Under the domes

South of Marco Island, sinking sentinels are housing new life

BY CYNTHIA MOTT
Florida Weekly Correspondent

It is a spectacle. The sort that makes you rub your eyes and look again. Jutting from the water, a hundred feet off an isolated strip of beach, a cluster of white domes rise absurdly from the Gulf of Mexico a few miles south of Marco Island. Published descriptions have called them igloos, Pac Man figures, something out of Star Wars and "retro futuristic."

Retro futuristic?
Passing around my own photos to friends, I collected the terms "giant jellyfish" and "scrubbing bubbles from the toilet cleaning commercial" (thank you, Perry and Patty).

Locals call it the Cape Romano dome

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The Four Freedoms from our own fields rise

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In a two-decade effort, the Coalition has changed the way farm work is con- ducted and understood in the United States, and especially Florida. None of those previous Roosevelt award winners were there in the flesh to witness the formal acknowledgement of this extraordinary achievement — some of them no longer operate in the flesh. But four others, people whose names are now famous in the Land of Do-Gooders, were present: Wendell Berry, Sister Simone Campbell, Ameena Mathews, and Paul Krugman, who also holds the Nobel Prize in Economics (2008).

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IN MEMORIAM

Earl Hodges, a quiet giant
1927-2013

BY LOU TRAINA
Special to Florida Weekly

In September of 2000, while I was serving as vice president of institutional advancement for International College, President Terry McMahen and I gathered a small group of past Humanitarians to select the 2001 Humanitarian of the Year. Terry began the meeting with his customary get-down-to-business style: “Well, you know what we’re here for...” Lavern Gaynor, the first honored Humanitarian, sat quietly, listening with great interest to the suggestions made by other past Humanitarians Jack Humphrey and Corbin Wiant.

While she observed, Myra Daniels appeared somewhat attentive, but deep in thought. Sensing that Myra was getting ready to speak, the room grew quieter. Breaking a short silence, Lavern asked, “Myra, what do you think?”

As if by script, Myra replied, “I like Earl Hodges.”

In a purposeful and methodical manner, she described the man whose spirit of benevolence and compassionate contributions had stayed under our community’s radar, concluding her remarks with the words that I will never forget: “He is a quiet giant.”

In good speed, the selection process concluded in less than five minutes. Earl was unanimously chosen by his peers, lunch was served and higher education in Southwest Florida took a giant step forward.

Earl and Thelma’s first gift to Hodges University (then International College) came years after his Humanitarian of the Year award. Like many who are fortunate to have been introduced to the International College family, Earl and Thelma took great interest in the students, most of whom where veterans of the armed forces, single parents, working couples and law enforcement officers attending services, single parents, working couples and law enforcement officers attending.

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It was a gift that transformed a college into a university. It was a gift that turned a small college into a thriving university recognized in the Southern Region for excellence in its efficiency. It was a gift that moved the university toward the center of economic diversity and prosperity of the Southwest Florida community. It was a gift that firmly established Earl and Thelma as present and future role models for all Hodges University students, past, present and future.

I remember Earl once said there are some lessons that take a lifetime to learn. These are powerful words “plain spoken” by a man who experienced life as fragile and uncertain. In his humble way, he would sometimes wish he were “smarter” in his early years “to live each day as if it were his last and to cherish the moment and lessons learned from each experience, each encounter and each meeting. In all the years I have known Earl, he did just that.

For me and other fundraising professionals, Earl provided a stellar role model of the dedication required to serve our community, our purpose to move society forward and the opportunity to work within the philanthropic community with which we are blessed.

For each of us, there are lessons to be learned from this quiet giant of a man, who was as generous with his time as with his treasure. As a funeral home director, Earl was reminded daily of the importance of time and would often conclude his sentiments with this quiet reminder: “It could be your last day to do or say something that needs doing or saying.”

— Lou Traina is executive director of the Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida.

The writer, at right, with Earl and Thelma Hodges at the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award to Mr. Hodges this past summer at the 2013 conference of the Florida Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodges with Steven Miller at the 2013 conference of the Florida Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association. "Earl and Thelma have been icons and innovators of the funeral industry in Naples for over 50 years. Their passion and love for serving families and their involvement in the community has made a profound difference through their philanthropy and generosity. Like so many others, my wife Bonnie and I have personally been touched and influenced by their lasting friendship."

— Steven Miller, Dignity Memorial of Florida at the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award to Mr. Hodges this past summer at the 2013 conference of the Florida Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association.
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Something that’s been on your mind: The ability of our youth to have face-to-face communication. They are so busy hanging on to something (phone, computer, video game, etc.) instead of hanging out with each other.

Something your mom was always right about: People are generally good. Some of them have just had experiences that have soured them along the way.

What did you want to be when you grew up? I wanted to be independent. I don’t recall wanting a specific career field as much as I wanted to do whatever I did do on my own.

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Skill or talent you wish you had: I wish I could draw. I have trouble drawing the hangman stick figure.

Advice for your kids: Be happy. I will steal the quote, “Do what you love, love what you do.”

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The Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated unemployment and median weekly wages in 2012 among people with different education levels. Among those with high school diplomas, the unemployment rate was 8.3 percent and they earned $652 per week. Those with two-year associates degrees had a 6.2 percent unemployment rate and earned $1,066. Master’s-degree graduates had a 3.5 percent unemployment rate, earning $1,300 per week. Among doctoral degree graduates, unemployment was 2.5 percent and their median weekly pay was $1,624.

Easing student debt

Students are becoming increasingly practical about educational costs, school officials said. “The students look at education more like a return on an investment,” said Joseph Pepe, Ed.D., associate vice president of administration at Hodges University. School websites are also now required to include a “net price calculator” that takes into account not just tuition but a range of costs and benefits, including expected grant aid. Then it calculates how much money a student would need to get by costs of school full-time (about $30,000) at that particular school. But most sites used for schools in this article showed outdated costs, such as tuition prices for the 2010-11 school year. That year, roughly four in 10 FGCU graduates incurred debt, The Institute for College Access & Success reports; $22,271 per student on average. At the private Barry University, more than 60 percent of 2011 graduates left with about $37,522 in debt. Gov. Scott would like to see more students graduate with no debt. “Our goal should be that students do not have to go into debt in order to obtain a degree,” he said in a prepared statement. That’s not an option for many students like Mr. Guerrero, who has already accepted whatever debt he’ll incur in spite of a Pell Grant, part-time work at Banana Republic, and Instant Ramen. When he accepts a diploma for his bachelor’s degree in the spring, he’ll be the first in his family to do so, and for now that’s reward enough. “Grad school is definitely in my future,” he adds.

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year running. “Thankfully there’s Instant Ramen that he and my (SGA) officers will share with one another,” said the 26-year-old. “That’s a good thing.”

Limited gas money, a basic phone plan and a beat-up old Honda have also helped condition Mr. Guerrero toward earning his bachelor’s in supervision and management this summer.

“Saving money is the name of the game,” Mr. Guerrero says. Many students, parents, financial aid advisors and apparently Gov. Rick Scott, agree. To make education more affordable, Gov. Scott pushed public universities this year to put the brakes on sizeable tuition hikes.

In a statement late in 2012 directed at state or community colleges such as Edison State, Gov. Scott challenged those schools to cap tuition for at least some bachelor’s degrees at $10,000. That’s roughly $4,000 less than the normal tuition at a state school or community college.

At Edison State College, for instance, 120 credit hours come to $34,605 at current prices. The school offers associate bachelor and other degrees at campuses in Fort Myers, Naples, Punta Gorda and Fort Myers Beach.

At the 12 larger public universities in the state system, such as Florida Gulf Coast University or the University of Florida, tuition for 120 credit hours comes up to $24,000 or 2013-14 levels.

Private schools such as Hodges Uni- versity or Barry University that generally charge far higher tuitions also boast more personal attention and scholarship opportunities. And of course tuition is only one part of college costs, but a major one.

The bottom line for state officials like Gov. Scott is ultimately how much income those graduates make for you, your community and Florida, in relation to how much they cost to complete.

“A college degree is not just a piece of paper but really so you can contribute to society,” said Jorge E. Lopez, director of financial services at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Ideally, degrees need to create jobs without loading students with so much debt that it impedes their ability to spend money on other things like a home or luxuries. But half the students at Florida schools offering four-year degrees graduated with a large tab in 2011, and on average it came to $23,054, according to a report by The Institute for College Access & Success.

Mr. Guerrero plans to graduate from Edison College about $20,000 in debt before going on to a master’s program that will be more costly — possibly to pursue a career in broadcast journalism, but maybe something entirely different. “I hate to limit myself right now,” he said.

“Qualify at a cut-rate price”

Locking in a $10,000 tuition means community colleges have found “innovative ways to provide a quality education at that particular school,” said Laura Selvey, vice president of financial services for Hodges University.

The idea of a $10,000 degree raises questions, the question, Mr. Wright said, “Just how far and in what ways can you discount a degree and still accomplish what you want to financially and every other way to offer a good solid degree.”

“We have to continue to attract competent, well-qualified faculty. That takes salaries that at times those individuals want to have technology and classrooms that are at least on the bleeding edge of where we want to be if not on the cutting edge. It’s quality at a cut-rate price.”

Route to work

Students seeking degrees of any kind, discount or not, are increasingly career-minded, school officials say. Courses of study aimed at specific careers like computer forensics or EMTs have become popular for their more direct route to work.

“That’s in part because of an influx in older students who used the recession as a time to go back to school, with a job forecast in mind,” said Laura Selvey, vice president of financial services for Southwest Florida College, a private school. “I think in the recession and then coming out, these people were displaced,” she said. “Or it seems like they wanted to start a new career, or saw this as an opportunity to change career paths.”

That was the case with Mr. Guerrero, who left a job in Fort Myers working for a metal manufacturer to start school at Edison State in 2010. He didn’t know then what job he wanted to pursue exactly, just that he wanted something better than labor. “I don’t know if it’s worth it to go back into this,” he said. Some of his classmates at Edison State feel the same. Natalia Santana, who is 19, is already a certified nurse assistant. That’s profitable enough, “but for me I want to go big,” she said, with plans to keep studying to pursue a career as a nurse or doctor.

Most of her family didn’t go to college, she notes, “I’d rather just do it now so when I’m their age I can have a career I love.”

Leila Younes, 22, was inspired for similar reasons to work toward an associate’s degree in arts at Edison State, with plans to transfer to another school to study illustration. “One side of her family is full of wealthy people with higher levels of education, she observed; the other is much the opposite. “I’ve seen the very stark difference between education and not,” she added, saying that, “I don’t want to be a slave to work, I want to actually enjoy it.”

Amanda Schreiber, 18, is taking five classes at Edison this semester while working full-time at a gymnastics facility in Cape Coral. “I feel like education is something you could get that no one could take away from you,” she said.

Incomes based on education levels

Higher levels of education are generally associated with lower unemployment and more income.
Fledgling Honor Flight Collier County set to take off

Trip takes WWII and Korean vets to see war memorials in D.C.

Forty years ago, the legacies of the Greatest Generation came home to America after years of captivity as POWs of the Vietnam War. Among them was Collier County resident Wayne Odgen Smith, a U.S. Air Force pilot who endured five years and two months of torture by remembering the sacrifices of WWII veterans and hearing the Tap Codes sent nightly by POWs at the Hanoi Hilton, reinforcing their mission to “return with honor.”

Now Mr. Smith wants to return the favor for the women of WWII who gave him. “Return with honor” is his motto in accepting the honor of assisting veterans on the one-day trip as a guardian.

“First Lieutenant Wayne O. Smith distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as an F4D pilot over North Vietnam on 18 January 1968. On that date, Lt. Smith delivered his ordnance on an important strategic target in the face of intense antiaircraft artillery fire, tracking surface-to-air missiles and attacking hostile aircraft. With exceptional boldness and courage, Lt. Smith then engaged the hostile aircraft in close air-to-air combat. As a direct result of Lt. Smith’s efforts, his target was heavily damaged, and one hostile aircraft was shot down. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Lt. Smith has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force.”

About Wayne Odgen Smith

Born in 1943 in Richmond, Ky., and a 1965 graduate of the Air Force Academy, Mr. Smith flew 90 F-4 fighter combat missions over North Vietnam and Laos before being shot down in January 1968. After his years in captivity, he was repatriated in March 1973 as a captain.

His honors for service in combat include: two Silver Stars, the Legion of Merit, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Bronze “V” Stars, seven Air Medals and the Purple Heart. His first Silver Star citation reads:

“First Lieutenant Wayne O. Smith distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force as a F4D pilot over North Vietnam on January 18, 1968. While performing the duties of his station as an F4D pilot, Lt. Smith displayed the greatest possible courage, coolness under severe enemy fire and extraordinary heroism. Upon receiving the report of the hostile aircraft in close air-to-air combat, Lt. Smith initiated the attack at point blank range and continued to engage the hostile aircraft in close air-to-air combat. By his extraordinary heroism, Lt. Smith is responsible for the destruction of five hostile aircraft and played a vital role in the ultimate destruction of the hostile aircraft. For his actions on that date, First Lieutenant Wayne O. Smith distinguished himself by gallantry in the face of intense enemy resistance and saved the lives of his combat crew.”

Collier County Honor Flight was founded by Naples orthodontist and Navy veteran Debi Strand and Air Force veteran Sean Lux. The choice of Mr. Smith as honorary chair was obvious.

“My generation’s and my father’s generation’s legacies of the Greatest Generation’s legacy of dignity, duty and character,” Mr. Smith says. “We’re returning the favor of the honor they bestowed upon America by taking our veterans to see the memorials built to remind our residents to see the sacrifice they bestowed upon America by taking our residents to see the memorials built to remind our residents to see the sacrifice they bestowed on the one-day trip as a guardian.”

