Americans when they returned from foreign duty stations such as Vietnam.

The young men and women he’s helped during the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq — about 1,900 of them so far, he says — will get that embrace from Operation Open Arms and its generous contributors if they come to Southwest Florida, and need or want it.

“This is the real secret of OOA,” he says. “You can demonstrate your love of country instead of flapping your jaws about it. We’ve helped 13/6 U.S. troops, provided 92 free weddings and I’ve done more funerals than I wish to remember.”

I find that extraordinary. But it won’t last forever, unless Capt. Bunch can get some help from the rest of us. After all, he isn’t going to do this forever.

“You think it’s because he’s tired? Don’t count on it. In fact, he’s newly married. But tired might have a little something to do with it, too.

What he needs to do now, he figures, is change his approach.

Here’s what he told me he needs.

“OOA needs a professional grant writer. OOA needs an office. OOA needs an administra-tive assistant. OOA needs a director to soon take my place. Most of all, OOA needs contributions to pay for all the things associated with a legit charity, like the American Red Cross has. They have a well-paid staff. They have a beautiful office, vans and cars. They have an advertising budget.

“I get to the post office after a charter hoping to see a check in Box 101.”

“I don’t think Capt. Bunch cares about some of that — the beautiful office and what-not. But he could use some help, and so could the young men and women coming home from very difficult places. Again, it’s here: www.operation-openarms.org.”
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E. Scott Fitzgerald began his short story “The Rich Boy” with a pair of simple, declarative sentences that still resonate 87 years later: “Let me tell you about the very rich. They are different from you and me.”

The difference between the very rich and the rest of us has been much in the news as of late — thanks mainly to Mitt Romney and his propensity for making boneheaded and insensitive statements that call attention to the dissimilarities that figured so prominently in Fitzgerald’s fiction.

But not even the keen-eyed Fitzgerald, who studied the peculiar ways of the economic elite as an archaeologist might scrutinize a midden heap, could have envisioned the spectacularly gauche and distasteful display that is playing out in Palm Beach County. When poor taste by someone of great wealth in Palm Beach gains worldwide attention, well, you know it must be a lollapalooza, for poor taste among the ruling class in Palm Beach is positively de rigueur.

At the epicenter of this uproar is John Goodman, a 48-year-old multimillionaire (possibly billionaire) polo crasser/playboy from Wellington. Mr. Goodman, you see, has adopted Heather Hutchins, his 42-year-old paramour.

Yes, you read that correctly. The blonde, libidinous Ms. Hutchins is now legally Mr. Goodman’s exalted status and immense fortune is tucked away in places like a last straw for many. It is viewed as the extraordinary wealthy can maneuver, with all of those people leaving, it was seen as one of the central means to revitalization called “The Partnership.”

Yes, that’s working. I believe it to be one of the central means to revitalization of Collier’s business, and that means we’re OK here in the sun that we could afford and that here, knowing that we had secured a place for many more years to come.

For me the revitalization of mine and so many others’ dreams of staying here, living the good life for many more years to come. I am excited by this. I believe it to be one of the central means to revitalization of Collier’s business, and that means we’re OK here in the sun that we could afford and that here, knowing that we had secured a place for many more years to come. I am excited by this. I believe it to be one of the central means to revitalization of Collier’s business, and that means we’re OK here in the sun that we could afford and that here, knowing that we had secured a place for many more years to come.
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For several years, Mayor Bill Barnett has been a weekly guest on my show. He’s always a terrific guest because he’s comfortable discussing city news, restaurants, politics, current events or any topic that comes to mind.

Because of term limits in Naples, his last day as the mayor of Naples is Wednesday, Feb. 15. But he’s far from done on the city scene. Bill was one of four candidates who sought three seats on Naples City Council; as the top vote-getter, he’ll join Dee Sulick and Theresa Heitman on the council.

I’m not eligible to vote because I’m not a resident of the city of Naples, but if I were, I would have voted for Mayor Bill. 2012 marks his 39th year as a Naples resident and property owner. He and his lovely wife, Chris, have five children and eight grandchildren, six of whom live in Naples.

Bill was successful in business before becoming an elected official. In 1973 he opened a Scotti Muffler franchise. Two years later, he bought the Toyota dealership here and in 1978 added the BMW dealership. He sold his car dealerships to Germain in 1993.

He was elected to the City Council in 1984 and served until he “termed out” in 1992, returning as mayor in 1996. He “termed out” again in 2000 and sat out another four years before being elected mayor, again, in 2004. His term ended in 2008, but due to an overwhelming voter referendum in 2006, he was able to serve an additional term (the referendum allowed the mayor to serve two consecutive terms, as is the case with City Council members). He ran again in 2008 and received more than 85 percent of the vote.

Mayor Bill received national notoriety when he appeared frequently on CNN, The Weather Channel and other media outlets during Hurricane Wilma. His commentary was calming and reassuring to all of us and our friends across the country in the face of the media’s attempt to “awfulize” the situation.

After the storm, when FEMA didn’t deliver bottled water when promised, the mayor was quoted by CNN, “Don’t commit if you can’t deliver.”

Not only has Bill been an outstanding public servant, he’s given of his time, talent and treasure to many charitable causes on the Paradise Coast since 1973. To name just a few: He’s a past president of the American Cancer Society and the Mental Health Association of Collier County. He’s a board member emeritus of the Collier County YMCA. He’s the recipient of the Naples Daily News Citizen of the Year Award and was chosen as one of Gulfshore Life magazine’s Men and Women of the Year. And he is the current chair of the advisory board for the Holocaust Museum and Education Center of Southwest Florida.

Mayor Bill also gives generously of his time as a guest speaker, parade grand marshal and auctioneer at many charitable and public events through the year. Accessible, friendly, engaging and loquacious, it’s no wonder he has remained a popular public official for nearly three decades.

I’m certain John Sorey will do a terrific job as our city’s new mayor. Bill Barnett is now on Naples City Council, but to me, he’ll always be “Mayor Bill.”

— Bob Harden is the producer and host of “The Bob Harden Show,” airing from 7-8 a.m. weekdays at www.bobharden.com. The show is archived for listeners’ convenience.
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Iraq in the last II years. The cost of the Vietnam War, according to the U.S. Defense Department, was $173 billion, which amounts to about $770 billion in 21st-century dollars. None of those costs include decades of care for those who come home mentally or physically war-torn.

Instead, this is the story of death by war, and thus death by American intention: by what we decide as a single people of countless variation to accomplish together with arms and our own red blood.

Like any other death, death by war becomes a deeply personal family matter, sought by none, suffered and endured by all. But unlike any other, the "all" of a death by war is the American family.

At its core live the heartbroken people related by blood, marriage or battle to those whose military records now include a KIA after their names. They have lost the most, and they pay the real price of war in ways the rest of us don't.

Here, Florida Weekly offers several of their voices in an unvarnished look at what they have been asked to contribute to our causes with the blood of theirs sons, daughters, parents, siblings or spouses in recent American wars.

For these families who live faceless among us, the bloody conflicts formally signed off in Vietnam or Iraq, for example, did not conclude on formal dates such as April 30, 1975, or Dec. 15, 2011. They did not end yesterday or today. They will not end next week, or next month or next year, even if govern- ments declare them ended. For those who remember, they will have no end.

That's what we learn from the men and women whose stories you may read here.

Living mostly in the region stretched from Naples north to Port Charlotte, they were chosen by Florida Weekly at random from among the members of about 35 families who came together for the first time recently at the bequest of the American Veterans Traveling Trib- ute (www.avtt.org).

That nonprofit organization is devot- ed to the sometimes seemingly arcane notion that as Americans, we're all in this together.

That may be true, except when we get cut off and ambushed by politics or war. "Ambushed" were massacred 64 of my men died that day, and all were wounded," recalled retired Army Lt. Col. Albert Clark Welch, who was in a platoon that was ambushed by Vietnamese enemies recently to remember a man and a friend killed following his orders: the affable, sometimes rebellious 2nd Lt. Harold "Pinky" Durham. In a ceremony for so-called Gold Star families — the military tradition dates to World War I to honor mothers and families of those lost in battle — Lt. Col. Welch stood with Lt. Durham's sister, Genie Durham Horton, before a replica of the American Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, complete with all 58,253 names of the Vietnam War dead.

She was living in Naples with her mother and attending college in Tampa at the time of her brother's death. It happened on Oct. 17, 1967, almost 45 years ago — but not for the families and friends of the dead. For them, it will always have happened just yesterday. "Never him every day," Mrs. Horton, now 63, said of her big brother. Only this week.

With his 142-man rifle company ambushed and about to be overrun by a veteran Viet Cong force of 1,400 that had been lying in wait, then-Lt. Lt. Welch ordered Lt. Durham, his forward observer, to call in artillery fire on the American positions.

Lt. Durham purposely carried out the order from an exposed position that allowed him to see the enemy. He also fought back with a rifle, aided other wounded men after suffering serious wounds himself, and continued to call in fire on the enemy. He single-handedly established a protective cordon of artillery fire around the surviving Americans, which is why all their names are not on the wall, Lt. Col. Welch says.

Near death, Lt. Durham was able to warn the men near him of Viet Cong soldiers approaching their own posi- tions unseen, and executing the wound- ed as they came. That warning saved their lives.

He died with the radio receiver still clutched in his hand, according to the account taken from battlefield wit- nesses and included with his award for valor, bestowed by the president with the approval of Congress. Lt. Durham received the nation's highest medal posthumously: the Medal of Honor.

"On that terrible day, my men did the very best they could. But it was not enough," Lt. Col. Welch said. He has also been nominated for a Medal of Honor for his actions that day, for which he now holds the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest medal. But it was not over on Oct. 17, 1967, nor was it over two years later with the award of the Medal of Honor, nor at war's end, in April of 1975, when the last American helicopter left Saigon.

Then came the real price of war, the one paid by Lt. Durham's family — the same price paid by the families of all the dead, on our behalf.

"My brother was one of these people who could do anything," Mrs. Horton recalls.

"He always survived and I thought he always would. I was going to the Uni- versity of Tampa, and when they called me on the phone to tell me, I could not believe it. I screamed bloody murder in my dorm room and in the hallway."

Two agonizing days later, she received a letter.

"The strange thing is how God works. My brother's birthday was Oct. 12 and he died on the 17th. But a few days before he died, he sent a letter reminding about all the things we had done, and what he remembered. It was unlike him (to sit around reminiscing). I could always pull that letter up and read it. So he knew what was happening."

A mostly muted voice will always whisper: Could this death have been avoided if better decisions had been made? That haunting question, whether political or tactical, is part of the bur- den the survivors have to bear all their lives.

History ultimately reveals whether decisions to take up arms and to pay that terrible price have merit, or prove tragically foolish, or unfurl as some- thing in between. And history also comes studded with disgruntling facts. For example:

* While the rest of us have been trip- ping off to work or the store or the restaurant or the boat or the golf course for the last decade, fewer than 1 percent of Americans have fought the wars on terror.

* About 4,500 Americans were killed in Iraq, and 1,700 have died so far in Afghanistan, including 20 (18 men and two women) who came from South- west Florida. Before that, almost 60,000 died in Vietnam. Eighty came from the region.

* The children of servicemen or women who repeat tours in the wars because other Americans do not volun- teer are much more troubled, emotion- ally, than other children, studies show — thus their lives are likely to be harder in the future because of the sacrifices made by their parents now.

Nonetheless, those facts and the ques- tions that arise from them are rarely central to the burden-bearers among us, the ones who continue to suffer from death by war.

Their single question is apolitical and much simpler, and it stems from the real price of war: Does our sacrifice have value in your lives?

How the rest of us respond to that question — how we view and treat the burden-bearers among us — is in some way defines who and what we are as a people.
What they remember

It always starts with a visit or a phone call to the family. A Department of Defense notice appears, too, like this one, from 2004.

“The Department of Defense announced recently the death of a soldier who was supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Spc. Karen N. Clifton, 22, of Lehigh Acres, Fla., died June 21 in Baghdad, Iraq, of wounds suffered when her vehicle was hit with a rocket-propelled grenade. She was assigned to the 5th Military Police Company, 95th Military Police Battalion, Kaiserslautern, Germany. For more information related to this release, the media may contact the 21st Theater Support Command public affairs office at 011-49-631-413-6143.”

And then time marches on.

For many, the work of such organizations as the American Veterans Traveling Tribute creates the opportunity for therapeutic healing through shared remembrance, they say.

The men and women below who agreed to speak with Florida Weekly, took advantage of such shared remembrance recently.

Sponsored by AVTT, the event includ-
ed listings of most or all of those killed in Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq and histories and details of every war since World War II.

Here’s what some said.

Genie Durham Horton, sister of Army 2Lt. Harold “Pinky” Durham, Ga. and Naples:

“My brother spent four years in the Army working on helicopters, and he did a tour in Vietnam. In his spare time, he helped orphan children who couldn’t read or write, and he liked them. He became sort of attached. Then he got out, but he was in the OCS (Officer Candid- ate School), and on one of his leaves he came down to Florida to see us.

“I kept begging him: ‘Please don’t leave. Back, please don’t go back.’ But he had gotten to know some of these people, and he said he felt called to it. I said, ‘You don’t have to go back.’ He said, ‘Whether we’re going or not isn’t the issue, or whether I think I should be there. I have a com- mander who says we’re going to go, and I have a God, and we’re going.’

That was the dif- ficult part. But I knew that my brother knew what he was doing.

‘The way it all happened, he didn’t have to do what he did. But he allowed that and he saved many men, and I believe it was a choosing.”

Bill and Margaret Eggers with their children and grandchildren. The Eggers family lost their son, Army Capt. and Green Beret Dan Eggers, on May 29, 2004, in Afghanistan.

“My oldest brother, Johnny, took it really hard. It took seven or eight years for him to adjust to what happened, and even he made a beautiful memorial in his home, to Pinky. So it was awful for Johnny, and not as bad for me. My parents were divorced, but it brought them together. I would say, as sad as it is, that when all this started coming some years ago (survivors from the battle getting together), it was the beginning of guys from Vietnam talking to each other and meeting in hotels. And that was a blessing. They’d never been able to talk before.

‘I went to a meeting in Vegas, and a guy walked in and gave me his name, and said, I was on the other end of that radio when your brother called in that fire.’

‘I began to realize — there have been so many blessings because of the death of my brother. That battle — I have seen more people come to know the joy of understanding each other, being able to talk. I’ve seen people’s lives change around this.’

‘It is always a tragedy, and you have to say, that to admit that. But, is there a possibility that good could come out of evil? To me there is. And we can choose to be a victim or we can choose to say, ‘Life must go on.’ This is or was the plan for this person.

‘For me, I will always need to say, ‘What can I do to make life better for those around me?’ Because if my brother could do something like that, I know I can do this.”

Barbara Bremerman Ballard, sister of Marine PFC Dale Bremerman of Naples:

“From my perspective, my brother did some very significant things, and he did do his duty. Understanding that, I would say each family has to deal with this individually, in their own ways.

‘My brothers and sisters were in their early teens, and I was the oldest — I was three years older than Dale. I think they missed out on his guidance, the kind of guidance an older brother can give. And Dale and I had a very good relationship. He was a very kind soul. He wasn’t a typical teenager, he was a polite person, a very sweet guy. Most of his early years and into his teens was he an altar boy at St. Anita’s. We lost our youngest sister a year ago, and it kind of made us stronger, closer.’

“So when I was scheduled to go up to the Gold Star event, my siblings wanted to put down things they remembered for me to say. And it’s funny, their memories weren’t the same as mine. We used to live on the water, and Dale had a little skiff, a real little one, and he would take us out on the bay and teach them things. They remembered that. He’s still part of us.”

Beverly Faircloth, sister of Army Spc 4 Cullie Wilson Bryant, Fort Myers and Punta Gorda:

“Cullie was just full of life, and he was funny. If he could, he would joke with you. He was never a hard-to-get-along- with person.

“My mother signed him into the Army when he was 17. And he was only 18 when he was killed. I think he just wanted some adventure in his life. And something dif- fered from that.

At that time, that’s what you did. But it was hard on us.

‘I can say about getting through it, that’s what is some of it. And we come from a staunch family — we took care of our own, so to speak. We just braced up on that’s what happened and you’re able to accept it, regardless of anything else.

‘But were we and are we proud of him? Oh God, yes. Lord have mercy, yes. Everybody was. My oldest brother was there in Vietnam first, but he made it home. Eventually it gets a little easier. You never forget, but you have to deal with it. For us the war doesn’t just end. Families are the ones that have to pick up the pieces, and they have to keep going.”

Bill Eggers, Vietnam veteran and father of Army Capt. Dan Eggers, Cape Coral:

“A reporter from one of the Naples newspapers called us up to put together a Memorial Day, May 31, 2004, two days after Danny died. She asked me: ‘What does Memo- rial Day mean to you now that your son was killed in action two days before this holiday?’

‘I remember telling her that Memo- rial Day always meant a lot to me. Having come home from Vietnam in one piece, it was just another holiday off from work, but I always tried to attend the memorials, especially in the last 20 years. As they say, you spend the first 20 years trying to forget the war, and the last 20 trying to remember. ‘So Memorial Day wasn’t a real per- sonal grieving time then. However, in one day, this Memo- rial Day took on a whole new meaning. When the organist played ‘God Bless America’ for the final song on Sunday Mass the day after Danny died, it was impossible to keep my emotions contained, nor could any- one else in our family.

