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The Republican Clinton

The South Carolina primary ended the Thursday before the voting, at around 8:05 p.m. That’s when Newt Gingrich stopped berating CNN’s John King for asking him about his ex-wife Mariannne’s allegation that he wanted an "open marriage." Newt’s reply was a vir- tuos display of bluff and indignation.

He angrily dismissed her account as false, even though the balance of evidence suggests it’s true. He sum- matted dubious evidence in his defense, saying all their mutual friends knew Mariannne’s charge was untrue, although there could have been no witnesses to a private conversation. But his outraged forcefulness carried the day.

Only one politician in America could have played the victim card so expertly when confronted by the story of a wronged woman. Only one other politician would have thrown out so many obfuscating “facts.” If he was watching the debate somewhere, Bill Clinton must have chuckled in admi- ration and thought, “Well played, my friend. Well played.”

Newt is the Republican Clinton — shameless, needy, hopelessly egotistical.

The two former adversaries and tenta- tive partners have largely the same set of faults and talents. They are self-indul- gent, prone to disregard rules inconve- nient to them and consumed by ambi- tion. They are glib, knowledgeable and imaginative. They are baby boomers who hadn’t fully grown up even when they occupied two of the most powerful offices in the land.

Steven Gillon, author of “The Pact,” a book about the Gingrich-Clinton interplay in the 1990s, was struck by their “unique pair of chemistry, which traced back to their childhoods.” Both were raised by distant or abusive stepfa- thers and surrounded by strong women.

Yet their personalities are different.

Editorials play an important role in newspapers. These opinion pieces illu- minate a particular point of view and share thoughtful insights. Florida Week- ly writer Roger Williams’ piece titled, “Lean Mean Burger Gyrene” (Jan. 19) only served to denigrate a very influen- tial man, Tom Monaghan, as well as the military, the elderly and Catholics.

Mr. Williams’ attempted satire alludes to Mr. Monaghan’s current state of mind as being that of a mental patient. He chastises Mr. Monaghan for his newest fast food venture, Gyrene Burger, asking “…why wear combat fatigues to serve burgers?” Why not?

I believe the man has earned the right to do whatever he wants when running his own business. In a day of govern- ment handouts, Mr. Monaghan is the rare entrepreneur who used his own money to start a business — a record- breaking one at that — all the while cre- ating millions of jobs in his franchises and billions in revenues for his fran- chise owners. He was a wealth creator, not just for himself, but for thousands of others.

Mr. Williams doesn’t seem satisfied with Mr. Monaghan’s philanthropic efforts either.

Mr. Monaghan accepted fellow bil- lionaire Warren Buffett’s challenge to donate at least half of his wealth to charity in 2010. In fact, he had already done just that without being asked. He was the vanguard of philanthropy in the United States long before the Giving Pledge came about.

As mentioned in the article, Mr. Monaghan grew up as a foster child and eventually served our country in the Marine Corps. Leadership skills learned during those years gave him a strong foundation when building a business and university. He has become a mentor for budding entrepreneurs, a testament to the rugged individualism that made this country great. His “pull yourself up by your bootstraps” mentality is emblematic of the American dream, yet Mr. Williams chooses to demean Mr. Monaghan’s business acumen.

Mr. Williams pokes fun at Ave Maria, calling it a Catholic town. It is not. A Catholic university exists in the town, its residents are of every faith. This welcoming community encompasses an open-mindedness that Mr. Williams clearly does not.

I’m not Catholic and I run a very suc- cessful business here in Ave Maria as well as enjoy living in the community. I am saddened to see a publication such as Florida Weekly publish such a mean-spirited piece. When I hear the name Tom Monaghan, I think of job creation, philanthropy and individual- ism. Many lessons can be learned by his entrepreneurship and his ability to stay true to what he believes in. I wish for more people just like Tom.

Mr. Williams responds: My piece describing Tom Monaghan’s militarized hamburger joint, Gyrene, is no desig- nation, as Mr. Phong Ho suggests. But it is a characterization, and a fair if comedic one, at that. Mr. Monaghan is a lot of fun to watch in action.

“Mr. Williams’ response is a bit of a mis- take. When I hear the name Tom Monaghan I think of job creation, philanthropy and individualism,” says Mr. Ho. So do I, and that’s exactly what I described.

Could he turn it around with smashing debate performances against President Barack Obama in the fall? Doubtful. In a presidential debate, a candidate’s bearing matters. Al Gore may have beaten George W. Bush on points in their first debate in 2000, but he audibly sighed. That small indicator of an arrogant impatience sank him. If Gingrich shows the slightest bomb- ast or ill temper, if he hectors or gives off a sense of intellectual superiority — in short, if he conducts himself in a typical Gingrichian manner — he will lose the debates in a rout even if he bests Presi- dent Obama on the merits.

It’s another reason why why old Bill Clinton has to be pulling for his Republi- can alter ego.

— Rich Lowry is editor of the Nation- al Review.
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Anyone who attends community or charitable events around our town has no doubt met Reg Buxton. I’ve seen him recently at a political fundraisers and at a benefit for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and I almost always see him and his wife, Sandra, at ubiquitous opening nights for Gulfshore Playhouse at The Norris Center. Both Buxtons dedicate their time, talent and treasure to a number of causes on the Paradise Coast, and I think we are lucky to have them here.

I’ve had Reg as a guest on my show many times and am always interested to learn more about his interesting background.

As a younger man, he spent time in the Caribbean racing sailboats and running a charter yacht company. This was in the day when illicit drug trade flourished throughout the islands. Having done some previous work as a consultant with various government “alphabet agencies,” Reg was contracted as a consultant to try to help stop the flow of drugs to the Caribbean and to the United States mainland.

With his charter business and racing career as a cover, he roamed the islands tracking the movements of drug traffickers and their product. Many of these encounters got a little dicey, he recalls, with punches thrown, shots fired, boats sunk and people sometimes disappearing.

Even though many arrests and seizures of large amounts of drugs were made in the Caribbean, the largest catch in which Reg was involved happened off the coast of Miami in the 1990s. Millions of dollars worth of drugs were confiscated, and Reg was the principal witness. The first trial resulted in a hung jury. Prosecutors proceeded with a second trial, and just before it was set to begin, Reg was shopping at his neighborhood Publix when a man walked up to him and said: “I know you. You’re Reg Buxton, you live at xxxxx, your wife is Sandra and your children are xxxx and xxxx. I hope they have a long and prosperous life.”

As Reg tells it, when he invited the man outside to talk further, the man somehow fell and sustained extensive injuries to his face and mouth. The man decided he needed to return to the East Coast at once for medical care. The second trial ended with the conviction of all parties.

Reg’s consulting work took him to Central and South America, Thailand, Europe, Burma, Malaysia and Mexico. He demurs when asked the name of the government or governments that hired him. I’ve learned that there are episodes in and stories about his covert life he can talk about, but that there are also many he cannot discuss. When you see Reg and if you have an interest, ask about some of his “missions.”

The Buxtons settled in Naples 17 years ago and since then have then have been anything but “covert.” Most of us who know him would never suspect that in a previous life, Reg was surrounded by “the bad guys.”

He’s a graduate of Leadership Collier and the Leadership Institute as well as Greater Naples Leadership. For his many contributions to the community, he was named one of the Education Foundation of Collier County’s 2007 Men of Distinction.

I appreciate Reg, not only for his many contributions and accomplishments, but also for leading the life he desires.

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

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Building confidence:
Homes and optimism rising in SWFL

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Overwhelmingly, the sense of where the residential building industry is at in Southwest Florida may be summed up in a single, lackluster, non-committal, wait-and-see, shrugging expression: eh. That fragile confidence probably isn’t helped by a report from The U.S. Department of Commerce that found in the last few weeks that both new-home sales in the United States, as well as single-family-home construction, were lower in 2011 than any year on record.

The quantity of new homes being built sounds even smaller when compared (unfairly yet inevitably) with the boom in late 2005 through early 2007. For instance, 300 to 400 whole-house permits were issued each month in Charlotte County around that time. Now only 25 or 30 of those permits are issued per month, said Suzanne Graham, governmental affairs chairman of the Charlotte-DeSoto Building Industry Association.

“There’ll never be a boom again like there was down here,” said Jimmy Pascale of the small customer builder JJ Staten Homes with an office in Lehigh Acres. He notes, as many have, that the sale of so many of those homes relied on consumers taking on mortgages they couldn’t afford.

“Tightening lending standards is now causing additional harm,” he said. “It would be nice if people could actually afford the homes, and clear the market of excess supply remaining.” (See B1 for more about mortgages.)

Yet in spite of all these headwinds, industry experts, including Mr. Hunter, point to a return to form for the housing market. That’s in large part because investors are snapping up deals — both unfinished land and single-family homes — throughout Southwest Florida.

A report by Metrostudy shows the Naples-Fort Myers housing market “experienced a fall in construction, but a rise in home absorption during the fourth quarter of 2011,” with new homes inventory in the area falling from 1,175 to 1,072 units.

The firm cited a “dramatic improvement in job growth” as one of the key factors in that absorption of homes because as people find work it naturally leads to a demand for housing, Mr. Hunter said.

“After losing jobs in huge numbers for most of 2010, this market is now adding jobs at a pace of over 4,000 per year,” the report reads.

Investors snap up deals
Average homebuyers don’t often have the capital to pay for all or most of a home in cash. But the low prices and low interest rates are also attractive to investors, contributing to a quickening absorption of that backlog of empty or preclosed properties.

“The best investment right now — and I invest across a lot of asset classes — is North American real estate,” states Aubrey J. Ferrao, who made his fortune investing in land on the Gulf Coast of Naples and then developing it when the market became hot. He’s built luxurious, highly amenitized communities such as Fiddler’s Creek and Pelican Bay.

Now with home sales flat, Mr. Ferrao, who is chief executive officer and founder of Gulf Bay Group of Companies, sold some of the unfinished lots within his developments to outsiders; Lennar Corp., and D.R. Horton, public homebuilding giants, recently invested in a combined total of 318 Fiddler’s Creek lots for $100,000 each, reported The Wall Street Journal last week. The community has 1,743 homes, with room and plans to build another 4,257 in 2014.

“I’m seeing the green shoots of a real estate recovery,” said Mr. Ferrao. “This is the first time since 2005 that you have builders looking to purchase land and build homes.”

It remains to be seen how much those investors will make in returns. D.R. Horton and Lenar plan to sell the homes for roughly half the more than $1 million many properties in that neighborhood sold for at the peak of the boom.

“People are getting a Bentley at Buick prices,” Mr. Ferrao says. Other companies that have the clout to invest in larger land purchases are also taking advantage of investment opportunities. The luxury public-homebuilder Toll Brothers has under construction a new gated community of 268 homes in Bonita Springs.

“I think Florida’s going to be a strong market for many years to come, with baby boomers retiring,” said Ken Thirtyacre, Toll Brothers’ division president.

Buyers are also investing in homes in lower-priced markets, properties in areas such as Port Charlotte, Lehigh Acres and Cape Coral, from less than $100,000 and up.

“There’s more wealth around and a lot of cash (buyers) looking for inexpensive property — people are already buying homes in Lehigh Acres and Cape Coral at discounted prices, and either renting the homes out or reselling them,” Mr. Hunter said.

Confidence game
These investments in Southwest Florida and elsewhere have led directly to a rise in industry confidence, Mr. Hunter said — with the caveat that it’s a fragile and still-emerging confidence.

“I think (rising stock prices) goes along with increased building activity, lower inventories, and in general the building industry is expressing more confidence. In fact, we do our own sentiment survey of the homebuilding industry and we’re finding confidence has improved greatly in the last few months. It’s still low, but has improved noticeably.”

And, he notes, those who have survived the bust have a competitive edge.
“Those that are still left standing are strong by definition, right? So that’s probably what’s allowing to turn things back up a bit.”

But after watching many of his competitors go out of business or leave Southwest Florida, said builder Steve Gauthier, that doesn’t leave him feeling cocky.

“We feel lucky to still be here because a lot of our friends and associates have either gone out of business or completely left the area,” said Mr. Gauthier, who has owned the Cape Coral-based homebuilding and general contracting company Gauthier and Sons Construction for nearly a quarter century. “It’s been pretty bad but it actually is getting better.”

He adds, “I’m definitely going to remain optimistic. The season’s off to a good start already. If it continues the way it’s going it’s going to be a good year.”

Like many local builders, he’s relied on remodeling jobs or niche markets to survive the bust.

“You have to be a chameleon in today’s market,” said Mr. Gauthier. “You have to go with the changes.”

He’s now working on one nearly-new home: a $100,000-plus makeover of a Cape Coral waterfront home, which he believes will end up being one of the most energy efficient homes in the county. It will rely on both photovoltaic solar power and a smaller version of a commercial wind turbine for electricity, as well as a heating and cooling system that relies on harvesting rainwater and funneling it under the house and through the walls.

JJ Staten Homes has stayed relatively busy replacing the poisonous Chinese drywall used in the construction of many homes during the boom.

“That’s the only thing that’s been keeping our lights on, to be honest with you,” owner Mr. Pascale said.

Caitlin Hustrulid, director of member services and events for the Lee County Building Industry Association, has noticed builders are spending more on advertising — at least in one respect.

Lee’s annual Parade of Homes is a marketing campaign that allows builders to showcase some of their homes. It costs builders about $3,000 per model to participate in the “parade.” This year there are 42 models to see, compared to only 12 three years ago.

“It’s certainly baby steps, but if they’re willing to put marketing dollars in the industry, that’s a good sign,” said Ms. Hustrulid.

Robert Rodriguez of H&J Contracting in Palm Beach County digs out a lake at the new Bonita Lakes development by Toll Brothers.
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**Anti-theft ID breakthrough**

For people who become stressed when asked to prove their identities by biometric scans of fingerprints, hand prints or eyeballs, South Korea’s Advanced Institute of Industrial Technology has developed a chair frame that authenticates merely by sitting down: a butt-scanner. Professor Shigeomi Koshiura’s device produces a map of the user’s unique derriere shape, featuring 256 degrees of pressure at 360 different points and could be used not only to protect vehicles from theft but also, when connected to a computer, to prevent log-ons by those with unauthorized posteriors.

**Imminent gay takeovers**

■ Mayor Jose Benitez of Huarmey, Peru (population 16,000), speaking at the opening of a water works in November, warned residents about shortages in the water, which he said suppresses male hormones. He reminded residents that nearby Tabalosos, which is lately popular with gays and lesbians, shares the water supply and that Huarmey could turn gay, too.

■ A November report by Muslim scholars at Saudi Arabia’s highest religious council (Majlis al-Ifta’ al-'Ala), presented to the Saudi legislature, warned that ending the ban on females’ driving would cause a surge in prostitution, pornogra phy, divorce and, of course, homosexuality (and the scholars added that within 10 years, the country would have “no more virgins”).

**Ironies**

■ Because this past Christmas fell on a Sunday, nearby one Protestant church they discovered canceling Sunday services that day out of fear of low attendance, as parishioners remained at home with family. (The poll, by Lifeway Research, noted also that other churches, while not canceling, had left services to their second-string clergy.)

■ Retired sheriff Patrick J. Sullivan Jr. was arrested in November in a suburb of Denver and charged with distributing methamphetamine to men in exchange for sex. Sheriff Sullivan, who had a distinguished career as Arapahoe County sheriff, was booked into the Patrick J. Sullivan Jr. Detention Center, named for him after he retired in 2002.

■ Eileen Alexander, 36, and Ms. Korin Vanhouten, 47, had two different encounters with Ogden, Utah, police on Dec. 15. First, they were issued misdemeanor citations after being accused of shoplifting at a WinCo Foods store. They were released and walked out to their car in the parking lot, but summoned the police when they discovered that while they were busy shopping, someone had broken into their car and stolen a stereo. (The stereo, worth about $25, the stereo about $60.)

■ Sheriff’s deputies arrested novelist Nancy Mancuso Gelber, 53, in December in Bryan, Texas, after she had allegedly arranged a hit on her husband. (The “hit man,” of course, was an undercover officer.) Gelber said she had walked in on the husband romancing with one of her friends, and the couple were in the process of divorcing (complicated by her having removed her from his health insurance just as she was scheduled for expensive surgery). Gelber is the author of the 2010 “crime thriller” “Temporary Amnesia” and told the “hit man” that she was quite familiar with violent procedures (though obviously poor at spotting undercover officers).