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Collier County Honor Flight is seeking veterans of WWII and Korea who would like to travel to Washington, D.C., on the inaugural flight Saturday, Nov. 9, to visit the war memorials established in their honor. The program is also looking for donors to help each veteran on the one-day trip as a guardian.

The trip is free for WWII and Korean War vets; guardians pay $400. Volunteers are also needed to help with efforts in Collier County.

For more information, e-mail colliercountyhonorflight@gmail.com.
Moher selected for top spot at Conservancy from right here at home

Rob Moher has been named president and CEO of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Following an extensive national search led by the Conservancy of Southwest Florida board of directors, Mr. Moher was selected among more than 100 applicants. He assumes the role immediately, and brings more than 25 years of experience in local, regional and international conservation organizations to the position.

For the past 14 years, he has held senior management positions at the Conservancy, most recently as interim COO since July, helping to fill the role of Andrew McElwaine, former president and CEO. During this time, Mr. Moher worked closely with Conservancy interim CEO Ken Krier, vice-chair of the Conservancy board of directors.

“Rob Moher is a global visionary who has worked collaboratively with the board and his staff to develop a strategic plan designed to position the Conservancy for continued growth and impact,” Mr. Krier said when making the announce ment. “It has been an honor to work with him during this interim period, and I join the board in wishing him great success.”

As vice president of development and marketing for the Conservancy, Mr. Moher led strategic philanthropic initiatives and provided leadership support for the “Saving Southwest Florida” Capital Campaign that raised $38.8 million for construction and renovation of the Conservancy Nature Center as well as for policy and science endeavors.

“Throughout his tenure at the Conservancy, Rob has been instrumental in establishing collaborative partnerships with local individuals, businesses and community groups to help further the Conservancy mission,” said Tucker Tyler, former chairman of the Conservancy board of directors who led the search committee. “In addition, he empowers the staff, volunteers and board with the direction and resources to positively impact the organization and the greater Southwest Florida community.”

Prior to coming to the Conservancy, Mr. Moher served as regional director for Bahamas National Trust, where he was responsible for protection, management and development of three national parks including coastal and marine parks. He had previously served as a research officer for the International Development Research Center in Ottawa, Ontario, where he was involved in environmental policy research on an international level.

Mr. Moher earned a master’s degree in international affairs from Carleton University in Ottawa and a bachelor’s degree Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario. In addition, he is a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) and completed his Certificate in Fundraising Management (CFRM) from Indiana University Fundraising School. In 2012, he was named Fundraising Executive of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Everglades Chapter.

“With our 50th anniversary season upon us, it is an opportune time to reflect on our accomplishments as a conservancy community as well as to challenge ourselves to advance the mission of the Conservancy to preserve our quality of life in Southwest Florida,” Mr. Moher said in a release about his appointment as president and CEO. “However, none of this would be possible without the support of our staff, volunteers and loyal members. They bring an array of expertise, experience and talents that inspire and motivate me every day. I am grateful for their continued support of our mission and look forward to what we will accomplish together.”

Lynn Slabaugh, chair of the Conservancy board, added her appreciation for Mr. Moher’s leadership qualities, in-depth knowledge of the organization and passion and commitment to the purpose and mission of the Conservancy.

“As the Conservancy prepares to celebrate 50 years of helping to protect our land, water and wildlife in Southwest Florida, there is no one better prepared to lead and inspire this organization into the future,” Ms. Slabaugh concluded.
Marco Island Woman’s Club
approaches the big 5-0

About 10 years ago, while researching another article about woman’s clubs in Florida, I made a most delightful discovery that showed where woman’s clubs throughout the country have been a driving force behind the scenes in the creation of libraries, hospitals, educational concerns, garden clubs and more — as was the case here in Naples. So it came as no surprise when I learned that the Marco Island Woman’s Club, which turns 47 this year, was also very instrumental in the formation of the library, hospital, youth center and the historical cemetery it that community. These are just a few of the many improvements the members of the Marco Club have undertaken over the years to make their island more enriching.

The original library on Marco was in a room in the volunteer fire station. It was the Marco Island Woman’s Club members who initiated the effort to fund a bigger, permanent home. I’m told they approached Deltona, one-time developers on the island, and convinced them to donate their “Welcome to Marco” Polynesian-style shack for the cause. Thanks to the tireless efforts of many, the “shack” was remodeled, carpeted and stocked with 110 books before it opened to much fanfare in 1968. The inventory had increased to 18,127 volumes four years later, with help from individual donations as well as the Collier County Public Library.

The Marco Island Library outgrew its quarters and then found a new home on Winterberry Drive, now home to the Collier County Tax Collector. Once again, the library outgrew its quarters due to the island’s continued growth. The present-day library was built in 1986 and is still expanding. In 1998, the women’s club, in collaboration with the Marco Island Historical Society, funded a lovely gazebo as an addition to the library. It has since been relocated to the Marco Island Historical Museum property across the street from the library.

The health and welfare of Marco residents has also always been an important priority for the woman’s club. Members have spent many years gathering donations for equipment, dating back to their early formation. In 1977, the club purchased a defibrillator for Marco’s ambulance service. Two years later, all hospital donations were dedicated to a building fund that became a reality as the Marco Island Health Care Center. In addition to the financial donations over the years, many club members also donate their time to the center as auxiliary members.

Club members were also instrumental in clearing and restoring the Marco Island Historical Cemetery. Tending to the cemetery garden, which is named on behalf of the club, remains an important project for members.

One of the club’s most important projects to date stems from members’ strong interest in the education of high school students on Marco who hope to attend college. Started in 1988 with a generous donation from member Signe Gleich — and boosted by another gift in 2011 from former member Verne Cabooris — the Marco Island Woman’s Club Education Foundation awards several scholarships each year, including the Verne Cabooris Scholarship of $12,000. Over the years, the club has awarded more than $370,000 to graduating high school seniors.

With family also a priority among members, the club initiated the development of Marco Island’s original youth center, which has blossomed into the Greater Marco Family YMCA.

While programs to benefit the Marco Island community are the main focus of the club’s efforts, members hold a food drive every November to help stock the pantry shelves at St. Matthew’s House, and they collect toys and gifts every December for The Shelter for Abused Women & Children.

Not bad for an initial group of 16 friends who wanted to help support the people and nonprofit organizations of Marco Island. Kudos to one and all who have been involved since 1966.

Residents of Marco who would like to get involved should call Joyce Frame at 642-9079 or visit www.marcowomansclub.com to find out more. ■

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Hertz senior VP opens season for Speakers Assembly of SWF

Richard Broome, senior vice president—corporate affairs and communications at the Hertz Corp., opens the new season for The Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida at a luncheon Friday, Nov. 15, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point.

Mr. Broome is responsible for community affairs worldwide and corporate social responsibility at Hertz. The company is relocating its corporate headquarters from New Jersey to Southwest Florida.

"With respect to community affairs, our primary goal is to provide a framework for our locations to take local ownership of community and charitable activities," he says. He is also responsible for worldwide internal and external communications, including media affairs, government relations, community relations and corporate philanthropy.

Since joining Hertz in 2000, he has helped plan and execute a global communication strategy. He continues to manage efforts to ensure Hertz businesses receive fair treatment in legislative bodies, especially in the U.S. and Brussels.

Prior to joining Hertz, Mr. Broome served as vice president—government relations and communications for Select Insurance Group. He also served as counsel at Aetna and the Connecticut Business and Industry Association. He earned a bachelor's degree from Bates College and a law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law. He is a member of the Connecticut Bar.

During his presentation for The Speakers Assembly, he will discuss why Hertz chose Southwest Florida, the advantages and opportunities for Hertz, as well as the obstacles of corporate relocation and the hiring process.

About the Speakers Assembly

Members of The Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida attend eight seasonal luncheon events to be enlightened, educated and entertained by the world-class speakers.

"We exist in Southwest Florida to enhance the cultural and educational opportunities in our community," says Arden McCurdy, executive director. Luncheon programs include a question-and-answer session with the speaker. New members are always welcome.

The 2013-14 season continues with:
- Jan. 24: Tom Zenty, CEO of Cleveland-based University Hospitals
- Feb. 7: TBA
- Feb. 14: Ambassador J. Stapleton Roy, director of the Kissinger Institute on China
- March 7: TBA
- March 21: Neil Boortz, author, attorney and former radio talk-show host
- April 4: Ken Feld, CEO of Feld Entertainment, the owners of Disney on Ice and Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus, among others

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Residents invited to have their say about city’s Gordon River Park

The city of Naples’ master plan for Gordon River Park is officially underway, with City Council having accepted architect Matthew Kragh’s offer to volunteer his design services for the project. The park is to be passive by nature, with a focus on providing public access to the Gordon River.

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And for those who want to pick up the phone, the Naples Community Services Department welcomes calls at 213-7120.

City planners and elected officials want to know:

- What type of waterfront activity is missing in Naples that could be provided in the new city park?
- What other waterfront parks should be considered as inspiration for the new park?
- What specific components should be included in the park?

Timeline of public meetings

- Save this list and mark your calendar to attend any or all of these public meetings in City Council chambers at Naples City Hall.
- 8:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 28: Presidents’ Council design charrette meeting
- 4-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8: Stakeholders design charrette meeting and park program discussion
- 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 9: Open meeting for public input
- 9 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12: Community Services Advisory Board master plan update
- 3-6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22: Public input/discussion of initial design concept (design charrette No. 1)
- 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 23: Public input/discussion of initial design concept (design charrette No. 2)
- 9 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10: Community Services Advisory Board master plan update
- 8:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 16: Joint City Council/Community Service Advisory Board meeting
- 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17: Community Services Advisory Board master plan update.
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home. It isn’t just a local kitschy oddity. The domes have their own Facebook page, an honor shared by another white dome surrounded by water, the Jefferson Memorial.

The giant bubbles were once connected by wooden walkways to make a house, a private vacation retreat for the Tennessee family of Bob and Margaret Lee. According to family interviews, Mr. Lee retired early from a lucrative career in oil. He then directed his energies, technical skills and vast imagination toward a miscellany of inventions, with a particular passion for sustainable living.

The Lees also had the good taste to love Soutwest Florida, and so purchased lots on a pristine slice of sand on the bridgeless southwest cape of the ancient isle – Cape Romano.

According to Everglades matriarch Marjory Stoneman Douglas, Cape Romano was named for British surveyor Bernard Roman who sailed by it in 1775. “In the Everglades: River of Grass,” Miss Douglas wrote, “(the cape) juts boldly south, at the head of the Ten Thousand Islands...”

Indian canoes and small Spanish vessels along the winds of 120 mph and Cape Romano in two major hurricanes, Andrew in 1992 and Wilma in 2005, and the gulf’s utter rearrangement of land around them.

Hurricane Wilma came ashore with winds of 155 mph and Cape Romano in her crosshairs. According to a 2009 U.S. Geological Survey, the storm pushed a wall of water 15 feet into the mangroves and spread three to six inches of gulf-bottom muddy sediments across 150 square miles.

The majestic storm did exact her pound from the ancient isle; however, it was not the domes that caved, but the land itself. Nature has bent and broken but not yet destroyed Mr. Lee’s monuments to human ingenuity.

Time and tides have taken their toll. Cape Romano has undergone a transformation, a total reshaping. Morgan Pass, once a navigable stretch of water on the backside of the beach, filled in with sand. Nature has bent and broken but not yet destroyed Mr. Lee’s monuments to human ingenuity.

Mr. Lee’s business may have been oil, but his dome home was designed to live as unerrant on the grid as possible. His Cape Romano creation utilized solar for as unreliant on the grid as possible. His Cape Romano creation utilized solar for as unreliant on the grid as possible. His Cape Romano creation utilized solar for as unreliant on the grid as possible.

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

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

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

Sign-ups for the spring 2014 season start Monday, Oc. 28, and can be completed at www.collierlax.com or in person at Coastland Center Mall between noon and 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 9-10.

For more information, visit the website above.

‘Connect With A Classroom’ grants awarded

Teachers in Collier County Public Schools classrooms received a total of $58,000 in “Connect With A Classroom” grants recently. Champions For Learning-The Education Foundation delivered 14 grants to 39 schools. Awards included $58 for a program called “Watching My Garden Grow” at Avenue Elementary School, $344 for “Exploring the Unconquered Nation” at New Beginnings-Immokalee and $2,000 for the Naples High School JROTC “With A Drum Corps We Can Do More” proposal. Because of a $20,000 charitable gift from Herb and Ann Rowe and $15,000 from the PNC Foundation to support the technology and capacity for the Connect With A Classroom grant program, every penny donated from the community goes to fund innovative teacher requests.

For more information, visit the website above.

Parkside elementary earns grant for books

Parkside Elementary School has been selected as a recipient of a Laura Bush Foundation for America’s Libraries “Grant to School Libraries.” Through the grant, the school will receive $5,000 to add books to its media center’s library collection. The school is one of 212 schools in the country to receive the grant this year.

For additional information and a personal tour, please call: Laura Pelletier at 239-417-6111

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NONPROFIT NEWS

The 2013 Red Kettle Campaign for Collier County kicks off at The Salvation Army’s annual gala and auction on Friday, Nov. 1, at the Hilton Naples. Volunteer bell ringers are needed to work the kettles at locations throughout the community Nov. 15-Dec. 24.

Honorary chair of this year’s gala is Paige Eber Fraley; emcee of the evening is Haley Webb, chief meteorologist at NBC2. Guest auctioneer is Jay Severson.

Among the silent and live auction items are a Martina B. cocktail ring from Yamron Jewelers and vacations in Italy, Napa Valley and Banff, Alberta. The complete list of items up for bid can be viewed at www.salvationarmynaples.org (click on Gala Auction).