‘I attended a memorial service on the 31st and really discovered that the names weren’t going to be added to any- thing. To this day, my eyes well up when I hear it. It really is a fitting and solemn song for such a day.

‘But in the big picture, it was a kick in the pants for me to lose my ter- rific son in a war. While I was 40 years ago, my buddies and I often said we were glad to be there in hopes that this would end all hostilities in the future so our kids wouldn’t have to be in a position to serve our country next generation.

‘We all thought, knew and agreed that Vietnam was a political mess, that we had gotten in over our heads years ago.

‘We all saw the mass demonstrations on campuses. I personally got into a fist fight with two kids on my campus (didn’t know if they were stu- dents or not) attempting to hoist our Stars and Stripes upside down. Looking back, I think we looked at it as the ‘war to end all wars.’ We were young and naive!

‘Having to be called up to serve in Vietnam was an insult, having a child die in Vietnam was an insult.

‘Operation Enduring Freedom (the war on terrorism) was a knee-jerk reaction. The paper fighting forces were in Afghanistan for a legitimate purpose.

‘So my son and all the others who died — they died in actual defense of our country.

Our family attended the memorial for Danny and another Green Beret sol- dier at the United States Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C. We left with the Army Catholic chap- lain, who had something clenched in his right hand.

‘He said he knew Capt. Eggers when he named in Afghanistan, and he said that Danny had a strong faith. He remem- bered that out of the six confession and masses he gave, Danny attended five of them. He was on a mission.

‘The chaplain unfolded his hand to reveal the St. Phillip and St. Michael medals Danny was wearing when he died. He presented them to Danny’s oldest son. This event gave the Eggers family a great feeling of comfort and closure.

‘Subsequent to that was the meeting the Eggers family had with President George Bush. He faced Danny’s broth- ers and sisters and told them that he ordered Danny to that war, that Danny had done his duty well and that he, the president, was very, very sorry that Danny was killed in defense of our nation.

‘To the older siblings, this was an honest, bold and sincere explanation from Danny’s Commander-In-Chief, as the president put it. It was heartfelt for both the president and our family.

‘Wow, and a year later the U. S. Army named of the Combined Forces Com- pound in Kabul, Afghanistan, Camp Eggers.”

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A 2007 federal energy independence law required companies that supply motor fuel in the U.S. to blend a certain cellulose-based ingredient starting in 2011 — even though (as the Environmental Protection Agency well knows) the ingredient simply does not now exist. A New York Times reporter checked in with the EPA in January and found that the companies will still have to pay the monetary penalties for noncompliance (and almost certainly the even-stiffer penalties for 2012, since the ingredient is still two or three years from development). "It belies logic," said a petroleum chemicals trade association executive.

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Oops!

vehicles were reported “beyond repair.” That someone took whale bones left (but didn’t), and another remembered a man threatened to throw a punch (but didn’t!), and another remembered that someone took what bones left on a beach by researchers (but later gave them back). According to a Daily Telegraph report, the culprit is “still at large.”

According to recent consumer-protection rulings by the European Food Safety Authority, sellers of prunes are prohibited from marketing them as laxatives, and sellers of bottled water are forbidden to offer it as preventing dehydration. In both cases, the commissioners referred to the underlying science of the body to defend their decisions, but the rulings were still widely derided as anti-common-sense. Members of the European Parliament complained, especially given the current precarious state of the European Union itself. One parliamentarian challenged an EFSA policymaker to a prune-eating contest: If it’s not a laxative, he said, let’s see how many you can eat and not have your bowel function “assisted.”

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 ideologies, just two weeks before the January worldwide Internet protest against proposed copyright-protection legislation, the Missionary Church of Loveism in Sweden announced that it had been granted official government status as a religion (one of 22 so recognized). Through its entire reason for being is to celebrate the right to share files of information — in any form, but especially on the Internet. Swedish law makes such religious recognition easy, requiring only “a belief system with rituals” and who was allowed to work for the church despite a sex-crime rap sheet.

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Two dozen religious leaders in India’s Karnataka state are, as usual, protesting the annual, centuries-old Hindu ritual in which lower-caste people stroll around in food leftovers of upper-caste people. “Hindus.” For the current year, only three of the 4,300 cadets have identified themselves in that group, but the academy is sensitive to the issue after a 2005 lawsuit accused administrators and cadets of allowing too-aggressive proselytizing on behalf of Christian religions. For the record, the academy currently has 11 Muslim cadets, 16 Buddhists, 10 Hindus and 43 self-described atheists.

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Information and referral service goes live Feb. 11

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The Community Foundation of Collier County announces that the long-awaited Collier 211, an information and referral service for all citizens of Collier County, launches on Saturday, Feb. 11. Services will be available simply by dialing 2-1-1 or 260-211 or by visiting www.collier211.org.

The backbone of Collier 211 consists of multi-lingual phone operators who are also trained as crisis counselors and who can connect callers in need of services 24 hours/day, 365 days/year, to available community programs. Information and referral services help individuals, families and communities identify, understand and effectively use programs offered by community nonprofits, government and for-profit service providers. Collier 211 will help eliminate confusion about services in numerous areas, such as:

■ Work support: financial assistance, employment training and placement, transportation assistance, education programs;
■ Support for older Americans and persons with disabilities: adult day care, congregate meals, Meals on Wheels, respite care, home health care and transportation services;
■ Children, youth and family support: childcare, after school programs, Head Start, family resource centers, summer camps and recreation programs, mentoring, tutoring, protective services.

As part of the Community Foundation’s mission to build the capacity of nonprofits and the communities they serve, the data gained from 211 caller feedback will:

■ Provide information to donors looking to support current community needs;
■ Support community leaders needing extensive information and statistics for community planning; and
■ Help community organizations become a better resource for their clients by tracking requests from callers and identifying gaps and/or duplications in services.

Collier is the last county in Florida to implement a county-specific information and referral service. The Community Foundation led the effort to raise the funds needed to operate Collier 211. For the past 26 years, the foundation has responded to gaps in community services by providing staff time, building collaborations and raising awareness and needed funds from outside sources to address unmet needs.

For more information, contact Mary George by e-mail at mgeorge@cfcollier.org, or visit www.collier211.org.

FAQs about Collier 211

■ Why is the Community Foundation of Collier County launching Collier 211? The foundation has established the web-based Guide to Collier Nonprofits and the Center for Nonprofit Excellence. Collier 211 will complement this effort, as it will provide extensive data on community needs and services. By compiling, reporting and blending these data into comprehensive analyses, the foundation will offer a much-needed and “real-time” overview — a report card — of social services in our area.
■ Who will benefit? In addition to providing a critical service to residents, 211 data and reports will enable Collier County government, nonprofits and for-profit organizations to assess and modify their programs based on need. The information also will allow prospective donors to better understand community needs, and to more effectively invest their philanthropic dollars.
■ How much will it cost? The cost to operate Collier 211 will be approximately $200,000 a year. The Community Foundation has committed to fund the program for three years, during which time it will also seek additional funds to sustain the program. Ideally, a $5 million endowment will be created to support Collier 211 in perpetuity.
■ What organizations are eligible to be included in the referral listing? All nonprofit organizations, government programs and for-profit organizations that have a sliding fee scale are eligible. The Community Foundation is helping identify contacts. To qualify, an organization must complete a Call211 form online and submit it to Switchboard of Miami. To learn more about eligibility, contact Brad Bailey by e-mailing collier211@gmail.com.
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A new partnership
Imagine Solutions, Philharmonic Center team up to bring conference back in 2013

Searching for Solutions Institute and the Philharmonic Center for the Arts have formed a partnership to spark creative dialogue on critical issues. The organizations have announced plans to bring the Imagine Solutions ideas conference back to the Phil in 2013, with a new format and price structure.

The 2013 Imagine Solutions conference will showcase thought leaders from a wide range of disciplines — science, economics, health care, public policy, energy, the environment and the arts — at an all-day event in mid-February 2013 and an additional follow-up evening session one month later.

The theme of the 2013 Imagine Solutions conference will be “America at its Very Best.” In the coming years, the conference will expand to include multiple evening and afternoon sessions.

“The Phil is pleased to create a forum for stimulating thinking and dialogue on important issues. We are a strong supporter of lifelong learning, and Imagine Solutions conference is a perfect fit with our mission,” Philharmonic Center CEO and President Kathleen van Bergen said in announcing the partnership with Randy Antik, CEO of Imagine Solutions. “We are delighted to be working with Imagine Solutions to bring important thought leaders to the Naples community.”

Mr. Antik said the Imagine Solutions/Philharmonic Center partnership is designed to “maximize the strengths of each organization. We plan to build on the success of Imagine Solutions, drawing on our network of outstanding speakers and leading-edge resources to create a nationally recognized conference at the world-class facilities of the Philharmonic campus.”

The nonprofit, non-partisan Searching for Solutions Institute was founded in 2008 with a goal of uniting the world’s top thought leaders with local problem-solvers who have the resources, connections and desire to make the world a better place. The conference has been developed with input and support from the Aspen Institute, the TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) conferences and the Milkin Institute.

As in previous conferences, participants for the 2013 Imagine Solutions conference are expected to include Nobel Prize laureates, education thought leaders, major voices in the arts, Time 100 and Fortune 500 honorees, renowned authors, scientists and economists and inspiring young leaders. National media partners for the 2013 Imagine Solutions conference.

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Military Ball open to all at Club Pelican Bay

The Military Officers Association of Southwest Florida invites all present and former military members, their guests and the public to the MOASWWF Military Ball on Saturday, Feb. 11, at Club Pelican Bay.

Seating is limited to 250. Tickets for $65 per person include valet parking, dinner and toasting wine. A silent auction will help raise money for military charities and local JROTC programs. Gift certificates and other donations for the auction are welcome.

MOASWWF supports local JROTC programs, sends boxes to those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan and provides holiday gifts to children of St. Matthew’s House. The group is a chapter of the Military Officers Association of America, an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization.

For tickets or information about donating to the silent auction, call Jerry Bennett at 643-4343, ext. 229.

Imagining Solutions Conference

The Imagine Solutions conference will include The Economist, U.S. News and World Report, Scientific American, CNBC, Nova and the National Geographic Channel.

Among the renowned speakers who participated over the past two years were former U.S. Comptroller General David Walker; soprano Measha Brueg- were former U.S. Comptroller General David Walker; soprano Measha Brueg-ner; Paul Collier, professor at Oxford University; former U.S. Ambassador to Japan, former National Security Advisor and former U.S. Senator Bob Shrum; Jerry Brown, current U.S. Secretary of Agriculture; Dennis M. Bushnell, chief scientist at NASA’s Langley Research Center; best-selling author and life sciences expert Juan Enriquez; population geneticist Spencer Wells; and Wall Street analyst Liz Peek.

A number of initiatives in education, health care and social entrepreneurship have started both locally and at a national level as a result of the interactions between speakers and audiences at the first two Imagine Solutions conferences.

For more information on the 2013 Imagine Solutions conference, contact Mr. Antik at Randy@imagnesolutionsconference.com or call Ms. Bergen at 254-2601.

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Brake for the next safe driving class

Cars, driving conditions, area roadways and the rules of the road change, and so do drivers as they grow older. The next AARP safe driving class led instructor Greg Johnson takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, at Homewood Residences, 770 Goodlette Road in Naples.

Participants will learn about new traffic laws and refresh their defensive driving skills. Those ages 55 and older who complete the class might be eligible for a discount on auto insurance.

Since 1979, AARP safe driving classes have helped millions of drivers stay safe on the roads. Although the course is geared to drivers 50 and older, attendance is open to all. AARP membership is not required, and there are no tests to pass.

Cost is $12 for AARP members, $14 for others. Make a reservation by calling 732-5310.

Learn how to search public records

Collier County residents are invited to two free seminars presented by the office of Dwight Brock, clerk of the circuit court.

“Searching Public Records using CollierClerk.com” will take place from 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, at South Regional Library on Lely Cultural Boulevard. Participants will learn how to find out if someone has a court record; look up official records such as a mortgage, deed or homeowner association documents; pay a traffic citation; check jury duty numbers; or file a tenant eviction or small claims case. Information about how to apply for a passport or marriage license is also on the clerk’s website.

Register by calling 252-7542.

“Residential Tenant Evictions” is set for 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at Headquarters Regional Library on Orange Blossom Drive. Attendees will learn the most common reasons why landlords evict tenants and about the role of the clerk’s office in a tenant eviction action. Although attendees will be able to ask questions or discuss case scenarios, the clerk’s office cannot provide legal advice. Sign up by calling 593-0377.

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Works by 25 Florida photographers have been chosen for the 2012 “Photography Annual” exhibit on display through March 31 at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center and sponsored by the United Arts Council and Friends of Rookery Bay.

Clyde Butcher served as juror for the exhibit. Chosen from among 55 entrants are works by: Paul Allen, Chad Anderson, Timothy Bath, Kevin Boldenow, James Branan, Marc Damon, Corky Ditkof, Laurie Meehan-Elmer, Terry Fitzgerald, Jim Freeman, Muffy Clark Gill, Dennis Goodman, William Hofer, Nancy Job, Mary Lundeberg, Tyler MacDonald, Paul Marcellini, Karin Smith, Ashley Snizek, Teresa Tru-...
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The Conservancy of Southwest Florida has received a $50,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation to support “Learning Adventures” in area schools. Over the past two years, Walmart has supported education initiatives at the Conservancy with grants totaling more than $80,000.

Through the “Learning Adventures” program, Conservancy of Southwest Florida environmental education naturalists visit Collier and Lee county schools to teach the next generation of environmental leaders about Southwest Florida’s natural treasures.

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Tickets for $100 include a one-year BTTF membership. For tickets or more information, call Keith Goodman at 248-8380 or e-mail FloridaDryFlyGuy@yahoo.com. For more information about BTTF, visit www.tarbone.org.

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appreciation to Walmart for supporting the Conservancy youth education programs.

Christian Wright, a fifth-grader at Lake Park Elementary School in Collier County, told the group about how the Conservancy programs, many of which include live animals taken on classroom visits, have helped him and his classmates understand the beauty and importance of the region’s ecosystems.

Suzette Nolan and Nicole Hughes, principals at Avalon and Shadowlawn elementary schools respectively, expressed their thanks to the Conservancy and Walmart for helping them reach their educational goals for their students, many of whom live in economically challenged situations.

“The grant enables the Conservancy to expand our programming to reach more than 4,500 students, exposing them to our mission and igniting their interest in environmental education,” Andrew McElwaine, Conservancy president and CEO, told the gathering. “We are grateful to the Walmart Foundation.”

About the Conservancy

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida focuses on the critical environmental issues of Southwest Florida with a mission to protect the region’s water, land and wildlife through environmental education, science and research, policy and advocacy and wildlife rehabilitation. For information, call 262-0304 or visit www.conservancy.org.

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Sign up now for new student housing at Edison State College-Fort Myers

Edison State College is accepting applications for LightHouse Commons, the 164,000-square-foot residence hall under construction at the school’s Fort Myers campus.

The 400-unit hall is modeled after apartment-style living and features two floor plan options, one with two bedrooms, two bathrooms and another with four bedrooms, two baths floor. Each unit has a full kitchen, washer/dryer and furnishings. Meal plans will be available in combination with leases.

LightHouse Commons is scheduled to open in August 2012. Student residents will also enjoy an on-site recreation room, fitness center, mail center, two-story lobby and sitting area, conference room, computer lab and study room on each floor, and a private parking lot with parking available for each resident.

Residents will have secure access via key cards, and a security officer will be in the lobby 24 hours a day. A fulltime ESC staff member will live in LightHouse Commons along with eight resident advisers.

Housing is available on a first-come, first-served basis with a $100 reservation fee applicable to the first payment.

LightHouse Commons is the first “living and learning” community at Edison State College and is designed to provide a full campus life experience,” says Amy Teprovich, ESC director of student life. In addition to apartment-style living, the hall will offer various extracurricular activities, she adds.

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dating has become very competitive. 100 million Americans are single, according to the 2010 US Census report, and the most popular dating site today has 20 million members, of which 1.3 million have paid subscriptions. You’re probably thinking, what is she talking about? Could you write the rest of my life with statistics like these.

Exactly. Rethink predatory. If you’re not careful and you don’t date to win, you WILL be dating for the rest of your life. And here’s an idea of what you’ll spend.

One-night stands (Cheap thrills? Think again)

You brush them off as sport, but Quicken and Turbo Tax say not so fast.

■ The taxihome: $50 for the parking ticket on your car because you left it somewhere to walk home with him.

■ Extra lattes and aspirin for your hangover: $10.

■ Replacing the Cosabella bra and panties you lost during the evening: $100.

■ Four pints of Ben & Jerry’s ice cream you consumed while waiting for your new salon.

■ Extra-large pizza delivery when you realize he’s not going to call: $500.

■ De-briefing brunch with your best friends: $2,000.

Women over the age of 18, and 618 ball (outlook not so good) and think about what the census says: There are 88 unmarried men for every 100 unmarried women over the age of 18, and 61 percent of unmarried people over the age of 18 are women. Gulp.

High-end gym: The new nightclubs

Men are visual and they love to work out, so if you look good and you’re working on your fitness, you’re going to have his attention. A typical 24-hour fitness-type membership is about $350 a year. On the other hand, home gym costs about $10,000, which is actually a lot cheaper over the course of a lifetime; but save the home gym for after you’re married, because high-end gyms are the new nightclubs.