**The litigious society**

■ Jesse Dimmick filed a lawsuit in Topeka, Kan., in October against Jared and Lindsay Rowley — whom he has been convicted of kidnapping in a notorious 2009 episode that resulted in his being shot by police. Mr. Dimmick broke into the home and held the couple hostage at knifepoint, but now says that, during the siege, the couple made him an “oral contract,” “legally binding,” that they would help him hide if he would sometime later pay them an unspecified amount of money. According to the lawsuit, since Mr. Dimmick was subsequently shot (accidentally, said the Topeka police), his injuries were the result of the Rowleys breaching the contract to hide him safely. (Police, who had surrounded the home, arrested Mr. Dimmick when he fell asleep.)

■ The two men who heroically pulled a woman out of a burning car wreck in 2009, and surely (according to a highway patrol officer on the scene) saved her life, have sued the woman for the emotional and physical disabilities that resulted from the episode (brought to light in an August 2011 Associated Press report). David Kelsey and Mark Kendrick not only stopped voluntarily to help, but were the only ones on the scene capable of pulling the woman to safety. (The fire was so hot that it melted Mr. Kelly’s cellphone.) Mr. Kelly said he has suffered serious breathing problems and cannot avoid horrific dreams reliving the episode. The woman, Theresa Tanner, subsequently admitted that she deliberately crushed the car that day in a suicide attempt.

■ Former ill-veteran police officer Louise McGarva, 35, filed a lawsuit recently, asking the equivalent of about $760,000, against the Lothian and Borders Police in Edinburgh, Scotland, for causing her post-traumatic stress disorder. Officer McGarva was attending a supposedly routine riot training session that got out of hand. She said she discovered that she had developed a debilitating fear of sirens and police cars.

■ Tri-athlete Sabine von Sengbusch, 46, filed a lawsuit recently against Meghan Rohan, 28, over a June bicycle-pedestrian collision in New York City’s Central Park. Von Sengbusch claims that Rohan had the audacity to step in front of her as she was bicycling, causing her to suffer “painful and permanent” injuries. (Although von Sengbusch said she was “the bike lane” at the time, park officials said signs make clear that pedestrians can be used not only to protect vehicles from theft but also, when connected to a computer, to prevent log-ons by those with unauthorized posteriors.)
Circuit judge, attorney to address women voters

Collier County Circuit Judge Hugh Hayes and attorney Sharon Hanlon will discuss “How Flori-da Citizens can Maintain an Inde-pendent Judiciary” when the League of Women Voters of Collier County meets at noon Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Country Club of Naples.

As elections approach, Flori-da voters need to know where they can obtain information about judicial candidates as well as unbiased assessments of proposals state lawmakers will consider during the session. Judge Hayes has 33 years on the Collier bench. He is a former chief judge for Circuit 20 and a former associate judge on the Second District Court of Appeals.

Ms. Hanlon is a recent member of the Judicial Nominating Commission and was the founding president of the Collier County Women’s Bar Association. She is a director of the Collier County Bar Association.

The cost of the optional luncheon is $20 for LWVCC members and $25 for non-members. Reservations should be made by 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, by calling 263-4656 or at www.lwvcolliercounty.org.

Clerk of court offers two free seminars

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

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

Register by calling 252-7542.

■ “Residential Tenant Evictions” is set for 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at Headquarters Regional Library on Orange Blossom Drive. Attendees will learn the most common reasons why landlords evict tenants and about the role of the clerk’s office in a tenant eviction action. Although attendees will be able to ask questions or discuss case scenarios, the clerk’s office cannot provide legal advice. Sign up by calling 593-0177.

For more information, visit www.collierclerk.com.

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Feb. 17 Naples from 10:00-11:00am

Feb. 3 Surviving the World Trade Center Collapse - Richard Picciotto at 7:00pm. Firefighter and inspirational speaker Richard Picciotto was a FDNY Battalion Commander in Manhattan on September 11, 2001. Trapped in the smoldering rubble of the north tower after its collapse, Richard’s gripping first-person account provides a firefighter’s view of the 9/11 World Trade Center catastrophe and emergency response. Tickets are $25. Call (239) 466-2067 or visit www.shellpoint.org/concerts.

Feb. 7,15 & 28 Discover Shell Point Tour & Presentation at 10am. Join us for a group presentation about the Lifestyle and Lifecare available at Shell Point followed by a narrated bus tour of the community. Light refreshments will be provided. Call (239) 466-1131 to reserve your place.

Feb. 9 Maintaining an Active Lifestyle After 80 at 6pm. Part of The Assisted Living Speaker Series at Shell Point. Join the experts as they discuss everything from lifestyles after 80, as well as the six dimensions of wellness. Admission is free. Call (239) 454-2077 to reserve your place.

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Feb.18 & 19 Naples Senior Expo from 10am-4pm, Saturday and Sunday. Stop by the Senior Expo at the Naples Italian American Club on Airport Pulling Road. This expo will be free and offers a variety of booths with information that benefits seniors. You can enter to win a $20 Publix Gift Card.

Feb. 19 An Evening with CS Lewis at 6:15pm British actor David Payne will perform an evening with CS Lewis. This dramatic staged production is set in the year 1963, when famed British author C. S. Lewis was in the twilight of his life. Tickets are $10. Call (239) 454-2147 or visit www.shellpoint.org/seasonofpraise.

Feb. 23 FREE! Shelling and Sea Glassing at 10:00am to 3:00pm. Shell Point Retirement Community will host an Open House welcoming guests to come on-site and tour the community, while taking the opportunity to learn more about the services and amenities offered in the resort-style Lifecare community. There will be several activities occurring during this event as well, including the opportunity to tour several furnished model units. This event is Free. For information call (239) 466-1131 or 1-800-780-1131.

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The burden of untreated mental illness impacts us all

BY DAVID SCHIMMEL
Special to Florida Weekly

Gaining an understanding of the magnitude and burden of untreated mental illness eludes most Americans. Mental illness is a subject that many of us do not wish to discuss, yet it has a surprising impact on all of our lives.

One in four families has at least one member with a mental disorder. Many times, family members are the primary caregivers and the illness has a dramatic impact on the entire family, its quality of life and its financial circumstances.

Mental illnesses are major causes of wide spread illness, disability and premature death in the United States. People with an untreated mental disorder can be forced into economic dependence, homelessness, social isolation, unwanted job changes, lost opportunities for promotion and education, unemployment and other disruptions in their life. They can also be victims of human rights violations and discrimination.

On a larger scale, three of the six leading factors that impact our lifespan are related to disabilities due to psychiatric disorders (depression, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder). On average, people with a diagnosed persistent mental illness will die 25 years earlier than the general population.

In Florida, on average, every three hours a person commits suicide. It is the second leading cause of death for ages 25-34. In 2009, more Floridians died of suicide than from homicides and HIV combined.

A recent study estimates that various mental illnesses cost society $255.4 billion annually in lost earnings in the United States. If you apply that to Florida, that represents $26.1 billion in lost earnings.

So as the legislature looks once again this year to cut funding to mental health services, it is important to understand that if mental health services are not funded directly, these costs show up in other systems—often at much higher rates and for much longer time spans. They get shifted to the child welfare system, education system, criminal and juvenile justice system and health-care system.

In Florida, mentally ill individuals in jail and prison outnumber those in state mental hospitals by nearly five to one. Nearly half of those people in state prisons with mental illness were incarcerated for non-violent crime. The cost of repetitively arresting people with mental illness is staggering. Minimal care for one mentally ill person for one year in a Florida jail costs $40,000, while intensive community mental health treatment (like the community based services provided at the David Lawrence Center) for that same individual costs less than $20,000.

Mental illnesses do not occur in isolation. They often are associated with physical and chronic illness such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancers and respiratory disease.

The relationship between physical illness and mental illness is bi-directional: Persons with mental illness are more likely to have certain physical illnesses, and those with chronic physical illnesses are more likely to have mental illnesses such as depression and anxiety.

Untreated or poorly managed psychiatric problems affect health-care resource utilization through increased length of stays in hospitals and repeated access to emergency rooms. The growing body of evidence suggests that psychiatric treatment can reduce outpatient and inpatient medical utilization. Recent studies find that unless the mental illness component is treated, medication adherence is compromised. This results in higher health-care costs and, it follows, reduced health outcomes and higher costs overall.

When it comes to children, the cost of childhood mental health disorders can be vast and largely hidden. Early onset of mental health disorders disrupts education and early careers. If effective treatment is not provided, the consequences into adulthood can be exponential.

Overall, untreated mental illnesses have a large impact not only on the individual suffering from the symptoms of their disease and their family members who suffer with them, but on society as whole.

Untreated mental illness greatly increases societal costs and creates a burden on communities and the public. These costs result in lost productivity, reduced mortality, increased incarceration, social services and child welfare agency expenditures, poor health care, high financial cost and an overall loss of human potential.

All of these costs are much greater than the necessary investment in mental health treatment and services. Without adequately funding for mental health services, these costs are likely to grow. Paying for mental health services represents not solely a cost, but it is an investment that saves money long term and helps people restore and rebuild their lives.

Cost-effective solutions that ease the burden of untreated mental illness are available for the Collier County community at the David Lawrence Center, which serves as the behavioral health component of our community’s health-care network.

As a not-for-profit organization founded and still governed by community leaders, David Lawrence Center can only accomplish this through collaborative partnerships that encourage members of our community to embrace and invest in our efforts to ensure the health, wellbeing and safety of our community.

David Schimmel is the CEO of the David Lawrence Center, a nonprofit behavioral health agency that provides mental health and substance abuse solutions for children, adults and families.

The center operates more than 40 comprehensive inpatient, residential, outpatient and community-based services. For more information, call 456-8500 or visit www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org.

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Since 2001, The Immokalee Foundation has matched mentors with qualified seventh, eighth- and ninth-grade students from Immokalee Middle School and Immokalee High School through the Take Stock in Children scholarship and mentoring program. Students who fulfill their pledge to earn good grades, exhibit good behavior and meet weekly with a mentor are awarded a full college scholarship upon high school graduation.

Liz Allbritten, executive director of The Immokalee Foundation, says more than 80 volunteers from Collier and Lee counties currently mentor students in Immokalee, but more are needed. “These children are our future,” she says. “Mentoring can help them realize their value and potential. It can change their lives.”

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once a week throughout the school year and help them find their path to success. With a time commitment of only a few hours each week, a volunteer can get to know a student and help them navigate challenges of education and life. And it works.

Kay Fumo mentors two Immokalee High School students: ninth grader Francisco Cuevas and tenth grader Joanna Chavez. Now in her fourth year as a mentor, Ms. Fumo says she gets just as much out of the experience as the students. “It’s wonderful to see them grow and mature, while helping them see and experience new things. I’m excited for them and their future. It enriches my life as I am able to participate in theirs.”

Mentor Jim DeCuzzi agrees. The executive director of Immokalee Housing & Family Services, Mr. DeCuzzi is also a member of the adjunct faculty of ITT Technical Institute in Fort Myers. He still takes time to mentor Jovanel Benjamin.

“Mentoring affords me the chance to give something back and make a positive difference in the life of a young person,” he says.

The need for additional mentors is great, Ms. Allbritten stresses. “If you want to change the life of a child and contribute to your community, please consider donating your time as a mentor. It will change your life as well.”

For more information, call 430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.

Nominate an outstanding senior volunteer

Home Instead Senior Care is seeking nominations for its “Salute to Senior Service” program honoring senior volunteers for the contributions they make to their communities. Nominees must be 65 years of age or older and volunteer at least 15 hours a month.

According to research conducted by the Home Instead Senior Care network, 52 percent of seniors volunteer their time through unpaid community service. Nearly 20 percent of seniors surveyed started volunteering when they reached the traditional age of retirement — 65 or older. Furthermore, 20 percent of seniors who volunteer say that their community service is the most important thing they do.

Nominations will be accepted at www.SaluteToSeniorService.com through March 15. Nomination forms also can be requested at ckoehler@homeinsteadinc.com. Winners at the state level will receive plaques, and their stories will be posted on the Salute to Senior Service website. One national winner will be announced in May, and $5,000 will be donated to that person’s charity of choice.

For more information about the “Salute to Senior Service” program or Home Instead Senior Care, call 596-2030.

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FEBRUARY 21 (Tues.) Reince Priebus
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• Former Chairman of the Wisconsin Republican Party

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

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

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

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

TIME: 4-6 pm
TICKETS: $100 per event, or $200 for entire series. Refreshments provided.
RSVP: For tickets, contact Rachel Budrik at (239) 687-5400 or externalaffairs@avemarialaw.edu
Bill was a freshman at college when he experimented with drugs and experienced a terrifying psychotic break. He believed the whole world—even his family—was against him. His distraught parents turned to the David Lawrence Center Crisis Stabilization Unit where he was kept safe and medically supervised. Bill spent the next two years working with a psychiatrist and therapist to identify and cope with these damaging thoughts so he could return to his studies.

As he nears graduation, Bill’s relationship with his family has never been stronger and his future holds endless opportunities.

Bill is among one in four in Collier County who suffer from a mental illness. One in nine of us will experience some form of substance abuse. When a family member, friend or coworker battles a mental health or substance abuse problem, we suffer with them. Thankfully, David Lawrence Center is here for our community.

A not-for-profit organization founded and still governed by community leaders, the David Lawrence Center is the behavioral health component of our community’s healthcare network. A true local resource, it relies on donations, fees and grants to invest in the health, safety and wellbeing of our community.

When you or someone you love needs help, call on the highly compassionate, committed and competent professionals of the David Lawrence Center to inspire you to move beyond the crisis towards life-changing wellness.

The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island and the Marco Island Historical Society present world-renowned Abraham Lincoln historian Thomas Schwartz, director of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library & Museum, with “The Life and Legacy of Abraham Lincoln” on Saturday, Feb. 25. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with light dinner at JCMI; Dr. Thomas’ lecture will start at 7:45 p.m. at the historical society. Patron tickets for $45 include the dinner reception and reserved seating at the lecture. General seating for the lecture only is $25.

For reservations or more information, call Estie Karpman at 642-4049 or e-mail karp888@aol.com.
Christian Scientist lecturer will discuss prayer

Can prayer and the universal messages illustrated in the Bible really make a difference today? Are they practical? Robin Houglad believes the answers are yes and will discuss her viewpoints at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at First Church of Christ, Scientist, 649 Central Ave.

In a talk titled “Rise up! Prayer, Protest and Healing,” Ms. Houglad will explore “how each of us can draw upon spiritual resources to protest injustice in any form — crime, harassment, even chronic or hereditary illness — and find resolution and healing.” Her ideas are based on Bible teachings as discussed in “Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures,” by Mary Baker Eddy.

After working in public radio, publishing and as a freelance writer, Ms. Hougland says she realized her true love was helping others through Christian Science. As a member of the Christian Science Board of Lectureship, she travels across the country and the world from her home in Cape Cod, Mass. ■

Mooring’s church series continues

Mooring’s Presbyterian Church continues its 2012 Distinguished Speaker Series at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, with a luncheon and program by author/editor/publisher Karl Weber, who collaborated with 2006 Nobel Peace Prize laureate Mahamad Yunus on “Creating A World Without Business” and “Building Social Business.” Mr. Weber will discuss “Muhammad Yunus and the Economics of Peace.”

Three more luncheon programs complete the series:

■ Sunday, Feb. 19, Joan Gray of Atlanta presents “Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Prayer but were Afraid to Ask.”

■ Sunday, March 4, Stephen Fowl, a frequent guest at Moorings Presbyterian services, discusses “Struggling with Scripture in a Divided Church.”

■ Sunday, March 18, Dr. Bill Beckwith, founder of the Life and Memory Center and a specialist in memory disorders, will discuss “Remembering What Not to Forget.”

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

Rabbi will address Temple Sisterhood

Temple Shalom Sisterhood invites the community to hear Rabbi Adam Miller discuss “Gender and Judaism: Where Do We Go From Here?” at a luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, at the temple at 4419 Pine Ridge Road.

Rabbi Miller began serving Temple Shalom in 2010, following a tenure at Temple Beth Am in Framingham, Mass. He was ordained by Hebrew Union College-Institute of Religion in 1993.