Tickets are $200 per person. For reservations and for information about becoming a bell ringer, call 775-9447.

Friends of Foster Children of Southwest Florida has been chosen to benefit from Preferred Travel of Naples’ eighth annual travel showcase, “Explore the World … Your Way,” set for Monday, Oct. 21.

More than 40 of Preferred Travel’s luxury travel partners from throughout the world will present information about domestic and international travel by private jet, luxury cruise ships, cultural tours and adventure travel from African safaris to exploring the Galapagos.

Friends of Foster Children provides social, educational and financial support to abused, neglected and abandoned children in Southwest Florida’s foster care system.

Each year, Preferred Travel of Naples donates all proceeds from the travel showcase to a charitable organization. Past recipients include Boys and Girls Club of Collier County, Neighborhood Health Clinic, The Immokalee Foundation, The Founders Fund, the Shelter for Abused Women & Children and the David Lawrence Center.

Reservations to the travel showcase are required. For more information, call 261-3177.

The James Madison Institute will welcome Stephen Hayes as the keynote speaker at its annual Naples luncheon Thursday, Nov. 14, The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Mr. Hayes is a senior writer at The Weekly Standard and a regular FOX News contributor on “Special Report with Brit Hume.”

He has written extensively about national politics and international affairs and reported on the 2012 presidential elections. Before joining FOX, he was part of CNN’s “Best Political Team on Television,” which won a Peabody Award for its coverage of the 2008 elections.

Tickets to the luncheon are $75 for JMI members, $100 for others. VIP packages and sponsorships are also available. For more information, call (850) 386-3131, e-mail Jenny Stone at jstone@jamesmadison.org or visit www.jmi-naplesluncheon.org.

Back (standing from left to right): Robert Haynes, Patrick Keen, Keith Embree, Test Cepicie, Bexlee Bankshawe, Lori Brewster, Jim Johnsdalman, Joe Charlton, Donna Smith. Front (seated from left to right): Christi Lunsford, Peggy Lindenberg, Patty Luppy, Adria Starkey.

Starky added, “I am thrilled to have the opportunity to join FineMark. I am most excited about the culture of this company and its mission to build extraordinary relationships. I am also pleased to be working with a remarkable group of people. I look forward to building the FineMark name in Collier County.”

Starkey, along with the 11 other new hires, will join Keith Embree, who has been working in Naples since 2011. Each team member has spent a significant amount of time in the Naples market.

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- The Crazy 8K (4.97 miles) and 2-Mile Walk to benefit Lighthouse of Collier and the Bonita Springs Lions Eye Clinic sets out Sunday, morning, Oct. 27, at Vineyards Community Park. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes worn by adults and children. Call 272-9797 or visit www.gcrunner.org.

- The third annual Sunset & Suds 5K sponsored by the Naples North Rotary Club is set for Friday, Nov. 1. The route starts at Vanderbilt Beach Road and Gulf Shore Drive and finishes at the Turtle Club for paella and suds on the beach. Registration is $23 per person in advance, $25 on day of the race. Call 250-5085, e-mail sunsetsand5k@gmail.com or follow sunsetsand5k on Facebook.

- The fourth annual Southwest Florida Epilepsy Walkathon takes place from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 2, at North Collier Regional Park. Sign up as an individual or form a team to step out to raise funds for the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida. All walkers who raise $50 will receive a T-shirt. Raise $125 or more and get a $500 gift certificate to Best Buy. For registration or more information, call 353-8140 or e-mail Danny Rosenfeld at dbrosenfeld08@gmail.com.

- Conservancy of Southwest Florida invites amateur anglers to sign up for the 20th annual RedSnook Catch and Release Charity Tournament. Proceeds support the Conservancy’s efforts to protect area waters and fund juvenile game fish research.

A kick-off party and auction take place Friday evening, Nov. 1, at the Naples Yacht Club. Anglers will launch from locations in Naples, Goodland and Everglades City the mornings of Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 2-3. The tournament concludes with an awards ceremony at 6 p.m. Nov. 3, at the Conservancy’s Nature Center.

Registration is limited to the first 60 teams that sign up by Oct. 25. Forms for anglers are available at www.conservancy.org/redsnook.

- The 12th annual Earl Morrall/NFL Alumni Celebrity Charity Golf Classic takes places Monday, Nov. 4, at Hideout Golf Club. A cocktail party and silent auction take place Thursday, Nov. 1, at the Naples Yacht Club. Anglers will launch from locations in Naples, Goodland and Everglades City the mornings of Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 2-3. The tournament concludes with an awards ceremony at 6 p.m. Nov. 3, at the Conservancy’s Nature Center.

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Avow hospice regatta invites sailors and spectators

The 2013 Avow Hospice Regatta sets sail Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 16-17, off the shores of Marco Island and will include racing and on-shore activities. Activities at sea begin with a memorial ring ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday, and the races start at 10:30 a.m. Non-sailors can book passage on a spectator boat ($30 per person includes lunch) or attend a beach party hosted by the Marco Island Civic Association at Residents’ Beach (free admission). Activities at the beach will include games and sailing commentary including race progress.

The regatta’s culminating shore party begins at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Marco Island Yacht Club and will include an awards ceremony, cocktails, light supper, silent auction and musical entertainment. Admission is $57 per person. Spectator boat passage and/or shore party admission can be purchased in advance by calling 649-3683 or online by visiting www.avowcares.org/events. The Avow Hospice Regatta is a SouthWest Florida “Boat of the Year” race. Racing sailors and pleasure cruisers are invited to participate. For information about race entry, call racing co-chairs Lois Dixon at (513) 205-7047 or Chuck Downton at (513) 205-4608 or visit the website above.

Avow was founded in 1983 as Collier County’s original, non-profit hospice. Today, Avow’s companies care not only for those who are terminally ill, but also for those who have serious and chronic illnesses or who have suffered great loss. To learn more about the scope of services provided by Avow, call 262-6404 or visit www.avowcares.org.

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  Vineyards Boulevard and Vanderbilt Beach Road: Aggressive driving Davis and Lakewood boulevards: Red-light running
  Bayshore Drive: Aggressive driving
  ■ Tuesday, Oct. 29
  Collier Boulevard and Golden Gate Parkway: Speeding
  White Boulevard and 31st Street
  ■ Wednesday, Oct. 30
  U.S. 41 North and Old U.S. 41: Red-light running
  Cypress Way East: Aggressive driving
  Logan Boulevard and Pine Ridge Road: Red-light running
  ■ Thursday, Oct. 31
  Goodlette-Frank and Pine Ridge roads: Red-light running
  Vanderbilt Beach Road and Vanderbilt Drive: Aggressive driving
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WEEKLY TRAFFIC ALERTS

The AARP offers driver safety classes to help drivers learn new traffic laws, refresh their driving skills and reduce their risk for tickets and accidents. Drivers over age 55 become eligible for a discount on auto insurance.

Registration is $12 for AARP members, $14 for others. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the organization’s office.

■ Friday, Oct. 25: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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BY KAYDEE TUFF AND RON HARTUNG

No sooner had the ink dried on Dr. Javier Rosado’s study of obesity in Immokalee than he transformed from academic observer into anti-obesity coach.

In his paper last March in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, the Florida State University College of Medicine assistant professor and psychologist at Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida concluded: “Interventions are needed that address both childhood obesity and parent weight status among Latino migrant farm workers.”

He didn’t wait for someone else to provide those interventions. For Dr. Rosado, clinical training director for psychology at the FSU College of Medicine’s Health Education Site, the people of this migrant-rich community are not just research subjects; they’re his neighbors.

With the support of the FSU College of Medicine, University of Florida IFAS-Extension Family Nutrition Program, and Immokalee Arts in Health, Dr. Rosado assembled a team of medical personnel, nutrition educators, a soccer coach and a Zumba instructor to create Salud Immokalee, a year-long multi-disciplinary program designed to help youngsters and their parents make healthy lifestyle choices.

The concept of managed health care is the core mission of the Healthcare Network, which provides primary medical and dental care to more than 45,000 patients annually at 13 locations throughout Collier County. More recently, the network expanded its behavioral health services to 4,000 patients annually at 13 locations through a partnership with FSU.

Unlike Little League or ballet lessons, Salud Immokalee includes an education component on the dangers of obesity and the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. The program targeted 30 Healthcare Network pediatric patients ages 6-11 with a body mass index at or above the 95th percentile. Most of these children have high cholesterol, high blood pressure and are already at risk for developing diabetes. Without intervention, they face a lifetime of poor health.

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Cerner partnership proves a win-win

One important reason that NCH has steadily improved the care we deliver to patients is our seven-year partnership with Cerner, the information technology specialists. Forbes has recognized Cerner as the seventh most innovative company in America and the 18th most innovative company in the world. Two years ago, Cerner had the largest research and development department devoted to health care IT in the world, and has since added 50 percent more capacity.

Our partnership has been so eventful and mutually beneficial that at the recent annual Cerner Health Conference (attended by 10,000 health-care and IT professionals from 667 systems and 23 countries), NCH Chief Nursing Officer Michele Thoman was chosen to follow Cerner CEO Neal Patterson’s keynote address. Ms. Thoman’s prestigious role at the conference was emblematic of an alliance between two successful and growing institutions.

I had the privilege of introducing Mr. Patterson to a smaller group of select colleagues at the conference who share a similar deep and growing relationship with Cerner. I compared Mr. Patterson with others who have contributed over the recent decades to changing the way we practice health care, among them: Alexander Fleming and the beginning of the antibiotic era in the 1940s; Morton Levin, who made the connection between tobacco and lung cancer in the 1950s; and John Charnley, who did the first total hip replacement in the 1960s.

Mr. Patterson and two colleagues left secure jobs to start an IT company that initially helped pathologists with billing. From that modest start and after more than a decade of struggle, their Cerner Corp. has had as profound an effect on the health-care industry as any of their predecessors.

Mr. Patterson’s keynote stressed the need to evolve quickly from in-patient emphasis on electronic health or medical records — which all successful hospitals will have within a decade — to a new business model based on connectivity, interoperability and the ability to predict and subsequently prevent illness. This digital health-care data, he said, must be utilized intelligently to discover problems, predict illnesses and prevent disease.

Our own Ms. Thoman followed Mr. Patterson by sharing NCH’s IT story, emphasizing our use in North Naples of a new mobility and communications program for smart phones that brings together communications, alarm management and nursing workflow tools on a single device. By mid-winter we will have our entire system using iPhones to connect.

Being intertwined with a world IT leader such as Cerner expands the scope of the competencies we can deliver to our patients and our community. It is a partnership that has helped us immeasurably, and one we look forward to enhancing in the years ahead.

— Dr. Allen Weiss is president and CEO of the NCH Healthcare System.
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According to UF IFAS Extension nutrition educator Suzanne Fundingland, the key to classroom success was to present the information not as a “diet” but as a way of life for the family.

The typical roadblocks to healthy eating for migrant families include lack of knowledge about how food affects health, lack of adequate kitchen equipment and facilities to prepare and store fresh foods and lack of transportation to shop on a regular basis, Ms. Fundingland says.

Despite the challenges, participants were eager to put their classroom knowledge to work, she adds. “One mom talked about how she was changing the way she made her tortillas — without fat — and her family was OK with it, which surprised her. Another mom was going to start substituting whole wheat flour in her tortillas.”

Salud Immokalee participants recently celebrated “graduation night.” While parents got reminders about diet and exercise, children reviewed the food groups and yelled out examples of exercise, children reviewed the food groups and yelled out examples of exercise.

Beyond the health benefits, what surprised her. Another mom was going to start substituting whole wheat flour in her tortillas.

“They don’t have extended family members. They don’t know many people. They end up isolated in their homes.” Now they have a support group. And hope.

— Ron Hartung is the assistant director of communications at FSU College of Medicine. Kaydee Tuff is communications coordinator for the Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida. For more information about programs and services offered by the network, visit www.healthcareswfl.org.

Women’s lunch all about heart

The Collier/Lee County Chapter of Hadassah, the Women’s Zionist Organization of America, hosts a luncheon program about women’s heart health at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, at The Club at Old Cypress. All are welcome.

Keynote speaker Dr. Tracey Roth is medical director of the catheterization laboratory at Naples Community Hospital and practices interventional cardiology at the NCH Heart Institute.

Cost is $27. Reservations are required by Oct. 24. To RSVP or for more information, call 598-1009.

Hazelden hosts Hodges program

Hazelden addiction treatment center presents a free symposium, “Motivating Change: Addiction Treatment versus Incarceration,” from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, at Hodges University. The panel discussion will focus on the powerful relationship between addiction, mental health and criminal behavior as well as the rationale for addiction treatment versus incarceration. Brenda Iliff, executive director of Hazelden in Naples, will moderate. The symposium will take place in the main auditorium at 2655 Northbrooke Drive. For more information, call 659-2351 or e-mail mcampbell@hazelden.org.
PET TALES
Stress less

BY DR. MARTY BECKER AND KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON

Universal Under

Taking a pet to the emergency hospital is something none of us wants to do. It's scary and stressful for you and your dog or cat. We've been there more times than we like to think about, and we have some tips to help you cope. We hope you won't ever need to use them, but tuck them away in the back of your mind just in case.

Protect yourself when handling a sick or injured animal. Even the most docile dog or cat can bite when in pain. Keep a muzzle on hand or ask your veterinarian to show you how to safely tie one using a scarf or tie.

Be patient. Your pet won't be seen in the order of arrival. Animals who are most unstable will be seen first.

“We do them in order of medical need,” says our friend and colleague Dr. Tony Johnson, an emergency and critical care specialist at the Purdue University College of Veterinary Medicine. “If I have a wake-up-and-a-dog with diarrhea, even if the dog with diarrhea has been waiting two hours, the wake-up-and is going to get seen first.”