For a membership fee of about $1,500 a year, you can get fit, meet men and get to know them on the treadmill or at the bar — the smoothie bar. Budget big for sexy, cute workout clothes that show off your physique.

■ Gym membership: $1,500/year

■ Yoga studio class pass: $2,000/year

■ Gym shoes, clothes, equipment: $2,000

The endorphins are flowing and you’re going to take the next step...

Get the grooms by being groomed

Men want women who look like they can be taken everywhere — to business dinners, on exotic vacations and home to meet the family and friends. The cost: NOT keeping yourself up is good for dates.

Not wanting to get naked because you forgot to share your leg wax or your hello kitty is a really poor excuse for avoiding intimacy or last-minute pool parties, and not wanting to put on a bathing suit because you’ve neglected the gym could cost you Mr. Right. You want to be ready to go at all times, so you should consider grooming a necessary dating investment.

■ Haircuts: $75 every two months = $450/year

■ Color: $100/month = $1,200/year

■ Tipping at hair salon: $1,600/year

■ Christmas gift: $3,000/year

■ Waxing: $100/month for legs, bikini and underarms = $1,200/year

■ Tipping aestheticians: $420/year

■ Christmas gift: $50/year

■ Mani/pedi: $40 every two weeks = $480/year

■ Tipping: $192/year

■ Facial: $75 every other month = $450/year

■ Cosmetics and fragrance: $500-$1,000/year

■ Massages: $150 three times a year = $450/year

■ Annual total: $7942

■ You’ve made the investment so far, so if you look good and you’re a cut above, a few professional tips now could make a difference.

■ You’re going to amp up your confidence here, and there’s no time like the present.

Clothes-ing costs

Clothes might make the man, but the right clothes will make the man want to date the woman who’s wearing them.

Hate shopping? Treat it like going to the dentist — not doing it will cause you more pain than making regular visits and taking care of business.

Having too few clothes is just as bad as having too many clothes, and when it comes to clothes, more isn’t necessarily more. In “Think & Date Like a Man,” a book I wrote for women who want to find, get and keep Mr. Right, I advise women to buy, how much to buy, how much to spend and how to maintain good pieces. Among the must-have pieces: lovely lingerie, a fabulous cocktail dress, a flattering bathing suit. Be on a first-name basis with your local tailor.

■ Average monthly clothing budget: $250-$1,000 (depending on your income)

■ Dry-cleaning and tailor costs: $100/month = $1,200/year

You look amazing. You feel amazing. You’re feeling on top of the world. And there’s a reason to be.

Online dating

Photos are crucial. A good photo will generate interest in your profile, whereas a less than flattering one will land you home alone. And no photo is a waste of the membership fee. Consider having a professional photographer take some shots for you.

Don’t bother with free dating services if you want a serious relationship. You get what you pay for. Lots of people throw their profiles up on dating services just to see what comes back, without being seriously interested — or even seriously single.

■ Online dating services: $50/month per service (use more than one)

■ You’re getting dates and you want to bring some home to see what it’s like to have them in your abode...

Your love shack

Your home doesn’t have to be a man-shack or have a view of the golf, but men will go to hang out at your house if it’s the kind of place that makes them feel like you’re an asset because you know how to make them feel like king of a castle they could get used to. It’s a mystery you’re creating — a mystery worth money.

■ Two sets of Egyptian cotton sheets: $100

■ Two sets of comforters, duvet covers and shams: $600

■ Scented candle: $50/year

■ Flowers: $100/month = $1,200/year

■ Man food you wouldn’t normally buy: $250/month = $3,000/year

■ Fancy towels: $500/year

■ Housekeeper (if you’re working full time): $400/month = $4,800/year

■ Yoga studio class pass: $19/year

■ Cosmetic dentistry veneers: $600

■ Product samples you buy at the drug store with your membership card: $50/year

■ Movie tickets: $125 annually

■ Shopping.

■ Annual tax: $50

■ Haircuts: $100/year

■ Christmas gift: $50/year

■ Gym membership: $40,000/year

■ Photographer to take your photos: $250

■ Christmas gift: $50/year

■ Photos: $250

■ Haircuts: $10/hour, so $60/date night twice a week

■ Manicure/pedicure: $40 every two weeks = $480/year

■ Tipping: $192/year

■ Nail salon: $50/year

■ Gym membership: $1,500/year

■ Grooming and grooming: $59/month

■ Plastic surgery: $10,000-

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■ Tissues: $20.

■ A therapeutic makeover to help you forget you who were when you were single:

■ A shredder at Best Buy to get rid of his photos and love letters: $59.

■ A copy of “Think & Date Like A Man,” so you don’t find yourself in this position again: $839.

■ The energy crisis or even to start again! You do the math!

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Sugar baby

Looking for that older gentleman? Start dining at expensive steak houses and sushi restaurants where these men eat regularly. (Cha-ching!) Spring for a French class, as he’s probably going to want you to travel with him (passport: $125). Start reading classics and bestsell-

Long-distance relationships

Mutual monthly visits include cross-country round-trip tickets in coach ($400 with 14 days notice, so six trips on your tab = $2,400). Add-on travel costs are about $2,000 for two-way transport, parking, etc. Make sure you have an unlimited cell phone plan to allow him to call you when he needs you.

Break-up costs

■ Tissues: $25.

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FAITH NOTES

Cantors in the spotlight for concert

Collier County Hadassah presents a musical journey from Israel to Broadway beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at Temple Shalom. Ten cantors and cantorial soloists will present a program of Israeli, Sephardic-Ladino, Yiddish and Broadway music, and the Naples Klezmer Revival Band with Stuart Warshauer will join in creating “A Simcha in Song.”

Cantor Donna Aru, Temple Shalom’s first female cantor, will lead the program that celebrates 100 years of Hadassah, the Women’s Zionist Organization of America.

Cantor Aru’s Persian roots influence her frequent use of melodic Sephardic/Ladino music of the Jews expelled from Spain who settled in the Middle East. Her Temple Shalom colleague, organist and choir director Peter Lewis, will provide accompaniment. Other voices in the program will include: cantors Faith Steinnyder, Donna Goldstein (retired) and Aaron Kaplan and cantorial soloists Douglas Renfrow, Lawrence Dermer, Ann Newman, Jane Galler, Hari Jacobsen and Lori Cohen.

Tickets begin at $50 ($38 for ages 25 and under). Call Lauren Becker at 592-5304 or Lynn Weiner at 598-1009.

Rabbi will address temple sisterhood

Temple Shalom Sisterhood invites the community to hear Rabbi Adam Miller discuss “Gender and Judaism: Where Do We Go From Here?” at a luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the temple at 4630 Pine Ridge Road.

Rabbi Miller began serving Temple Shalom in 2010, coming to Southwest Florida from Temple Beth Am in Framingham, Mass. He was ordained at Hebrew Union College-Institute of Religion in 2003.

Cost of the luncheon is $25 for Sisterhood members and $30 for others. Call 348-8713 for reservations.

Prayer is topic at next Moorings program

Moorings Presbyterian Church continues its 2012 Distinguished Speaker Series at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, when Joan Gray of Atlanta presents “Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Prayer but were Afraid to Ask.” The series continues:

- Sunday, March 4, Stephen Fowl, a frequent guest at Moorings Presbyterian services, discusses “Struggling with Scripture in a Divided Church.”
- Sunday, March 18, Dr. Bill Beckwith, founder of the Life and Memory Center and a specialist in memory disorders, will discuss “Remembering What Not to Forget.”

Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 261-1487. For more information, visit www.moorings-presby.org.
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NONPROFIT NEWS

‘Open Your Heart’ for the Red Cross

Fine food and wine from select Naples restaurants and caterers, chocolates from Norman Love Confections, cigars, cognac and bourbon plus a Valentine’s Day themed photo booth, boutique shopping and a display of custom-made ball gowns will fill the new Clive Daniel Home showroom as a benefit for the American Red Cross from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9.

Hostess for the evening is Heather Fitzzenhagen, marketing director at Condo & HOA Law Group and a celebrity dancer for “Starstruck 2012,” the Red Cross’ annual dance-off and gala that takes place Saturday, March 24, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point.

Tickets to “Open Your Heart” at Clive Daniel Home are $50 per person or $75 per couple and can be purchased at the door or at www.openyourheartredcross.eventbrite.com.

For tickets or more information about “Starstruck 2012,” call 238-3401 or visit www.gulfcoastredcross.org.

Grant will enable children’s museum to conserve its art

The Golisano Children’s Museum of Naples has received a grant through the Foundation of the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works to conserve three important works in the museum’s collection of American paintings. Conservation work, which includes acrylic glazing, began in January and will take place in Miami over the next several months in collaboration with conservators at C’mom.

“We have been entrusted with all these paintings and we need to find ways to conserve them and make them available to the public through exhibit,” says Joe Cox, C’mom executive director.

The museum’s art collection has a focus on children and/or animals as the subjects. The three works currently being conserved are two oil-on-canvas paintings by the late Colleen Browning and one by the late Jon Corbino. They will be displayed in C’mom’s Loos Art Gallery along with 11 other paintings in the museum’s collection designed to help young visitors in their discovery of art.

To learn more about C’mom, visit www.cmon.org.

Empty Bowls event fills food bank coffers

The fifth annual Empty Bowls soup lunch in Cambier Park raised more than $42,000 for the Harry Chapin Food Bank, which translates into nearly $260,000 in groceries that the food bank can distribute through its nonprofit agencies.

The net total includes sponsorships, silent auction proceeds and the sale of water and additional pottery bowls on top of the donated soup ladled into more than 2,000 bowls to feed those who came the park for lunch on Jan. 28.

John and Janet Smiedendorf of Bonita Springs arrived at 7:15 a.m. and waited patiently until 11 a.m. in order to be first in line to make a selection.

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ABLE Academy to benefit from sale

True Fashionistas Designer Resale will donate 20 percent of all sales on Saturday, Feb. 11, to ABLE Academy. The center on Golden Gate Parkway helps children who have learning and social disorders building new behaviors through one-on-one instruction and small group therapy.

True Fashionistas owners Jennifer Johnson and Nanci Iuculano designate a different charity each month to benefit from proceeds on specific sales days.

Ms. Iuculano’s own family has benefitted from programs provided by Able Academy. “If we can help them raise funds to help other families offset the exorbitant expenses related to autism and other special needs, we welcome the opportunity,” she says.

The resale boutique sells gently used clothing and accessories for men, women and children. Customers can bring clothing in and receive immediate cash, can trade for other items in the store or can consign their items and wait for a check.

In the Shoppes at Vanderbilt at the corner of Vanderbilt Beach and Airport-Pulling roads, the shop is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 596-5044 or visit www.truefashionsaresale.com.

For more information about ABLE Academy, visit www.theableacademy.org.

‘Bring a Book, Bring a Friend’ to Barnes & Noble

The teen advisory team for the K is for Kids Foundation holds the fourth annual “Bring a Book, Bring a Friend” book fair and book drive from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops. The day includes two children’s authors and book signings, a writing workshop for children, face painting and balloon art and a raffle for a basket of books.

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2012 Men of Distinction will be honored at dinner

The Education Foundation of Collier County hosts the 2012 Men of Distinction awards celebration and dinner from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Hilton Naples. This year’s 10 Men of Distinction who will be honored for their outstanding commitment and service to the Collier County community are: Doug Campbell, Eugene Frey, Lt. Col. Paul Garrah, F. Craig Jilk, Tom McCann, West McCann, Bob Morantz, Sheriff Kevin Rambosk, Keith Riley and George Walters Jr.

Limited tickets remain available for the casual evening that begins with a cocktail reception hosted by Pinnacle Vodka. A silent auction is part of the fun. Tickets are $150 and are available by calling the Education Foundation at 643-4755 or visiting www.GetOnTheBusCollier.org/Events.

Proceeds benefit the Education Foundation and its Take Stock in Children scholarship and mentoring program. Getting involved and supporting the success of Collier County’s school children is how the Men of Distinction exemplify their commitment to community.
Church concert will benefit Foundation

British soprano Belinda Bradley and German pianist Joja Wendt join forces for an evening of entertainment to benefit The Immokalee Foundation beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at Naples United Church of Christ. Co-chairs for the evening are Eva Alexandra Countess Kendall and Kevin McGurran, the Honorable Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Honourable Consul General of the United Kingdom, respectively.

Mr. Wendt’s concerts have taken him around the world, from New York City’s Carnegie Hall to the Siberian peninsula of Kamtschatka. He has performed with Jerry Lee Lewis, Chuck Berry, Fats Domino and Joe Cocker and composed the music for one of Germany’s most successful films. He is currently part of the jury for the children’s television project “Your Song,” in which musical compositions by children have the chance of being performed by stars. Steinway & Sons has inducted him in the circle of the world’s best pianists as a Steinway Artist.

Ms. Bradley has performed widely as an oratorio and concert soloist in places including the Barcelona Cathedral, Donau Abbey, St. Paul’s Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Royal Albert Hall, Ripleys Arts Centre and Teatro Consorziale di Budris. Her recent operatic roles include Frasquita in “Carmen” (Associazione Culturale Scena Musicale di Bologna); Ludmilla in “The Bartered Bride” (Edinburgh Studio Opera); Yum Yum in “The Mikado” (Edinburgh Savoy Opera Group); and Governess in “Turn of the Screw” (Advanced Performers Studio).

Benefactor tickets, which include a VIP reception after the concert, are $100 per person; patron tickets are $75. For more information, call 430-9222 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.

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The Partners for a Peaceful Community pledge is available at www.naplesshelter.org. Individuals are urged to download the pledge and have their family, friends, colleagues and neighbors join them in signing the document and posting it in a visible place as a reminder of their commitment to peace.

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Paddleboarders will make a splash on Naples Bay

The third annual Stand Up Paddleboard Luau Races to benefit Special Olympics Collier County will make a splash from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at Bayfront on Naples Bay. Title sponsor is Noodles Italian Café & Sushi Bar; additional sponsorships are available at $500 and $1,000 levels, and donations are being solicited for the silent auction to help raise additional funds for the cause. Matt Berman of Noodles explains that the luau theme incorporating grass skirts, straw hats, leis, flowers and a Polynesian barbecue is a tribute to SUP’s Hawaiian roots.

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

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Golfing greats continue to sign up for ACE Group Classic at TwinEagles

The list of competitors for the 25th anniversary of The ACE Group Classic at The TwinEagles Club has expanded to include Champions Tour major winners Olin Browne, Russ Cochran, Fred Funk, Jay Haas and Mark O’Meara. The tournament takes place Feb. 13-19.

“The level of talent we have for this year’s tournament speaks to the core of what makes the Champions Tour golf great: accomplished players and engaging personalities that fans of all ages can enjoy,” says tournament director Lesley Baker. “We’re thrilled about what the 25th anniversary of Champions Tour golf in Southwest Florida has in store for the Naples community.”

Mr. Cochran, the defending Senior Brit- ish Open champion, returns to Naples after finishing T3 in 2011. He will be joined by Mark Calcavecchia, who he beat last July to capture his first major title. The follow- ing week, Mr. Browne captured the 2011 U.S. Senior Open crown over Mr. O’Meara en route to recording the best season of his Champions Tour career. Mr. Browne turned in eight top-10 finishes and finished the year seventh in the Charles Schwab Cup race. Mr. O’Meara, the 2010 Senior Players Championship winner, played well enough throughout his 2011 campaign to finish ninth in the Schwab Cup. Mr. Funk and Mr. Haas each have three tour majors to their credit. Mr. Funk’s titles came in a span of three years: the Tradition twice (2008, 2010) and the U.S. Senior Open in 2009. Mr. Haas most recently won the Senior Players Championship in 2009, preceded by the Senior PGA Championship in 2006 and 2008.

Overall, The ACE Group Classic field features 20 Champions Tour major winners. World Golf Hall of Fame Famer Hal Crain leads the field with seven major titles, followed by Peter Jacobsen, defending champion Bernhard Langer, Graham Marsh and Craig Stadler, who each hold two major titles. Single-major winners also headed to TwinEagles are Michael Allen, Brad Bryant, Bruce Fletcher, Tom Kite, Mark McNulty, Jim Thorpe, Bobby Wadkins, D.A. Weiriett and Fuzzy Zoeller. Tickets are available online at www.acegroupclassic.com or by calling 993-9900.
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Baby Basics of Collier County provides free diapers to some 300 babies. Families are screened by local church and social service agencies; in order to be eligible, one parent must be working and the family can receive no state or federal cash assistance.

Entry fees for bicyclers and walkers range from $10 to $25. For more information, visit www.babybasicscollier.org.

The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida holds its annual poker walk on Sunday, Feb. 26, at North Collier Regional Park. Teams that raise $500 by Jan. 30 will have their names placed on event T-shirts.

Registration on walk day begins at 8:30 a.m. and the trek begins at 9 a.m. Breakfast will be provided by Costco, and JetBlue has donated two round-trip tickets for a raffle ($25 for three tickets).

For more information, call 417-3465 or visit www.pasfi.org

Do yourself some good and help local charitable organiza- tions at the same time by signing up and get- ting out to some of the following events:

 ■ The family-friendly 2012 Baby Basics Biking and Walking Challenge takes place Saturday, Feb. 11, at North Collier Regional Park on Livingston Road.