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

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Interfaith series continues on Marco Island

The Marco Island Clergy Association’s 2012 Interfaith Community Educational Series, “Embracing with Love and Understanding,” provides an opportunity for adults to learn about one another’s faith at weekly lectures and discussions. All begin at 7 p.m. Dates and locations are:

- Feb. 1, Temple Israel of Marco Island, where Rev. Rita Partin of the Cupbearer Ministry will discuss her denomination;
- Feb. 16, St. Mark’s Episcopal Church with Rev. Kyle Bennett;
- Feb. 29, Wesley United Methodist Church with Rev. Kirk Dreiser;
- March 7, Family Church of Marco Island with Rev. Tim Neptune;
- March 14, San Marco Catholic Church with Father Tim Navin;
- March 20, Marco Presbyterian Church with Pastor Bill Lyle; and
- March 22, Marco Lutheran Church with Rev. Kevin Koenig.

Hadassah presents ‘Simcha in Song’

Collier County Hadassah presents a musical journey from Israel to Broadway beginning at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, at Temple Shalom. Ten cantors and cantorial soloists will lead the program, which will be led by female cantor, Warshauer, with frequent use of melodic Sephardic/Ladino music of the Jews expelled from Spain who settled in the Middle East. Her Temple Shalom colleague, organist and choir director Peter Lewis, will provide accompaniment. Other voices in the program will include: cantors Faith Steinnsnyder, Donna Goldstein (retired) and Aaron Kaplan and cantorial soloists Douglas Rentzow, Lawrence Demer, Ann Newman, Jane Galler, Hari Jacobsen and Lori Cohen.

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By Dr. C. Hammond Ph.D.

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Modern-Day Slavery

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would help hold Trader Joe’s accountable if there are abuses occurring, explains Oscar Otzoy, a fieldworker who is employed by the CIW as a spokesperson and activist.

“If something is happening in the fields, like systemic sexual harassment or unfair wages, there’s a process that comes into play for it to be rectified,” he said, speaking through a translator.

Trader Joe’s wouldn’t comment for this story, referring instead to a letter posted on the company’s website last October in response to CIW protests in California and elsewhere. “We’re just going to go round and round all day,” said spokesperson Alison Mochizuki. “I think in the letter it’s pretty clear.”

Following the CIW’s agreement would cost Trader Joe’s about $30,000 per year, The Atlantic reported. The multi-billion dollar company is owned by a family trust set up by the owners of Aldi, a German discount supermarket chain.

Trader Joe’s, Walmart, Costco and other companies were also the focus of an investigation four years ago by the AFL-CIO, and supported by the U.S. State Department, for buying shrimp from sweatshop-like factories in Thailand and Bangladesh. Workers under age 8 were subject to “sexual and physical abuse, debt bondage, child labor and unsafe working conditions,” CNN reported in April 2008.

Those conditions are not unfamiliar to activist Mr. Otzoy. The slavery cases that originated in Florida include just those types of abuses and others.

On Friday, Feb. 10, when the CIW will ask to meet with Kent Smathers, vice president of Trader Joe’s, they plan to tell him the story behind the bloodied shirt and discuss signing the Fair Food Agreement. Mr. Otzoy says it’s not likely the executive will show, but he and others in the coalition are “holding out hope.”

“We know it’s very likely this is not the only store that’s going to open in Florida,” he said. “They wouldn’t extend their supply chain down here just for one store.”

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IberiaBank wants book deposits for area libraries

IberiaBank’s “I Gives Back” program shifts gears from cell phones in January to new and gently used books in February. Bank locations throughout Southwest Florida are collecting books for donation to Friends of the Library chapters in Collier and Lee counties. Cell phones collected last month were given to The Shelter for Abused Women & Children in Collier County and to Abuse Counseling & Treatment in Lee County.

This month “I Gives Back” wants fiction and non-fiction, hardcover and paperback books in addition to DVDs and CDs appropriate for all ages.

Collected items will be used in several ways. Book titles that are needed for the public library system will be deployed to libraries throughout the two counties; other books will be sold at Friends of the Library book sales or sold in bulk to book wholesalers to help to fund chapter initiatives.

New and like-new books can be dropped off at any of the following IberiaBank locations (no old reference materials, magazines or well-worn items, please):

- **Naples:**
  - 2150 Goodlette Road N.; 403-2510
  - 428 Ninth St. S.; 403-4240
  - 3838 Tamiami Trail N.; 403-5123
  - 775 Airport Road N.; 430-1639
  - 1905 Pine Ridge Road; 403-3720
  - 2810 Immokalee Road; 393-2021

- **Marco Island:**
  - 605 Bald Eagle Drive; 393-2400

- **Fort Myers:**
  - 2225 First St.; 344-1620
  - 6651 Orion Drive; 225-4560
  - 4670 Summerlin Road; 985-2660

- **Cape Coral:**
  - 1715 Cape Coral Parkway W.; 541-5200

For more information about the book drive, call Sara Dewberry 403-2532 or e-mail Sara.Dewberry@iberiabank.com.

Saks Fifth Avenue at Waterside Shops has designated the David Lawrence Center to receive 5 percent of purchases made with a Saks registered credit card during the month of February.

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For more information, call 304-3505.
Grant will help Charity for Change revamp website

Charity for Change will receive a $7,500 grant from the Community Foundation of Collier County to automate the Charity for Change website, which is used by the students and teachers participating in the School “Giver” Program at five Collier County elementary schools.

Students access the website weekly to play the Counting for Charity math game as one way they raise funds for charities each classroom selects. Since 2008, students and Community Partners who support the School “Giver” Program have donated $55,000 to 72 charities.

Automating the website system that tracks charity classroom visits, character development puzzles, classroom fundraising efforts, student honorees, school announcements, puppet shows performed by the students and other activities will give Charity for Change staff and volunteers the ability to expand the program to more schools, students and charities.

For more information, visit www.charityforchange.org.

Naples Relay For Life earns American Cancer Society accolades

The American Cancer Society’s Relay For Life of Naples has received the Nationwide Number One Per Capita Award from the ACS, proclaiming it the top relay in the nation for service areas with populations between 250,000 and 499,999.

Relay events take place in 5,000 communities around the country every year, including nearly 350 in Florida, and involved an estimated 3.5 million people.

While 2011 was an impressive year for the Naples event, it continues to rely on the support of the community; corporate sponsors, teams, volunteers and in-kind donations are crucial to its continuing success.

“This year, we again look to our Naples community to help the Naples Relay support those who are dealing with and who have dealt with cancer,” says Kathy Cleeland, area executive director of the ACS South Gulf Coast Area.

Relay For Life is an overnight event that celebrates the lives of people who have battled cancer and remembers those who have lost the fight. Team members take turns walking or running the track throughout the night, while numerous activities help raise funds and awareness.

This year’s Relay For Life of Naples takes place Friday and Saturday, April 20-21, at Gulfview Middle School. For more information, contact Dani Johnson at 287-2028.

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Doctors join the Lighthouse of Collier board

Lighthouse of Collier Inc., Center for Blindness and Vision Loss, welcomes three new members to its volunteer board of directors: Dr. Suzana Tanimoto-Ginsberg, Dr. Stephen Schwartz and Dr. Barrett Ginsberg.

Dr. Tanimoto-Ginsberg is conducting research for an electric phosphene pressure tonometer study in the glaucoma department at the University of South Florida and for a neovascular glaucoma treatments and outcomes study in the glaucoma department of the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute at the University of Miami.

Dr. Schwartz is an associate professor of clinical ophthalmology at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and is medical director of the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute at Naples, where he has practiced since 2004. A board-certified ophthalmologist, he specializes in diseases and surgery of the vitreous, retina and macula.

Dr. Ginsberg is in private practice at Eye Centers of Florida, where he specializes in cornea and external disease, refractive and lens surgery. He is the affiliate associate professor in the department of ophthalmology at USF.

Lighthouse of Collier promotes the development, implementation and ongoing evaluation of programs and services that foster independence and enhance the quality of life for the blind, visually impaired and their caregivers. Classes take place at Lighthouse of Collier headquarters, 424 Bayfront Place.

For more information, call 430-3934 or visit www.lighthouseofcollier.org.

‘See’ what it’s like to be vision impaired

“Walk a Mile in Our Shoes,” an awareness walk with a “sight” twist, takes place on Saturday, March 10. The 1-mile walk begins at Lighthouse of Collier headquarters at 424 Bayfront Place. Participants will be encouraged to wear special glasses that simulate vision impairment and that will be provided at the registration table.

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

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. For more information, call 430-3934 or visit www.lighthouseofcollier.org.
Voices of Naples has scholarships for young singers

Voices of Naples is accepting scholarship applications from high school seniors who want to pursue vocal music studies in college or university. Students from Collier and Lee counties, including those who are home schooled, are encouraged to apply.

All applications must be received by March 8. Auditions will be held by appointment on the evening of Monday, April 2, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Naples. Results will be mailed to all applicants no later than the first week of May.

Over the past five years, VON has awarded more than $21,000 to local students. To receive a scholarship application or for more information, contact Douglas Renfroe, VON artistic director, at 689-5965 or visit www.voicesofnaples.org.

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Humane Society waives cat adoption fees

Through February, Humane Society Naples will waive the adoption fee for those who give an adult cat that has been in the shelter at Humane Society Naples for 180 days or more a permanent home. At press time, 32 cats were eligible for the special offer. The normal adoption fee for adult cats ranges from $35 to $55.

Interested individuals must meet HSN adoption qualifications and participate in the agency’s standard adoption consultation process. Fees for a Collier County pet license and a cat carrier are extra.

The HSN adoption center at 370 Airport-Pulling Road is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. A satellite adoption site at Coastland Center is staffed during mall hours, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.

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For a small donation, visitors can have a taste of ice cream for themselves and, from Top Dog Kitchen, for their canine companions. Adult cat adoptions will be $50 and include a certificate for a complimentary veterinarian visit, a bag of cat litter, all vaccinations, microchipping and spay/neutering. For more information, call 434-7480 or e-mail Admin@BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.org.

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Two days out

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But just as Mrs. Moran begins to appear too grand, too different, she turns into one of us all. Her youngest son walking down the stairs beckoning, “Mom …”, she turns from her furniture movers, from her assistant sorting out menu programs and gift bags and from the reporter who has been treated to little morsels of the days leading up to the dinner. She turns to her boy, “What, baby?”

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Beamer please move their car,” the 16-year-old redhead asks.

Now back to that ceiling — a dim flicker during the day, “but wait’til you see it at night.”

“You want your guests to walk through that door and not only feel like they are coming to your home, but feel extra special, feel that ‘Wow’ factor that trans-ports them and this night to a magical time,” says Mrs. Moran, standing in her in-flux family rooms of mirrors and chan-dellers. She’s named her dinner, “Where the Magic Begins,” spinning off the 2012 festival theme, “Believe in the Magic.”

To Mrs. Moran, the vinter dinners are a time to wine and dine the attend-ees so they will bid “high and often” at the auction the following day — for the festival is “all about the children.”

And though those words might sound like justification, the festival has raised more than $100 million for 38 charities in 12 years. And though those words might feel rehearsed — festival trustees and party planners and public relations specialists all end their lines the same way: “It’s all about the children” — it’s irrefutable that more than 125,000 children in Collier County now have a chance, whether it be in an after-school program or for a post-secondary educa-tion, dental care or speech therapy.

“She’s fair and planning of vintner dinners for 12 years,” says Chef de Cuisine Rick Tramonto. Plates

Mrs. Short has participated in the planning of vinter dinners for 12 years, as long as the Naples Winter Wine Fes-tival has been in existence. She’s fair and freckled and only wears flats herself, this time of year. But the day before the feast would be the day she loves, the day when she sees the vision of months and months come together.

“It will,” says the woman who tweaks the timeline of the house, nightly in the days leading up to the dinner. She divides her binder of a timeline with color-coded tabs and insists she’s not nervous, “more making sure the flow goes well.”

Again she says, maybe more to her-self, “It will. It always does.”

The man in the kitchen sees Ms. Short’s timeline as he sees his recipes: “It’s a guideline,” says Chef de Cuisine Chris Lukis.

As he adjusts eight courses for two guests who have dietary restrictions, he has a premium Hamachi fillet in the sink, celebrity chefs arriving at the air-port and sous chefs running to Whole Foods. “Tomorrow, we will cook,” he says.

Moments later, “So we’re going to have dancers, I hear.” He grinned. “Nice.”

The dinner

Oh, how the mock night sky lights up the wine glasses. Two glasses apiece for the cocktail reception, two glasses for the first course, two glasses for the second, one for the third, one for the fourth, on and on for 40 guests, more than 400 glasses. Imagine the reflection. But before the dogs are ushered into the master bedroom, someone ever privy to the months and months of plan-ning, someone well aware this magic-themed dinner was no act of Houdini, Charlie Born, Mrs. Moran’s assistant, concedes, “I hope everything is perfect, but if it isn’t, I don’t think the guests will notice.”

She looks to the 300-plus-gallon fish tank and sees a sneeze, “Oh no, we can’t have that.” Wipe, wipe. “It’s on the inside.”

Ms. Born walks back to the kitchen. Mrs. Moran finds her there shortly; hugs her, may even have been heard saying, “I just love you.”

Tattoos peek out from underneath the sleeves of Chef Tramonto. Plates garnished with tarot cards, top hats and origami paper match his playful style.

Chef Folse can now add the Naples Winter Wine Festival to cooking for President Clinton’s birthday in the White House and a dinner for the Holy Father in the Vatican. What sets Naples apart? “Ambiance,” he says. “And atten-tion to detail.”

Where the Magic Begins

Vinter dinner at the home of Tom and Sandi Moran

Carnapies

- Anchovy Tomato Jam Straw
- Brandade Tater Tot
- Hamachi Cuts Spoon
- Puffed Prosciutto
- Champagne
- Domaine Serene Rose
- Domaine Serene 2007
- “Chef Vintner” Chardonnay
- Lail Vineyards 2008
- Blueprint Cabernet Sauvignon

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- Carrot and Clementine Juice Shooter with Tarragon, Carrot Ice Cubes
- Oyster on the Half Shell, Oyster Ceviche, Chili, Lime Granita
- Green Apple, Radish Carpaccio, Vanilla Vinaigrette
- Domaine Serene 2008
- “Cote Sud Vineyard” Chardonnay
- Lail Vineyards 2010
- “Blueprint” Sauvignon Blanc

First Course/Cold Appetizer

- Burrata Cheese and Caviar
- Domaine Serene 2008
- “Cote Sud Vineyard” Chardonnay
- Lail Vineyards 2010
- “Blueprint” Sauvignon Blanc

Second Course/Hot Appetizer

- Death by Gumbo
- Roasted Stuffed Quali, Scallop polka-dot Truffle Tartare
- Domaine Serene 2004*
- Eventide Reserve Pinot Noir
- Lail Vineyards 2009
- “Georgia Estate” Sauvignon Blanc

Third Course/Fish

- Roasted Sea Scallop with Seared Foie Gras and Black “Topped” in a Beer Porr
- Domaine Serene 2002 “Montrachet” Pinot Noir

Fourth Course/Meat

- Braised Boneless Short Rib with Red Wine Sauce and Rutabaga-Satsuma Puree
- Lail Vineyards 2004
- “J. Daniel Cuvee” Cabernet Sauvignon
- Lail Vineyards 2009
- “J. Daniel Cuvee” Cabernet Sauvignon

Dessert Course

- White Chocolate Bread Pudding
- Creme Brulee with Salted Caramel Sauce
- Lail Vineyards 2004
- “J. Daniel Cuvee” Cabernet Sauvignon
- Lail Vineyards 2009
- “J. Daniel Cuvee” Cabernet Sauvignon

Assorted Petit Fours and Chocolates
The next day’s auction

Just past 4 o’clock in the afternoon and Heart blares from the tent at The Ritz Carlton Golf Resort: “Try to understand, try to understand, try, try to understand... He’s a magic man, Mama.”

Auction Lot 33, the “Treasure Chest” lot — including one of 15 produced Chateau Haut-Brion 75th Anniversary red wine consoles, eight vintages spanning from 1935 and six bottles from the 2010 vintage — sells for $600,000. Vintrer Prince Robert of Luxembourg adds a second Haut-Brion lot, it goes for $550,000. Two lots alone, more than $1 million raised.