The only time someone jumps that line, he says, is if they’re bringing in a pet to be seen immediately. Even the most docile animal can bite when in pain. Keep a scarf or tie.

Know when to go. Some things are serious and need immediate attention. Other things can wait. Here are some situations where you need to take your pet to the emergency hospital.

• bloody diarrhea
• difficulty breathing
• distress from excessively hot or cold temperatures
• eye injuries
• frequent or projectile vomiting
• seizures
• serious trauma, such as being hit by a car
• straining to urinate or defecate
• sudden lameness
• unconsciousness or collapse
• venomous snake or spider bites
• weight loss
• unexplained behavior changes
• vomiting blood
• fever
• paralysis
• blindness

Know when to take your pet to the emergency hospital.

Don’t forget your wallet in your mad rush out of the house. Most veterinary hospitals won’t treat your pet without proof that you can pay for care. Your regular veterinary hospital might do that if you’ve been a client for years — they know where you live and that you’re probably not going to skip town — but an emergency hospital isn’t in that position.

“If it sounds avaricious, but there are not too many emergency hospitals that process credit card payments,” Dr. Johnson says. “ERs usually see those who aren’t. They’re not trying to be greedy.”

Know when to go. Some things are obvious. Take your pet to the emergency hospital in the following situations:

1. Allergic reactions
2. Any animal bite
3. Blurred belly
4. Bloated belly
5. Bloating
6. Bloody diarrhea
7. Difficulty breathing
8. Distress from excessively hot or cold temperatures
9. Eye injuries
10. Frequent or projectile vomiting
11. Heavy bleeding
12. Ingestion of a toxic substance, such as anti-freeze, human medications or snail bait
13. Seizures
14. Serious trauma, such as being hit by a car
15. Straining to urinate or defecate
16. Sudden lameness
17. Unconsciousness or collapse
18. Venomous snake or spider bites

If you’re not sure, well, we recommend erring on the side of caution. Like their counterparts in human medicine, veterinary emergency clinics are expensive, but sometimes the cost of a visit is a price worth paying for peace of mind. And when a visit saves your pet’s life? Priceless.

To adopt a pet
Dogs and cats adopted from the Humane Society Naples come with vaccinations, sterilization surgery, ID microchip and 30 days of 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 satellite adoption center at Coastland Center during mall hours. Call 434-1555 or visit HSNaples.org for more information.
What's so wonderful about the worm?

Several years ago, a friend who knows me very well gifted me with a little wall plaque that reads: “The early bird gets the worm, but has a very boring social life.” While some might find the phrase cute or funny, I consider them words of wisdom. My personal motto. My mantra, even. When it comes to mornings, I am decidedly diva-esque. I have never, ever, EVER been a morning person. I tend to think it might even be genetic. My dear mother was a big fan of “sleeping in.” In fact, whenever my dad would take me to Sunday morning services and some of the nosy church ladies would ask him why my mom wasn’t there, he’d just smile and tell them that she preferred to worship at St. Mattress. Meanwhile, we always had house cats, so to get me up for school in the morning, my father would resort to putting kittens all over my bed — it was the only thing that worked. When I was 12 and got a job delivering the Dayton Daily News during a particularly cold Ohio winter, getting out of my warm, comfy bed at 4 a.m. was pure torture. So you can probably guess how thrilled my mom was to be woken up by umpteen phone calls from livid newspaper subscribers along my route nearly every morning. The next job I got was when I was 15 — as a bus girl in a restaurant — at night. A much better fit, career wise. I have always been and always will be a night owl, and I no longer apologize for it. I blame Benjamin Franklin for labeling morning people as virtuous with that whole “Early to bed, early to rise …” nonsense. Mornings do nothing for me. First of all, the morning lighting is harsh and unflattering, while sunset casts such warm, soft rays — everyone looks better at sunset. Also, morning traffic is just awful, loud and chaotic and speedy and scary. And then there are morning events, which I rarely cover for obvious reasons, but also because there’s no sparkle. Everyone is wearing business suits and nametags and drinking coffee and acting way to perky — it’s like they’re all congratulating themselves for getting up when it was still pitch black outside and attending an event before they even go to work. I’ll admit it right now: I’m not even crazy about luncheons, because usually you have to be there at the crack of 10:30 a.m. I’m attracted to evening events. Give me cocktail dresses, martinis and music. I know, I know that the early bird gets the worm. But honestly, I really do not want the worm. Give me the stars instead.

A milestone Hospital Ball

When it comes to the ultimate night out with lots and lots of sparkle and glitter, nothing trumps the NCH Hospital Ball year after year — for 55 years. And the fact that it’s happening this Saturday, Oct. 26, means that gala season is officially underway. Co-presenting sponsors are TeamHealth and DeAngelis Diamond Healthcare Group, and with Sen. Garrett and Diana Richter as chairs and Mary Jane Briggs as honorary chair, the 55th annual ball at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort is THE hot ticket of the fall. A limited number of tickets remain available for $500 per person, with all proceeds earmarked to benefit the expansion of the Pediatric Emergency Department at the North Naples campus of NCH. Call 624-2000 for more info.

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

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Claude Masters, FPL manager of vehicle acquisition and fuel, calls it an “internal phenomenon,” a new company culture focused on fuel savings.

FPL has amassed more than 550 vehicles that are either plug-in hybrids, electric-gas hybrids or all-electric. These electric vehicles make up about 92 percent of the company’s light-duty fleet. The largest utility in the state, FPL possesses one of the largest hybrid-electric fleets in the nation.

"Automotive Fleet Magazine ranks us up with the big guys: UPS, FedEx, Coca-Cola," Mr. Masters says. “We’re No. 8 in the nation. That’s a pretty good statistic.”

FPL has gone electric, the company wants to go more electric and it wants you to go electric too. But FPL sells electricity. To those who think an electric company pushing electric cars might be self-serving, FPL management maintains that besides being better for the environment and reducing the country’s dependency on foreign oil, electric vehicles lower their operating costs, and if their operating costs go down, customer bills could go down.

“Electric vehicles are 80 percent cheaper to operate,” says Anne-Louise Seabury, FPL Electric Vehicles Program Manager. “Reducing our operating costs helps us reduce customer bills.”

FPL execs want to increase their electric fleet across all product lines, meaning any new vehicle they acquire, would be electric.
The final filing deadline for taxes was on Oct. 1, but for many high-income filers, there is no rest for the tax weary. Taxes remain very much on their minds and, after reading this column, might be elevated to the top priority concern.

U.S. taxpayers in upper income brackets are feeling the effects of increased levels of taxation and they rightly worry that tax increases and new levies are not over. The issue of taxation has become a prominent global discussion, so much so, that the International Monetary Fund just released a report titled “Taxing Times.”

The IMF considers global taxation to be within the purview of its pontificating, as it is concerned about the world’s monetary and debt conditions.

Taxation is thought by many political leaders to be the solution to their problems. Their reasoning is quite simple: taxation forms that satisfy an economy’s growth are tied to economic activity). Therefore, diminished future tax receipts that impact a country’s GDP growth (and thus, overall fiscal performance) will ultimately slow down the economy and earnings growth. Thus, it remains important to lower public debt, although it will inevitably be a slow process.

How will it be done? Per the IMF report, advanced economies will move to capture more tax revenue dollars. Some of the “coolest” companies have led the multinational pack by creating “mind-boggling complexity” to evade taxes. “Google, Starbucks, and other household names have famously managed to pay very little corporate tax” but the IMF report, in its search for more revenue from the corporate income tax (Gravelle, 2013).” Some of the “coolest” companies have led the multinational pack by creating “mind-boggling complexity” to evade taxes. “Google, Starbucks, and other household names have famously managed to pay very little corporate tax” but the IMF report, in its search for more tax revenue dollars. The report reviews the many varied forms of taxation and looks at their effects on long-term growth. The concern is quite simple: taxation forms that satisfy an immediate need for funds might negatively impact a country’s GDP growth (and therefore diminish future tax receipts that are tied to economic activity).

In Layman’s terms, corporate taxation should be the last form of taxation to be toyed with (as increases and constant changing of corporate tax rates discourage corporate capital investment/formation). In IMF jargon: “The effects of the tax mix on long-term growth have been widely studied. The common approach suggests that corporate income taxes have the most negative effect, followed by labor income taxes, then consumption taxes, and finally property taxes. In line with this “growth hierarchy,” a recent IMF work finds, for a wide set of countries, that a revenue-neutral rebalancing that reduces income taxes while increasing consumption and property taxes is associated with faster long-term growth (Acosta-Ormaeche and Yoo, 2012).”

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The report reviews the many varied forms of taxation and looks at their effects on long-term growth. The concern is quite simple: taxation forms that satisfy an immediate need for funds might negatively impact a country’s GDP growth (and therefore diminish future tax receipts that are tied to economic activity).

In Layman’s terms, corporate taxation should be the last form of taxation to be toyed with (as increases and constant changing of corporate tax rates discourage corporate capital investment/formation). In IMF jargon: “The effects of the tax mix on long-term growth have been widely studied. The common approach suggests that corporate income taxes have the most negative effect, followed by labor income taxes, then consumption taxes, and finally property taxes. In line with this “growth hierarchy,” a recent IMF work finds, for a wide set of countries, that a revenue-neutral rebalancing that reduces income taxes while increasing consumption and property taxes is associated with faster long-term growth (Acosta-Ormaeche and Yoo, 2012).”

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Possibly the most frightening part is the IMF report’s ending… which proposed the merits of a special, onetime tax on the very wealthy. The very wealthy should take heed that the worst might possibly be yet to come, as a capital levy is already being suggested and discussed by world leaders.

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Board Appointments

Collier Child Care Resources has welcomed two new members on its board of directors and six new members on its advisory board. The board members are Kristin Seeger, a principal with the advertising and marketing firm of Seeger & Associates; and Joseph Davidow, managing member and trial attorney with the Naples firm of Davi- dow Law. New advisory board members are Sasa Henry, a licensed marriage and family therapist; Amy Landrum, owner of Florida PC Distributors; William Myers, partner, Porter Wright Morris & Arthur; Trista Hines, Florida Community Bank; Indira Mahraj, Iberia Bank; Dennis Froshdham, retired CFO, Judson College; and Jeanne Sweeney, CEO, the Above Board Chamber of Commerce, the American Cancer Society of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, the American Cancer Society of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. The executive committee of the board of trustees for the Community Founda- tion of Collier County for 2013-14 is as follows: Alan Horton, retired head of the newspaper division of the E.W. Scripps Company; chair; Dennis Brown, trust and estate attorney at Bond, Schoeneck & King, chair-elect; Jennifer Walker, a former journalist and retired public relations executive, secretary; William Lange, senior offi- cer for the Naples office of Regions Bank Private Wealth Management, trea- surer; and Thomas McCann, retired vice president of public affairs for Br Isto-McSquib, immediate past chair. Returning executive committee members are Kim Ciccarelli Kantor, president and co-founder of Ciccarelli Advisory Services; and Deborah Rus- sell, a principal of Cummings & Lock- wood in the Naples office. New board members are Mary Lynn Myers and Robert Bulloch.

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Awards and Recognition

Wilma Boyd, president and CEO of Preferred Travel of Naples, has been named the first recipi- ent of the Manic Tooke Trailblazer Award at the Excellence in Industry Awards lun- cheon hosted by the Naples Chamber of Collier’s Future Economy, an initia- tive of The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Manic Tooke has long been known by many as the mother of Naples; the award named for her is given to a woman or minority-owned business owner who has shown excep- tional achievement and admirable community- leadership qualities, a profes- sional whose leadership is an example to the community and whose combina- tion of hard work and determination serves as inspiration to others.

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they want it to be electric, even medium or heavy-duty trucks. The company was instrumental in the development of hybrid-electric bucket trucks, designing the specs and deploying the first truck of its kind in 2005.

“In 2012 we were able to reduce our CO2 emissions by 2,500 metric tons,” says Mr. Masters, attributing the decline to the company’s hybrids, plug-in hybrids, all-electric vehicles and their biodiesel fleet, which includes hybrid-electric bucket trucks.

“We calculated 295,000 gallons of fuel reduction over the last year,” Mr. Masters continues. “And we’re seeing that number grow.” It’s difficult to convert those gallons into monetary terms, as the price of fuel fluctuates, but Mr. Masters says if you multiply those gallons by a conservative $3.50 per gallon, that’s over a million dollars in fuel savings.

Mr. Masters says FPL has made public commitments to increase its electric fleet because the company wants to mobilize the marketplace. “Our intent is to send a signal to these guys: ‘If you build it, we will buy it,’” he says. “And we’re putting our money where our mouth is. For instance, we have 74 hybrid-electric bucket trucks and we intend to add another 30 to 35 this next year … These guys building these medium, heavy-duty trucks, we want them to know, the market is real!”

Mr. Masters says natural gas seems to be the “soup du jour,” but when trying to decide whether to go the natural-gas route or the electric-hybrid route, he likes to remind people that natural gas does not have an established infrastructure, but when it comes to electric, the infrastructure’s already there.

Even in the exaggerated event of every Floridian going out and buying an electric car tomorrow, Ms. Seabury says FPL would not be concerned with its electric grid. The company has noticed most electric car owners charge their cars at night, not at a time of peak power use.

“People overcomplicate electric vehicles. They are very simple,” says Ms. Seabury, who has been driving an electric car for over two years. “You plug it in at night, the car does its thing while you’re sleeping, you wake up and go about your business.”

Ms. Seabury says Floridians are responding to the appeal, with more than 5,200 electric vehicle owners in the state. She encourages anyone to take a test drive when they can. Beyond saving money and the environment, she says people buy electric cars for the thrill of the ride.