 ■ The third annual Run for Music 10k and 1-mile walk, presented by the players of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra and members of the Naples Philharmonic League, takes place morn- ing Saturday, April 7. All proceeds will benefit the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra and its youth music educa- tion programs.

 ■ The run and walk begin at Pelican Bay Boulevard west of U.S. 41 near the Philharmonic Center for the arts and end in front of the center. NPO musicians will line the route and perform during the race. There will also be live music

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Registration is online only at www. phil10k.com. Sign up early for the best prices.

■ Relay For Life-East Naples to benefit the American Cancer Society takes place Friday and Saturday, May 4-5, at East Naples Middle School. Walkers and anyone who wants to volunteer are welcome to join the effort.

To learn more or to sign up a team, plan on attending a team party from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, at the East Naples Fire Department, 4798 Davis Blvd. If you cannot attend the team party, more information is available by calling the American Cancer Society office at 261-0337, ext. 3861, or e-mailing Allison.Free-man@cancer.org.

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Free for all ages, the walk is sponsored by Lighthouse of Collier as a way to raise awareness of the services the organization provides to the estimated 14,000 children and adults in Collier County who are blind or vision impaired.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. For more information, call 430-3934 or visit www.lighthouseofcollier.org.

■ The 2012 Southwest Florida Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is set for Saturday morning, March 12, at Coconut Point in Estero. The sanctioned 5K event also includes a non-competitive 5K run/walk and a 1-mile fun run/walk. More than 12,000 supporters attended the 2011 Southwest Florida Race for the Cure, proceeds from which allowed the Southwest Florida affiliate to make grants totaling $1,015,235 to 13 local nonprofit agencies that provide breast cancer education, screening, treatment and support in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. For registration and more information, call 498-0016, visit www.komenswfl.org or e-mail raceinfo@komenswfl.org.

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HEALTHY LIVING

LIVING WITH MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

Local center helps patients deal with debilitating disease

BY CHUCK CURRY

Special to Florida Weekly

Robin Smith misses dancing — the movement, the excitement and all that dancing brings to her life.

“| want to line dance,” says the Naples resident who deals daily with multiple sclerosis, a progressive, debilitating illness that affects the central nervous system.

Ms. Smith was diagnosed with MS more than two decades ago. For a woman who worked a harvest in Kentucky and enjoyed gardening and found a passion in her beloved dance, MS has changed her life.

Today, she volunteers at her church and at The von Liebig Art Center as well as at the Multiple Sclerosis Center of Southwest Florida, a nonprofit organization that helps her and others with MS deal with the effects of the disease.

As a young woman, Ms. Smith says, she was very active, “not in sports, but in hard work. I gardened, canned the harvest, worked in a greenhouse with all of the duties of caring for soil and plants and fertilizer, etc. It was hard work, but I enjoyed it.”

She left Boston in the 1970s and moved to Naples, where she found a career in health care at Naples Community Hospital (today’s NCH HealthCare System). Although she left the area to live with family in Kentucky on a farm, she returned to Naples in 2001 and has been here ever since.

Her first symptom of MS was the loss of vision in one eye, which she experienced in 1986. “It was actually my eye doctor who suggested that I might have MS,” she says. “Having worked at NCH as an EEG technician, I knew that the illness wouldn’t kill me. I could still manage my life, so I just went my merry way and didn’t let it bother me much,” she adds.

While the vision issue cleared, it was the first step on the road to needing assistance in mobility.

MS can affect different parts of the body and seems to treat everyone differently. It is often characterized by frequent exacerbations and remissions giving false impressions that one treatment or another may be helping.

About 400,000 people in the United States suffer from MS today. There is no known cause or cure.

“At first, after diagnosis, there was little change in my life,” Ms. Smith says. “But there were gradual changes in my body.”

“What I noticed most was my lack of strength and stamina.” She was also losing her balance, but holding her husband’s arm helped.

Now, however, things that she used to do easily have become a chore. She uses a walker or a scooter to get around.

MS is a family illness. Only one person has it, but its effects impact the lives of the whole family. Divorce is rampant among those with MS, leaving the patient alone and often without support when needed.

Even normal socializing becomes difficult as physical abilities decline.

Ms. Smith remains optimistic.

“On the bright side, I find that people are wonderfully helpful,” she says. “They hold doors and are right there for me when I need help. I socialize with a lot of people with MS at the Multiple Sclerosis Center of Southwest Florida... We laugh a lot, and that keeps us going.”

At 971 Third Ave. N., the local center provides many services, including massage, aqua and equestrian therapies, acupuncture, pilates, yoga, personal training, counseling, monthly luncheons and numerous social activities.

There are about 275 MS clients on the center’s roster.

The Multiple Sclerosis Center of Southwest Florida offers physical and social therapies as well as group activities for people having this illness for free or sometimes for a small co-pay. To support these programs, the center is holding a golf tournament on May 10 at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. For more information, call 431-1001.

TO YOUR HEALTH

Bentley Village will welcome Alzheimer’s expert

More than 54 million Americans are living with Alzheimer’s disease. Although there is no cure, studies suggest that strategies for overall healthy aging can help keep the brain fit and could be a deterrent to the disease.

Dr. Gary Small, best-selling author and educator about how to reduce the risk of getting Alzheimer’s, will discuss his program at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at Vi at Bentley Village.

Dr. Small’s lifestyle program combines memory training and mental health workouts, healthy brain nutrition, stress-reduction strategies and aerobic and strength exercises.

Our prevention program begins with an assessment that checks everything from recall to physical balance,” he says. “Then, with a baseline established, it introduces the seven-day jumpstart program. It takes just seven days to begin to protect your brain from Alzheimer’s.”

Dr. Small is a professor of psychiatry and director of the UCLA Longevity Center at the Seemel Institute for Neuroscience & Human Behavior. His work is supported by the National Institutes of Health, has made headlines in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times and USA Today. Scientific American magazine named him one of the world’s leading innovators in science and technology. He has written six books, including The New York Times bestseller, “The Memory Bible.”

Register for the presentation at Vi at Bentley Village by calling 997-1212.

Blood center needs Type O donations

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

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A hospital where I would take my parents

I am fortunate to be in a position where every new workday has the patient care provide an unexpected sense of pride. But most importantly, as the CEO of Physicians Regional, my personal goal is to not just meet community expectations, but to exceed them.

As I have always said, surround yourself with the highest-quality medical professionals, provide the very best patient care, and your success will speak for itself.

However, there are also times when I have the opportunity to share extremely positive news about recent advancements and/or additions to our system: advances so significant that the benefits to the patients begin immediately, yet often without much fanfare.

I am referencing the Neurovascular & Stroke Institute on our Pine Ridge Road campus and the additions of brothers Dr. Eric Eskioglu and Dr. Brian Mason to the Physicians Regional staff.

Dr. Eskioglu and Mason boast medical degrees from the University of Kansas and University of Missouri, respectively. While Dr. Eskioglu completed his neurosurgery residency training at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Dr. Mason completed his radiology residency training at Bridgetown/Vale-New Haven Hospital.

Dr. Eskioglu also completed a clinical research fellowship at the National Institutes of Health as well as a neuroendovascular surgery fellowship at the University of Florida. Dr. Mason completed an interventional radiology fellowship at the University of Oklahoma and a neuroendovascular surgery fellowship at the University of Wisconsin.

Both doctors diagnose and treat complex vascular disorders in the brain and spine by using traditional open surgical approaches as well as a minimally invasive approach incorporating microcatheters inserted through arteries to directly treat the problem. Through extraordinary advances in medical science, this once evade procedure has become a much more viable option for countless patients seeking spine and brain injury treatment options.

Perhaps nothing speaks more profoundly about the impact of these doctors and our new Neurovascular & Stroke Institute than the story of a 19-year-old patient named Emily. Due to a rare birth defect, for eight years Emily suffered daily bouts of severe dizziness and fatigue. During this same time period, her parents sought the assistance of literally hundreds of health-care professionals in Naples and Fort Myers and at the University of Miami and Johns Hopkins University.

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an artery pressing on the vestibular nerve (the nerve responsible for balance functions), which meant every heart-beat resulted in blood flow pressure crushing her vestibular nerve, leaving the vibrant, bright, 19-year-old practically bedridden.

Enter Dr. Eskioglu with a skull base surgical approach to decompress Emily’s brainstem and the rest, as they say, is history.

If successfully treating a patient isn’t enough reason to celebrate, let it be said I am equally proud of Emily. Despite her condition, she still managed to receive a full academic scholarship to Auburn University, where she is now in her sophomore year. In her own words: “I wondered if I was going to have to give up my dreams of completing my college education, of being a teacher or even eventually becoming a mother. Dr. Eskioglu responded to me as a person and not just a patient... he gave me back my life and my dreams.”

I asked Dr. Eskioglu why he chose Physicians Regional. His simple, straightforward answer speaks for itself: “I want to be at a hospital where I would take my mother and father.”

Thanks to the talented and dedicated staff at Physicians Regional, I now it is a great place, not only for the mothers and fathers of everyone in our community, but for our sons and daughters, too.

— Todd Lupton is chief executive officer of Physicians Regional Health-care System.

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six years. A Pennsylvania native, she earned a bachelor’s degree from Penn State University and a doctor of osteopathy from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed her general osteopathic internship in Lancaster, PA, and her OB/GYN residency at New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington, N.C.

■ Dr. Emily Clements – Dr. Clements began practicing in Mount Clemens, Mich., in 2004 and joined Physicians Regional in 2008. She has a bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan and earned her doctor of osteopathy from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, where she graduated sixth in her class and received the Psi Sigma Alpha National Osteopathic Honor Society and Sigma Sigma Phi Honor Society awards.

■ Dr. Catherine Harrington – Dr. Harrington has been practicing since 2004 and joined Physicians Regional in 2009. She earned her medical degree from the Ross University School of Medicine in Dominica, West Indies, and completed her OB/GYN residency at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. Dr. Harrington’s medical specialties include high-risk obstetrics, adolescent gynecology and family planning.

For more information about Complete Women’s Care of Naples, call 348-4098.

Parkinson’s patients and caregivers can find support

Thanks to a grant from the Women’s Philanthropic Fund of the Community Foundation of Collier County, the Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc. is able to offer free respite care to those who care for a loved one with Parkinson’s disease. PASFI also holds exercise, speech, dance and art therapy classes at locations in Naples and Bonita Springs for those who suffer from Parkinson’s disease. Support programs for families and caregivers are also offered, and various opportunities are available for volunteers at PASFI headquarters, 2950 Tamiami Trail N.

Also, an anonymous donor has offered to cover the costs of PASFI members taking part in a program at Naples Equestrian Challenge. To sign up for any of the above or for more information about services and programs offered by PASFI, call Executive Director Ruth Hubing at 417-3465, e-mail pasfield@aol.com or visit www.PASFI.org.

Yoga, meditation offered for vets

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

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

Free counseling for caregivers

Caregivers of seniors ages 60 and older who are experiencing stress from changing life circumstances can obtain free peer counseling from the Mental Health Association of Southwestern Florida. Counseling is coordinated by Margaret Escott, a licensed clinical social worker with MHASWFL. Call 261-5405 or e-mail mescott@mhaswfl.org. Ms. Escott can also provide information about the association’s other services.

Lighthouse classes for visually impaired

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

Classes take place at Lighthouse of Collier headquarters, 424 Bayfront Place. For more information, call 480-3934 or visit www.lighthouseofcollier.org.
PET TALES

No-fly zone

Take precautions to prevent a missing pet bird

BY GINA SPADAFORI

With all the pets I’ve had in my life, you’d think I’d have seen just about everything. And for the most part, that’s true. But there’s one thing I haven’t dealt with because I’ve been both careful and lucky: I’ve never had a pet go missing for good.

I’ve come close a couple of times. A few years back, I was staying at my brother’s house, while buying one home and selling another, when my smallest dog slipped through a gap in the fence. Fortunately, he immediately latched on to some nearby children who took him home and called the number on his ID tag.

Not long after moving into the new home, I lost my parrot, but that too ended happily. As with most successful recoveries of lost pets, it was the things I’d done before Eddie got out that brought him back home again. Eddie didn’t fly away to a likely death because his wings were clipped to keep him from all but the lowest of flight patterns — and because we had a relationship of trust that extended beyond a few days, weeks and months after they’re out, your bird may be lost for good, even if found.

The relationship you have with your bird may help you get him to come back to you.

— Larry Trimble, D.V.M.

— Universal Uclick

— For more information about Universal Uclick, visit HSNaples.org for more information.

— All dogs and cats adopted from the Humane Society Naples come with a medical exam, spaying or neutering surgery, I.D. microchip and 30 days of pet health insurance. Visit the animals ready for adoption at the main shelter at 370 Airport-Pulling Road N. (11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday), or at the new satellite adoption center at Gulfstream Center during regular mall hours. Call 643-1555 or visit HSnaples.org for more information.

— To adopt or foster a pet...
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He knew it well. It is out of the many that there is the one. This is the essential condition: sine qua non. Wisdom comes out of many mouths it seems, out of both babes and jackasses. And seers, perhaps. And we can read the words in many places. On the Great Seal and on our American currency.

Maybe it’s the only thing we can read, really. For better or worse, for richer or poorer. In medicine, sine qua non refers to a sign that without which there is no possible diagnosis. In the test for such a sign would be highly sensitive, rarely missing the condition. So a negative test would be very reassuring.

But we know that the default position, the null hypothesis, can never be proven. It can only be accepted or rejected. And so, let’s say we null hypothesize no expiration date, no wolf waiting, no thief.”

Q: “How long do I have?”


A: “We did a lot of tests on you, and I never saw one thing stamped on the bottom of your foot that said you were going to die in two months. You have no bottom of your foot that said you were going to die in two months. You have no promise made! Upon whom can there be calling as a witness? How could there be a column without quotation, citation, insinuation, and coflagration? Is there witness protection? Perhaps Andrew Jackson could be my witness. Who better to go for witness than the Old Hickory Dickory Doc slave owner who sent the natives packing, gave the enemy spoils to the victor, and was military governor of a Florida taken from both Spain and the Seminoles? When folks called him a jackass he knew it well: It is out of the many to one. He knew it so much that he was called King Dickory Doc.

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The bottom line suffused and suffused and submerged? Silent. Peggy Kessler is still alive, living in Valley Springs, S.D., in a home she co-owns. She is a registered Republican. She answers her phone and her personal e-mail. Is that enough evidence to move you to reject the null hypothesis? The sine qua non phrase first appeared in the work of Boethius in a longer form: conditio sine qua non. This longer Latin phrase can be translated: But for this, that could not be. This sixth-century philosopher wrote about the weal of fortune and death. He wrote his most witnessed work, “The Consolation of Philosophy,” while awaiting execution in exile. It is the imaginary dialogue between himself and Lady Philosophy, philosophy personified as a woman. Facing his own death, Boethius wanted to preserve the purity of the ancient knowledge.

Andrew Jackson continued his work. As do other drums and pirates.

“…” and he smiled at me — pa rum pum pum. Me and my drum.”

— Katherine K. Davis, Henry Onorati and Harry Simeone, “Little Drummer Boy”

Everything is sine qua non. And, so? How does that influence the null hypothesis witness protection program? It emanating from within this shadow is hope that readers will feel free to respond. Who knows: You may even inspire the muse. Make contact if you dare.
FEBRUARY 21 (Tues.) Reince Priebus
65th Chairman of the Republican National Committee
• Former Chairman of the Wisconsin Republican Party

LOCATION: Naples Inn on Fifth
699 5th Avenue South, Naples, FL 34102

MARCH 9 (Fri.) Gary Bauer
Advisor and confidant of President Ronald Reagan
• Candidate for President of the United States in 2000
• Former President of Family Research Council and Vice President of Focus on the Family

LOCATION: Naples Grande Beach Resort
475 Seagate Drive, Naples, FL 34103

APRIL 13 (Fri.) Martha MacCallum
Co-host of Fox News Channel's The Live Desk alongside Bill Hemmer each morning
• Anchored Fox News Channel’s coverage or the funeral of Pope John Paul II at the Vatican
• 20 years as a high-profile reporter, covering stories around the world and interviewing top newsmakers

LOCATION: Naples Grande Beach Resort
475 Seagate Drive, Naples, FL 34103

TIME: 4-6 pm
 TICKETS: $100 per event, or $200 for entire series. Refreshments provided.
 RSVP: For tickets, contact Rachel Budrik at (239) 687-5400
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THE SEVEN NAMES ON THE BOARD AT Advance Solar & Spa in Fort Myers represent the typical Southwest Florida solar energy customer: They want to become more environmentally friendly, but they don't want to pay full price. These seven homeowners are waiting to snag thousands of dollars in rebates from Florida Power & Light before they make the leap to a solar water heater or a full-home photovoltaic electric system (which carry retail price tags of about $4,500 and upward of $30,000, respectively). Despite an existing 30 percent federal tax credit, it seems solar energy customers want even more savings, leaving local businesses in a holding pattern until additional rebates or credits take effect. It’s likely that FPL won’t release its next round of $15.5 million first-come, first-served rebates until the spring, and a bill that’s winding its way through the Florida Legislature that would provide up to $16 million in tax breaks for companies and homeowners that invest in renewable energy technology wouldn’t take effect until 2013. Not many solar retailers and installers are placing much faith in any state program. Florida’s last effort left many residents in the dark, whittling down to just half of the promised rebate or none at all after the Governor’s Energy Office, plump with $31.5 million in federal stimulus money, failed to grant rebates on a first-come basis for those who installed more energy-efficient air-conditioning units or solar systems. LTC Global, a Fort Myers company specializing in long-term care insurance, was eyeing a $20,000 state rebate...
Thinking about money on Valentine’s Day

Feb. 14 is definitely not a day for lovers, husbands and wives, or those in the early stages of dating, to be talking about money issues.