A 2012 Mercedes — not on the market yet, no one will be driving this SLS AMG Roadster but the winner — goes for $420,000.

A 22-day trip around the world on a luxury jet for 50 passengers sells for $324,000.

Rattles and noisemakers amplify the tent. Cameras zip from bidder to bidder, projecting bidding duels on two giant screens, making the action look somewhat like a revival.

Red letters, all caps, flash along the bottom of the screen, “HIGHER!”

Volunteer Fred Monschein can only describe the scene at The Ritz as one thing, “A big top full of millionaires.”

Mr. Monschein wears a Marine Corps hat and volunteers because, “I’ve got the time.”

“All these wines I’m not familiar with,” he says, “But the prices they’re paying, seem to be pretty hefty.” And he calls that “generosity.”

At table 16, there’s that blonde pixie, talking about her dinner, her story-telling chefs, her dancers, her ceiling, remembering a moment when she was “sitting there, looking around the room,” she says, “and you see people that are happy. And you know you are providing that experience they expect.”

“And they’ll remember it for the rest of their lifetimes,” her husband adds.

Madonna blares through the speakers now, beseeching: “Get into the groove, and Heart blares from the tent at The Ritz Carlton Golf Resort: “Try to understand, try to understand, try, try to understand... He’s a magic man, Mama.”

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1. Auctioneer Humphrey Butler
2. Betsy Aikaterinidis hopes the for
   the best as Tony Markel raises
   his paddle
3. Michele Eddy congratulates a
   fellow bidder
4. Sandy Silvestri, Jon Finstrom and
   Retta Singer
5. Al Rupp celebrates with Sandi and
   Tom Moran after the Morans’ win-
   ning bid
6. Kirsten Ferrara and Al Rupp
7. Local children who participate in
   programs that benefit from the
   festival joined surprise guests
   The Lovin’ Spoonful when the
   band performed “Do You Believe
   in Magic?”
8. The auction tent at The Ritz-
   Carlton Golf Resort was filled to
   capacity
10. Volunteer Steve Wheeler, in yel-
    low T-shirt, coaxes Tom Koehn to
    keep bidding
11. Elliott Singer
12. Judge Judy Sheindlin and Jerry
    Sheindlin are loyal and enthusi-
    astic festival attendees
13. Rusty Staub

Who it helps
Since 2001, these charities have all
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Guadalupe Center of Immokalee
Immokalee Child Care Center
Immokalee Housing & Family Services
Make-A-Wish Foundation
Marco Island YMCA
Naples Firefighter Challenge
PACE Center for Girls
Penalola Christian Migrant Association
The Ricky King Children’s Fund
Shelter for Abused Women & Children
SWF Workforce Development Board
St. Matthew’s House/ St. Matt’s Kids Care
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Blood donor needs Type O donations

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

Donate at the following Community Blood Center locations:
- Naples: 300 Ninth St. N., on the first floor of the NCH Medical Plaza.
- Complimentary valet parking for all blood donors. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday; and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday. Call 436-5459.
- Bonita Springs: 9700 Bonita Beach Road, Suite 100. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Thursdays and Fridays. Call 495-1138.

For a list of Community Blood Center bloodmobile locations and times, visit www.givebloodcbc.org.

Bereavement group begins soon

An eight-week bereavement support group, offered by Jewish Family Services, begins Thursday, Feb. 6, at JFS office at 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. The session will meet Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information or to register, call Margaret Passeri at 325-4444.

Free seminars at Physicians Regional

The following free seminars are coming up at Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge, 6001 Pine Ridge Road:
- “Weight Loss Surgery Options,” by general and bariatric surgeon Thomas Bass, at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 7.
- “Telederm From Maimers” by orthopoeic spine surgeon Robert Biscup, at 4 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9.

For more information or to register, call 348-4180 or visit www.physicianregional.com/events.

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Superfood Salad
Salad:
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1/2 head Napa cabbage, finely shredded
1/2 red onion, sliced thin
3-4 carrots, peeled and grated
1/2 cup grape tomatoes
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1/2 pint blueberries, rinsed
1/2 cup cashew pieces, raw unsalted
1/2 cup sunflower seeds, raw unsalted
1/2 cup frozen or dried goji berries
2 cups acai dressing
Combine in a large bowl. Top with acai dressing, toss and serve.

Dressing:
1 cup acai smoothie pack (unsweetened)
1 tbl apple cider vinegar
1/2 tsp minced garlic
1 tsp salt
2 tsp black pepper
Pinch cayenne
1/2 cup raw cashews, soaked overnight in 1/2 cup water
5 pitted dates
Combine all ingredients in a high-powered blender or food processor until mixture reaches desired consistency. Serve immediately.

Assessing the importance of independent, outside assessments

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To help ensure that our services are of the highest quality, NCH is consistently and comprehensively assessed by a substantial group of outside auditors and reviewers. Our campuses across the county have just completed an audit for the many outside agencies that we’ve derived from the statements of our examiners, we are cautiously optimistic about the results. And we have benefited enormously, in terms of education, from the process. Such knowledge will yield a direct benefit to us and for the health of our community.

Among the many organizations that review us frequently are the Agency for Healthcare Administration; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid; the Joint Commission for Healthcare Accreditation; the College of American Pathologists; the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities; and the Environmental Protection Agency as well as bond rating agencies, our auditing firm, PricewaterhouseCoopers, regional fire departments and others.

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A $10 donation to the North Naples Fire Department will buy lunch consisting of dishes that follow the principles of the “Engine 2 Diet.” The menu, served by NNFN members, will include: “Superfood” salad, sweet potato lasagna, fruit with lime mousse, dark chocolate brownies, water and spiced iced tea punch. Immediately following lunch, Mr. Esselstyn will discuss the benefits of a plant-strong diet. He’ll also answer questions from the audience and sign copies of his book.

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SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

For the first time in its 22 years of ranking, U.S. News & World Report has named Naples Community Hospital among the nation’s Best Regional Hospitals.

U.S. News annually publishes the Best Hospitals rankings in July. At the midpoint of the 2011-12 year, its editors recognized 247 hospitals outside major metropolitan areas, including NCH, as Best Regional Hospitals. See the complete list at www.usnews.com/bestregionalhospitals.

Hospitals like NCH offer a high level of medical care to communities that otherwise might have limited options, says Avery Comarow, U.S. News health rankings editor. “All Best Regional Hospitals are what we call ‘high performers’ in at least one medical specialty,” he adds. “They are fully capable of providing first-rate care, even to most patients who have serious conditions or need demanding procedures.”

Dr. Allen Weiss, NCH president and CEO, says such recognition from a national, independent organization “is testimony to the excellence of the physicians, staff, board members and volunteers at the NCH Healthcare System.”

U.S. News annually evaluates nearly 5,000 hospitals in 16 medical specialties. Hard numbers stand behind its analysis in most specialties — death rates, patient safety, procedure volume and other objective data. Physicians’ responses to a national survey, in which specialists are asked to name hospitals they consider best in their specialty for the toughest cases, also are factored in.

About NCH Healthcare System

More than just two hospitals (in North Naples and downtown) with 715 beds, the NCH Healthcare System is an alliance of 650 physicians and medical facilities in dozens of locations throughout Collier County and southwest Florida.

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Make every step count for a worthwhile cause

Do yourself some good and help local charitable organizations at the same time by signing up and getting out to some of the following events:

- Don as much red as you can manage and walk, strut or stride around the pavilion at Waterside Shops to raise awareness of heart disease in women and the American Heart Association’s Go Red for Women campaign from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3.

- Free health screenings will be conducted by staff from Lee Memorial Health System. Waterside Shops will donate a percentage of its sales throughout the day to AHA. Awards will be presented for Most Red, Most Glamorous and Most Spirited participants.

- Registration is $5. To sign up or for more information, call 485-4900.

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

- The third annual event include 100-km, 50-km and 25-km rides outside the park; a 2- to 10-mile ride inside the park; and a 1.5- to 6-mile walk inside the park. Bike rides outside the park begin at 7:45 a.m., and everything inside the park begins at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast will be provided by McDonald’s and lunch by Wynn’s Catering.

- Baby Basics of Collier County provides free diapers to some 300 families. In order to be eligible, one parent must be working and the family can receive no state or federal cash assistance.

- Challenge sponsorships are available beginning at $500. Entry fees for bicyclists and walkers range from $20 to $25. For more information, visit www.babybasicscollipop.org.

- The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida holds its annual poker walk on Sunday, Feb. 26, at North Collier Regional Park. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the trek begins at 9 a.m. Breakfast will be provided by Costos, and JetBlue has donated two round-trip tickets for a raffle ($25 for three tickets).

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

- The 2012 Southwest Florida Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is set for Saturday morning, March 12, at Coconut Point. The sanctioned 5K event also includes a non-competitive 5K run/walk and a 1-mile fun run/walk.

- For registration and more information, call 498-6066, visit www.komenswfl.org or e-mail raceinfo@komenswfl.org.

- The Collier County March for Babies, a 3-mile trek to benefit the March of Dimes, sets out at 6 p.m. April 28, at North Collier Regional Park off Livingston Road. For registration or more information, call 433-3463 or visit www.marchforbabies.org.
Tournament set at Marco Y

The 22nd annual “For the Love of the Y” tennis tournament takes place Friday-Sunday, Feb. 10-12, at the Greater Marco Family YMCA. Categories are men’s and women’s singles and doubles (2.5-5.0 levels) as well as mixed doubles (6.0-9.0). Registration for doubles is $50 for Y members, $60 others; singles registration is $25 and $30. Fees include tournament souvenir and a party afterward.

Entry deadline is 6 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8. Sign up at the Y, 101 Sand Hill St., or call 394-9622, ext. 224, or e-mail tennis@marcoislandymca.org. Paul Barrus is the tournament director.

Sterling Oaks hosts Sneaky Pete's tourney

The 13th annual Sneaky Pete’s tennis tournament returns to Sterling Oaks Feb. 18-25. Divisions include 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 men’s and women’s singles and doubles as well as 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0 mixed doubles. Play is limited is two events per person.

Registration is $35 per player for either singles or doubles or $60 for any two events per player. Entry fee includes a tournament T-shirt, a $5 Sneaky Pete’s gift certificate (first 25 entries) and a player party on Feb. 25.

Registration deadline is 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15. See www.sterlingoakstennis.com (click on Sneaky Pete’s in the events menu). Draws will be posted on the website at noon Friday, Feb. 17.

Eighteen of the world’s top touring tennis professionals will gather at Bonita Bay Club Friday and Saturday, March 2-3, for matches, mini-clinics, a pro-am competition and a dinner-dance gala. The Fine-Mark Tour Players Tennis Classic will benefit Barbara’s Friends and a new pediatric pharmacy planned for the expansion of The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida.

Participating tennis pros include titleholders from Wimbledon, the U.S. Open, French Open and the Olympics.

This is the fifth year Bonita Bay Club members have organized this tennis weekend, formerly the Bonita Bay Club Celebrity Tennis Event. This year, in addition to the name change, all events are open to the public, according to Floyd Robinson, who chairs the event with fellow Bonita Bay resident Pat Valva.

“We have raised $384,000 for The Children’s Hospital during the last four years and hope to bring in $250,000 this year,” Mr. Robinson says.

Tickets for Friday are $75 each and include two doubles matches, dinner, beverage tickets and a special club “Access Book” for discounted golf, tennis and dining privileges, sponsored by Bonita Bay Club and The Club at Mediterra. At 6 p.m., the mixed doubles match pits Gigi Fernandez and Mikael Perfnors against JoAnne Russell and Tim Wilkinson. The 7:45 p.m. men’s doubles match puts Rick Leach and Jimmy Arias against Jared Palmer and Don Johnson. Fred Stolle will serve as commentator for the matches. Gates open at 5 p.m.

Ms. Fernandez is the first Puerto Rican woman to win an Olympic gold medal and be inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame. Mr. Perfnors won three top-level single titles in which he defeated Andre Agassi. Mr. Palmer, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Leach and Mr. Johnson also have won grand slams and Top 10 world rankings.

Four events are scheduled for Saturday, beginning with breakfast with the pros at 9 a.m. The pro-am competition starts at 10 a.m., with one touring pro on each court helping participants improve their games while playing mini-sets.

At noon the Wells Fargo Kids Cup Challenge gives local pediatric cancer survivors the chance to swing with the pros. Pediatric cancer survivors and siblings interested in participating should call 343-6950 to reserve spots.

At 2 p.m. the touring pros will conduct mini-clinics to help participants improve specific areas of their games.

The event finale is a gala dinner-dance and live auction at the Bonita Bay Club Saturday evening. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7:30.

The FineMark Tour Players Tennis Classic’s Most Valuable Patient is Olivia Ramsey, a 7-year-old pediatric cancer survivor from Fort Myers who has received treatment at The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida and the Barbara’s Friends Outpatient Clinic.

For ticket prices and reservations, call 343-6950 or visit www.tourplayerstennisclassic.com.

About The Children’s Hospital

The Tour Players Tennis Classic presenting sponsor, FineMark National Bank & Trust, along with Wells Fargo, U.S. Trust, Premier Sotheby’s International Realty, Coconut Point Ford, Trianon Bonita Bay and many individual seeding sponsors, have pledged their support to help the event raise more than $250,000 toward the $1 million needed to name a new pediatric pharmacy. The pharmacy is part of the five-story, 292,000-square-foot expansion planned for The Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida on the campus of HealthPark Medical Center in south Fort Myers. Part of Lee Memorial Health System, the hospital is the only facility of its kind between Tampa and Miami.
PET TALES

Furever friends

Now’s a great time to adopt an adult cat

BY GINA SPADAFORI
Universal Cloth

Have you thought about adopting a cat this year? Whether you are looking for your first cat, a companion cat to one you already love or an addition to a busy, active household, now’s a great time to bring home a shelter cat.

If you think of shelters as gloom-and-doom places, you might be surprised at the changes in many shelter facilities. For cats, especially, the days of sterile, stacked steel cages are giving way to colony cat rooms, where the animals can relax and show off their loving personalities.

Still, I know going to a shelter can be overwhelming, since you can’t take them all home. But if you think about what you’re looking for in a cat, go in with a plan, and listen to your heart and your head, I bet you’ll find the adoption option is easier and more rewarding than you think.

There are advantages to adopting from a shelter, and saving money is one of them. Adult pets are usually spayed or neutered before they’re made available for adoption, and that’s real savings. The cats you see usually also have been vet-checked, vaccinated and, in some shelters, evaluated for temperament. In many shelters you’ll find staff members and volunteers who are familiar with each cat’s personality and can tell you which ones are lap-sitters, which are playful, which ones like kids and dogs, and which ones would rather live without them.

Another plus is the variety of cats you can find: long-haired, shorthaired, tabby, calico and sometimes even pedigreed cats, especially popular breeds such as Siamese and Persian. Yes, that’s right: If you’ve always dreamed of having a chatty Siamese, you can find one in a shelter, especially if you broaden your search by using Petfinder.com. Want more reasons to adopt from a shelter? Many shelter cats are already familiar with home life because that’s where they came from, often ending up in a shelter through no fault of their own — especially in this economy. They’re cool around kids or dogs, and they know the litter box routine. I’m no fan of declawing, but if you believe you must have a cat who is declawed, there’s a good chance you can find one at a shelter.

Before you go, get a picture in your head about what you want in a cat. Lap-sitter or lively? Cool with kids and dogs? Chatty or quiet? Some shelters start with adoption counseling first, then introduce you to the cats who are the best matches. Other shelters give you a chance to look at the cats over and visit with them first, then help you choose the one cat who’s right for you.

And if your shelter doesn’t have adoption counseling? Look beyond the cute and think of the home you’re providing. If yours is a three-ring circus with people, it’s only fair that the cats you bring home have a quiet corner. You may just need time to relax and look around in a new home.

Most important, look past appearance and “see” with your heart what’s really there. Behind a plain-vanilla exterior of a cat who has been overlooked, you may discover a sweet pet with the purrfect personality.

No matter your family situation or the kind of cat you hope to find, you can find your next pet at a shelter.