The Lee County Electric Cooperatives has been keeping an eye on electric vehicles. LCEC serves 200,000 customers in five counties. Public Relations Manager Karen Ryan says that’s “small potatoes” compared to FPL’s 4.6 million accounts across 35 counties.

“Our fleet, although adequate for our customer base, is not that large. We have an excellent preventative maintenance program so we typically don’t need to purchase replacement vehicles that often, one or two a year maybe,” Ms. Ryan says.

LCEC has approximately 65 heavy-duty trucks and 150 smaller trucks and vans. But compared to FPL’s total fleet of roughly 3,508 vehicles, Ms. Ryan says LCEC savings would be limited.

“We are keeping an eye on the developments in vehicle technology and exploring our options to see when electric vehicles might be beneficial for our business,” Ms. Ryan says. “The last time we evaluated it, it was not cost effective for us.”

LCEC purchased a hybrid car in 2002 and Ms. Ryan says when the timing is right, the company will be part of the electric vehicle movement. As far as the conundrum of electric utilities pushing electric cars, Ms. Ryan agrees with FPL. “Promoting electric vehicles isn’t self-serving for utilities for several reasons. We have an obligation to help preserve/conserve natural resources,” she says. “Conserving fuel resources that are used to power vehicles makes a positive impact on the customer’s wallet. If you compare the cost of a kilowatt to the cost of a gallon of gasoline, there is no comparison.”

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NABOR numbers are in, and the market looks strong

The Naples area real estate market is outperforming last year’s third quarter activity as shown by three key indicators: sales, median closed price and inventory.

According to the latest report from the Naples Area Board of Realtors, which tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island), the Naples area housing market’s third quarter 2013 Southwest Florida MLS statistics demonstrate:

- A 22 percent increase in overall sales from 1,882 units in the third quarter of 2012 to 2,290 units in the third quarter of 2013.

- A 24 percent increase in overall median home prices, from $190,000 in the third quarter of 2012 to $235,000 in the current reported third quarter.

- A 20 percent decrease in overall inventory from 6,195 units in the third quarter 2012 to 4,964 units in the third quarter 2013.

- Overall closed sales for the third quarter of 2013 increased 48 percent in the $500-$1 million segment, from 196 properties sold in the third quarter of 2012 to 290 properties sold in the third quarter of 2013; and increased 128 percent in the $2 million and above segment, from 36 properties sold in the third quarter of 2012 to 82 properties sold in the third quarter of 2013.

- Wes Kunkle of Kunkle Realty, NABOR president, describes the local market as “a prime example of economics. It’s the law of supply and demand,” he says.

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Home inventory (supply) is decreasing, home sales (demand) are increasing, and we continue to see an increase in the median closed price of homes. The decline in inventory is a good sign. People are buying homes.

Cindy Carroll of the real estate appraisal and consultancy firm Carroll & Carroll says, “These factors contribute to increasing values in many market sectors and necessitate the use of time adjustments in appraisals to accurately measure current market value. Leading the pack are property values up to $300,000.”

— Cindy Carroll
Real estate appraiser

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The NABOR 2013 third quarter report provides comparisons of single-family home and condominium sales (via the Southwest Florida MLS), price ranges and geographic segmentation and includes an overall market summary. Second quarter sales statistics are presented in chart format, including these overall (single-family and condominium) findings:

■ The overall average days on the market decreased 18 percent from 174 days in the third quarter 2012 to 143 days in the third quarter 2013.
■ Overall pending sales increased 8 percent from 2,362 in the third quarter 2012 to 2,548 in the third quarter 2013.
■ Condominium closed sales increased 31 percent from 869 in the third quarter 2012 to 1,142 in the third quarter 2013.
■ Naples coastal area overall pending sales increased 14 percent reflecting 439 pending sales in the third quarter 2013 compared to 388 pending sales in the third quarter 2012.

The NABOR report for September 2013 reflects sales statistics presented in chart format, including these overall single-family and condominium statistics:

■ Overall closed sales increased 45 percent in the $2 million-plus category from 213 closed sales in the 12 months ending September 2012 to 303 closed sales in the 12 months ending September 2013.
■ Overall inventory decreased by 20 percent from 6,195 properties in September 2012 to 2,548 in the third quarter 2013.
■ Overall pending sales in the Naples coastal area increased 14 percent from 1,985 pending sales to 2,255 pending sales, and closed sales increased 17 percent from 1,279 closed sales to 2,066 closed sales for the 12 months ending in September 2013.

Condominium closed sales increased 102 percent from 49 sales to 100 sales in the 12 months ending September 2013.

“Demand for homes in the coastal area is driving activity in other segments due to reduced inventory,” says Kathy Zorn of Florida Home Realty. “Demand is also aggressive in the condominium market regardless of location,” Mr. Kunkle says. View the entire report at www.NaplesArea.com.

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Miomar Development Corp. this month marks its 15th anniversary in south Lee County. The corporation’s properties include Miomar Outlets shopping mall, Miomar Lakes Beach & Golf Club residential community and the Miomar Design Center for home furnishing; plans are in progress for University Village, a student and faculty housing community and retail center to complement Florida Gulf Coast University.

The construction phase of these projects to date has created more than 1,000 jobs and has resulted in more than 2,500 sustainable jobs at Miomar Development’s commercial properties. More than 2,000 people live in Miomar Lakes, and the company’s properties have generated more than $45 million in tax revenue and development fees for the county. Miomar Lakes Beach Club was honored in 2010 with the National Association of Home Builders’ Gold Award for Best Clubhouse, and in 2011 the community earned the NAHB Gold Award for Community of the Year.

The vision for each of the corporation’s award-winning properties was that of company founder and CEO Margaret Antonier, who previously developed retail and commercial buildings in Canada and elsewhere in the U.S.

The company’s philanthropic efforts include Lee County’s Golisano Children’s Hospital in Southwest Florida. Miomar also brought the Dancing Classrooms program to the state of Florida for the first time in 2008. The television program for Title I schools is funded by Miomar Outlets and administered by the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools.

“We are part of this community,” says Ms. Antonier. “The entire Miomar team is committed to making Southwest Florida a better place to live. Our employees volunteer their time for the charitable events at Miomar and to countless other charities and causes.

REAL ESTATE RUNDUP

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In a press release announcing the affiliation, Rick Moeser, senior vice president of Christie’s International Real Estate, said, “It is an honor to welcome Campbell & Prebish to our esteemed network.”

Thomas Campbell of Campbell & Prebish added, “Being selected to exclusively represent Christie’s International Real Estate is not only great for our competitive edge in the marketplace, but furthers the reach of our international representation.”

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One of two Edison inventory homes nearing completion in Amador at Fiddler’s Creek. COURTESY PHOTO

The following new sales associates have joined John R. Wood Realtors:

In the Bonita Springs office: Jill Kushner and Corey Wayland. Mr. Kushner previously worked in broadcasting for NBC-2 and ABC-7. She has 17 years of experience in real estate. Mr. Wayland is a graduate of South Plains College and Texas Tech University. Prior to joining the real estate industry in 2006, he worked in banking, property management, sales and purchasing.

In the North Naples office: Robert Kapish and Lynne Hancock. Mr. Kapish is a graduate of California State University, Fullerton. He previously worked in retail as a vice president and store manager for Macy’s for 27 years. Ms. Hancock is a graduate of Stetson University and the University of South Florida.

In the Central office: Peter Zouck and Stacey Healy-Dooney. Mr. Zouck attended the University of Maryland and Loyola College and holds a bachelor’s degree in economics and an MBA in finance. Ms. Healy-Dooney attended Ramapo College of New Jersey and Hodges University and holds a degree in interdisciplinary studies. Prior to real estate, Healy-Dooney worked in sales for corporate health and wellness benefit plans.

The following have joined the Vanderbilt office of Premier Sotheby’s International Realty: Joseph Buch, Lizette Candela and Craig Curran. Mr. Buch’s professional career spans numerous genres including general real estate, commercial real estate, legal practice, fundraising and finances. He earned a law degree from the West Virginia University College of Law in Morgantown, WVa., and graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a bachelor’s degree in Economics. He previously was a broker associate at Premier Commercial Properties, Grubb & Ellis/VIP D’Alessandro in Bonita Springs.

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

Mr. Curran has 30 years of real estate experience, having started his career in his hometown of St. Louis, Mo. He relocated to Naples in 2012. He holds a master’s degree in music composition from Walt Disney’s California Institute of the Arts and performing on the piano at local art galleries and for charitable events.

The following associates have joined the Naples Parkshore and The Ritz-Carlton offices of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Realty: Lynn Applebaum, Christine Higgins and Jody Levy, all formerly of Coldwell Banker; and Erica Risher and Lou Sut- douk, both formerly of Weichert Realtors.

Marc Boatman has joined Neal Communities as a builder responsible for construction operations in the Canopy community in Naples and Villa Palmers in Estero. Mr. Boatman has more than 18 years of experience in systems design, new construction project management and operations supervision for large-scale initiatives. He started his career as a draftsman for Tiger Tractor Corp., in Lee’s Summit, Mo., where he was promoted to vice president- engineering. After relocating to Southwest Florida, he became a construction manager for Harthan Homes of South Florida.

B. R. Horton is nearing completion on two Edison inventory homes at Amador, an enclave of 38 homes in Fiddler’s Creek. The one-story Edison has 1,983 square feet under air with three bedrooms, two baths and a den. Base price is $404,990.

The inventory home at 9304 Canaile Circle features options including upgraded maple kitchen cabinets with expanded crown molding; upgraded Venetian bronze hardware in the kitchen, bathrooms and laundry; granite laundry countertops; stainless steel countertops; upscale fixtures; and the furniture package will include dark tan brick pavers and Stonehurst waterfall tile. The lanai area will be prepared for an optional outdoor kitchen. This inventory home also will be staged with furniture and the furniture package will be available as an optional purchase. This Edison is priced at $495,207, and will be available staged with furniture as an optional purchase.

The inventory home at 9353 Campanile Circle also features extensive options, including the gas pool and spa package with a raised deck area and sheer-deep waterfall. The lanai area will be prepared for an optional outdoor kitchen. This inventory home also will be staged with furniture and the furniture package will be available as an optional purchase. This Edison is current priced at $499,957.

Three floor plans are available in the Amador community, all with a 2-car garage. The following floor plans are available: Courtyard entry, lanai, 2-car garage and landscaping package.

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Players set stage for a gothic spoof and an American classic

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HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO WALK THROUGH THE SCREEN OF YOUR VIDEO GAME AND STEP RIGHT INTO THE ACTION?

Daniel Ruke, who goes by just his last name, knows how you feel. He’s wanted to jump into the video games he plays, too.

And now he’s created a way to do just that: a video-game theme park and resort.

Dubbed Game Nation, the actual park won’t open for several years — at least seven, Ruke says — but on Friday, Nov. 1, Game Nation Celebration in downtown Naples holds its inaugural immersive video game celebration.

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The Naples Players’ production of “Our Town” is directed by James D. Chalmers, who also directed the Naples Players’ production of “The Mystery of Irma Vep.”

“The Mystery of Irma Vep” is a quick-change send up of horror stories, with Santos and Vanagas playing seven different roles. The production features a cast of seven in less than 50 minutes, with Santos and Vanagas switching roles on a dime.

“The Mystery of Irma Vep” is a gothic spoof that leaves no stone unturned when it comes to satirizing the melodramatic likes of “Dracula,” “Rebecca,” “Wuthering Heights,” “The Wolfman,” and “The Mummy’s Curse,” and many more.

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A good friend just came out with a book and invited me to his book party, a fancy soiree held at an expensive boutique—the kind of place I’d never venture into on my own.

A model-beautiful blond greeted me at the door and asked if I was there for the party. She pointed me toward an elevator at the back of the store, and as I made my way to the second floor I wondered which mutual friends would be at the event. But as the doors slid open and I stepped into the dazzling crowd, I quickly realized: none of them. A passing waiter offered me a glass of wine, and I must have given him a desperate look because he smiled encouragingly before disappearing into the throng.

Glass in hand, I lodged myself against the back wall, practically in the corner, trying to look as nonchalant as I could. My blood pressure ratcheted up as more people arrived, each lovelier than the last, and it became obvious that no one I knew would be coming.

I was thoroughly on my own.

My wine almost finished, the book signing still not started, I noticed someone next to me looking equally lost. He thumbed through his phone in that desperate way people have when they’re at a party without a plus-one. I weighed the awkwardness of introducing myself against the shame of standing there alone for another half-hour. Finally, I gathered my courage.

“So, do you know anyone at this party?” I said.

The man laughed. “My friend is coming, but he’s running late.”

I started to turn away, feeling foolish, but he smiled and introduced himself.

“Let’s just get these books signed and chat,” he said. I thought, Maybe this meeting-new-people thing is not so bad.

I smiled back and we started chatting. Before long we were comparing favorite books and TV shows. He had a good sense of humor and he laughed at my jokes. I actually thought, Maybe this meeting-new-people thing is not so bad.

But just as we settled into an easy conversational rhythm, his plus-one showed up. The second man worked in finance, they knew each other from a networking group. No friends, exactly, but professional acquaintances. The financier let me know that they were there to network, not meet women.

“Well, we’re going to walk around,” he said.

I should have known better. Maybe if I were used to the social scene, I would have had a feel for these things. Maybe I would have known what a polite brush-off looks like. But the first man had been so nice and such a good social anchor at that strained party, that when he smiled and said I should join them, I did.

They stopped in an alcove and the two men grabbed more drinks. The financier talked business and it slowly dawned on me that I should have already made an exit. Before I could summon just what to say, the financier stuck out a fleshy hand.

“Well,” he said, “it was nice meeting you. Take care.”