Although you shouldn’t talk about these matters, we can write about the intertwining of money and love… just don’t you dare bring up the topic on Valentine’s Day.

In past years, the Valentine’s version of this column has answered dating questions laced with financial issues and has covered the importance of being able to openly talk about money with one’s significant other. Why? Money, not sexual infidelity, is the number one reason for divorce. I would assume it’s also the number one reason behind terminated engagements and dating relationships.

The traditional money relationship between a man and woman (where the man was the sole bread winner and called the shots) was long ago supplanted by the new model of women working and being part and parcel in decision making. There are even some relationships where the woman is the key or sole breadwinner or those in modified the new model of women working and being part and parcel in decision making. The current state of things makes it so very confusing for most who are dating… young or old. In a woman’s mind, questions asked might be: “Does he pay for everything? Does he pay for the big things? Do I start to pay if engaged? Do we create a “kitty” for dating expenses if engaged? Maybe I should give him some big presents? Is his paying for everything a burden to him?”

Somewhat funny is that I, a 59-year-old, find myself talking to my 21-year-old daughter and son about these issues. Least to say, my old-fashioned ways seem so very odd to the younger culture.

Here are some thoughts and suggestions. Money is the number one reason for divorce, and you are thinking of getting married, you both might want to do a trial (money) run before being married. The trial run does not necessarily require that you live together.

You might want to agree on some amount of money that each would put into a kitty and then both of you would have to agree on how it was to be spent. Create some rules, some goals, some discussions, as inevitably, problems will arise. Not only do you want to know if there is commonality in thinking but whether you can work through money differences.

It might be a real eye opener as some will allocate all available bucks to sports but some might be dedicated to a large wardrobe. Some will sit in church, mosque or synagogue pew and pass the bucket and others will be busy writing the checks to place in the tin. What type of groceries? Generics, of course. Or will it be the highest quality brand names and organic produce? What shall it be: dollars in the bank or long-term investments? While one is tinkering with “do-it-yourself” repairs, another will be on the phone with a high-end decorator who charges $20,000 per room. It’s better to find these things out before the altar.

For the younger couple, some of these issues will not be so important… and the “someday” expenditures are out of immediate reach. But for middle-aged or senior couples (those generally with more discretionary income), these issues are very real. Beyond that, lifestyles, behaviors, standards of living become increasingly entrenched. Even if they wanted to be different… they can’t, but some can disguise it for a few months.

Now wouldn’t all this be so incredibly confusing for most who are dating… just don’t you dare bring up the topic on Valentine’s Day.

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It does seem a bit tardy to be talking about money this way. I really never heard my parents (who were forever deeply in love) raise the topic. They were both Depression-era children and both left executive positions (yes, my mother also) to serve in the armed forces during WWII. They were just so very appreciative of each other and to be alive. Money was relatively unimportant in their relationship. I can still hear my father saying, “Jeannette, it is only money.” I am sure that weeks of non-stop bombings while reading radar on the Hornet molded my father’s thinking.

Back to today’s world where making a living is a different matter than in my parent’s time. It is harder and harder to maintain a middle-class existence and for lower-income earners to rise above subsistence levels. So money really is not “only money.”

Still, my father understood its place.

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Now wouldn’t all this be so incredibly obvious to a couple? Realistically, no.

When Cupid strikes, both are swooning in love and ever so convinced that “someday” expenditures are out of immediate reach. But for middle-aged or senior couples (those generally with more discretionary income), these issues are very real. Beyond that, lifestyles, behaviors, standards of living become increasingly entrenched. Even if they wanted to be different… they can’t, but some can disguise it for a few months.

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Do you dare bring up the topic on Valentine’s Day? Yes, I would assume so. I think my parents would have thought it to be appropriate to serve in the armed forces during WWII while reading radar on the Hornet.

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Port Royal - Fort Charles Drive
The engaging exterior architecture and the intricate details of the interior design reflect a thousand-year-old culture with a well-defined sense of self and a refined appreciation of good taste. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. Price upon request.

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The group is geared toward white-collar, administrative and professional workers, rather than trade and service workers. It is a job placement service. Emphasis is on networking, resumes, interviewing skills and best practices for a successful transition. Participants should come prepared to discuss who they are, what type of opportunity they seek and what makes them good candidates for jobs.

No advance registration is required, and there is no charge to attend. For more information, e-mail Karen Klukiewicz at kluk77@comcast.net.

ON THE MOVE

Tina Blake and Cathi Johnson have joined IberiaBank and will work from the company’s local headquarters on Goodlette Road. Ms. Blake, vice president/private banker, moved to Southwest Florida from Cornwall, England, in 1999 and has 24 years of experience in the financial services industry. Ms. Johnson has a dual role as vice president/branch manager and private banker. Originally from LaGrange, Ill., she started her banking career with Barnett Bank in Naples nearly 25 years ago. She serves on the board of trustees of the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs. She has served as chair of the planned giving committee of the American Red Cross of Lee County and as a member of the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation development council for Estero/Bonita Springs.

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Mary Beth Crawford has joined the board of trustees of the David Lawrence Center and will assist with planning giving programs. As a principal in the Bonita Springs office of Cummings & Lockwood Private Clients Group, her practice focuses on estate and tax planning as well as probate and trust administration. She earned bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Florida and her J.D. and I.M. in taxation from the UF College of Law. She is a member of the Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Sections of the American and Florida bar associations and the Trust & Estate Section of the Collier County Bar Association. She is a 2004 graduate of Leadership Bonita and currently serves as chair of the board of directors of the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs. She has served as chair of the planned giving committee of the American Red Cross of Lee County and as a member of the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation development council for Estero/Bonita Springs.

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Spectacular long water view estate site. Close to the Port Royal Club. Expansive lot and one-half create a large building envelope along Morgan's Cove. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. $5,900,000

Aqualane Shores - 8th Street South
Wonderfully designed by Stofft Cooney Architects, this home captures the true essence of cottage living while providing the finest of modern-day conveniences. The home is situated on an extraordinarily deep, Western exposure lot, which provides the owner with expansive green spaces and open vistas to the wide waters of Flamingo Cove. $4,990,000

Old Naples - 14th Avenue South
Perhaps one of the finest locations on the navigable waters abutting Old Naples. This Southern exposure waterfront bungalow and the lush tropical gardens which surround are nestled just one block to the historic 3rd Street South shopping and dining district. $1,750,000

Old Naples - 3rd Street North
Just steps to the beach and nestled in the heart of Old Naples, this stylish single-story home sits among lush tropical gardens that include mature mahogany, palm and citrus trees. The home was substantially rebuilt in 2017, including a new master suite addition. Large rooms feature French doors that open to a private patio and garden areas. $2,475,000

Gulf Shore Blvd. Condominium
Unique vistas are had from the main living areas and sizable bedrooms of this beautifully updated Admiralty Point II condominium. Admiralty Point’s unique setting along the North bank of Doctor’s Pass and its on-site amenities are among the finest in the Moorings. $674,000

Port Royal - Galleon Drive
This enchanting Port Royal residence offers a tropical motif, including rich wood finishes, stone flooring, and tongue and groove ceiling treatments. There are direct views of Limpkin Cove with ample green space for gardening and outdoor entertaining. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. $3,200,000

Port Royal - Rum Row
Beautiful western exposure on Rum Row with inspiring multidirectional views of Man of War Cove, and Hidden Bay. Substantial building envelope. Terrific safe harbor, no bridge access to the Gulf of Mexico. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. $4,240,000

Port Royal - Cutlass Lane
Cutlass Cove is a coveted address by people who appreciate its safe harbor, proximity to Gordon Pass, and its membership eligibility to join not only the Port Royal Club but, in addition, the Cutlass Cove Beach Club. The size of the property permits a substantial building envelope with sought after southwest exposure. $3,850,000

Port Royal - Kings Town Drive
Dramatic views over Treasure Cove from this architectural masterpiece designed by renowned architect Kasimir Korybut. Elegante, yet comfortable, tropical living. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. $5,950,000

PORT ROYAL - FORT CHARLES DRIVE
This property has beautiful panoramic views overlooking Morgan's Cove, which, allows a substantial building envelope, and is one of the most desired areas of Port Royal as evidenced by the extraordinary quality of the homes recently built around it. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. $5,295,000

Port Royal - Sancerre, A Condominium - Unit 401
The turquoise Gulf waters, the ebullient palms, and the fresh white sand merge in the mind's eye with the soft palette of interior finishes. Effortless living with available concierge services. $4,290,000

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Located in the Waldorf, one of the most sought-after condominium addresses in Naples, this first-floor living residence is directly proximate to the pool and the sugar sand beach of the Gulf of Mexico. West-facing living and dining rooms afford daily displays of dazzling sunsets. $1,835,000

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529 Plans for College

If you're socking money away in savings accounts and a Coverdell ESA for Junior's future college expenses, consider tapping the service of 529 plans.  A 529 plan allows you to either prepay tuition for qualified in-state public colleges or save for higher education costs in most kinds of colleges. You can do this for any child in your life — your kid, your grandkid or the kid down the street. (If you're going back to school, you can even set up a 529 plan for yourself!) You don't necessarily have to live in the state of the plan that you choose, either. Live in Florida, but like Illinois' plan? No problem.

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What's the "closing trick"?

— A.M., Batavia, N.Y.

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Many know Warren Buffett only for his calls for higher taxes on the wealthy and for his campaign to get fellow billionaires to donate much of their wealth to charity. For many decades, though, he's helped Berkshire Hathaway (NYSE: BRK.B) — you might want to consider it for your portfolio. Under Buffett's leadership, Berkshire has risen from about $12 per share in 1965 to more than $160 per share recently. (Those are the class-A shares; we small investors can grab class-B shares for roughly $77 apiece.) The company's fellow billionaires to donate much of their wealth to charity is actually a plus for many folks. If, once the money is in the plan, it must stay there or in another 529 plan. Still, 529 plans are many people's best bets. Some are much better than others, though, with lower fees and better performances. Learn more about many college financing topics at savingforcollege.com, collegeboard.org, and fool.com/college.

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when it installed a 10-kilowatt system to power the 13 air-conditioning units and other electrical needs of its large building on Presidential Court.

"The state sold it like the money was almost a guarantee," says Kathy Dollar, a regional sales representative for the brokerage and the project manager. "The rebate was enticing, and it seemed like a good move."

LTC Global was among a large pool of Florida applicants that received only half the promised amount, however, and the rebate took a long time to receive, Ms. Dollar says.

"It was disappointing that we didn't receive the full rebate, but I was looking at some of our old electric bills and we really have cut down on our usage. We're saving about half."

The state's botched program "put a black eye on the industry in 2010," says Aaron Fields, co-owner of Advance Solar & Spa, who Ms. Dollar credits with helping her company recoup its rebate.

"They defaulted on quite a few people and it put a hurting on the entire industry for a short while."

Bill Long, owner of SilWool Solar, which has offices in Charlotte, Collier and Lee counties, says the state program turned into "the biggest farce ever."

"The state rebate program left a sour taste in a lot of people's mouths," Mr. Long says. "People ended up with the same amount of rebate as people who put their application in right to the last day of the program."

FPL helped quell the skeptics last year when it launched a five-year pilot program offering $1,000 rebates to residential customers who install a solar water heater and up to $30,000 for photovoltaic systems and connection to the utility's grid. FPL's annual $15.5 million distribution also offers up to $50,000 per site for business customers that install solar water heating or PV systems.

Those first-come, first-served funds, released in March 2011, were claimed within hours. An additional $3 million in unclaimed rebates for solar water heaters was shifted to the solar electric program and snatched up in 10 minutes last fall.

'A quick rush'

Incentives — whether rebates, the federal tax credit or proposed state tax breaks — are often good for business, compelling those sitting on the fence to take the leap, according to local companies that specialize in solar energy to warm pools and tap water or power homes.

Mr. Fields likens the additional savings to a gold rush, immediately attracting customers "who might have been interested all along. We get a quick rush, then a lull."

John McNichols of Key Power Servic- es, which has supplied the sun's power to 15 off-grid homes on Keewaydin Island and Cayo Costa and installed two dozen photovoltaic systems in homes on the mainland, describes rebates as a Catch 22 for business.

"Some people are willing to jump on installing a PV system but need a little help," he says. "Unfortunately, it makes other sit on the sidelines if they don't get the rebate the first time. No one will do anything between but sit on their hands. Rebates or incentives juice up our business."

Bonita Springs contractor Kathy Guy-ritt, president of DesignTech of Southwest Florida, says the cost of whole-home solar electric systems, though 40 percent cheaper than they were just a couple of years ago, is still a deterrent. Current clients in Golden Gate Estates balked at the $50,000 price tag for a solar electric system that also included battery backup and transformers to keep the home powered after a hurricane.

"There was minimal return on investment," she says. "They never would get their money back in the lifetime of the equipment."

Ms. Guyritt, a member of the Flori- da Green Building Council, instead encourages clients to begin with small steps by installing EnergyStar-rated appliances and impact glass windowsshould be able to prevent it."

"Solar pool heating is by far our more popular service," Mr. Fields says. "We do three to four pools a day, probably two to three solar water heater jobs a week and one to two solar electric systems a month."

One of those systems was in Bonita Springs, where solar panels on a car-port produce 20 kilowatts to power the adjoining Bonita Springs Recreation Cen- ter. Completed in November, the project was funded by a $479,000 U.S. Depart- ment of Energy grant and is generating about $400 a month, according to Mr. Fields.

A new proposal

Senate Bill 7202, submitted by the Senate Communications, Energy and Utilities Committee on Jan. 31 and with a vote anticipated as early as this week, revamps previous attempts by the state to entice homeowners and businesses to invest in renewable energy. Both Mr. Fields and Mr. Long say they'll wait until the bill passes before considering it an option to improve their business outlook.

"I haven't read the bill," says Mr. Long. "So many come up every year."

"Until they pass one, I don't even look at it," says Mr. Fields. ■

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2. Conservancy President Andrew McElwaine presents outgoing Chairman Dolph von Arx an appreciation award
3. Robert Heidrick, incoming chairman of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida board of directors
4. Nick Batos, left, receives the Conservancy of Southwest Florida Leadership Award from Andrew McElwaine and Dolph von Arx
5. Fabien Cousteau with Myra and Van Williams

An opening reception at Sultan Gallery / KVS Interior Design

1. Amy Pate and Miranda Hartlieb
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4. Kevin Coffrey and Miranda Hartlieb
5. Judy Perino, Maryland Pearson, Loran Brodeniak and Carol Glavich

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2. Fabian Meza, Joel Whittenhall, Jerry Berry, Jeffrey Folkman and Andy Krause
3. Colleen Lienesch and Kyler O'Shea
4. Fabian Meza, Todd Bradley, Bart Peters and Curt Todd
5. Geoff Moser, Chad White and Howard Isaacson
6. John and Bunny Brookes, Nancy Semple and Brian Knox

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The following new agents have joined the staff of John R. Wood Realtors:

- Cathi Bruce, Bonita Springs office: Originally from Michigan, Ms. Bruce studied at Michigan State University and Lansing Community College. She earned her sales associate designation in 2011.
- Hildy Christensen, Bonita Springs office, the Bunny Caravello Team: Originally from Boston, Ms. Christensen holds an associate’s degree from the Art Institute and Atlantic Community College. She previously worked as a graphic designer. She belongs to the Bonita Springs-Estero Association of Realtors.
- Kathy Farias, Central office: A native of Key Biscayne, Ms. Farias holds a bachelor’s degree in teaching.
- Homer Farias, Central office: Originally from Wisconsin, Mr. Farias previously worked in international banking and earned an MBA from the University of Wisconsin. He is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors.
- Robert Rowan, Central office: Originally from Knoxville, Tenn., Mr. Rowan holds a bachelor’s degree in business from the University of Tennessee and previously was a licensed general contractor. He belongs to the Naples Area Board of Realtors.
- Ben Maltese, Central office: A Michigan native, Mr. Maltese previously worked as a real estate developer and now holds a broker and sales associate real estate designation. He is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors.
- Heather Wightman and Shannon Hammond-Turnblad of John R. Wood Realtors were named Gold Top Producers for 2011 for sales in the $5 million-$10 million category by the Women’s Council of Realtors, Bonita Springs-Estero Chapter. The agency’s Ginny Nobbe was names WCR Silver Top Producer for sales in the $3 million-$5 million category.
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Florida Weekly’s Open Houses

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>$100,000
1 • LAKESIDE • 2671 Citrus Lake Dr. #103 • $199,000 • Amerivest Realty • Traci Notebook
239-995-4642 • 1-4 pm

>$200,000
2 • OLD NAPLES • VILLAGE GREEN • HERON CLUB • 464 Broad Avenue S. #104 • $228,900 • Premier Sotheby's International Realty • Tess McCarthy 207-0182 • M-W-F 2-5