To adopt or foster a pet — This week’s pets are from Collier County Domestic Animal Services. Adoption fees for cats are $60 and dogs are $85 and include sterilization surgery, vaccinations, pet license, ID microchip and a bag of food. Visit CAS at 7610 Davis Blvd. from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. For more information, call 239-721-387 or visit www.collegerog.net/pets.
“Dear Habicht — Such a solemn air of silence has descended between us that I almost feel as if I am committing a sacrilege when I break it now with some inconsequential babble.... What are you up to, you frozen whale, you smoked, dried canned piece of soul?”
— Albert Einstein's letter to Conrad Habicht, May 1905

“Bah, bah, a black sheep, have you any wool? Yes, merry have I, three bags full. One for my master, one for my dame, one for the little boy that lives down the lane.”
— “Tommy Thumb's Pretty Song Book,” 1744

“To wonderful, wonderful Copenhagen: Salty old queen of the sea. Once I sailed away, but I'm home today.”
— Frank Loesser, “Wonderful Copenhagen”

“If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales.”
— Albert Einstein

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“Thanks for last time. For all the dreams and the stories that rose out of them like phoenix. He did receive a stipend from the Danish government for ‘being a national treasure,’ this creator of new observation of mermaids and ducks and emperors and peas and red shoes. All of these and more, all observations from the midst of mourning and prayers.

And there were other illustrious sons, like Victor Borge, Soren Kierkegaard, Lars Ulrich and Niels Bohr. Ah, yes: Niels Bohr. He and Werner Heisenberg are credited with the Copenhagen interpretation of quantum mechanics. According to this interpretation (and there are others), quantum mechanics denies an objective reality in favor of the probabilities born out of observation. It is the very observing and measuring that cause probabilities to immediately and randomly assume only one of the possible values.

And so what? Even post this ontological and epistemological upheaval, even avowed pirates live in the Newtonian atoll. Do we allow anything good to come out of Copenhagen? Or will all this be typically nailed up on cross or in coffin, labeled and lip served? With Big Macs and escargot?

And then there is this pirated peacock tail particulates aggregate. Right here and now: No need to go sub-atomic. I mean this potentially observable though invisible pirate writer.

He sits on a corporate board, one face among many. And each of the particulates has its own vision and voice and notion of proper management style. And that’s just “me.”

What happens when “you” come by? Can you imagine? What immediate and random probabilities will emerge, moment by moment, like fireworks or dust in the sun or kaleidoscopic cloudy sky? No wonder: We’re sufficiently and necessarily invisible. Unless we see other-wise. And we do.

By design: Get your people to call my people and we’ll do lunch. Danish, anyone?”
May we suggest Chardonnay or Pinot Grigio? Stunning views dominate each luxurious residence and every on-site amenity at Moraya Bay. From the beachside service, restaurant and grotto bar to resort-style pool, lap pool and fitness center, the views are quite distracting. Residences of 4,000-4,500 square feet. Prices from $2.5 million. **Over $100 million in sales.**
A federal requirement that would force home-buyers to fork out a 20 percent down payment — once the industry standard — is getting mixed reactions from Realtors and mortgage brokers. Some say the requirement, contained in the Dodd-Frank Act, would devastate a local real estate market that is just now showing signs of recovery. Others say the 20 percent rule, bypassed during the boom years of zero-percent down and questionable lending practices, would strengthen Southwest Florida’s housing market and prevent a housing crisis in the future.

“If this is implemented, it will do a lot of harm to the market,” says Brenda Fioretti, a broker with Prudential Florida Realty and chairman of the Naples Area Board of Realtors’ media relations committee. “We’re just now in the position to have a great 2012. Inventory is down, prices have started to creep up and buyers are enthusiastic. Requiring 20 percent down would eliminate first-time buyers, second-home

SEE CASH DOWN, B7
Much of what an investor thinks about his or her portfolio comes from what he or she has been advised/marketed to believe…how equity markets behave, historical returns, risk characteristics, etc., as well as direct personal experience over years of investing.

The average investor, as best as I understand it, thinks, “I will be happy if I get the average long term return in equities; I will be really happy if in some years I can get an “outlier,” mega-sized gain, but heck, I’ve gotta take some risk and some years won’t be so good.”

But the average investor does not really address the frequency with which crises are occurring and has no plan for handling such crises. Sure, they follow the problems in Europe and read the articles about how it could be disastrous but they make no changes in their portfolio to address crisis risk.

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How does math come into play in an investment discussion? Statistics has many mathematical elements, but one part is the study of probabilities, the likelihood of an event happening based on what has actually happened in the past. Financial gurus spend a lot of time studying past market behaviors. A simple example of statistics is assessing the probability of rainfall. For instance, there are averages for rainfall for different cities and different times of the year. By example, if average rainfall was 20 inches per year in a specific town yet for the past 11 years and the town got 40 inches, then the citizens could: 1) continue to believe that they would revert to the past long term norm or 2) they could include the data into older historical data and come up with new averages or 3) they could say that weather patterns have changed and this is the new reality.

Now the same thing happened with financial crises; they were not supposed to happen often. In fact, it was long held, widely accepted theory that the empirical data on the U.S. stock market returns approximated a bell shaped curve, a curve that allows dependable probabilities of events happening. The tails of the curve are thin, meaning that bizarrely positive equity returns in any year could happen but would rarely happen... and same with bizarrely bad returns. The body of the curve (most of the events) centered on the average and the bizarre is not supposed to happen frequently.

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IberiaBank ‘fan’ club goes global and has the pictures to prove it

Similar to the “Flat Stanley” exercise conducted by schools around the country where students take photos with a paper cutout of a boy during their travels, IberiaBank on Marco Island asked people to take one of the bank’s hand fans along on their travels and snap pictures of it along the way. Submissions came from exotic locales in China and India as well as from closer-to-home landmarks such as Wrigley Field and the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Barbara Evans was deemed the first-place winner for her photos from India, which included an IberiaBank fan in the trunk of an elephant, in a snake charmer’s basket and in front of the Taj Mahal. Ms. Evans received a Nikon camera as a prize.

Additional “fan” club winners were Randle and Susanne Grossman in second place for their photos taken in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Germany, and Utah; and Alex and Marcia Orsolini in third place for their photos taken in Bonaire and Carioca.
PORT ROYAL - KINGS TOWN DRIVE
Dramatic views over Treasure Cove from this architectural masterpiece designed by renowned architect Kasimir Korybut. Elegance, yet comfortable, tropical living. Port Royal Club membership eligibility.
$5,950,000

PORT ROYAL - FORT CHARLES DRIVE
This property has beautiful panoramic views overlooking Morgan’s Cove, which, allows a substantial building envelope, and is one of the most desired areas of Port Royal as evidenced by the extraordinary quality of the homes recently built around it. Port Royal Club membership eligibility.
$4,240,000

PORT ROYAL - GALLEON DRIVE
This enchanting Port Royal residence offers a tropical motif, including rich wood finishes, stone flooring, and tongue and groove ceiling treatments. There are direct views of Limpkin Cove with ample green space for gardening and outdoor entertaining. Port Royal Club membership eligibility.
$3,450,000

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

PORT ROYAL - RUM ROW
Beautiful western exposure on Rum Row with inspiring multidirectional views of Man of War Cove, and Hidden Bay. Substantial building envelope. Terrific safe harbor, no bridge access to the Gulf of Mexico. Port Royal Club membership eligibility.
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GULF SHORE BLVD. CONDOMINIUM
Unique vantage are had from the main living areas and sizable bedrooms of this beautifully updated Admiralty Point II condominium. Admiralty Point’s unique setting along the North bank of Doctor’s Pass and its on-site amenities are among the finest in the Moorings.
$674,000

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

PORT ROYAL - SANCERRE, A CONDOMINIUM - UNIT 401
The turquoise Gulf waters, the ebullient palms, and the fresh white sand merge in the mind’s eye with the soft palette of interior finishes. Effortless living with available concierge services.
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Spectacular long water view estate site. Close to the Port Royal Club. Expansive lot and one-half creates a large building envelope along Morgan’s Cove. Port Royal Club membership eligibility.
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OLD NAPLES - 3RD STREET NORTH
Just steps to the beach and nestled in the heart of Old Naples, this stylish single-story home sits among lush tropical gardens that include mature mahogany, palm and citrus trees. The home was substantially rebuilt in 2017, including a new master suite addition. Large rooms feature French doors that open to a private patio and garden areas.
$2,475,000

GREY OAKS - DAY LILY PLACE
Southern exposure site with panoramic views over the 8th fairway of the renowned Pine Course. A substantial building envelope nestled in the heart of the Evans section of Grey Oaks. Grey Oaks is recognized as one of the premier luxury golfing communities in southwest Florida, offering world-class amenities and ultimate privacy to its residents.
$4,620,000

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

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Savvy and successful investors are familiar with Philip Fisher, one of the world's best investment thinkers and author of the classic “Common Stocks and Uncommon Profits” (Wiley, 1958). Here are some of the tenets of his investment philosophy:

1. Buy stock in companies with disciplined plans for substantial long-term growth in both profits and revenues. You must also have inherent qualities that make it hard for new competitors to surmount them, growth. (In other words, look for competitive advantages such as economies of scale.)

2. Aim to find such companies when they are out of favor — when market conditions are not favorable or the financial community does not properly see their true worth. (That’s when they’re being traded at attractive prices.)

3. Hold the stocks you buy until there are either a fundamental change in the company’s condition or it grows to a point where its growth is likely to lag that of the overall economy. Don’t sell your most attractive stocks for short-term reasons.

4. Be willing to look beyond dividends for growth.

5. Recognize that mistakes are inevitable. Recognize them as fast as you can, and let them stand from them so that they’re not repeated. Be willing and prepared to take small losses in some stocks while letting profits keep growing in your more promising stocks. Don’t take profits just for the satisfaction of taking them.

6. Realize that the number of truly outstanding companies is relatively small. Concentrate your money in the most desirable opportunities. Holding more than 20 companies is unmanageable (and “a sign of financial incompetence”).

7. Don’t blindly follow the crowd. Have more knowledge than others, and apply your judgment after thoroughly assessing specific situations. You’ll need courage to go against the crowd and follow your convictions.

8. Your success will be highly dependent on a combination of hard work, intelligence and honesty.

Name That Company

I trace my roots back to the purchase of a New York curried-rod maker in 1903. I have acquired many companies over several decades, and today, based in Atlanta, I’m a consumer and commercial products giant. A big 1999 merger doubled my size and gave me my current name. My Brands That Matter include Sharpe, Graco, Calphalon, Irwin, Lenox, Levoled, Ryobi, Sharpie, Graco, Calphalon, Irwin, Lenox, Levolor, Rolodex, Dymo, Shur-Line, etc. I am 12 percent over last year and Cadillac was better, with Cruze sales strong and makes me very happy.

I have acquired many companies to a point where its growth is likely to lag that of the overall economy. Don’t sell your most attractive stocks for short-term reasons.

My Dumbest Investment

Netflix: Sell or Hold?

I bought shares of Netflix just before it announced a price hike and that it would split its streaming video and DVD rental businesses. Since then, the company has made one misstep after another! It lost 2 million subscribers, it was split into 800,000 customers recently, and may lose more. It also sold $200 million of mutual fund at too cheap a price, and bought back many shares at high prices by borrowing money. I’m down 50 percent in my investment. So do I ride it for the next five years and hope it recovers, or do I sell? I know you fools have recommended Netflix. It’s not me.

The Fool Responds: Netflix has committed numerous blunders, yet it remains a formidable power, with 24 million subscribers, vs. just 5 million for Amazon Prime. We have indeed recommended it, and have seen our gains shrink in recent months. The company still has much potential, though, and it’s priced more attractively lately than it has been in recent years. Don’t decide now to hold it for five years. Sell if you’ve lost faith, or hold, watching it closely to see how it does.

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

Last week’s trivia answer

Founded in 1937 and based in Winston-Salem, N.C., I’m a retailer and wholesaler of sweet treats. Through my 798 stores, I offer about 20 varieties of my flagship product, along with coffees and other beverages. You’ll find me in convenience stores and supermarkets, too. My founder started with a recipe for doughnuts that he bought from a French chef in New Orleans. I’m best known in southeastern America, but I’m now in 20 other nations, as well. I was sold to Bakersfield Foods in 1932, and bought by franchisees in 1982. The red light means hot and fresh. Who am I? (Answer: Krispy Kreme Doughnuts)

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What Is This Thing Called the Motley Fool?

Remember Shakespeare? Remember “As You Like It.” In Shakespeare’s day, fools were the only people who could get away with telling the truth to the King or Queen. The Motley Fool tells the truth about investing, and hopes you’ll laugh all the way to the bank.

Ask the Fool

Defining terms

What are “defined contribution” and “defined benefit” plans? A They’re the two main kinds of retirement plans. Traditional pension plans are defined benefit plans, where employees know exactly what they’ll receive in retirement. It’s the employer’s responsibility to have the needed money available for retirees.

Defined contribution plans, such as 401(k)s and 403(b)s, have replaced many traditional pension plans. With them, the amount of money contributed into the plan is defined: You know how much you and your company are contributing to your account. The sum available at retirement is uncertain and will depend on how the contributions are invested and how they perform. You typically have more control over these accounts, as you can usually specify what kinds of investments your dollars are plunked into (growth mutual funds, company stock, bonds, etc.).

With both Social Security and investment result uncertain, it’s vital to plan effectively for retirement. You’ll find practical guidance at www.fool.com/retirement/index.aspx and in our “Rule Your Retirement” newsletter, which you can try for free at www.fool.com/shop/newsletters.

What are ADRs? A American Depositary Receipts are shares for foreign stocks that don’t normally trade on U.S. exchanges. Without them, if you wanted to buy stock in Canon, for instance, you’d have to convert your dollars into yen and then somehow buy shares on the Japanese exchange. Through ADRs, and ADRs allow American investors to buy foreign stocks in their domestic financial institution overseas and you can trade shares with U.S. dollars. ADR holders are entitled to dividends and other rights. Other ADRs include BP, Nokia, Pet- rolChinas, Samsung, Alcatel-Lucent, GlencoreXstrata, Frame, Telecom, Tata Motors, Toyota, Unilever, National Grid, Norwatris, Diageo, Siemens and Credit Suisse.

Got a question for the Fool? Send it in — see Write to Us.
The end of the 30-year mortgage? The 30-year mortgage is now at historically low interest rates, but some say that popular financing tool could become a thing of the past if Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac disappear in the wake of the Federal Housing Finance Agency’s (FHFA) recent announcement that the two lenders will be allowed to grow past their current statutory $400 billion capital levels.

The announcement has raised concerns among many economists about the future of the 30-year mortgage, which has been the backbone of the U.S. housing market for decades. The mortgage has been a key component of the American Dream, allowing millions of people to own homes and build wealth over time. But with the rise of alternative financing options and the ongoing uncertainty about the future of Fannie and Freddie, some are questioning whether the 30-year mortgage is on the way out.

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Little Palm Design Group free programs

Interior designer Dawn Harmon-Aitkenhead has opened Little Palm Design Group across from Mercato in North Naples and presents a series of Wednesday afternoon free seminars to celebrate the studio/showroom's inaugural season. All programs begin at 1:30 p.m.

- **Feb. 8:** An afternoon with Naples artist Emily James

- **Feb. 22:** Who says window treatments are just backgrounds? Leslie Hall and Jean Crowley of Jean Crowley Interiors show how to refresh your home with color.

- **March 7:** Judith Auclair discusses the classic European art form of coquillage and her creations that bring the beauty of the sea to mirrors, chandeliers and accessories.

- **March 21:** Naples designer Julie Leufve-nius presents a slide show with the latest from the fall furniture market and the Paris show.

Miromar Home Design Show

Design pros offer free advice on the latest for inside and out

**SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY**

Miromar Design Center celebrates its fifth anniversary by showcasing the latest trends in home décor and furnishings during its inaugural Home Design Show Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 3-4.

Highlights include keynote speaker Carleton Varney, Dream Rooms on Display, Art Walk through 24 showrooms and galleries, free “Speed-Design” consults with interior designers, trunk shows, new product lines, docent-led tours of the center and seminars by its Designers of Distinction, book signings and a free performance by youth and adult members of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra. Design professionals can earn CEUs by attending some sessions, and consumers will take away useful information and inspired ideas for their home.