I knew I had been dismissed even as I turned away. The moment stung and I silently kicked myself. Had I really thought it would be that easy?
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A pared down opening party
Originally scheduled for three days and encompassing the entire downtown Fort Myers area, the launch event has been scaled back considerably. Earlier press releases promised interactive play in scenarios such as “Saving the Princess,” “Pirate Ship” and “Capturing the Alien Threat.”

“After reviewing all the aspects of our three-day event, I came to the decision that Game Nation Celebration as planned wasn’t delivering a financially appropriate event for our brand, for our future and for our long-term strategy to build your video game theme park,” Ruke told fol-
lowers of his website in a video released last week. “We’ve scaled celebration into a more intimate, yet still awe-inspiring experience.”

Now, Game Nation Celebration will begin at Hotel Indigo’s ground floor bar, with video-game competitions, industry performers, a You-
Tube star and a DJ who mixes dubstep with video games. From the hotel, attendees will be driven to Harborside Event Center to participate in The Starved, an imme-
sive video-game experience. Armed with airsoft guns, they’ll enter the arena and fight their way through hordes of the undead.

“Basically, you and your friends fight in a first-person shooter against the undead, which are our actors,” Ruke explains. How is this different from paintball?

“We’re bringing technology and theatrics to it,” he says.

A place for gamers
Ruke says the idea for the Game Nation theme park was sparked four years ago, when he and his wife, who live in a gated golf course community, were discussing where they’d like to live in the future.

“We’re not golfers,” Ruke says, noting that all the gated communities they discussed were a long drive to a theme park.

“Instead of a golf course, we thought, ‘We’re not the kind of people who’d like to live in that kind of community. We want to be where the fans can help us pioneer our collective future,’” he says.

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### Theater


- **Afterlife of the Rich and Famous** – Trumped Nov. 2 by Let’s Play. On A Show Productions in the Joan Jenks Auditorium at the Golden Gate Community Center. 4701 Golden Gate Parkway. 398-9052 or lespa@tonoshowproductions.com.

- **The Mystery of Irma Vep** – Oct. 30-Nov. 23 by The Naples Players in the Toyota Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7790 or www.naplesplayers.org. See story on page CI.

- **You Say Tomato, I Say Shut Up!** – Through Nov. 2 at The Off Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

- **Blame it on Beckett** – Nov. 16 by the Island Theater Company at the Marco Island Historical Society on Marco Island. 394-0080 or www.theadamors.com.

### Live & Local

- **Green Market** – Naples Green Market takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the parking lot at Clive Daniel Home. 2777 Tamiami Trail N. 594-9388 or www.greenmarketflorida.com.

- **Live & Local** – Fake Problems take the stage at 7 p.m. as part of the Live & Local series in the Daniels Pavilion at Artis—Naples. Naples-born group consists of vocalist and guitarist Chris Farren, bassist Derek Perry, drummer Sean Eagle Drive, Marco Island. 642-9700 or www.marcoislandart.org.

- **Stone Crab Festival** – The fourth annual Naples Stone Crab Festival runs today through Oct. 27 at Tin City, Old Naples West, Bayfront, Earle Hagen Bay Resort and neighboring areas. www.naplesstonecrabfestival.org.

- **Lecture Series** – Authors Don Farmer and Chris Carle present “An Intimate Evening with Marzocchilese” from 5-7 p.m. at the Marco Island Center for the Arts. $35 includes cocktails and buffet. 501 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island. 304-8795 or www.naplesartcrafters.com.

### Weekend Entertainment

#### Saturday, Oct. 26

- **Classic Music** – FGCU Bower School of Music students present a wind orchestra/symphonic band concert at 7:30 p.m. at Holmes Plaza at FGCU. www.fgcu.edu (click on “concerts”).

- **Be Entertained** – Hypnotist and stand-up comic Rich Guzzi takes the stage at 8 p.m. at the Off the Hook Comedy Club, Marco Island. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedyclub.com.

#### Thursday, Oct. 24

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

- **Trick-Or-Treat** – The Golisano Children’s Museum of Naples holds members-only family-friendly trick-or-treating from 8-10 a.m. 514-0084 or www.cmorn.org.

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

- **Give Me An I** – University of Iowa alumni and fans are invited to join members of the Naples IOWA Club to cheer the Hawkeyes on against Northwestern University beginning at noon at Weekend Willie’s. 5310 Shirley St. (38) 431-8845 or npiosowil@gmail.com.

#### Friday, Oct. 25

- **Sur La Table**

- **Community Day** – Arts—Naples hosts a family-friendly Community Day beginning at noon with pumpkin decorating, trick-or-treating, paper crafts, balloon artists and more. Free. 597-9090 or www.artisnaples.org.

- **Foreign Film** – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU hosts a screening and discussion of “Bliss” (Turkey/Greece, 2007) from 1-4 p.m. 100 Fifth Ave. S. Pre-registration strongly suggested. www.fgcu.edu/racademy.

- **See You at Stan’s** – The Hot Damn Band performs from 1-6:30 p.m. at Stan’s Idle Hour on Marco Island. 394-3041 or www.stansidlehour.net.

- **Little Bar Jam** – John Lowbridge performs at 2 p.m. at the Little Bar Restaurant on Marco Island. 205 Harbor Blvd, Goodland. 394-5663 or www.littlebar-restaurant.com.

- **Zombie 5K** – Palmetto Ridge High School hosts the Key Club’s first-ever Zombie 5K Run/Walk including zombie costume contest at 3 p.m. 165 Victory Lane. 377-2400.

- **Cooking for Two** – Sur La Table hosts a “Seafood on the Grill” cooking class at 3 p.m. 879 per person. 906 Strada Place. (800) 243-0852 or www.surlatable.com.
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**Reggae Sunday** – Army Gideon takes the stage at 9:30 p.m. at South Street City Oven Bar & Grill. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 485-9333 or www.south-streetnaples.com.

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

**Monday, Oct. 28**

**Sing Along** – It’s karaoke night starting at 7 p.m. at Weekend Willie’s. 5310 Shirley St. 597-3333 or www.weekendwillies.com.

**Model Tour** – Clive Daniel Home interior designers Rebekah Errett-PIkosky and Charlie Hansen lead a tour of the newest model home in The Estuary at Grey Oaks at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Reservations required. 213-7844 or www.clivedaniel.com.

**Deadly News** – Marco Island Florist hosts a wine & cheese reception for Don Farmer and Chris Curle, authors of the book “Deadly News,” from 4-6 p.m. 178 S. Barfield Drive, Marco Island. 661-541 or www.marcoislandflorist.com.

**Halloween Milonga** – Pablo Repun Tango hosts an evening of live music, dancing and costumes from 7-11 p.m. 178 S. Barfield Drive, Marco Island. 661-541 or www.pablorepu.tango.com.

**Wednesday, Oct. 30**

**Brain Changer** – Sea Salt hosts a luncheon and book signing with Dr. David Perlmutter, author of the national best seller “Grain Brain,” beginning at noon. $75 per person includes a copy of the book. 434-7258.

**Pinot Passion** – Sample a variety of pinot noir wines from 5-7 p.m. at Decanted Wines. 101 1410 Pine Ridge Road. Reservations required. 434-1814 or www.decantedwines.com.

**Wine Seminar** – Artichoke & Company and Lyeth winery host a wine seminar from 6-8 p.m. 1410 Rail Head Blvd. 263-6979.

**Debutant Anniversaries** – Designer Diva’s Resale Boutique celebrates its first anniversary by donating a portion of proceeds from the day’s sales to the Miss Southwest Florida Scholarship fund from 1-4 p.m. Nov. 2. Pageant volunteers will model select fashions from the store throughout the afternoon. 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 433-6341 or www.designederdivas.com.

**Halloween on Fifth** – Fifth Avenue South hosts the third annual Halloween Spooktacular on Fifth from 4:30-9:30 p.m. Oct. 31 with children’s activities, trick-or-treating, adult and pet costume contests and more. www.fifthavenuesouth.com.

**Dancing by the Fountain** – The Village on Venetian Bay hosts dancing by the fountain – music, dancing and costumes from 7-11 p.m. Nov. 3 at the Fire Station at the corner of San Marco Boulevard and 59th Street. 433-6341 or www.fifthavenuesouth.com.

**American Indian Art** – The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum holds an American Indian Art Celebration from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 4. $1-2, $9 for adults, $6 for seniors, students and members of the military. (877) 902-1113 ext. 12211 or www.ahthahthik.com.

**Art Exhibition** – The Gallery on Fifth in Mercato hosts an opening for the exhibition “Heat Wave” featuring the works of Russian-German artist Alexander Solotzew from 6-9 p.m. Nov. 1. 220-7503 or www.artisnaples.org.

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Disappointment rules in the teachers’ lounge

It’s been a while since I’ve attended school. But yet, from time to time, I’ll have those nightmares. You know, the ones where you’re back in the classroom and about to take a test, but you don’t know the subject or you can’t understand the questions. Or the one where you’re standing in front of the class, about to give a speech, but you’re not prepared.

“All My Raisins in the Son” has given me another scenario: being stuck in a teachers’ lounge with a group of teachers.

The 90-minute play by John M. Twomey is this year’s Theatre Conspiracy New Play Contest winner. This run, through Saturday, Nov. 2, at the theater at the Alliance of the Arts in Fort Myers, is its world premiere.

The story revolves around a quintet of high school teachers — one of them brand new — and a power-hungry, bureaucratic vice principal. Virginia (Katie Pankow) has returned to her unnamed alma mater, this time as a teacher. She’s so new, the ink on her teaching certificate has barely dried, and her fellow educators at the school think she’s still a student.

Twomey presents us with the typical school politics, teacher frustrations with students not wanting to learn and a vice principal arbitrarily cancelling a school play.

But not much happens in “All My Raisins in the Son.” There are some great lines here and there, and some minor conflicts, but there’s not enough drama or comedy. Instead, the playwright has put speech-ettes into the mouths of his characters — speeches about the importance of experience over theory, about the benefits of the teachers’ union, about the importance of, and sometimes the futility of, fighting mindless bureaucracy.

And instead of giving us characters that we care about, he gives us types — the teachers’ lounge, with a soda machine, bulletin board, microwave, filing cabinet, fire extinguisher and industrial garbage can.

The incidental music, between scenes, was also creative and nicely chosen. “All My Raisins in the Son” felt like sitting in a public school, with the playwright, mistakenly seemed to feel the play was suggesting that all public school teachers are incompetent.

Unfortunately, for me, watching “All My Raisins in the Son” felt like sitting through detention.

The actors are better than the material; the play just doesn’t seem to hold together. (And kudos to Mr. Ruisi, who stepped into his role at the last minute, with less than a week of rehearsal. He also has some funny pro-punctuation lines, including, “Punctuation is my passion” and “One day you will regret your disdain for punctuation.”)

The playwright seems more focused with the teachers’ lounge dressed as Hester Prynne in “The Scarlet Letter.”

But even these visual jokes didn’t get big laughs on opening night.

The play is not consistently funny. The pacing is off, and the staging’s a little strange too; surprisingly, the Foulds Theater stage now feels too big, and the people stretched out across it.

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The playwright seems more focused on having his characters make speeches than actually interact with each other. The set (by Bill Taylor, who also directed) is excellent. It’s a typical teachers’ lounge, with a soda machine, bulletin board, microwave, filing cabinet, fire extinguisher and industrial garbage can.

The incidental music, between scenes, was also creative and nicely chosen. But the play itself seems preachy and predictable. It tries to do too much, introducing myriad struggles teachers face, including student apathy, parental interference, endless paperwork, nonsensical rules and clueless authoritarian administrators.

“All My Raisins in the Son” might appeal to those who teach, who might feel comforted to see their daily struggles represented on stage. (But one audience member, in the opening night’s talkback with the playwright, mistakenly seemed to feel the play was suggesting that all public school teachers are incompetent."

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**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A tug of war develops between the artistic Aquarian’s creative aspect and his or her practical side. Best advice: Prioritize your schedule so you can give appropriate time to both.

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Is it worth $10? Yes

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Surely, it is possible that sometimes the government doesn't reveal information to the public for a good reason. How you feel about this will depend on your personal and political beliefs, but what's notable is that this is one of the few films to bring that question to mind.

Mr. Condon's only notable misstep comes toward the end of the film, as WikiLeaks is viewed as a vanity project for Mr. Assange rather than grassroots citizen journalism. No matter: By that point, the intention of "The Fifth Estate" has been made clear, and the result is a movie that's more dangerous than it is damning.

In the know

"The Fifth Estate" was adapted by Josh Singer ("Fringe") from the books "Inside WikiLeaks: My Time with Julian Assange at the World's Most Dangerous Website" by Daniel Berg and "WikiLeaks: Inside Julian Assange's War on Secrecy" by David Leigh and Luke Harding. Mr. Assange did not participate in the making of the film, and given that it's not exactly a flattering depiction of his likeness, it's doubtful that he would endorse it.

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The conference helps emerging and professional artists, as well as people with a passion for the arts, to connect, share ideas and build mentor relationships. Literary, visual and performing arts leaders will gather to share their expertise for using creativity to positively impact culture.

Events include a Thursday songwriters' workshop led by award-winning singer and songwriter Martha Christian and the Evening of Music & Arts, a Friday showcase of talented artists who come together for a night of music, dance, live art and other performances. Saturday workshops range from “Change the World Through Movies” led by film director David Nixon and “Ten Commandments of Fine Art” with Naples artist and author Marco Bronzini to Jerry Roots’ writers’ workshop “Learning from CS Lewis – The Craft of Storytelling” and sessions on speed painting, writing for Hollywood, vocal coaching, journaling, improv and other topics.

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The band plays favorites from John Phillip Sousa marches to Hollywood and Broadway show tunes. Last season, 45-55 members under the direction of Ben Truax performed a number of concerts in the community as well as the band’s signature performance for a crowd of 900 at the church.