>$300,000
3 • FIDDLERS CREEK - SERENA • 3190 Serenity Court #201 • $324,900 • PSIR • Al Love 298-2444

>$400,000
4 • LEMURIA • 7172 Lemuria Circle #2803 • $429,900 • PSIR • Tom Gasbarro 404-260-4883 • Sun 12-5

>$500,000
5 • MERCATO - THE STRADA • 9123 Strada Place • From $460,000 • PSIR • Call 239.594.9400 • Mon-Sat 10-8 & Sun 12-8
6 • OLDE CYPRESS - SANTORINI VILLAS • 2391 Olde Cottage Lane • $459,000 • PSIR • Mary Catherine White 287-2818
7 • GRANDEZZA - SAVONA • 20077 Palmero Lake Court • $475,000 • PSIR • Mary Catherine White 287-2818
8 • THE BROOKS - STILLWATER CAY • 24231 Copperleaf Blvd • $459,000 • PSIR • Mary Catherine White 287-2818

>$600,000
9 • BONITA BAY - ESPERIA & TAVIRA • 24231 Copperleaf Blvd • $495,000 • PSIR • Rouxane Jeske 405-5210

>$700,000
10 • MEDITERRA - BRENDISI • Brendisi Way #201 • $525,000 • PSIR • Rouxane Jeske 405-5210
11 • PALMERS LANDING - COTTAGES • 3699 Olde Cottage Lane • $599,000 • PSIR • Stephanie/John Coburn/Pam Umscheid 825-3464

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12 • MARCO ISLAND • 1631 Barbarossa Court • $675,000 • PSIR • ML Meade 231-4851

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13 • PELICAN ISLES CONDOMINIUMS • 435 Dockside Dr • $729,000 • Amerivest Realty • Bridgeport Foster 239-293-8001 • 1-4 pm
14 • WYNDERMERE - GRASMERE • 826 Wyndemere way • $745,000 • PSIR • Kathryn Hurvitz 290-0228
15 • THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE • 280 Grande Way • From $899,000 • PSIR • Call 239.594.1700 • Mon-Sat 10-5 & Sun 12-5

>$1,000,000
16 • PARK SHORE - BAY SHORE PLACE • 4455 Gulf Shore Blvd N Naples • $1,030,000 • PSIR • Kratz Condominiums • Peggy Garrison 239-293-1001 • 1-4 pm
17 • OLD NAPLES • VILLAS TORINO • 355 9th Avenue South • $1,125,000 • PSIR • Mary/Debby McDermott 644-4328
18 • MERIDIAN CLUB IN PARK SHORE • 3911 Gulf Shore Blvd #1203 • $1,149,000 • Coldwell Banker • Kay Miller 239-898-1063

>$1,100,000
19 • THE DUNES - GRANDE DOMINICA • 295 GRANDE WAY • $1,150,000 • PSIR • Barbara Bardlsey 784-6924
20 • KENSINGTON - KENSINGTON GARDENS • 2040 Gardens Blvd • $1,249,500 • PSIR • Darlene Roddy 404-0685
21 • COLLIERS RESERVE • 12495 Colliers Reserve Drive • $1,285,000 • PSIR • Sharon Kaltenborn 248-3164
22 • BONITA BAY - AUGUSTA CREEK • 26342 Augusta Creek Court • $1,295,000 • PSIR • Gary L./Jeff Jaarda 248-7474
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Naples artists become the subject of art

In an unusual switch, the artists featured in an upcoming exhibition are not the creators of the works, they are the subjects. "An Artist’s Tribute: Graphite Studies by Lionel Heddy" features candid portraits of 12 local artists who have been inspirational to other artists and helped document Naples. The show is on view Feb. 11-25 at ArtGallery OldNaples2 in Crayton Cove. Mr. Heddy will attend an opening reception from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11.

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I glanced at the row houses across 23rd, at the school children marching up Ditmars, and back to the poster, a full 8½-by-11 inches of rage poured into 14-point font: “I believed you when you said married people get lonely, too. Now I know what you were looking for. A ONE-NIGHT STAND. I believed you were for real.” The people around me began to stir. They raised their heads and looked toward the street as the familiar squeal of bus brakes reached us. I looked to the poster’s final lines: “You lied to me. I should have believed NOTHING!!!!!!”

I stopped reading at the sixth exclamation point and pulled my MetroCard out of my pocket. I queued with the other commuters and threw a final backward glance at the flier. I thought about the woman who had posted it, about the anger she must have rolling inside her like ball bearings. I wondered about the kind of rage that stays with a person as she types a full-page diatribe, an anger that sticks to her as she prints out multiple copies, an anger that hangs around even as she visits every bus stop along the Q69 route with a stack of fliers and a roll of tape.

In my experience, this sort of sustaining anger is rarely directed outward. In fact, it’s often pointed inward, at our own misdeeds. I’ve read that rage like that arises when we don’t respect our own boundaries when, say, we sleep with a city bus driver on first meeting even when we know he’s married. That’s the kind of lack of self respect that makes a woman stay mad for ages, that drives her to shout her rage from the rooftops. Or bus stops.

Perhaps in the end she regretted her rash act. Or maybe Tony cleaned up the posters. It’s hard to say. But they were gone the next morning.

Now when I climb on the bus I can’t help but seek out the driver’s nametag. And if he winks at me — like he did this morning — I have to wonder if it’s Tony.
Sculptor carves out time and provides materials for promising young student

BY KATHLEEN TAYLOR
Special to Florida Weekly

Alexander is a 12-year-old student in the sixth grade at Pine Ridge Middle School. His family recently moved here from South Africa, and English is his second language. He speaks Spanish, but some might suggest that art is his first language.

“Right away, I could tell that he is really talented,” says sculptor Casey Koehler, who teaches classes for teenagers and adults at the Naples Art Association. Rarely does he take on a student younger than 16.

But Alexander’s teacher at Pine Ridge had noted the boy’s skill with sculpture and shared this with Alexander’s parents, who called The von Liebig Art Center to inquire about further opportunities for their son. They couldn’t afford to pay for classes, however, and at the time, there wasn’t much open for kids at both his age and skill level.

NAA Education Director Callie Spilane contacted Mr. Koehler, who has also taught sculpture at the collegiate level. He was willing to help, but he wanted to meet the family first.

“I wanted to be sure that his parents were supportive,” he explains.

After seeing Alexander’s miniature sculptures out of clay that were extremely detailed and precise, he adds, he wanted to mentor him. He remembers thinking how the patience and focus required to create those types of models is rather extraordinary for a young artist. He decided to supply all the materials and share his time for no cost to the family.

Today, Mr. Koehler is training Alexander to go beyond miniatures and create life-sized sculptures. His first project is a portraiture of his father in cultured granite.

Mr. Koehler goes to the family’s house and spends time demonstrating new skills for Alexander, who learns by replication. His father is very involved in helping him as well. The two work together on “homework” to prepare for each new lesson.

Mr. Koehler is quite impressed with his young mentee, acknowledging that of sculpture techniques, portraiture is the most difficult. He urges students to “see” differently, observing shapes as planes, volumes and masses.

“He just grins! He sees that he can do it, and he does a very good job,” he says about Alexander.

— Kathleen Taylor is the public relations manager for the Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center.
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**BY NANCY STETSON**

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The paperback edition was released Feb. 7.

Tickets to Critic’s Choice at the Phil are $32. Call 597-1900 or visit www.theophil.org.

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WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

**Theater**

- **Doubt** – By The Naples Players through Feb. 25 in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.
- **Tribute to Patsy Cline** – Part of the Box Lunch Series by The Marco Players on Feb. 11. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.com.
- **Memphis** – At the Philharmonic Center for the Arts Feb. 14-19. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.
- **Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead** – By FGCU Theatre Lab Feb. 15-26 at FGCU. 590-7268 or http://theatrelab.fgcu.edu.
- **The Exonerated** – By Theatre Conspiracy for the Arts, Fort Myers, on select dates Feb. 10-25. 936-3239 or www.theatrace.org.
- **Romeo and Juliet** – By Laboratory Theater of Florida Feb. 10-26 at the Kiwanis Hall, Fort Myers. 218-0485.
- **I’m Herbert... and Other Strangers** – By The Island Players through Feb. 18 at the Marco Island Historical Museum. 954-0800 or www.theateronmarco.com.
- **Bedroom Farce** – By Florida Repertory Theatre, Fort Myers, through Feb. 25. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.
- **Squabbles** – By the Off Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers, through March 3, 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.
- **Me and My Girl** – By the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers, through Feb. 11. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

**Music**

- **More Classical** – The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents “Tchai-kovsky’s Sixth” as part of its Classical Series at 8 p.m. today through Saturday at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.
- **Wonder Woman** – Lynda Carter takes the stage at 6 and 8:30 p.m. today and Friday at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

**Special Events**

- **Piano Man** – “Piano Man: Tribute to Billy Joel,” led by Mark Anthony, takes place from 6-9 p.m. at the Naples Botanical Garden. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating. 743-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.
- **Bluegrass Fest** – The fifth annual “Jammin In The Hammock” Bluegrass Festival runs from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. today and from 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday at Collier Seminole State Park. 394-3397.

**Arts & Crafts** – The Naples Artists Crafters Fine Art and Craft Show takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Cambier Park. 250-0814.

**Art Fest** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents the Bonita Springs National Art Festival from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. today and Sunday at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. 495-8899 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

**More Art** – The sixth annual Coconut Point Art Festival runs today and Sunday at Coconut Point. (561) 746-6416.

**Party Time** – Marco Island Sunrise Rotary presents Party in the Park from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Veteran’s Park. Enjoy games, music, food and crafts. 248-7419.

**Gallery Show** – ART 41 has its third showing from 11-6 p.m. 4115 Tamiami Trail N. 263-0999.

**Poetry Reading** – Edison State College-Collier Campus, in partnership with the Florida Literary Arts Coalition, hosts a poetry reading featuring Tim Seibles at 6 p.m. Mr. Seibles is renowned for his streetwise, syncopated poems. Free. 7007 Lely Cultural Parkway; jlanglas@edison.edu.

**Arty Evening** – Art After Dark runs from 6-9 p.m. at the Galleries of Crayton Cove. Visit nine galleries and businesses and enjoy wine and hors d’oeuvres while viewing artwork. 689-2787.

**Rock Veterans** – The Hit Men take the stage at 6 and 8:30 p.m. today and at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

**Sunday, Feb. 12**

- **Fish Fry** – The Bonita Springs Lions Club and the Bonita Springs Historical Society host a fish fry from noon-2 p.m. at the Liles Hotel on Old 41. Enjoy tunes by The American Folk Trio. $10 in advance; $12 at the door. 992-0534, 992-1667 or www.BonitaSpringsHistoricalSociety.org.
- **Film Fest** – The Marco Island Jewish Film Festival presents “Berlin ’36” at 2 p.m. $25. 991 Winterberry Drive. 642-0800.
- **Outdoor Jazz** – Naples Botanical Garden presents Jazz in the Garden: Level 10 from 2-4 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating. 743-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.
- **Classical Access** – The Gulf Coast Symphony presents its next Classic Access concert with guest violinist Timothy Schwarz at 7:30 p.m. at Bishop Verot High School, Fort Myers. 277-0170 or www.gulfcoastsymphony.org.

**Monday, Feb. 13**

- **Card Scams** – World-class card shark Daniel Ortz presents “Scams and Fantasies with Cards” at 6 and 8 p.m. today and Tuesday in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990.
- **Art Talk** – Lee Sandstead, art historian and host of the Travel Channel’s “I’m Having an Art Attack with Lee Sandstead,” speaks at 10 a.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. $40. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.
The Naples Botanical Garden hosts “Gnomes in the Children’s Garden” with numerous activities, such as building gnome shelters and making gnome hats, from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Feb. 11. 743-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Best-selling children’s author Jeff Kinney kicks off festivities for the 12th annual Celebration of Reading with a book signing from 6-8 p.m. Feb. 16 at Barnes & Noble. Mr. Kinney will have book forms at the bookstore, and he will have additional titles for purchase and signing. www.CelebrationofReading.org.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

Prayer Breakfast – The 29th annual Marco Island Prayer Breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m. at the Marriott Marco Beach Resort. Breakfast follows. The guest speaker is retired chaplain Brigadier Gen. Doug Lee. $20. 642-3622.

Italian Art – Art educator Joan Jacobs presents “An Artistic Walk around Florence, Italy” as part of the Art Talk series beginning at 10 a.m. in the Daniels Pavilion at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. $40. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

Mrs. Bach – Damaris Peters Pike presents “Women of Note: The Second Mrs. Bach” at 2 p.m. at Headquarters Beach Resort. Breakfast follows. The guest speaker is retired chaplain Brigadier Gen. Doug Lee. $20. 642-3622.

Brass Sounds – Smokin’ Brass performs at 8 p.m. Feb. 16 at Temple Shalom, 4630 Pine Ridge Road. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

Funny Guy – Comedian Jeff Jenia performs at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at The Norris Center. $25-3049.


Art Event – 3rd Saturday Art Days takes place from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Pine Ridge Industrial Park. Stroll through galleries and see artists at work. 821-0661.

Free Concert – The Bonita Springs Concert Band performs from 2-4 p.m. Feb. 19 at Riverside Park on Old 41. 405-3320 or www.Bonitaspringsconcertband.com.

Cupcakes for the Homeless – “Maria’s Cupcakes for the Homeless” runs from 3-5 p.m. Feb. 18 at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 5926 Premier Drive. 593-0177 or pharkins@fgcu.edu. Submit calendar listings and high-resolution photos to events@flori-weekly.com. E-mail text, jpegs or Word documents are accepted. No pdfs or photos of flyers. The deadline for calendar submissions is noon Sunday.
A bedroom-hopping farce: Dated, but fun at Florida Rep

Three bedrooms, four couples. Imagine the possibilities. British playwright Alan Ayckbourn did, and wrote a farce about it.

And in the same way some people name their dog_Delia, he titled his bedroom farce “Bedroom Farce.” It’s at Florida Repertory Theatre through Feb. 25.

In a fun, self-imposed creative challenge for the playwright, the entire action takes place in three bedrooms.

And the bedrooms, in this case by set designer Ray Recht, rule the stage. Placed side-by-side, they jackknife across the stage, making use of every possible inch of its width. (Mr. Recht has also given us great sets of the windows and doors of those bedrooms, with fully realized hallways glimpsed outside the doors and windows that reveal foliage.)

“You can tell a great deal from people’s bedrooms, if you know what to look for.” In particular, Ayckbourn intones at the beginning of the play. And it’s true; even before we meet the characters, their rooms reveal their personalities.

The first, stage left, has a high four-poster bed and a wallpaper pattern of pink flowers on a pale blue background. The middle bedroom, walls painted in bright yellow, blue and white stripes, boasts a lava lamp and a lime-green platform bed. And the third bedroom is sedate and muted, with blue-gray striped wallpaper and a soft gray headboard bordered in black.

The plot revolves around Susannah (Brandi Zarle) and Trevor (Eric Menendez), a young married couple who have fallen into the comfortable rituals of a long-term relationship. Ms. Lund and Mr. Clavelli are highly neurotic, and Trevor, overcome with passion, throws Jan onto her hosts’ bed.

As it’s long past midnight, both couples visit are already in bed. Mr. Mendenhall, making his debut at the Florida Rep, is endlessly entertaining. His Trevor is a fully realized character, full of idiosyncrasies, delicately morose and oblivious to the destruction he leaves in his wake.

Mr. Mendenhall’s Kate is sweet and anxious to entertain, while Trevor is somewhat dim-witted and fails to pick up on social cues. He’s obviously not gotten over his ex, Jan, and Jan’s presence is a jangle of nerves, constantly at fever pitch.

Mrs. Hutchins is eating sardines on toast in bed, prompting Trevor to ask, “If S-E-X rears its ugly head… close your eyes before you see the rest of it!”

Surprisingly, despite their considered comedic skill, Mr. DePlanche and Ms. Lund have much to work with, though the parts are greater than the complete whole. (Mr. Mendenhall’s Nick is more annoying than humorous.)

Comedic lines with just the right timing, and things that are important.

Ms. Hutchins’ Kate is sweet and anxious to please, constantly showering her husband with love, while Mr. Parrish’s Malcolm is eager but clueless. He’s constantly building things for their home, but is not very skilled at it—an apt metaphor for their marriage.

Happily, she’s paired with Mr. Clavelli, who always amazes on stage. His Ernest is a well-meaning but somewhat befuddled husband. He fumbles about in a charming way, and the scenes where he reads “Tom Brown’s School Days” aloud are absolutely priceless.

In high contrast, Malcolm and Kate are a couple just beginning their marriage. Like children, they jiggle and chase each other about, even spraying each other with shaving cream. But while they have a playful marriage, it’s obvious they don’t talk much about things that are important.

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But Mr. DePlanche, who was so funny in Florida Rep’s productions of “The 39 Steps” and “It’s a Wonderful Life,” seems out of step in this farce. His humor is so different in tone than the others’ that it seems to be acting in a totally different play. I wish director Robert Cacioppo had had him play the role more as a person than as a clown or caricature.

Mr. DePlanche’s Nick is selfish and demanding, not a very likeable character among all the others that he seems to be acting in a totally different play. Unfortunately, in this play, he’s more annoying than humorous.