The center welcomes Mr. Varney, president/owner of Dorothy Draper & Co., one of the oldest interior design firms in the country, as the design show keynote speaker at 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2. Seating is limited. Tickets are required and can be purchased at www.MiromarDesignCenter.com. Proceeds will benefit the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra.

**Design presentations**

- **10 a.m. Thursday:** “Designing with Art” – A panel discussion moderated by Jerry Pyser, executive director of Art Resource Management in Naples. Meet-the-artists receptions will follow in Suite 456 (hosted by Shirley Street Galleries and Studios) and Suite 110 (hosted by Roche Bobois).

- **11 a.m. Thursday:** “Windows and Terrific Textiles” – Interior designer Candice Kelber-Sebring offers pointers on what textiles work best on different windows.

- **Noon Thursday:** “What Is Your Style: Traditional, Contemporary or Transition- al?” – Naples interior designer Janet Bilotti guides the audience through the terminology while showcasing examples of contemporary, traditional and transitional home designs.

- **1 p.m. Thursday:** “Sea-Inspired Home Decor” – Designer Judith Auclair showcases the art of Coquillage using seashells to create one-of-a-kind furniture and accessories. A meet-the-artist reception follows in Suite 302 (hosted by Webster & Company Antiques and Accessories).

- **10 a.m. Friday:** “Kitchen and Bath Remodeling Resolutions for 2012” – Beth Ann Tylus, design director for Remodeling with Innovation by Bay Builders, discusses how to redesign with a budget in mind. A reception follows in Suite 358.

- **10:30-11:30 a.m. Friday and Saturday:** Free design consultations – Miromar Design Center’s top designers will give free advice to a limited group of consumers during roundtable discussions. A twist on speed-dating, the 20-minute sessions will allow consumers to interview several designers and then select the one who best matches their style, project and budget. Limited availability. To schedule an appointment, e-mail Linda Moore at LMoore@Miromar.com.

- **11 a.m. Friday:** “Inspector Secrets and Tricks of the Trade” – Melissa Allen from MGA Interior Design shares her secrets about the factory. Guests will experience the artisan roots of the glass, from a molten state to a beautiful mosaic (hosted by Waller Zanger).

- **10 a.m. Saturday:** “The Decorative Carpet in Interior Design” – Alia Perr- chen, author of “The Decorative Carpet in Contemporary Interiors,” discusses the do’s and don’ts of decorating with handmade rugs. A book signing in Suite 110 will follow her presentation (hosted by Azar Fine Rug Gallery).

- **11 a.m. Saturday:** “Get Organized!” – Naples-based professional organizer Marla Ortenstein explains how to organize your life by organizing your wardrobe. Guests will enjoy cupcakes compliments of Kelly Kakes.

- **Noon Saturday:** “No Pain, Just Gain when Working with an Interior Designer” – Melissa Allen of MGA Interior Design alleviates anxiety for guests worrying about working with an interior designer.

The Home Design Show is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. all three days. Visit the website above for a complete schedule of programs. The center is at 10800 Corkscrew Road, off I-75 across from Miromar Outlets. For more information, call 390-3111.
NETWORKING

Fifth Third Bank presents the financial outlook

The Membership Directors Association of SWFL at Vasari Country Club

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Celebrating an expansion at the Inn at Pelican Bay

1. Nicole Somsen, Angela Pruneau and Martha Caprio-Kipybide
2. Bob Laughton, Laura Coleman and Stephen Dorcy
3. Steven Gyorkos
4. Tammy Mercer and Meg Kerrigan

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The Community Foundation celebrates Collier 211

1. Vicki Tracy, Colleen Murphy, Rosemarie Winter, Michael Schroder, Sheriff Kevin Rambosk, Steve Weinman and Shannon Anderson
2. Jen Walker, Pat Jilk and Mike Reagan
3. Vicki Tracy, Richard Bimler and Connie Dillon
4. Sheriff Kevin Rambosk
5. Michael Schroder and Leland Burton

COURTESY PHOTOS
NETWORKING

An Education Foundation of Collier County roundtable at Hodges University

1. Monika Kment, Nina Britts, Anay Reyes, Kathy Connely, Gina Lostracco and Keith Philippi
2. Lavern Gaynor, George Brenco and Susan McManus
3. Carolyn Hodge and Amy Armstrong
4. Wade Matto and David Stump
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Lounge poolside, work out in the fitness room, stroll the white sands of Vanderbilt Beach just steps away, kayak in the bay or take advantage of easy gulf access by boat.

This property is offered at $1,495 million, with poolside cabana and boat slip available separately. Lisa Tashjian of Coldwell Banker is the listing agent. For more information, call 259-7024.

Chelsea model complete at Fiddler’s Creek

D.R. Horton has completed construction of the Chelsea model, the first of 38 single-family homes to be built in the new village of Amador at Fiddler’s Creek.

The Chelsea has three bedrooms and two baths and 2,159 square feet under air. Amador has a choice of three three-bedroom floor plans from 1,840 square feet to 2,738 square feet under air. Prices start at $379,990. Fiddler’s Creek comprises approximately 4,000 acres and is zoned for 6,000 residences.

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“Jammin’ in the Hammock” is sponsored by Friends of Collier-Seminole State Park. Admission is $15 a day for adults, free for children ages 13 and younger.

Entrance to the state park is on U.S. 41 eight miles south of Collier Boulevard. For more information about the bluegrass festival, visit www.friendsofcollierseminolestatepark.com.

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For instance, a recent Cosmo cover story: “3 Clues He’s Secretly Into You.”

I know a lot of men. When they like a woman, there’s no secret they’re into her, and with the women they don’t, it’s painfully obvious.

But to give Cosmo the benefit of the doubt, I took a quick peek at the article. I’ll take relationship wisdom any way I can get it, even if it does come next to a perfume ad.

Here’s the top-secret information the magazine had to share: When a man is into a woman, he might make an unconscious gesture to indicate his affection. The three clues to look for, says the magazine, are an OK symbol with his hand, a thumbs-up, and the I-love-you gesture in sign language. If a man makes any of these moves without realizing it, then he must be digging you.

Silly, I know. But it’s also perplexing in a bigger way. Over coffee, my friend Susie shared her latest love drama, a question of does-he or doesn’t-he like her. I listened quietly, sipped my latte, and kept the real answer to myself. If you have to ask, then he doesn’t. Suddenly, Susie answered her own question.

“My friend Lina says men don’t send mixed messages,” she said. I kept my mouth shut and my eyes fixed on the foam in my cup, but I thought, “bingo.”

In fact I’ve never known a man to send a mixed message. When one of my male friends likes a woman, his attraction is clear. He calls, texts, invites her on dates, brings her gifts. When he doesn’t like a woman, there’s none of the above.

When Susie’s friend came to town, the three of us went out for drinks. Her friend is a fiery redhead with a checkered romantic past who likes to carry on about a man she once dated.

“I texted him that I was in town,” she said, “and first he said he was coming out and then he said he wasn’t. Why the mixed signals?”

“He doesn’t know how to handle his deep feelings for you,” Susie said. I rolled my eyes. I could imagine a Cosmo article stocked with that kind of misinformation.

“He’s not that into you,” I said to the redhead. She looked at me, surprised, as if no one had ever told it to her straight. “Look,” I said. “Did he come out?”

“No.”

“Did he call the next day?”

“No.”

“Has he called you since?”

“No.”

“Then there’s your answer.”

A tirade came from Susie and her friend, stories about men with complex emotions and the complicated ways they show them — a list of examples pulled straight from the latest women’s magazines. I just shook my head. Perhaps they’d do better observing real male behavior. Then they’d see that “mixed messages” is a purely female invention.
Playwrights encouraged to submit new works for annual competition

Naples Players' ETC... Readers' Theatre is accepting submissions for the ninth annual "An Evening of New Plays" contest for Southwest Florida playwrights. Works must be original, one-act scripts. Entry deadline is May 31.

The finalist plays will be staged in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre on Dec. 7-8. Finalist plays traditionally enjoy a sold-out audiences in the 96-seat Tobye Studio, says contest coordinator Joan Laughlin.

Eligible playwrights must reside in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Glades or Hendry counties. Entries must be non-musical and no longer than 30 minutes.

A limit of seven characters is suggested.

Submission must be original work, not an adaptation, and not previously published or produced, though they may have been work-shopped or presented in a staged reading (script in hand) in other locations than Southwest Florida. A submitted play may not have been entered in an earlier "Evening of New Plays" contest one time, so long as it was not an earlier finalist.

Entries are limited to one play per person and should include two copies of the script in standard play format. One title page with the name of the play, synopsis and list of characters must be attached to the scripts. A separate page, giving the name of the play, the name of the playwright and all contact data should accompany the scripts, but not be attached to them. This will help to assure anonymity during the judging process. For the scripts to be returned, a self-addressed stamped envelope should also be included.

Mail to:
"An Evening of New Plays 2012"
The Naples Players
701 Fifth Ave. S.
Naples, FL 34102.

Up to four finalist plays will be recommended by the judging panel. Playwrights retain all rights to their plays and give permission rights to The Naples Players for "An Evening of New Plays" and a limited number of encore readings in other area venues and media.

Finalists will be notified by mid-September 2012. Each finalist will receive an award plaque, a $100 royalty and two tickets to the staged readings in December.

The annual contest is designed to encourage, recognize and promote new works by Southwest Florida writers. In its first eight years, 28 finalists and six honorable mentions have been chosen from more than 180 qualified entries. A record 38 plays qualified for the 2011 competition.

ETC... Readers’ Theatre tickets available

"Sex, Lies and Audio Tapes" is the varied theme of four short play readings that will be presented by the Naples Players' ETC... Readers' Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19, in Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre.

Tickets for $10 are on sale now. The plays are:

■ "Fourteen," a comedy of manners by Alice Gerstenberg
■ "The Ryan Interview," a drama of change by Arthur Miller
■ "Airfield," a light-hearted jaunt by Bob Tucker
■ "4 a.m.: Open All Night," a comic playlet by Bob Krakower

Natalie King is producer and Judy Turner-Meyer co-producer.

Future ETC... Readers’ Theatre performances are set for April 1 and May 13. For tickets or more information, call 263-7990 or visit www.naplesplayers.org.

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following that grows on a daily basis. The pair’s most recent photographic foray brought them west across the Tamiami Trail and resulted in some stunning new images of the world’s best-dressed cat in the Everglades and the greater Naples area.

The new images, along with more from Ms. Biondi’s engaging Lorenzo the Cat collection, make up the “One Woman, One Cat” exhibit showing Friday-Sunday, Feb. 3-5, at the Marco Island Center for the Arts’ Le Petite Gallery. A meet-the-artist reception takes place from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3.

I’ve known JoAnn Biondi since the late 1990s when I was working in Miami as a publicist for the Mandarin Oriental and other luxury market clients and she was a freelance journalist and author. We’ve reconnected over the past year on Facebook and Twitter, and I’ve watched in awe as she grew the one-of-a-kind Lorenzo the Cat social media accounts by leaps and bounds.

In today’s world, social media is a necessary and invaluable tool for marketing tourism destinations. One of the ways to leverage your brand’s social media awareness is to link up with other popular social media entities that will become ambassadors for your brand. Put simply, it really helps when someone or something with tons more followers becomes a positive spokesperson for you.

And so evolved the idea of encouraging Lorenzo the Cat to be an advocate and ambassador for Florida’s Paradise Coast — Naples, Marco Island and the Everglades. It might seem a bit far-fetched, but in today’s fast moving social media world, it’s really not.

I first approached JoAnn Sanborn, one of the originators of the inspired Art Colony at the Esplanade on Marco Island, with the idea of hosting a Lorenzo the Cat gallery show at that location. The artists from the Colony loved the idea, but realized that one of the problems at the Marco Island Center for the Arts might work better for the actual show. Serving as Lorenzo’s sponsors, the Art Colony members facilitated the arrangements for the upcoming show.

As we talked on the phone about the possibilities of a Southwest Florida show, Ms. Biondi told me that a dream of hers was to photograph Lorenzo wearing Native American garb in one or more Everglades locations. If that could be arranged, she said, she would also seek other tropical Southwest Florida locales that would provide not only an evocative backdrop but also quiet location for Lorenzo to pose.

The diversity of our area provided some excellent options, including the Seminole Camp at the Collier County Museum and a classic old Florida-style veranda that seemed perfectly suited for the distinguished feline’s introduction to our Paradise Coast.

I typically assist travel journalists and photographers coming to our area with hotel arrangements, location scouting and itinerary planning. This one was first, as I looked at photo locations that would work on a cat-sized scale and assisted in recruiting the pet-friendly Hilton Naples as Lorenzo’s lair-on-location.

Meanwhile, Ms. Biondi shared with me some stories of where it all began.

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While still a kitten, Lorenzo constantly nabbed clothes from her laundry hamper. Fed up one day, she told him that if he liked her workout top so much he could just wear it. After she slipped it on his furry body, he calmly posed, pushing out his chest as if to say, “I like this.”

To this day, Lorenzo neither flinches nor complains — and actually does seem to enjoy putting on clothes. There are boundaries, though. He prefers stylishly casual shirts left unbuttoned at the neck and he doesn’t wear pants or hats.

Ms. Biondi began taking photographs with her small Sony digital camera and started a Lorenzo the Cat MySpace account as a joke so she could better understand social media. Before long, her handsome cat was receiving e-mails from all over the world.

MySpace led to Facebook and Twitter, and as Lorenzo’s popularity began spiraling, Ms. Biondi began taking photography more seriously. “Lorenzo gave me permission to call myself a photographer,” she says.

The imagery is captivating and compelling, but Ms. Biondi also excels in giving Lorenzo a witty voice adept at engaging his followers to Like, Comment and Share his musings. He has an ongoing series of Facebook posts honoring significant dates in history with cat artwork and photography, and of famous people photographed with cats. A recent photo tribute to the late Etta James photographed with her kitten generated 563 Likes, 50 Shares and 50 Comments.

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**“One Woman, One Cat”**

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- **Doubt** – By The Naples Players through Feb. 25. In The Tobiye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre, 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org/tickets.

- **Moonlight & Magnolias** – By The Naples Players through Feb. 4 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org/tickets.

- **Jersey Boys** – At the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers, through Feb. 5. 481-4849 or www.bbman-ner.com.

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- **Fort Myers Players** – At the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers, through Feb. 10-25. 332-4488 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

- **Seeds**

- **Italian Film** – The FGCU Renaiss-ance Academy presents a screening and discussion of “In a Better World” (Denmark, 2010) beginning at 1 p.m. at the FGCU Naples Center. The 2010 Academy Award and Golden Globe win-ner follows two Danish boys and the unusual and dangerous friendship that develops between them. Rated R for language and violence. $4 for RA mem- bers, $5 for others. 805 Fifth Ave. S. 425-3272.

- **Pickin’ in Paradise** – The Acous- tic Music Society of Southwest Florida presents The Spinney Brothers, Skeeter- land Band and The Bagatelle Ramblers from 2-5 p.m. at the Elks Lodge on Coco- nut Road in Bonita Springs. 248-8906 or www.acousticmusicssociety.org.

**Friday, Feb. 3**

- **Bonita Art** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs hosts an opening reception for its Members Exhibition from 6-8 p.m. at 2601 Old 41 Rd. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

- **Fort Myers Art** – Art Walk runs from 6-10 p.m. downtown Fort Myers. Enjoy, artists, exhibits, food, music and dining. www.fortmyersartwalk.com.

- **Live Music** – The Spinney Brothers perform from 7-10 p.m. at Fred’s Food, Fun & Spirits. 7298 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

- **Jake and the Boys** – “The Original- Tribute,” Blues Brothers moments, music and dance moves, starts at 8 p.m. at The Philharmonic Center for the Arts. The sassy Bluettes join Jake and Elwood Blues on stage. 597-1000 or www.ThePhil.org.

**Saturday, Feb. 4**

- **Family Fun** – The Naples Art Asso- ciation hosts the ninth annual “Nuts About The Von Liebig” family fun day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the outdoor patio at The von Liebig Art Center. Enjoy face painting, arts and crafts, food, music and more. 262-6573 or www.naplesart.org.

- **Art in the Park** – The Naples Art Association hosts the monthly “Art in the Park” from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. along Park Street. 262-6573 or www.naplesart.org.