The band is seeking musicians for all chairs. Auditions are not required. Just show up Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 30, with instrument in hand.

For more information, call Bob Welling at (617) 281-1108 or e-mail bobthedrummer13@gmail.com.

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The fourth annual Storytellers Creative Arts Conference takes place Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 7-9, at Covenant Church of Naples-PCA, 6926 Trail Blvd., across from Pelican Bay.

The conference helps emerging and professional artists, as well as people with a passion for the arts, to connect, share ideas and build mentor relationships. Literary, visual and performing arts leaders will gather to share their expertise for using creativity to positively impact culture.

Events include a Thursday songwriters' workshop led by award-winning singer and songwriter Martha Christian and the Evening of Music & Arts, a Friday showcase of talented artists who come together for a night of music, dance, live art and other performances. Saturday workshops range from “Change the World Through Movies” led by film director David Nixon and “Ten Commandments of Fine Art” with Naples artist and author Marco Bronzini to Jerry Roots’ writers’ workshop “Learning from CS Lewis – The Craft of Storytelling” and sessions on speed painting, writing for Hollywood, vocal coaching, journaling, improv and other topics.

Register at www.StorytellersCreativeArts.com for $89 per person; group and student discounts are available.

The conference is sponsored by Storytellers Creative Arts, which was founded in 2010 to inspire and develop creative people to use their artistic gifts to influence culture. For more information, call 250-1822.
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We’ve chosen three short stories this week that all take place in the misty park scene you see pictured here.

We’d like to read your take on the image as well. Using the picture as a starting point for your creative process, we’d like you to come up with a narrative work of fiction of 1,500 words or less. There is no minimum length. No poems, please. Previous entrants are welcome to submit again.

Florida Weekly will accept your original stories in Word format or pasted into the body of an e-mail until Saturday, Oct. 26. E-mail them to writing@floridaweekly.com and we will print some of the best submissions. No “snail mail” copies will be accepted. Be sure to include your name, address and contact information with your submission.

This is the final round of four heats of competition. Two winners selected by our editorial staff will win a ticket each to the eighth annual Sanibel Island Writers Conference Nov. 7-10. Winners will be notified on Friday, Nov. 1. So far, we’ve been impressed with every single entry that’s come in. Thanks for writing and good luck.

Misty park the scene of surprising encounters

Don Ruhl
Naples

The misty air still hung in the trees though it was now mid-morning. He entered the Parc Monceau, turned west past the rotunda along the Boule- vard de Courcelles, to the two benches by the lamppost just beyond the small lake. He made this journey often, espe- cially on this day, today. This is where it had started for them, where they had first met, soon after the war. He took his seat on the south-facing bench, sitting quietly, as he had for all these past 15 years. Fifteen? No. Not that long since she had died: more like only 12? No, more, 13! Yes, 13 years since she had died from eating bad sushi. Really? Nobody dies from bad sushi. The very idea made him chuckle briefly. Then he felt bad, truly bad. Being amused by someone’s death should be left to bad sitcoms.

He would doze of and on through the morning on these days, roused often by passing strollers or random street sounds. Until finally she would be there, sitting across from him, every year on this day of the past 12.

The first time he had called to her, “Susanne?” But no response. He tried to rise and walk over but of course couldn’t. She may have been there, or maybe not. But not for him.

So he came back year after year, just for the glimpse. She would sit quietly looking out someplace beyond his see- ing. Then, after a time she would rise, glance his way and a slight smile would cross her lips. She would turn and in two steps fade away into the mist or the sunlight or the rain or the sleet, vapor again. And he would sit and doze a while longer until startled by the sud- den pop of the gas lamplight igniting. Dusk and time to find his way through the park to their old apartment on the Rue L’Murat.

So today he dozed through the after- noon. But she had not come. The afternoon passed and suddenly he was jarred awake by the lamplight’s igni- tion. Confused, he looked up and down the lane. Nothing. He felt suddenly very empty, very alone, staring at his shoes.

“It’s time.”

He heard it, raising his head. Yes! She had come. But she was standing in front of the opposite bench. She stepped toward him, smiling, holding out her hand, palm up.

He rose. “It’s time.”

He reached out for her hand, really feeling her for the first time in more than a dozen years.

“You.”

He wouldn’t need to find his way home today. Or ever.

‘I saw you…’

Jefferson Airplane, Surrealistic Pillow – 1967

‘...my only love was you...’

NICK KALVIN

Gravel crunched with my footsteps. Damned daylight savings delayed the dawn.

Our old spot lay just ahead. Fall’s first cold night left grass, leaves and our benches with glinting drops of dew. Annette woke me with her call. Pain of bone marrow metastases is not condu- cive to sleep.

Here, since fifth grade, we exchanged expeditorations and dilemmas — boys, parents, teachers, hair and skin prob- lems, geometry and algebra, tortures of pubescent femininity. Our senior year, Dad was transferred to West Pac. We moved to San Diego, his aircraft car- rier’s home port. At a post-deployment party I met a young pilot, a Top Gun graduate in one of Dad’s Squadrons.

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I married Bill. Annette married a handsome classmate, Frank Turner. The four of us got together twice, in the SHS transformed gym, 10th and 15th reunions. Otherwise, cards, e-mail, long calls kept us connected.

Bill died providing air support for Marines in some hell hole. Two years later, I moved back to our old home in historic Savannah. Mom and Dad decided to retire in California. Before I came, Annette suggested I hire Frank, a contractor, to get the rundown wood and brick place up to code, stop the leaks and repair the chimney. About halfway through the job, she found a lump. That led to a biopsy, another biopsy, a partial and then a double mastectomy, chemotherapy and radiation. I became Frank’s listener while a lot of this went down. He was having a long consultation with Jack Daniels. Getting worse, he turned to me. When the day came that he cried on my shoulder, on this same bench, I took him to A.A. A Twelve Stepper, I was familiar with that path, too. Everybody at the meeting cried along with him. When the phone rang, I knew it was her. I knew where she’d want to meet. I knew what she would say... that her hair never grew since the last round of chemo... that Frank couldn’t bring himself to touch her since the first operation... that Frank was having an affair... that she didn’t blame him... that... Horizontal shafts of sunlight cut through the mist. One hit the bright kerchief wrapped around her head. The gravel told me where she was... almost here. She sat across from me, on the other bench, our knees almost touching. I prayed she didn’t know.
Florida Gulf Coast University invites aspiring writers and other devotees of the written word to attend the Sanibel Island Writers Conference Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 7-10, at BIG ARTS and the Sanibel Island Public Library. Registration is open for a variety of workshops, panels, lectures and readings presented by celebrated and experienced writers and teachers. Richard Blanco, Dan Bern and Craig Finn headline the conference.

Mr. Blanco has written several award-winning poetry collections, the most recent of which is “Looking for the Gulf Motel.” His poem “Boston Strong,” written in response to the...
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Decorative lanterns lit the way on Halloween

BY TERRY AND KIM KOVEL
Special to Florida Weekly

Lanterns are among the earliest Halloween collectibles — and not just jack-o’-lanterns. The early-1900’s jack-o’-lantern was made of metal. Within a few years, jack-o’-lanterns were being made of pressed paper with thin paper inserts creating see-through eyes, nose and mouth. That way, a candle inside the paper pumpkin could light a path. But it was dangerous to walk and run with a lit candle in a flammable container. By the 1920s, special Halloween lamp shades were made for display in a front window. You also could buy flat-sided lanterns made in a “stained-glass” style with black cardboard strips and translucent orange paper. These lanterns were made in Germany and the United States until the 1940s. But beware — some were reproduced in the 1990s. Old lanterns usually have round, indented candle-holders on the bottom; most reproductions have flat bottoms. A very famous 12-panel lantern was made in Germany in the 1920s and sold was by Beistle, an important American company that sold (and still sells) holiday decorations. A vintage example sells for more than $500 today. One recently offered at Morphy Auctions had a presale estimate of $400 to $600.

Q: My mother left me a collection of Kewpie dolls, all in good condition. Please tell me something about them. I’m in my 70s now and probably will give them to my granddaughters rather than sell them. But I’d like to know if they’re valuable.

A: Artist Rose O’Neill (1874-1944) drew the first Kewpies, little naked, winged, Cupid-like characters, for a Ladies’ Home Journal story that ran in 1909. Within two years, O’Neill’s drawings were turned into 3-D designs for Kewpie dolls and figurines. They were

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PLAYERS

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“Our Town” is the love story of George Gibbs and Emily Webb as narrated by a stage manager. Jim Corsica has been cast as the stage manager, who also also assumes many small parts as he guides this play about life in a small town. Brigid Wallace and Michael Frank, making his Naples Players debut, will perform as Emily and George.

Others in the cast include: Ray Kane and Nancy Menaldi-Scanlan as Dr. and Mrs. Gibbs; Greg White and Sharon True as Mr. and Mrs. Webb; Thomas Richardson as Wally Webb; Larry Shoop as Simon Stimson; Sophia-Bella Carrasquillo and Diliana Gresbrink sharing the role of Si Crowell; Joe Byrne as Joe Crowell; Andrew Ciliberto as Howie Newsome; Carla Grieve as Mrs. Soames; Len Becker as Constable Warren; and Jessica Daniels and Amanda Pusler sharing the role of Rebecca Gibbs.

The townspeople will be played by Douglas Casement, Rhonda Davis, Scott Douscette, Cynthia Graf, Michelle Langlas, Preslie True, Denise Villareal, Carolyn, Weinand and Mariel Weinand.

“Our Town” will be performed at 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are $35 for adults and $20 for students.

For tickets to “The Mystery of Irma Vep” or “Our Town,” call the box office at 239-7990 or visit www.naplesplayers.org.
Runaway nose stars in Shostakovich’s unconventional opera ‘Live in HD’

The eighth season of “The Met: Live in HD” continues in theaters across the country with an innovative production of Shostakovich’s shocking, unconventional “The Nose.” Show time is 12:55 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 26.

Pavel Smelkov conducts a cast led by Tony Award-winning Paulo Szot as the hapless Kovalyov, a beleaguered Russian bureaucrat with a runaway nose. Andrey Popov performs as the menacing police inspector, and Alexander Lewis as Kovalyov’s peripatetic nose.

Running time is approximately 1 hour, 50 minutes.

In Southwest Florida, “The Met: Live in HD” screenings are at the Hollywood Stadium 20 in Naples, Coconut Point 16 in Estero, Bell Tower 20 in Fort Myers and Town Center Stadium 16 in Port Charlotte.

Live screenings of eight more operas continue through May 10 and include Met Music Director James Levine’s return to the podium in December. Metropolitan Opera stars serve as hosts for the HD series, conducting live interviews with cast, crew and production teams, and introducing the popular behind-the-scenes feature. Soprano Patricia Racette hosts the broadcast of “The Nose.” Encore presentations also are on the schedule.

The “Live in HD” 2013-14 season continues with:
- Nov. 9: Puccini’s “Tosca,” starring Ms. Racette
- Dec. 14 Verdi’s Falstaff, with Mr. Levine at the podium
- Feb. 8: Dvorak’s “Rusalka,” with Renee Fleming in the title role
- March 1: Borodin’s rarely heard epic, “Prince Igor”
- March 15: Massenet’s “Werther”
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The Naples Orchid Society holds its next meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Guest speaker will be Rafael Romero, import/export manager at Plantio La Orquidea, an orchid producer with operations in Sarasota and Venezuela. Mr. Romero will discuss the large, frilly-petaled Schomburgka orchids that grow in tropical areas of Venezuela. He will have plants available for purchase. Before the program, AOS judge Bill Overton will present a 30-min-ute class on orchid pests and diseases beginning at 6 p.m. Admission is free, and all are welcome. The society’s annual orchid sale takes place from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at the church. Admission is free. For more information, call 775-5220 or visit www.naplesorchidsociety.org.

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

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

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its annual Welcome Back Brunch begin-
ing at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.

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

Cost of the Welcome Back Brunch is $36.

The new season of the society’s Italian film series begins with a screening of “Tosca’s Kiss” (1989) at 6:45 p.m. Monday, Nov. 4, at The Norris Center.

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

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

Senior teacher Mah Tavallali will conduct a workshop on Ohara landscape arrangements. All are welcome. Advanced registration is required. There is a $5 charge for provided workshop materials.

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

The Genealogical Society of Collier County meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Moorings Presbyterian Church.

Guest speaker Ray McAdams will discuss how to identify, date and preserve old photographs. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and guests are always welcome. For more information, visit www.thegssc.org.

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

IWA is an affinity group of the Jewish Federation of Collier County. New members are always welcome. For more information, visit www.WomensCulture-

Alliance.com.

The Naples Women’s Club holds its annual Valentine Family Scholarship Luncheon beginning at 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 15, at Windstar Country Club. Guest speaker Allison Blankenship will present “Lessons of a Life Diva.”

Tickets are $50, with all proceeds supporting the scholarship fund and The Shelter for Abused Women & Children. The Valentine family gives $500 a year and the club matches that for a total of $1,000 in scholarships.

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

— E-mail club news to Cindy Pierce at cpierce@floridaweekly.com.