Costume designer Boberta Malcolm has dressed the cast in the trendy clothes of England in 1974, painfully reminding us all of how terrible fashion was then. A couple of the men wear what looks to be plaid polyester pants, and Susannah wears ugly head… close your eyes before you see the rest of it!”

The entire production is endlessly entertaining. The parts are greater than the complete whole, and the scenes where the characters hope to make out but end up fighting over things that are important. Mr. Parrish and Ms. Hutchins are totally believable as the young pair, Ms. Hutchins’ Kate is sweet and anxious to please, constantly showering her husband with love, while Mr. Parrish’s Malcolm is eager but clueless. He’s constantly building things for their home, but is not very skilled at it—an apt metaphor for their marriage.

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“La Cage aux Folles” starring George Hamilton and Christopher Sieber comes to the Philharmonic Center for the Arts Feb. 28-March 4.

Tuneful and touching, it tells the story of Georges (Mr. Hamilton), the owner of a glitzy nightclub in lovely Saint-Tropez, and his partner Albin (Mr. Sieber), who moonlights as the glamorous chanteuse Zaza. When Georges’ son brings his fiancée’s conservative parents home to meet the flashy pair, the bonds of family are put to the test as the feather boa fly.

In addition to Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Sieber, the cast includes: Billy Harrington, Bernard Burak, Sheredy, Cathy Newman, Jodie Madluss, Gay Marshall, Allison Blair McDowell, Dale Hensley, Ashley Kate Adams, Ken Clark, Danny Vancaro; Rylinn Juliano, Matt Ancia, Mark Roland, Donald Shorter Jr., Trevor Downey, Logan Keslar, Terry Lavell, Todd Thurston, Todd Lattimore, Christophe Caballero and Suellen Estey.

Tickets to “La Cage aux Folles” start at $84. Call 957-9900 or visit www.ThePhil.org.

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HOROSCOPES

- AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A display of temperament surprises you, as well as those around you. It could be all that pressure you're under. Consider letting someone help you see it through.

- PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Some things don't seem to be working out as you'd hoped. Don't fret. Instead, take some time out to reassess your plans and see where changes could be made.

- ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your ideas are finally reaching those who can appreciate them. But don't expect any immediate reactions. That will come later. Meanwhile, a personal matter needs your attention.

- TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your energy levels are rising, and you're feeling restless and eager to get into some activity, whether it's for profit or just for fun. In either case, the aspects are highly favorable, so go for it.

- GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A relationship seems to be winding down from passionate to passive. It's up to you to decide what the next step will be. But don't wait too long to take the initiative. Delay could create more problems.

- CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A decision looms. But be very sure that this is what you really want before you sign or say anything. Once you act, there'll be little or no wiggle room for any adjustments.

- LEO (July 23 to August 22) Money matters improve, but you still need to be cautious with your spending. Also, set aside that Leonine pride for a bit and apologize for contributing to that misunderstanding.

- VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A tempting financial situation could make the usually unflappable Virgo rush in before checking things out. Be alert to possible hidden problems. Get the facts before you act.

- LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) It's nice to know that you're finally getting due credit for your efforts. You should also know that new opportunities will follow. A family member brings important news.

- SCORPIO (October 23 to November 22) Any uncertainty that begins to cloud an impending decision could need a new idea to re-examine your reasons for wanting to take on this commitment.

- SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You benefit from taking some time out of your currently hectic schedule to do more contemplation or meditation. This will help re-energize you, both in body and soul.

- CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Nursing hurt feelings can zap the energies of even the usually self-confident Sea Goat. Best advice: Move forward. Success is the best balm for a painful ego.

- BORN THIS WEEK: You enjoy traveling and meeting people. You are especially good with children and would make an excellent teacher.
LATEST FILMS

‘The Woman in Black’

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Is it worth $10? Yes

Daniel Radcliffe will always be Harry Potter. He could win eight Oscars, cure cancer and establish world peace, and we’ll still refer to him as Harry Potter. Such is the cost of being financially set for life before you’re a teenager.

The real question is, will we as an audience ever accept him as someone else?

“The Woman in Black” is his first real attempt at changing our minds, and the result is impressive.

This is a good old-fashioned ghost story, complete with an eerie tone and atmosphere and solid scares. Radcliffe’s character, Arthur Kipps, a widowed lawyer with a young son, is out to prove himself on an undesirable assignment. He’s sent from London to the English countryside to finalize the will for the deceased Alice Drablow. The catch is the Drablow estate, bad things happen when the marsh floods with steady frequency, and all of these are top-notch.

As for Radcliffe, he’s more than up to the challenge. It helps that he wasn’t good of an actor while playing Harry (though he certainly improved as the series moved along). But what this means is that in terms of range and ability, he can pretty much only go up from here, and he has no trouble being convincing as Arthur. Because many scenes call for him to be alone and scared in the house, he’s forced to convey all of Arthur’s thoughts and anxieties in his body language and facial expressions. That we feel for Arthur and root for him is a credit to Radcliffe keeping us engaged in his performance and not letting us think he should just pull out his wand and cast a spell.

“The Woman in Black” is a $17-million movie free of excess CGI and violence — its PG-13 rating is appropriate — but full of quality filmmaking and solid performances.

That’s right: The guy who’s already made a fortune as Harry Potter is still a rising talent. It will be very interesting to see what he does next.

CAPSULES

Man On A Ledge ★★★

(Sam Worthington, Elizabeth Banks, Jamie Bell) An escaped convict (Worthington) threatens to jump from a New York City high rise in an effort to prove his innocence. There are many layers to the film, each of which is skillfully and gradually unveiled in a tense and exciting way. It’s a fun night out at the movies. Rated PG-13.

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Catch an opera from The Metropolitan Opera at your local movie theater.

Opera aficionados can see The Metropolitan Opera’s production of Wagner’s “Götterdämmerung” ("The Twilight of the Gods") live in high-definition at movie theaters around the country beginning at noon Saturday, Feb. 11. In Southwest Florida, screenings are at the Hollywood Stadium 20 in Naples, Coconut Point 16 in Estero and the Bell Tower 20 in Fort Myers and the Town Center Stadium 16 in Port Charlotte.

Running time is approximately six hours, including two intermissions. The HD transmission is hosted by soprano Patricia Racette.

Principal conductor Fabio Luisi leads the opera, which stars Deborah Voigt as Brünnhilde, the warrior-maiden-turned-mortal whose actions lead to global apocalypse; Jay Hunter Morris, who stepped into the title role of Wagner’s “Siegfried” sings the role of the doomed hero.

The distinguished cast of Wagnerians also includes the American soprano Wendy Bryn Harmer as the princess Gutrune; the German mezzo-soprano Waltraud Meier as Waltraute, a Valkyrie messenger of doom; German bass Hans-Peter König as the greedy villain Hagen; American bass-baritone Eric Owens as Hagen’s father, the evil dwarf Alberich; and Scottish bass-baritone Iain Paterson as the cowardly human king Gunther.
Donny Finley *Visions 2012*

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The doors open at 6 p.m. Tickets are $125 per person. For reservations or more information, call 775-3456 or visit www.naplesfilmfest.com.

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Coming soon

Up next in The Met’s Live in HD series is Verdi’s “Ernani,” beginning at 12:35 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25.

Angela Meade takes center stage, and Marcello Giordani is her mismatched lover. All-star Verdians Dmitri Hvorostovsky and Ferruccio Furlanetto round out the cast.

Approximate running time is 3 hours, 50 minutes.

On Saturday, April 7, the transmission of The Met’s performance of Laurent Pelly’s new production of Massenet’s “Manon” will begin at noon. Starring Anna Netrebko as the tragic heroine, the production travels to The Met from the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, Piotr Beczala and Paulo Szot also star. Approximate running time is 4 hours, 5 minutes.

The 2011-12 Live in HD season ends Saturday, April 14, with a transmission of Verdi’s “La Traviata” beginning at 12:35 p.m. In her first performance as Violetta at The Met, Natalie Dessay will wear the iconic red dress in Willy Decker’s stunning production, in her first Violetta at the Met. Matthew Polenzani sings Alfredo, Dmitri Hvorostovsky is Germont, and Principal Guest Conductor Fabio Luisi is on the podium. Approximate running time: 3 hours, 5 minutes.

Tickets for Live in HD transmissions are $18 per person and are available online at www.metopera.org/hdlive and also at participating theater box offices.

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First produced in 2002, “The Exonerated” was written by Jessica Blank and her husband, Eric Jensen, who in the summer of 2000 traveled the country interviewing 40 former death row prisoners who spent from two to 22 years in prison before being released. The play’s dialogue is based on interviews, letters, transcripts, case files and other public records.

“Every word is from court records and personal interviews,” say Bill Taylor, producing artistic director of Theatre Conspiracy.

Shortly after Japan was devastated by an earthquake, actor James Yaegashi called friends in the New York theater world. “We as a theater community have to do something to help our fellow artists on the other side of the world,” he told them. A consortium of more than 30 organizations formed, and now a nationwide event is under way.

To commemorate the first anniversary of the earthquake, Theatre Conspiracy in Fort Myers will join with The Lincoln Center, Playwrights Horizon and The Public Theatre to present “Shinsai: Theaters for Japan” on Sunday, March 11.

A menu of 10-minute plays and songs has been commissioned from major American and Japanese artists, who have donated their work for this one-day-only event. Contributing artists include: Edward Albee, Philip Kan Gotanda, Richard Greenberg, John Guare, Oriza Hirata, Naomi Iizuka, Shoji Kokami, Tony Kushner, Toshihiko Okada, Yoji Sakate, Kumiko Shinohara, Toshiro Suzue, Suzan-Lori Parks, Doug Wright, John Kander, Fred Ebb, Stephen Sondheim and John Weidman.

Using the model of 365 days/365 plays, each theater will craft its own event, drawing from the commissioned plays. Audiences everywhere on this day can donate relief funds to the Japan Playwrights Association to disburse to the Japanese theater community affected by the disaster. Any and all donation amounts are encouraged.

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the other artists.

“Lionel was inspired by these people and understood the value of their long history in Naples,” Ms. Stone says of the fellow artists. She notes that Jerry Vellez recently celebrated 40 years working in Crayton Cove. Nora Butler’s whimsical environmental-themed designs and Jim Rice’s clay pieces are easily recognizable to residents and long-time visitors. “These are all well-known artists whose work is widely circulated and in many collections.”

Ms. Stone describes Mr. Heddy as “a very detailed artist with a wonderful eye.”

“Using graphite to accomplish the shadows, lights and contrasts in drawings is not that easy,” she says. “But Lionel makes very tiny marks, and the marks together read as a tone or shape.”

In 2009 the gallery featured a popular exhibition of Mr. Heddy’s landscapes of Old Naples. Ms. Wilcox saw his graphite portraits, which took him a year to create, and enthusiastically recommended the exhibition to Ms. Stone.

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“furniture novelties.” Fire screens are not a popular type of furniture. Unless they date from the 1700s or 1800s, they sell for about $300 to $500.

Q: I found two prints that are signed by Lionel Barrymore. They are on gold foil paper. One is titled “Purdy’s Basin” and the other, “Point Pleasant.” I knew him as an actor and I’m curious about his other artistic talent. Can you tell me something about these prints?

A: Lionel Barrymore (1878-1954) began his acting career on stage in the 1890s. He is a member of the famous Barrymore family of actors, brother of Ethel and John and great uncle of Drew Barrymore. The family surname actually is Blythe. The first member to appear on stage, Herbert Arthur Chamberlayne Blythe, took the stage name Maurice Barrymore so that he wouldn’t embarrass his family by being an actor. In 1906 Lionel Barrymore moved to Paris to study painting. He returned to the United States a few years later and appeared in his first movie in 1911. He continued to do etchings and paintings and also composed music and wrote a novel. After he died, reproduction prints of some of his etchings were made after his death. Your prints are worth about $25 each.

Q: For about 45 years, my family has owned a gold-painted vase stamped “Dixon Art Studios, 22 Kt Gold.” The vase is 22 inches tall and 5 inches in diameter. The gold appears to be layered with liquid droplets. Please tell us something about its history and value.

A: Your vase is decorated in a style collectors call “weeping gold.” Any piece marked “Dixon Art Studios” was made at Bel Terr China, Inc., in East Palestine, Ohio. Bel Terr was founded in 1961 by Belden Ham and his wife, Terry Ham (the company’s name is a combination of their names). Most Bel Terr pottery is marked with the corporate name, but some lines, like Dixon and an early line marked “Good Earth Pottery” are not. Dixon Art pieces generally sell for under $100.

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There are many hands where it is much more dangerous for declarer to have one defender on lead than the other. It follows that if he has a genuine choice between which of two different methods of play to adopt — one of which avoids the dangerous opponent, while the other does not — he should choose to steer clear of the player who can do him the most harm.

Here is a typical case. South is in three notrump, and West leads a spade. Declarer wins West’s seven with the nine and observes that his best source of tricks lies in the club suit.

Superficially, there appear to be two obvious approaches to the clubs. One possibility is for South to cash the king of clubs at trick two, planning to finesse against West for the missing queen at trick three on the basis that West, who opened the bidding, is more likely to have the queen than East. Alternatively, he can cross to the ace at trick two, planning to lead the jack next and finesse, on the basis that even if West wins with the queen, he will be unable to prevent South from scoring nine tricks.

But neither of these approaches is correct. In the actual case, declarer would fail against best defense even if he took the second-round club finesse successfully through East. East’s four clubs to the queen would ultimately sink the contract.

However, South can assure his game by adopting a third and significantly better line of play. He leads a diamond to the queen at trick two (rather than a club to the ace) and finesses the jack of clubs at trick three. If the finesse loses to West, South has nine sure tricks; if the finesse wins, South repeats the finesse with equally deadly effect.

Arranging the play so as to avoid the more dangerous opponent — but with the added measure of guarding against the Q-x-x-x(-x) in the East hand — proves to be just what the doctor ordered.
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It’s high season for clubs and organizations to hold special events and programs for members and guests as well as regular meetings.

- The 2012 “Women Making History” luncheon sponsored by the Neapolitan chapter of the American Business Women’s Association takes place Friday, March 16, at the Hilton Naples. This year’s honorees, selected for their leadership and advocacy roles in business, philanthropic and civic affairs, are Joetta Abbazio, Barbara Berry and Suzanne Specht.

WINK-TV news anchor Lois Thome, a past honoree, will emcee the program. The national president of ABWA will deliver the afternoon’s keynote address.

Tickets for $45 per person or $400 for a table of 10 are available at www.abwanaples.org.

The Neapolitan chapter of ABWA was founded in 1989 and is Collier County’s only ABWA chapter. Regular meetings take place on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Hilton Naples. For more information, visit the website above.

- “Carneval: A Taste of New Orleans” is the theme for a dinner dance hosted by the Hungarian-American Club of Southwest Florida on Saturday, Feb. 18, at Forest Glen Country Club. The evening begins at 6 p.m.

Entertainment will be by Toronto-based pianist and singer Kalman Magyar. Over the past 20 years, Mr. Magyar has performed at Hungarian halls, dinner dances and festivals in Hungarian communities throughout the United States, Canada and Hungary as well as in Brazil and Australia. Joining him for the dinner dance in Naples will be his wife and Hungarian folk dancer Beatriz Nagy, Janos Erdeli on bass and Mattyas Fanscali on drums.

Guests are encouraged to dress in traditional Hungarian costume.

Cost is $20 for club members, $30 for others. Checks made payable to the Hungarian-American Club should be mailed to Frank Dobos, 6590 Huntington Lakes Drive, Naples FL 34119, by Feb. 13. For more information, call 597-2345.

“Fearvandal” by Nancy J. Cohen

Nancy J. Cohen extends her Bad Hair Day mystery series with this latest entry in which trouble once again finds Marla Shore. And once again, the beauty parlor owner and expert hairdresser cannot resist taking a lead role in solving the crime.

It all begins at a wedding. One of Marla’s best friends, Jill Barlow, is marrying Arnie, owner of Bagel Busters, a business near Marla’s salon. Everyone at the wedding reception is in a celebratory mood until Jill’s sister Torrie is discovered dead under the cake table with a knife plunged into her chest. Need you ask who made the discovery?

Fortunately, Marla’s fiancé, homicide detective Dalton Vail, is with her and keeps things under control until other policemen show up to begin the investigation. But the shock of such an experience threatens to overload Marla, who has several other matters to juggle. These include the final arrangements for her upcoming marriage, handling the burgeoning retail operation of Bagel Busters, Neige Paris, Arnie and Marla’s new beauty business. There’s also a new house awaiting Marla and Dalton that requires a lot of frenzied attention.

A great planner and manager, Marla tries to hold everything together while dealing with the irresistible lure of investigating the death of her friend’s sister.

Torrie, who is the fashion reporter for a local lifestyle magazine, has made some enemies. She’s one of two women carrying on with the magazine’s photographer, Griff Beasley. Does Hally Leeds, the society columnist, want Torrie out of the way? Is Scott Miller, Torrie’s husband, fed up with her cheating? Is the photographer making a rather blunt choice between the two women? Was Hally jealous enough to murder Torrie? Well, no, because Hally turns up dead soon after.

Was there something Griff wanted to hide that both women had discovered? And what about Jill? The two sisters seem to have been bickering about how to handle a piece of commercial property that they inherited. Torrie’s death could resolve that disagreement in a hurry.