- **Asia Fest** – The Naples Asian Professionals Association presents Asia Fest from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Mercato. 955. www.facebook.com/asiatestnaples.

- **Seafood Fest** – The Everglades City Seafood Festival takes place today and Sunday in McLeod Park. Enjoy tunes by Nashville musicians as well as locals, plus arts and crafts booths, car- nival rides and seafood of all kinds. The fun begins at 10 a.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday. 695-2277 or www-everglades- seafoodfestival.com.

- **German Fest** – Our Savior Luther- an Church hosts its fifth annual Naples German Fest from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Enjoy German music, dancing, games and food. Proceeds benefit Arvon Hospice. $7 adults, $3 children; 1955 Curying St. 597-4090 or www.naplesgermanfest.com.

- **India Celebration** – India Fest is set for 11 a.m.-9 p.m. at Hammond Stadium in South Fort Myers. Enjoy food, dancing, music, crafts and more. $5; free for kids.

- **Fort Myers Artfest** – ArtFest Fort Myers runs from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today and Sunday on Edwards Drive in downtown Fort Myers. Enjoy work by 215 artists, a high school art competi- tion, food, entertainment and more. 768-3602 or ArtFestFortMyers.com.

- **Hal Ha! Hal!** – Mark James offers a night of gags to benefit Youth Haven beginning at 8 p.m. at the Naples Ital- ian American Club, 7035 Airport Pulling Road. $100 per person or $750 for a table. 252-0039, 687-5553 or www.youthhaven.net.

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■ Author Event – Celebrated author Carl Hiaasen speaks at the “Feathers & Friends” gala to benefit Audubon’s Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary and the Collier County Audubon Society at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. $125. 643-7822 or audubon@collieraudubon.org.

■ Big Italian Wedding – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents “Live at the Promenade...Joey & Maria’s Comedy Italian Wedding” at 6 p.m. Feb. 9 at The Promenade at Bonita Bay. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ Marco Art Auction – The fifth annual “Wet Paint Live” on Marco Island starts at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Marco Island Center for the Arts. Enjoy an auction of works created earlier that day by 20 area artists painting scenes around Marco Island. 394-7549.

■ Oh-La-La – The Tournées French Film Festival at FGCU presents a screening of “Paris” at 6 p.m. Feb. 9. Free. 590-1511 or dgras@fgcu.edu.


■ Free Film – Marco Presbyterian Church hosts a free screening of “Cougarous” at 7 p.m. Feb. 10. 394-8186 or www.marcochurch.com.

■ Piano Man – Naples Botanical Garden presents “Piano Man: A Billy Joel Tribute Concert” beginning at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10. 643-7275 or www.naples-garden.org.

■ Arts & Crafts – The Naples Art-crafters Fine Art and Craft Show takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 11 in Cambier Park. Purchase work by local painters, potters, jewelers and more. 250-0804.

■ Symphony – The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents “Tchaikovsky’s Sixth” Feb. 9-11 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ Making It Up – Naples City Improv takes the stage at 8 p.m. Feb. 9 at the English Pub on U.S. 41 East. $10, plus a two-item minimum from the menu. 682-0638.

■ Author Event – Eleanor Brown, author of “The Weird Sisters,” comes to Hayes Hall at the Philharmonic Center on Immokalee Road. Treasures such as this platinum, diamond and enamel flower pin by Boucheron will abound. $15 daily, $25 for a four-day pass. (561) 822-5440 or www.NaplesShow.com.

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■ Art Fest – The Bonita Springs National Art Festival takes place from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 11-12 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

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Intriguing ‘Race’: Not as clear as black and white

If drama provides food for thought, then “Race” is a 10-course feast for the mind.

This one-act play by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright David Mamet packs more into its single act than most others do in two.

At the very least, it’s sure to provoke spirited discussion in the car ride home. I know I stayed with me days after seeing it at The Norris Center, as scenes and dialogue ran through my mind and I continually re-examined and rethought what I’d seen.

The premise: Charles (Brent Langdon), a wealthy white man, has been accused of raping a young black woman, and with legal representation, he goes to a law firm for representation. One partner, Jack (Eric Hissom), is white; the other, Henry (Jefferson Russell), is African-American. Susan (Edena Hines), their legal assistant, is white; the other, Henry (Jefferson Russell), is African-American. Charles has chosen them specifically because of their race. It’s not about justice or the truth — or the truth about guilt or innocence, but about trying to win your case. But even if you don’t win, it’s your job to make the other side appear guilty.

As one of the lawyers says, “No one has said no to him for 40 years.”

“Charles: He’s furtive and false. He doesn’t do a great job of portraying the facts in such a way that you win your case, but even if you don’t win, it’s your client who goes to jail. And you still get paid. It’s not about justice — or the truth — at all.”

Mr. Langdon does a great job of portraying Charles. He’s furtive and false. He reeks of privilege and withholds information from his attorneys. He also has that classic deer-in-the-headlights look, as though he’s been stumped to find himself in this position.

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“I thought you knew up to that point. I don’t know what I’d seen. I continually re-examined and rethought what I’d seen.”

Don’t come to this show expecting everything to be spelled out for you in a neat and tidy conclusion. It’s not that type of play. I overheard a couple talking at the close of opening night. “I’m disappointed,” the husband said. “I was waiting to see the trial in the courtroom.” “Me too,” said his wife. “They missed the point.”

Having the playwright declare Charles guilty or innocent would ruin the play. The entire point is to try to figure out if you think he’s guilty or not, and then look at why you think that, to examine your own presumptions and prejudices.

Mr. Mamet’s twisty script and Gulfshore Playhouse artistic director Kristen Coury’s skillful directing, every time you think you’re standing on solid ground, you’re thrown off-balance.

“I think all people are stupid,” he says at one point. “Black people aren’t exempt.”

And while he views himself as being open-minded, his racism and sexism eventually leak through. Mr. Russell’s performance as Henry is something to admire. Beneath his calm exterior, he’s smoldering with emotions that threaten to explode.

“Like Jack, he’s also cynical. All people are guilty,” he declares. Ms. Hines’ Ivy-league educated Susan is young and inexperienced, but she’s smoldering with emotions that threaten to explode.

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Set designer Alok Wadhani placed the action in a believable lawyer’s office, somber and staid with bookcases and a framed map of the world. Sound designer Anna Alex punctuates scene changes with quick blackouts and the sound of a banging gavel. And Jennifer Murray’s costumes help emphasize the characters’ personalities and economic status.

Gulfshore Playhouse stumbled a bit with an earlier season’s production of “Doubt,” which “Race” emulates in some ways (four characters, one act, the open-ended question of whether the accused is guilty or not guilty). But they have more than redeemed themselves with this production and demonstrate that they are indeed serious about bringing quality theater to Naples.
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PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Personal pressures at work could create a problem with your performance. Best advice: Focus on the job ahead of you. If necessary, you can deal with the other issue later.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You don’t like rejection. But instead of trying to “ram” your ideas through to an unresponsive audience, stand back and wait for a more favorable environment later this month.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Job commitments call for the tidy Taurian to channel into those problem-plagued projects and get them into shape. Then go ahead and enjoy the fun and friendships of your expanding social life.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The pressures of the workplace are beginning to ease. While you still need to stay connected to your ongoing commitments, you’ll be able to take more time to relax with family and friends.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You might feel that you need to prove how much you can do. But be careful not to take on more than you can handle, or you risk being bogged down. An Aries has a message for you.

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Sam Worthington, your place on the B-list is solidified. After functioning as a solid hero in “Clash of the Titans” and “Avatar” but showing limited range in dramatic roles such as “The Debt,” Worthington has established his niche as a handsome face who can handle physical roles. No shame in that. Heck, Bruce Willis made a career out of it. But when a role calls for him to emote a bit more, such as in “Man On A Ledge,” both he and the movie struggle.

Thankfully, Worthington’s lack of Streepness doesn’t keep us from enjoying “Ledge,” a successful caper with solid action and suspense.

Worthington plays Nick Cassidy, an ex-cop convicted of stealing a diamond from real estate developer David Engleland (Ed Harris). After getting in a fight with his brother Joey (Jamie Bell) at their father’s funeral, Nick escapes prison custody and soon finds his way high atop the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City.

It is here that the layers of writer Pablo Fenjves’ story come to the fore, and they are numerous and substantial. Nick stands on an outer ledge on the hotel’s 21st floor, causing commotion from people down below in fear/anticipation that he’ll jump. He refuses to speak with anyone except Officer Lydia Mercer (Eliza- beth Banks), a heavy drinker with a checkered past who doesn’t get along with co-workers like the egotistical Jack Dougherty (Edward Burns). Meanwhile, Joey and his girlfriend Angie (Genesis Rodriguez) are across the street conducting business of their own.

One of the nice things about Asger Leth’s direction is that he patiently reveals information only as needed, which allows the suspense to build and the pieces of the puzzle to fall in place gradually. What’s more, a number of high- and low-angle shots are used, which allows the viewer to understand the danger of where Nick is standing.

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February is for French films at FGCU

Brush up on recent French films every Thursday in February with a screening at the Sugden Welcome Center at Florida Gulf Coast University. Attendance is free.

The film series for Francophones is sponsored by the FGCU Department of Language and Literature in collaboration with the Department of Communication and Philosophy; the College of Arts and Sciences; Multicultural Student Services; the Center for Judaic, Holocaust, and Human Rights Studies; and Amnesty International.

Here’s what’s showing:

■ 6 p.m. Feb. 2: “La Mome (La vie en Rose)” by Oliver Dahan – A swirling, impressionistic portrait of an artist who regretted nothing. Marion Cotillard stars as the legendary French icon Edith Piaf.

- 6 p.m. Feb. 9: “Paris” by Cédric Klapisch – Characters of vastly different backgrounds intersect and provide a sense of the multitudes and complexities contained within one of the world’s greatest metropolises.

■ 7 p.m. Feb. 16: “Copie Conforme (Certified Copy)” by Abbas Kiarostami – The evening begins with an introductory lecture by Farshad Aminian, assistant professor in the Department of Communication and Philosophy. The movie centers on the relationship between an English writer and an anonymous woman.

■ 7 p.m. Feb. 22: “Le Chant Des Mariées (The Wedding Song)” by Karin Albou – The evening begins with an introductory lecture by John Cox, associate professor at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. The movie focuses on the friendship between two teenagers, one a devout Muslim celebrating her engagement, and the other her neighbor, a secular Jew living with her widowed mother.

■ 6 p.m. Feb. 23: “Persepolis” by Vincent Paronnaud and Marjane Satrapi – A young girl comes of age in Iran during the Islamic Revolution. For more information, call Delphine Gras at 590-1511 or e-mail dgras@fgcu.edu.
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Profiles give glimpse into changing face of classical music

Classmates team up

Similar motives spur Greg Anderson, a Julliard-trained pianist, to team up with classmate Liz Roe and develop exciting performance art to go along with their piano duo concerts. They create original narrations to interact with the music. They incorporate theatrical elements into their recitals, adapting popular hits and adding dance and costume elements into videos that have gained enormous popularity on YouTube. Such innovations provoke audience response and even participation. Mr. Anderson’s DMA
dissertation at Yale examines the question: “What can we do as performers and programmers to make recitals more interesting?” He and others are “expanding . . . what a classical recital can be” while maintaining the expectation of superb musicianship.

Tracking the pressure

The author’s narrative about soprano Nadine Sierra and the Metropolitan Opera competitions is one of several that track the competitive, high-pressure world of classical performance and the toll it takes on a young person’s life. Mr. Romeo traces Ms. Sierra’s journey from her childhood in Fort Lauderdale where her teacher recognized her talent to a teenager whose vocal gift developed at a remarkably young age. She worked with the Palm Beach Opera and later trained at the Mannes School of Music in New York with renowned teacher Ruth Falcon. Mr. Romeo builds narrative tension as he traces Ms. Sierra’s preparation for each step in the Metro competition to ultimate success.

A proven preparation method

In exploring trumpeter Matt Muckey’s path to a seat in the New York Philharmonic, Mr. Romeo stresses the need for an auditioning musician to maintain the combination of calm and focus that makes an optimal performance possible. He also underscores the need to anticipate and industriously prepare the pieces that candidates will most likely be asked to play.

Another crossover performer

Clifton Williams’ story, like all the others, is suspenseful and uplifting. Williams was introduced to music education through the Shirley Abrams Gospel Ministry as a young boy. Soon playing church gigs, he was accepted into Washington, D.C.’s prestigious Duke Ellington School of the Arts, where his piano teacher recognized his exceptional talent, especially his ability to play anything after hearing it once. The church music performance style that Williams mastered required improvisational skills and the ability to interact with the audience.

Mr. Williams has become a crossover performer, his love of gospel, jazz, and classical music blossoming in powerful and complementary ways.

Helped by benefactors

Dasha Bukhartseva, born into poverty in the post-Soviet Ukraine, had to learn technique on a cardboard piano. Homeless in Odessa, she and her dedicated, resourceful mother were fortunate to meet American benefactors who were so impressed by Dasha’s talent and her mother’s persistence that they agreed to support Dasha in the United States. They arranged for her to perform at the Aspen Music Festival, and many opportunities followed, including admission to the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore.

No slackers here

“Driven” is ultimately about the future of inventiveness, ambition, imagination, dedication and responsibility among those considered part of a “slacker” generation. No one can read these chapters without being uplifted, and anyone who’s plagued by rejection and reads about these young people will be inspired to keep trying.

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The critically acclaimed production of “La Cage aux Folles,” starring George Hamilton and Christopher Sieber, comes to the Philharmonic Center for the Arts Feb. 28-March 4. The show made Tony Awards history as the first to win the Tony Award three times for best production. The classic musical comedy by Jerry Herman and Harvey Fierstein originally won six Tony Awards in 1984, including Best Musical. A revival won two 2005 Tony Awards, including the Best Revival of a Musical prize. The new, freshly reconceived “La Cage” won three 2010 Tony Awards including Best Revival of a Musical and Best Director of a Musical (Terry Johnson).

Tuneful, touching

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

It’s a tuneful and touching tale of one family’s struggle to stay together, stay fabulous and above all else, stay true to themselves.

In addition to Mr. Hamilton and Mr. Sieber, the cast includes: Billy Harrington, Bernard Burak Sheredy, Cathy Newman, Leigh Madjus, Gay Marshall, Allison Blair McDowell, Dale Hensley, Ashley Kate Adams, Ken Clark, Danny Vaccaro, Ryllyn Juliano, Matt Anctil, Mark Roland, Donald Shorter Jr., Trevor Downey, Logan Keslar, Terry Lavell, Todd Thurston, Todd Lattimore, Christopher Caballero and SuEllen Estey.

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The revival of the Arts and Crafts style in the 1980s has lasted longer than the workshops of Gustav Stickley, Roycroft and other Mission makers. Charles Rohlf, who is often listed with these makers, was a New York City furniture maker who worked during the years Arts and Crafts ideas were popular, but he had his own ideas and designs. He used curves and cut-outs, high backs on chairs and strange feet. His furniture did not fit in with the look expected then or during the 1980s revival, so until recently it was rarely offered at large auctions and shows. But new research about Mr. Rohlf and new respect for...
his work should lead to more collector interest and higher prices.

Q: I would like information about a metal bank I have that's a replica of a water heater. It has a metal plate on the front that reads, "Rex, The Cleveland Heater Co., Cleveland, Ohio." It's 7¾ inches tall and has a coin slot in the top. I have had this bank since the late 1930s or early '40s. Is it valuable or collectible?

A: An ad for Rex water heaters that appeared in a 1959 issue of Popular Mechanics stated that the Cleveland Heater Co. had been in business for more than 50 years, so the company was probably founded in about 1908. It was sold to M.M. Hedges Manufacturing Co. of Chattanooga, Tenn., on Nov. 5, 1963, and all the manufacturing operations were moved to Tennessee. Interesting or unusual advertising items attract the attention of collectors. A bank like yours sold at auction in 2010 for $455, and another sold on eBay for a very low price.

Q: I have a Post Cereal Roy Rogers "pop-out card." It's No. 10 in a series of 36 and pictures Roy and his dog, Bullet. What year were these printed? Does it have any value?