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CELEBRITY EXTRA

John O’Hurley can’t get enough of dogs

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: Can you tell me what one of my favorite stars, John O’Hurley, has been up to? I’d love to see him in something soon.
— Beatrice W., Omaha, Neb.
A: For starters, the talented actor/host/dancer/singer/author will be hosting the National Dog Show Presented by Purina on Thanksgiving Day, which airs at noon for the 12th year in a row. Aside from all the cute doggy fun for the whole family that we’re used to with the dog show, this year sees the introduction of the Chinook, rat terrier and Portuguese podengo pequeno into the competition.
John also has a children’s book coming out Oct. 31 called “The Perfect Dog.”
Q: One of my favorite shows is “Cold Justice.” Will it be back for another season?
— Chris M., via e-mail
A: TNT has ordered a second season of its hit real-life drama “Cold Justice,” where former prosecutor Kelly Siegler and former crime-scene investigator Yolanda McClary solve cold cases, their season-one efforts having brought many criminals to justice already. The first season, which wrapped up Oct. 22, so far has helped to bring about a guilty plea (from the Sept. 3 episode), three indictments (Sept. 10 episode) and a grand jury trial to bring about more indictments (Sept. 17 episode). Season two will have 10 more episodes and is scheduled to air in early 2014.
Q: Seeing Tina Fey and Amy Poehler present at the Emmy’s this year made me wonder if they’d be back to host the Golden Globes! I loved them as co-hosts!
— Gina F., via e-mail
A: Tina and Amy have signed on to host the Golden Globe Awards for the next two years. Insiders are saying the deal is a coup for the Golden Globes, but I say it’s a coup for the viewers, as we’ll be treated to the comedic dynamic duo for at least two more ceremonies.
The Naples 2013-2014 Season

October 30 - November 23
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THIS WEEK ON WGCU-TV

FRIDAY, OCT. 25, 9 P.M.
A Raisin in the Sun Revisited
The Raisin Cycle at Center Stage
Producers James Armstrong and John Paulson capture the history and legacy of Raisin and the backstage challenges of mounting two issue-driven plays simultaneously.

SUNDAY, OCT. 27, 9 P.M.
Masterpiece Classic
The Paradise, Part 4
Morty forges ahead with his plans to buy the other shops on the street, reluctantly taking on a partner, while Katherine meddles with his efforts in an attempt to get his attention.

10 P.M.
Masterpiece Classic
Downton Abbey Season 2, Part 3
Isobel and Cora lock horns over control of Downton’s medical role. Matthew and William embark on a perilous patrol behind German lines.

MONDAY, OCT. 28, 8 P.M.
Antiques Roadshow
Miami Beach
Highlights include a rare Qing Dynasty vase; a 1956 Gretsch Chet Atkins Model 6120 guitar; and an oil painting by popular Victorian artist John George Brown, valued at $40,000 to $50,000.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30, 10 P.M.
Raw to Ready
Mack Truck
How can rayon fibers be the material used to assemble jets? How does the sap of a tree help strengthen Houston’s new stadium? And how can balsa wood be powerful enough to create efficient windmills that power homes? Explore the science, innovation and sheer genius needed to transform basic ingredients into powerhouse machines.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
WALDORF ASTORIA

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6
3PM - 6PM

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SAVE THE DATE

Literacy Volunteers of Collier County stages the annual Dancing with the Stars for Literacy beginning at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Tickets are $175. For more information, call 262-4448 or visit www.collierliteracy.org.

Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss presents the Beatles-themed Boogie on the Beach from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. A Fab Four cover band will entertain. Tickets are $75 for adults, $25 for ages 18 and younger, free for ages 5 and younger. Call 430-3934 or visit www.lighthousecollier.org.

Bayshore Cultural and Performing Arts Center presents “CAPA Art Forms — Sculpture” from 7-30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at The von Liebig Art Center. Admission is $20. Tickets proceeds and a portion of art sales will support the CAPA mission to build a state-of-the-art cultural and performing arts center that showcases local visual and performing artists.

Call 775-2800, e-mail bayshorecapacenter@centurylink.net or visit www.bayshorecapac.org.

The inaugural American Girl Fashion Show to benefit the Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida comes to the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club on Sunday, Nov. 10, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Each show will include brunch/lunch and a marketplace as well as local child models wearing historical and contemporary fashions from American Girl. NRC-2 anchor Kellie Burns will tell the history of American Girl. The event also includes lunch, party favors, raffle prizes, a keepsake photo, door prizes, doll salon and a pop-up bookstore. Tickets for $80 are available at www.swfashion.com. Call 822-9554.

Baby Basics of Collier County hosts its sixth annual Champagne Brunch & Fall Fashion Show at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 11, at Dillard’s in Coastland Center.

Baby Basics provides free diapers and supportive information to more than 325 infants and toddlers from low-income, working families in Collier County and Bonita Springs. Tickets are $75. For more information or to purchase a tickets, e-mail babybasicsncd@hotmail.com or visit www.BabyBasicsCollier.org.

The Immokalee Foundation’s 2013 Charity Classic Celebration: “Pathways to Success, Voices of the Future,” includes an evening of dining, entertainment and auctions of once-in-a-lifetime experiences to benefit TIF students.

This year’s celebration takes place Saturday evening, Nov. 16, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Tickets are $550. For reservations or more information, call 430-9122, e-mail info@immokaleefoundation.org or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.

The Naples Zoo holds its 2013 Children’s Gala: “Carnivale of the Animals” for kids and their grown-ups from 5:30-8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Zoo. The evening will include “wild” games and prizes, a family-friendly silent auction, dinner and a presentation by world-renowned storyteller Jim Weiss. Tickets are $85 for children, $65 for adults. Call 262-5409, ext 144. Ask about sponsorships and special tables that include story time with Mr. Weiss and other benefits.

Champions For Learning/The Education Foundation of Collier County, hosts the 2013 Heart of the Apple luncheon honoring Alan Kor- est on Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the Hilton Naples. For tickets or more information, call 643-4755 or visit www.educationforcollier.org.

The United Arts Council of Collier County hosts its annual fall fundrais and Celebrate the Arts month soiree Wednesday evening, Nov. 20, at a private club in Port Royal. Guests will enjoy performances by numerous musical and theater groups from the area as well as gourmet dining an auction with Bill Barnett at the podium.

For tickets or more information, call 263-8242 or visit www.celebratehearts.org.
Taste of the Town is a perennial favorite of southwest Florida. The outdoor food festival annually draws more than 10,000 people a year to sample “tastes” from more than 40 top local restaurants and to enjoy live music and children’s entertainment. Money raised at Taste of the Town funds the volunteer mission and programs of the Junior League of Fort Myers. Since 1966, we have been “Women Building Better Communities” through our volunteer programs and service.
An Adventure Travel Program by Wellfit Institute at Lululemon Athletica

Ken Hodsdon and Ken Olsen

Jill Wheeler and Megan Jerrard

Melissa Workinger and Margot Haglund

Audrey and Tami Wellford, Amanda Feaga and Samantha Nagle

Guest speaker Megan Clair and Wellfit Institute’s Jill Wheeler, front, with the Lululemon Athletica team

Megan Mukavetz, Andrea Maus and Julie Carlson

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Vanessa Suppa, Jenna Voelkerd, Mikaela Latimer and Nico Sanchez

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Susan Christiano and Tom Weir

Donna Fiala, center, with Alexandra and Rob Carlson

Ron Bowman, center, with Dolores and Calvin Gaeta

Celebrating ‘Faith & Wine’ at St. John the Evangelist

Dolores Stillings and Marie Oberstar

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Brian and Ashley McNamara

Chris Waleri and Joe Mack

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Stepping out in style for the Stiletto Sprint

And they’re off!

Spidey couple Hillary and Lawrence Perillo flanking Naila Charlery

Evan Williams and Rachel Engeldrecht

Sheba and Amina Matheu

Rick and Jean Uffalussy

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STEPHEN WRIGHT / FLORIDA WEEKLY
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Margaret’s Mexican Restaurant, 8071 U.S. 41, Naples; 434-6206
Margaret’s features succulent hand-pulled meats and fresh seafood tucked into tender tortillas, served with brightly flavored house-made salsas and sauc es. Bracing margaritas in fruit flavors such as watermelon and pomegranate are served on the rocks or frozen, headlining a tequila-heavy cocktail list that goes on for days. The rustic charro beans, whole pintos laced with orégano and chunks of pork, are a revelation — and they’re just a side dish. The taco trio (miniature corn tortillas over-flowing with shredded beef, chicken and pork) is a good way to try it all, as is the sumptuous quesad fumido, a fondue of warm, silky white cheese garnished with diced scallions, jalapeños and chilis. A side venture of the Phelan family, owners of the locally grown Pinchers Crab Shacks, Texas Tony’s is plastered with Lone Star State flags, horseshoes and longhorns antlers. Foodwise, the loaded chopped pork nachos did not showcase the meat as well as it should have, and the boom boom shrimp lost their batter in a sea of spicy cream sauce. But the spice-rubbed baby back ribs had a good, charry bark along the edges, while the meat remained incredibly tender and had the all-important pink smoke ring. A quarter chicken was super-moist, and the meat slipped easily off the bone. Its darkly seasoned skin was visible evidence of the restaurant’s smoker, which uses orange wood — a subtle alternative to the stronger hickory or oak. The star of the meal was the Texas BBQ Shack, 459 Tamiami Trail East, Naples; 732-8392. The rustic charro lining a tequila-heavy cocktail list that goes on for days. The rustic charro lining a tequila-heavy cocktail list that goes on for days.

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Easily accessible but not so easy to find, Maguro is worth seeking out. Tucked into an out-of-the-way corner of U.S. 41 and Wiggins Pass Road (shared parking lot with Beall’s, Petco and other big-boxers), Maguro offers sushi and cooked entrées in one dining room, and the full teppan-yaki show and meal in another, both drenched in cool blue lights. The drink menu is inventive, too. I particularly liked the lychee martini. As for the food, everything we tasted — from the yellowtail nigrini to the Snow White roll (shrimp tempura and sliced cucumber, seaweed and rice topped with white tuna and unseasoned coconut, finished with spicy mayo and coconut sauce) to the miso soup, vegetable tempura and the shrimp and salmon bpeoplehichi combo — was carefully pre pared and plated. The coconut bombe (layers of coconut cake, coconut custard and coconut icing) proved an excellent finale for two.

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Kitchen 41 offers flavorful Italian fare minus the fat.

The sous vide method might be French, but Domenico Bosco has done a fine job of adapting it to the Italian fare he cooks at Kitchen 41, the new venture he opened in late August with his wife, Barbara Gallone.

“People say you can taste everything in the sauce,” he says. “You don’t need a great palate to taste the ingredients.”

Customers at Kitchen 41 can pair sauces with their proteins. Choices include prunes and pine nuts; mushroom-rooms with Madeira wine; zucchini and mint; asparagus and caramelized onion; acqua paiza (cherry tomatoes, extra virgin olive oil, garlic, white wine and fish stock); or natural style, dressed with just extra virgin olive oil and Himalayan pink salt.

Side veggies could be a mix of zucchini, scallions and mint; or zucchini, diced eggplant in tomato sauce; or broccoli in garlic and extra virgin olive oil.

Lunch features panini sandwiches on homemade focaccia — with homemade sauces with their proteins. Choices include prunes and pine nuts; mushroom-rooms with Madeira wine; zucchini and mint; asparagus and caramelized onion; acqua paiza (cherry tomatoes, extra virgin olive oil, garlic, white wine and fish stock); or natural style, dressed with just extra virgin olive oil and Himalayan pink salt.

Now that’s Italian!

Sale e Pepe, the elegant yet casual restaurant at the Marco Beach Ocean Resort, has won the Ospitalita Italiana - Restauranti Italiani nel Mondo Seal of Quality Award from the Italy-America Chamber of Commerce.

The award recognizes the authenticity of the cuisine, products used and the maintenance of high standards of Italian hospitality. As a recipient, Sale e Pepe will be included in the third edition of “Ospitalita Italiana: The Authentic Italian Table,” which celebrates authentic Italian cuisine.

For more information or reservations, call the restaurant at 239-434-7258.

Quick bites

Barbetta hosts a wine dinner featuring the wines of Bertani on Tuesday, Oct. 29. It’s $50 per person. Barbetta is at 1290 Third St. South. Call 263-1955 for reservations.

A limited number of seats remain for lunch with Dr. David Perlmutter, author of “Grain Brain,” at noon, Wednesday, Oct. 30, at Sea Salt, 1186 Third St. S. It’s $75 per person, with proceeds to benefit Harvard’s Center for Celiac Research. Call 434-7258.

In honor of the holiday season, The Counter introduces Not Your Granny’s Thanksgiving. It’s $18 million expansion and $1.7 million renovation was recently completed at the inn, which prompted Mr. McCabe to upgrade the restaurant as well.

The restaurant’s daily happy hour runs 4:30-7 p.m. except Tuesday, when it extends to 11 p.m. L’Angolo is at 800 Fifth Ave. S. For details and reservations, call 263-6929 or visit www.langoilo5thave.com.

Countdown to Avenue5

While loyal patrons might still be mourning the September closing of McCabe’s Irish Pub, owner Phil McCabe is wasting no time creating his new concept at the Inn on Fifth.

Scheduled to open in December, Avenue5 will be a high-energy, 7000-square-foot restaurant with seating for 240. With a broad range of classic American cuisine, the menu will focus on grilled entrees. There will also be an extra virgin island bar, a private dining area and sweeping views of Fifth Avenue.

“Avenue5 is the next logical step in raising the standard of luxury at the Inn on Fifth,” says Mr. McCabe, who owns the inn and Club Level Suites. “We’re replacing the iconic pub with an exciting, ultra-modern restaurant that will offer a sophisticated, trendy dining experience consistent with the look and feel of the inn and Club Level Suites.”

An $8 million expansion and $7.5 million renovation was recently completed at the inn, which prompted Mr. McCabe to upgrade the restaurant as well.

Fine wines by glass

L’Angolo 5th Avenue now offers Brunello di Montalcino, Barberesco, Barolo and Amarone wines by the glass, thanks to its Enomatic wine-dispensing machine that preserves wines in the bottle using inert gas so even the most expensive vintages can be offered by the glass.

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