Also, Torrie may have had some secret to hold over Jill’s head—something about Jill’s past.

Marla, in her straight-ahead manner, asks the questions that push the investigation along. She does such a good job that someone sets fire to her hair salon. Is she getting too close to the truth?

And what about the story that Torrie knew something about the gorilla? Was he killed? Did he make some enemies? He had discov- ered something the owner of Orchid Isle, a fashionable site for social events? Was it built on contaminated land that had never been cleaned up? Was the owner, Falcon Oakwood (or his wife, Torrie’s purported friend Leanne) out to silence Torrie?

There are motives everywhere. And even though there’s a lot of official interest in Jill, Marla just can’t believe Jill could kill her sister. Even after Jill confesses to the crime, Marla presses on, sure that Jill is protecting someone.

“Shear Murder” sports a large number of characters, almost too many for a relatively short novel, and readers will be thankful that Ms. Cohen provides a “Cast of Characters” list at the outset. The action is fast-paced, the situations and characterizations provide plenty of this author’s trademark humor. Her knowledge of the look, feel and social texture of South Florida living is another great attraction for her readers.

About the author

Multi-published Nancy J. Cohen holds a bachelor’s in nursing from the University of Rochester and a master’s from the University of California at San Francisco. After working as a clinical nurse specialist, she retired to write full-time, getting her start with futuristic romance novels written as Nancy Cane. Her first book, “Circle of Light,” won the Holt Medallion Award. After writing several books in this genre, she switched to mysteries and launched the highly successful Bad Hair Day series. However, she recently returned to sci-fi with the romantic and sexy “Silver Serenade.”

A featured speaker at conferences, libraries and community groups, last April she was the keynote speaker at the Naples Press Club Authors and Books Festival. Ms. Cohen has served as president of Florida Romance Writers, and secretary of the Florida Chapter of Mystery Writers of America. She is also active in Sisters in Crime, Romance Writers of America and several other writers’ groups.

She lives with her husband in the Fort Lauderdale area.

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- **The Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club** of Naples holds its next meeting at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Naples Beach Hotel. The combined “Mommouth Duo” meeting is hosted by the Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Club of Naples. All alumnae of Pi Beta Phi chapters across the country and Canada are welcome.

  Cost is $25 per person. For reservations or more information call 262-2259 or e-mail conskind@aol.com.

- **Ikebana International-Naples** holds its annual luncheon and demonstration Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Grey Oaks Country Club. The silent auction opens and raffle ticket sales begin at 9:30 a.m.

  The program will be by Jennie Sterling, recipient of the Sogetsu school of Ikebana Riji degree, the highest degree for students in Sogetsu. Ms. Sterling has belonged to Ikebana chapters in Florida, Georgia, South Africa, Australia and Taipei. She served as president of the Miami chapter from 2003-2008 and is a founding member of the Atlanta chapter.

  The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. Cost is $65. Reservations are required and can be made by sending a check payable to LJI, #406 to Peggy Freers, 2059 Swainsons Run, Naples, FL 34105.

  At the March regular meeting, chapter members and guests will learn about “ningyo” (Japanese dolls), from carved wooden Kokeshi dolls to holiday and ceremonial sets and dolls from the Noh dramas and Kabuki theater. The meeting takes place from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, March 7, at Moorings Presbyterian Church.

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Church. Attendance is free; non-members are requested to make reservations by e-mailing ikebananaples@me.com.

For more information about Ikebana International-Naples, visit www.ikebananaples.com.

- Save the date for the Zonta Club of Naples’ seventh annual “Make A Difference” fashion show, auction and luncheon set for Friday, March 30, at The Club at the Strand. Proceeds will benefit the PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee and Naples Teenage Parenting Program (TAPP), the Sally Sitta Awards for Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology in Health Sciences, Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowships and Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships.

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Ferrari Club 8th Annual Car Show
Saturday, February 11, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Valentine Evening on 5th
Tuesday, February 14, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Evenings on 5th & Sunday, February 18 & 19, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Mardi Gras Evening on 5th
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**Holocaust museum plans celebration**

The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida hosts its 10th anniversary celebration, “Driven to Triumph,” as a tribute to Southwest Florida’s Holocaust and WWII survivors Tuesday, Feb. 28, at Naples Luxury Imports. The evening will include a welcome by Myra Janco Daniels and a performance by Grammy and Emmy award-winning composer Charles Fox, best known for “Killing Me Softly with His Song.”

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The annual Butterfly Ball to benefit Avow Hospice is set for Saturday, March 24, at Grey Oaks Country Club. The ball is the organization’s biggest fundraiser of the year, and this year organizers hope to raise at least $75,000 to enhance hospice care services for patients and families and to support a variety of community grief support programs.

The evening includes a cocktail reception, dinner, music by the Mambo Brothers, and live and silent auction items including jewelry, artwork and travel packages. Sponsors include the Frances Pew Hayes Foundation; Hahn, Loenser & Parks; The Joe & Lindy Roth Foundation; Fuller Funeral Home; Gulfshore Insurance; The Beachwood Society; Traditions at Grey Oaks; Larson Allen; Lassiter Ware; Naples Shutter Inc.; Priority Marketing; Gulfshore Life Magazine; Intech Printing; and Charlie McDonald Photography. Co-chairs are John and Kathy Leach and Roger and Flo Lipitz. Tickets for $200 per person are available by calling 649-5683 or visiting www.avowhospice.org.

Place your bets on ‘Chips for Charity’

Aston Gardens at Pelican Marsh hosts the first annual “Chips for Charity” casino night to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17. Professional Vegas-style gaming will include blackjack, craps, roulette and more.

Tickets for $30 include a cocktail, heavy hors d’oeuvres, entertainment and with $2,000 in “play money.”

Aston Gardens at Pelican Marsh is a senior-living community offering independent and assisted living and memory care facilities. To purchase tickets to “Chips for Charity” tickets, call 593-3744.

Groovy fashions going on parade

The Boys & Girls Club of Collier County presents “Fashion Pack,” a ’60s-inspired fashion show beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at Waterside Shops. Participating boutiques from the shopping center will include: Anne Fontaine, Brooks Brothers, The Beach House of Naples, Cache, Calypso, Isabella, Saks Fifth Avenue and White House Black Market.

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Humane Society Naples holds its 12th annual Pet Lovers Gala beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Waldorf Astoria Naples (formerly the Naples Grande). Well-mannered pets are invited to accompany their owners to the black-tie affair.
Up for bid in the live auction will be a diamond pendant designed especially for HSN by William Boyajian of Port Royal Jewelers. The pendant can be seen at the jewelry store at 623 Fifth Ave. S.
Gala tickets for $275 per person are available by calling 643-1880, ext. 18, or by visiting www.hsnaples.org.

CBS’ Bill Geist at literary luncheon
Literacy Volunteers of Collier County welcomes Emmy Award-winning CBS News correspondent and New York Times best-selling author Bill Geist as guest speaker at the annual LVCC Literary Luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at Bay Colony Golf Club. Mr. Geist will discuss his latest book, “Way off the Road,” a compendium of stories from “CBS Sunday Morning” that focus on “the peculiar charms of small-town America.”
Mr. Geist joined CBS in 1987 and has traveled the country to chronicle the people, places and events that make up the fabric of American life. Paperback copies of “Way off the Road” will be available for purchase at the luncheon.
Tickets for $75 per person are available by calling LVCC at 262-4448, ext. 300 or 301.

Designers’ boutique expands to two days
Everyone who loves to shop will especially love shopping the designers’ boutique to benefit The Shelter for Abused Women & Children from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 20-21, in the ballroom at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples.
Part of the Shelter’s annual Mending Broken Hearts with Hope luncheon, the boutique expands to two days this year for the first time. Nearly three dozen vendors will display and sell their specialty clothing, fashion accessories, decorative items and giftware.
Admission to the boutique is free ($5 valet parking for those not attending the Mending Broken Hearts with Hope luncheon). Tickets to the luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 21, are $350 per person. For reservations or more information, call 775-3862, ext. 261, or e-mail cdalessandro@naplesshelter.org.

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Library friends host author breakfast

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Tickets are $20 for Friends members, $25 for others. Call 263-8835 to purchase tickets. For more information, visit www.collierfriends.org.

Rotarians, Zoo set for a wild evening

The Naples Rotary Club holds its annual “Grapes & Apes” wine tasting, food pairing and silent auction on Saturday, March 24, at The Naples Zoo. Expectations for this year are to accommodate 1,400 guests and to raise $150,000. All proceeds will help fund Rotary scholarships and projects including Project Graduation, Gift of Life and Polio Plus.

Tickets for $100 per person include wine and food samplings from Wynn’s, desserts by Mikkelson’s Pastry Shop and Royal Palm Chocolates, animal encounters and talks by zoo staff and the chance to bid on silent auction items.

For reservations or more information, call 262-1040 or visit www.grapesandapecs.com.

Wine Tasters say ‘Cheers for Charity’

Wine Tasters of Naples hold their third annual “Cheers for Charity” from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Lely Resort to benefit St. Matthew’s House, Youth Haven and The Shelter for Abused Women & Children.

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

‘Meet me in Maui’ for Children’s Advocacy Center

The Children’s Advocacy Center of Collier County holds its 2012 “Meet Me in Maui” Beach Ball Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Naples Beach Hotel. Guests will enjoy sunset cocktails on Watkins Lawn followed by dinner under the stars, entertainment by Paul Easton and live and silent auctions.

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Oops!
These pictures from a prom-themed party at the Marco Island Historical Society mistakenly were included with photos from another Society event in our Feb. 2 edition. Enjoying a trip back in time are:

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2. Margaret Fraser, Steve Allardice, Gayla Stewart and Frank Mickormick
3. Tricia Cogan, Sheila Marks and Emma Bennett
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6. George Cook
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➤ Latitude – Fusion Cuisine & Piano Bar, Naples Walk, 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 596-5600: Stylish and comfortable, Latitude resembles a well-appointed supper club filled with dark woods, oversized booth and sleek Art Deco touches. The open kitchen adds a touch of theater as well. The menu is a mix of comfort food and fusion fare, the stuff for which Chef Ross Peterson is known. From a selection of flatbreads, I liked the yeasty crust topped with lots of Portobello, goat cheese and caramelized onions. An Old World charcuterie platter had an interesting array of wursts, although I’d have preferred more firm varieties and fewer soft ones. The Better than Nana’s Kobe beef Bolognese was terrific, with a soulful sauce, lots of tomatoes, onions, carrots and herbs simmered for a long time with the ground beef and accompanied by garlic bread. Lovely, but not overly loud, live music and a well-chosen wine list enhanced the meal. Full bar.

Food: ★★★½ – Reviewed June 2011

➤ Chrissy’s at Bayfront, 369 Bayfront Place, Naples; 333-4444: Veteran restaurateur Chrissy Bianchi offers omelets, pancakes, Panini and such for breakfast and lunch in a sparkling waterfront setting. Dine inside or out on items such as smoked salmon Benedict, tenderloin and mushroom omelet and louie. The meat in the omelet was on the chewy side, but the smoked salmon Benedict was a refreshing variation on the standard. The standout of the meal was the bananas Foster French toast, featuring thick-sliced challah soaked in flame golden brown and topped with chunks of ripe banana, sauce and whipped cream. The place was busy and perhaps because of that, service was on the choppy side, but the setting is so lovely that staying a little longer didn’t prove a hardship. Soft drinks available.

Food: ★★★★ – Reviewed August 2009

➤ Chez Boot, 755 12th Ave. S., Naples; 643-6277: This casual and inviting French café (formerly known as Bamboo Café) has been a downtown fixture for years. While there are always classic French dishes to be had, the kitchen also offers choices that are lighter and more appropriate to the subtropical climate. A soupeon of Moroccan fare adds to the allure. Tasty steamed mussels in a delicate broth filled with lemon and garlic came in a lovely black pot. An endive salad with cumbled blue cheese, walnuts and a well-balanced balsamic vinaigrette was another light but satisfying starter. Irish salmon was gently baked and served with lemon beurre blanc. A lamb tagine, delivered in the traditional bowl with cone-shaped top, contained sweet dried plums and a mystical mixture of seasonings. A Napoleon was exceptionally good, with puff pastry topping the delicate Chantilly cream and fresh ripe berries. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★ – Reviewed September 2011

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➤ Noodle Saigon, 1550 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 596-9409: For an inexpensive but excellent Vietnamese feast, head straight to Noodle Saigon. The 12-page menu might intimidate at first, but the friendly servers are happy to help newcomers sort through it. I’ve found it’s hard to go wrong here. On my most recent visit, I enjoyed savory asparagus crabmeat soup, shrimp paste on sugar cane, steamed rice crepe with grilled pork, shrimp summer rolls, clams with black bean sauce and the restaurant’s heavily version of rare beef pho. For dessert, we followed our server’s suggestion and tried a tasty mix of mashed avocado, sweetened condensed milk, ice, lime, sugar and mint. The combination resembled Italian water ice and was great end to a terrific meal. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★ – Reviewed May 2011

➤ Atmosphere: ★★★★ – Reviewed October 2011

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The Mangrove Cafe reopened in November, 10 months after a propane explosion shut down the 20-year-old fixture on Fifth Avenue South. It has been some years since I visited, but I remember the restaurant as one of the first to bring to Southwest Florida a fusion of Floridian and Caribbean influences — Floribean cuisine.

East coast chefs such as Allen Susser and Norman Van Aken put this style of cooking on the map, giving the Sunshine State a colorful culinary identity laced with island spices and tropic fruits. That legacy appears relatively intact at the Mangrove Cafe menu, though it’s less apparent on the actual plate.

Comfort dishes such as pot roast, meat loaf and fried chicken outsell more regional favorites like fish-sauced snapper and paella. Even a dish that promised some interesting fusion — real mango marsala — ultimately didn’t deliver it. It just doesn’t seem to be the Mangrove Cafe of memory.

What’s more, tables are packed in like sardines and turned over so quickly it makes your head spin. The staff has difficulty negotiating the space, so you might find waiters breathing down your neck or standing at the next table with their backsides in your face. Unfortunately, we were seated in a high traffic spot near the bar and kitchen door, where servers tended to congregate and con over our heads. You can’t call the restaurant a meeting place for trying to maximize profitability, but this is a bit off-putting.

The Mangrove Cafe apparently don’t seem to mind the cramped quarters and attendant high level of noise. We called a day ahead and couldn’t reserve a table later than 5:30 p.m. — on a weekend, no less — unless we wanted to sit outdoors. We strolled down the avenue before checking in and found most other restaurants had empty dining rooms but busy outdoor sections — just the opposite of what we encountered at Mangrove Cafe.

What draws such throngs of early birds? We suspect it’s a value thing. Mangrove Cafe touts a “stimulus package” of two entrees and a “free” bottle of wine for $39. Indeed, we spotted more age “of two entrees and a “free” bottle of wine for $39. Indeed, we spotted more

Mangrove Cafe's atmosphere may not be the most inviting, but the food is what keeps customers coming back. The restaurant is known for its fresh, local ingredients and creative menu items that cater to a variety of tastes.

Appetizers took about 30 minutes to arrive, but we had good, warm, crusty bread and butter to tide us over. House salads are included, too, but we weren’t offered dressing choices; both came with what tasted like a balsamic vinaigrette.

We were intrigued by the Escargot Mia appetizer ($11.95), which was something completely different from the usual garlic-butter treatment. The tender snails were tucked into jumbo pasta shells — sort of, most of them slipped out of the shells once we dug in. The dish was blanketed with sautéed tomatoes, mushroom, garlic slices, fresh basil, gorgonzola, grana padano and spinach-pecan pesto. That’s a mouthful — to say and to eat. Unfortunately, the escargot got lost in this everything-but-the-kitchen-sink approach. The plate just had too much going on.

The beef tenderloin negamaki ($11.95) consisted of seared slices of meat wrapped around thick scallions. Unfortunately, the beef was a tad overcooked and dry. The soy-sesame sauce provided for dipping was so salty that it puckered my mouth.

The best part of the dish was the napa cabbage slaw on the side; it was crisp and ever so slightly dressed.

Both dishes had issues in conception and execution, and this also was the case with the main courses. The aforementioned veal mango marsala ($25) had a stripe of golden sauce across its top but lacked actual mango flavor; it might as well have been veal marsala from any Italian ristorante — not bad, but lacking that other layer of flavor that would have elevated the dish beyond the usual. The breaded veal scallopini were tender, and the silky sauce was studied with wild mushrooms, but there was no getting past the fact that the dish was mushy marsala with overcooked linguine and too much sauce.

The sweet and sour snapper ($25) heralded on the restaurant’s website was mostly sweet, due to a mango-balsamic glaze and butterfly beurre blanc that needed a touch of acid. The fish’s patchy breading tasted like burnt toast, and sauces turned it soggy. Yellow rice and three asparagus spears completed the plate.

Dinner concluded on a higher note with house-made desserts: a cannoli filled with delicious key-lime infused cream ($7.50) and a massive wedge of super-moist six-layer carrot cake ($9.50). It was good to see that Mangrove Cafe is still doing some things right. But the restaurant, and its reputation, would be better served if it applied its attention to perfecting standout entrees and providing a more comfortable place to dine.

If you go

Mangrove Cafe,
4785 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 262-7076
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Food: ★ ★★★★
Service: ★ ★★★★
Atmosphere: ★ ★★★★
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