A: Roy Rogers was born Leonard Franklin Slye in Cincinnati in 1911. His family moved to Los Angeles in 1930 and Roy was discovered after singing in an amateur night. He began his acting career using the name Dick Weston and didn't use the name Roy Rogers until 1938. Republic Studios wanted him to use the name Leroy Rogers, but Roy didn't like the name Leroy, so he chose Roy. Post Cereals "pop-out" cards were enclosed in several varieties of Post cereals in 1932. Part of the picture was cut so that it would pop out from the background when the picture was folded correctly. The back of each card listed the number of the card, title and description. A single card is worth about $10-$15. A complete set of 36 cards in great condition has sold for $800.

Q: We were given a picture titled "Deer in Repose, A View in the Isle of Arran, painted by R. Cleminson, Engraved by George Zobel, published by L. Brall & Sons." It has some brown streaks and spots on it. It's in a huge wooden frame that's boarded up in the back. Friends tell me that I should be present when it's appraised because people often hide things of value behind the boards. Is this worth having appraised?

A: Robert Cleminson was a British artist active from 1861 to 1868 who specialized in "sporting" art, paintings of Highland scenes of dogs, deer, game and other animals. The streaks in the picture are a type of mold called "foxing" and are expensive to remove. Cleminson prints in good condition sell for under $100. Prints in poor condition don't sell. Your print is worth less than its frame. You rarely find things hidden behind backing boards. Sometimes you find things behind the paper dust covering.

Tip: Don't lock furniture with antique locks. If they stick, it's almost impossible to open the door or drawer without damaging the wood.

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■ Lynda Carter will sing standards, jazz, country and rock tunes in the intimate Daniels Pavilion as part of the Cabaret Series at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Feb. 9-10. Perhaps best known as television's Wonder Woman, Ms. Carter has won wide acclaim for her albums "Crazy Little Things" and "At Last," both of which reached the Billboard Top 10.

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■ Lee Sandstead, art historian and host of the Travel Channel's "I'm Having an Art Attack with Lee Sandstead," presents "I'm Having an Art Attack" at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 13, in the Daniels Pavilion. Perhaps the world's most fired-up art historian, Mr. Sandstead will explain why everyone should be fired up for art. In discussing what he considers the must-see masterpieces from the art world, he'll opine on why the Mona Lisa smiles, who has the sexiest knees in art history, and what portrait of a snob should we all admire.

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  The series continues at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 29, with an analysis of several classic tango songs and a demonstration showing how the interpretation of tango music can be related to actually dancing the tango. Tickets are $34 for each lecture or $64 for both.

- The Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra presents the fourth concert in its All That Jazz series at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16. Guest artists will be alto saxophone player Charles McPherson.

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- Cabaret star Tony DeSare, a “Rising Star” Male Vocalist in the 2009 Downbeat poll, performs at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 17-18.

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It's high season for clubs and organizations throughout the area. Here's what some of them have coming up:

■ The Ohio State Alumni Club of Naples holds a wine and pizza party from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, at The Wine Merchant, 12820 Tamiami Trail N. All alumni, fans and friends are welcome. Cost is $20. For reservations, call Sara Ann Moua at 593-9996 or e-mail brusara@aol.com.

■ The German American Club Gemütlichkeit holds a Valentine's Dinner Dance on Saturday, Feb. 4, at St. Katherine's Greek Orthodox Church, 7100 Airport-Pulling Road. Doors open 5 p.m. Cost is $25 for members and $30 for others. For reservations, call 774-1982.

■ The Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club of Naples holds its next meeting at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Naples Beach Hotel. The combined “Monmouth Duo” meeting is hosted by the Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Club of Naples. All alumnae of Pi Beta Phi chapters across the country and Canada are welcome. Cost is $25 per person. For reservations or more information call 262-2259 or e-mail conskind@usl.com.

■ Ikebana International-Naples holds its annual luncheon and demonstration Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Grey Oaks Country Club. The silent auction opens and raffle ticket sales begin at 9:30 a.m. The program will be by Jennie Sterling, recipient of the Sogetsu school of Ikebana Riji degree, the highest degree for students in Sogetsu. Ms. Sterling has belonged to Ikebana chapters in Florida, Georgia, South Africa, Australia and Taipei. She served as president of the Miami chapter from 2003-2008 and is a founding member of the Atlanta chapter. The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. Cost is $65. Reservations are required and can be made by sending a check payable to LL #160 to Peggy Freers, 2059 Swainsons Run, Naples, FL 34105. For more information about Ikebana International-Naples, visit www.iikebananaples.com.

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SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University hosts its 2012 Travel Abroad open hours from 4-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5, at the FGCU Naples Center, 1010 Fifth Ave. S.

On the itinerary this year are concierge-style excursions for just 24 travelers each to China, Korea, southern Italy and Sicily, and Turkey and Spain and Portugal in 2013. Renaissance Academy travelers visit historic and cultural sites with local guides, experience the customs, cuisine, language and history of another culture, and delight in the company of fellow travelers who share a love of learning and a sense of adventure.

Open house guests will hear brief presentations about each trip and meet the tour leaders. Attendance is free, but an RSVP is requested. Call 425-3272. Refreshments will be served.

Here are the basics of this year’s trips:

■ China, Tibet and the Yangtze River – May 30-June 17; from $5,395 per person (land, cruise and air)
■ Southern Italy and Sicily – Sept. 11-20; from $4,995 per person (land only)
■ Journey to Vietnam – March 14-29, 2013; from $3,395 per person (land and air)
■ Turkey and the Turkish Coast – Sept. 5-19; from $3,995 per person (land, cruise and air)
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For more information about any of the above tours, come to the open house or visit the FGCU Renaissance Academy at www.fgcu.edu/academy. ■
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**The Naples Garden Club** presents event stylist and floral designer Kathy Whalen with “A Passion for Parties” beginning at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 6, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Ms. Whalen will discuss how a love of flowers that was nurtured in childhood lead to a 15-year career at the New York Botanical Garden. Admission is free for club members and $10 for others. Register at www.naplesgardenclub.org or for more information, e-mail info@naplesgardenclub.org. The club’s 2012 House & Garden Tour set for Saturday, Feb. 4, is sold out. There is a stand-by option, however. Visit the website above for more information.

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**Civitan International of Naples** presents the “Naples Shining Stars Dinner Dance” at 6:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, at the Country Club of Naples to raise funds for the formation of Challenger Little League Baseball for children with developmental disabilities.

Tickets for $50 can be purchased by calling Nery Kircher at 774-2623, e-mailing neryk@aol.com or sending a check made out to Naples Civitan Club at P.O. Box 7422, Naples FL 34101.

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**Women's Cultural Alliance**, an affinity group of the Jewish Federation of Collier County, has numerous courses, events and trips planned for the season. Annual membership is $60. For more information, call Jane Hersch at 948-0003 or visit www.womensculturalalliance.com.

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**The Naples Newcomers Club** welcomes women who have been permanent residents of Naples for no more than five years and who want to meet others who are new to the area. The club meets for lunch at 12:30 am. on the second Thursday of every month at country clubs throughout the area. In addition, groups within the club plan outings and dates to share varied interests, such as mah-jongg and duplicate bridge, gourmet cooking and discussions about philosophy. Prospective members are invited to coffee at 10 am. on the first Thursday of each month. For meeting locations and more information, call 298-4083 or visit www.naplesnewcomers.com.

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**The Bonita Springs Newcomers Club** welcomes women who have lived in Bonita for less than three years. Luncheons are held at area country clubs on the third Thursday of every month.

For more information, e-mail bonitansnewcomers@gmail.com or visit www.bonitaspringsnewcomersclub.com.

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**Save the date for the Zonta Club of Naples’ seventh annual “Make A Difference” fashion show, auction and luncheon set for Friday, March 30, at The Club at the Strand. Proceeds will benefit the PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee and Naples Teenage Parenting Program (TAPP), the Sally Sitta Awards for Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology in Health Sciences, Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowships and Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships. To donate silent auction items or become a sponsor, call Bernie Garabel at 571-2466. To purchase tickets, call Jane Kolczun at 245-8173 or visit www.zonta-naples.org.

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Win tickets to FMff’s gala opener Monday

The Fort Myers Film Festival is giving away two tickets to its second annual opening night red carpet black-tie gala at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. The tickets will be given away during the festival’s weekly pre-screening Monday night TGIM series at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in the downtown Fort Myers River District.

This Monday’s judges include corporate education manager at Rasmussen College Jason Teeters, Daniel Linahan and actor Zolan Henderson. The evening is hosted by Eric Raddatz. Attendees will get a transparent view of how films are selected for the festival’s official programming. Guests will also get a chance to grab a drink and intellectualize with the local indie-film community.

The Fort Myers Film Festival’s VIP, general admission and student tickets are available at www.bbmannpah.com.

The festival continues through the week at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Alliance for the Arts, Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Edison Restaurant and various other locations. A VIP all-access pass is available at www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com.

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**CONTRACT BRIDGE**

**BY STEVE BECKER**

**When to draw trumps**

Whenever declarer plays a suit contract, he is faced with the problem of whether or not to draw trumps. There is no hard and fast rule that governs this recurring problem. The best declarer can do is to exercise his judgment in accordance with the circumstances he faces.

Take this deal where West leads the K-A-10 of hearts, declarer ruffing the third round. If South draws trumps at this point, he runs himself out of them, since the trumps are divided 4-2.

Regardless of what he does next, South must now go down one as the cards lie. If, for example, he crosses to dummy with a club in order to try a diamond finesse, West wins with the queen and cashes the nine of hearts to score the setting trick.

But if South makes allowance for a 4-2 trump split (which occurs nearly half the time), he makes the contract. He simply delays drawing trumps because he is not yet ready to extract them.

Declarer’s proper play is to ruff the third heart high and lead the four of trumps to dummy’s nine. The ten of diamonds is then led and finesed, losing to the queen.

This leaves West in a hopeless position. If he returns a heart, declarer ruffs in dummy, crosses to the ace of clubs, draws trumps and easily makes the rest of the tricks. If West returns any other suit, South wins and draws trumps that much sooner to make the contract.

In effect, declarer makes it his first order of business to establish his 10th trick before drawing the missing trumps. In that way, he protects against the 4-2 trump division that is a primary threat to the contract. ■
This week on WGCU-TV

■ THURSDAY, FEB. 2, 9 P.M.  
  The Queen’s Palace  
  Buckingham Palace – Part I  
  Fiona Bruce visits Buckingham Palace and learns of its long history.

■ FRIDAY, FEB. 3, 9 P.M.  
  Michael Feinstein’s American Song Book  
  Time Machines – Part 1  
  Feinstein explores how technology has preserved — and altered — the way we think about the great songs and singers of the past.

■ SATURDAY, FEB. 4, 8 P.M.  
  Antiques Roadshow  
  Eugene – Hour 2  
  A New England Chippendale chest-on-chest; an 1846 map of Western America; and an early 20th-century Russian Imperial Officer’s sword from the reign of Tsar Nicholas II.

■ SUNDAY, FEB. 5, 9 P.M.  
  Masterpiece Classic  
  Downton Abbey, Season 2 – Part 5  
  As the war nears its end, Downton’s aristocrats and servants put their lives back together. Mary and Sir Richard go estate hunting. A mysterious wounded officer makes a shocking revelation.

■ MONDAY, FEB. 6, 8 P.M.  
  Antiques Roadshow  
  Eugene – Hour 3  
  A playful pair of beautifully preserved tin toys; a Civil War cavalry guidon that may have been used in the Battle of Shiloh; and a 1960 jeweled gold Moretto.

■ TUESDAY, FEB. 7, 8 P.M.  
  American Experience  
  Freedom Riders  
  The story of a courageous band of young civil-rights activists who journeyed through the Deep South in 1961.

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“An Evening of Cultural Celebrations” to benefit The Shelter for Abused Women & Children takes place from 5-8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13, at a private club in North Naples. Hosted by Preferred Travel of Naples, the annual fund-raising event includes presentations by Preferred Travel’s luxury travel partners about some of the world’s most desirable travel destinations. Guests will enjoy cocktails and hors d’oeuvres and entertainment by Naples Jazz Syndicate. The entire $45 per person donation will go to the Shelter. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call preferred Travel of Naples at 261-3177.

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

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

Aston Gardens at Pelican Marsh is a senior-living community offering independent and assisted living and memory care facilities. To purchase tickets to “Chips for Charity” tickets, call 593-5744.

Put Shelter benefit

A tailgate to-do just for guys
“A Tailgate at Old Collier” begins at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Old Collier Golf Club, hosted by Gentlemen Against Domestic Violence as a benefit for The Shelter for Abused Women & Children. The men-only affair will feature a tailgate fair, cigars and cocktails; a golf corner with PGA pro and commentator Mark Iye of the Golf Channel; entertainment by Jimmy Keys; and a live auction.

Tickets for $500 per person are available by calling 775-3862, ext. 261, or e-mailing cdalesandro@naplesshelter.org.

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Counting down to Fun Time fun
The launch date for Fun Time Early Childhood Academy’s annual fundraiser, “Fun Time Blasts Off into the Future,” is Friday, Feb. 10, at The Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. Guests will gather at 6:30 p.m. for a cocktail reception, dinner and silent and live auctions.

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Pets and pet lovers welcome at gala

Humane Society Naples holds its 12th Annual Pet Lovers Gala beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Waldorf Astoria Naples (formerly the Naples Grande). Well-mannered pets are invited to accompany their owners to the black-tie affair.

Up for bid in the live auction will be a diamond pendant designed especially for HSN by William Boyajian of Port Royal Jewelers. The pendant can be seen at the jewelry store at 625 Fifth Ave. S. Gala tickets for $275 per person are available by calling 643-1880, ext. 18, or by visiting www.hsnaples.org.

CBS’ Bill Geist at literary luncheon

Literacy Volunteers of Collier County welcomes Emmy Award-winning CBS News correspondent and New York Times best-selling author Bill Geist as guest speaker at the annual LVCC Literary Luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 24, at Bay Colony Golf Club. Mr. Geist will discuss his latest book, “Way off the Road,” a compendium of stories from “CBS Sunday Morning” that focus on “the peculiar charms of small-town America.”

Mr. Geist joined CBS in 1987 and has traveled the country to chronicle the people, places and events that make up the fabric of American life. Paperback copies of “Way off the Road” will be available for purchase at the luncheon. Tickets for $75 per person are available by calling LVCC at 262-4448, ext. 300 or 301.

Boutique expands to two days

Everyone who loves to shop will especially love shopping the designers’ boutique to benefit The Shelter for Abused Women & Children from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 20-21, in the ballroom at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. Part of the Shelter’s annual Mending Broken Hearts with Hope luncheon, the boutique expands to two days this year for the first time. Nearly three dozen vendors will display and sell their specialty clothing, fashion accessories, decorative items and giftsware.

Admission to the boutique is free ($5 valet parking for those not attending the Mending Broken Hearts with Hope luncheon). Tickets to the luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 21, are $350 per person. For reservations or more information, call 775-3862, ext. 265, or e-mail cdalessandro@nassleshar.org.

Library friends host author breakfast

Friends of the Collier County Library hosts the second annual “Bagsel & Book Clubs” breakfast at 9 a.m. Monday, March 5, at the Hilton Naples, with guest speaker and New York Times best-selling author Deborah Crombie. Tickets are $20 for Friends members, $25 for others. Call 263-8135 to purchase tickets. For more information, visit www.collier-friends.org.
Rotarians, Zoo set for a wild evening

The Naples Rotary Club holds its annual “Grapes & Apes” wine tasting, food pairing and silent auction on Saturday, March 24, at The Naples Zoo. Expectations for this year are to accommodate 1,400 guests and to raise $150,000. All proceeds will help fund Rotary scholarship projects and include wine and food samplings from Wynn’s, desserts by Mikkelson’s Pastry Shop and Royal Palm Chocolates, animal encounters and talks by zoo staff and the chance to bid on silent auction items.

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

Royal Palm school to honor Donahues

The faculty, staff and families of Royal Palm Academy will honor Jack and Rhoda Donahue at the school’s “Denim and Diamonds” gala at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 10, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. The Donahues are longtime Naples residents whose daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Patrick Moore, founded Royal Palm Academy in 1998. Tickets are $100 per person. For reservations or more information, call the school at 594-9888.

Youth Haven hosts

Olympian skater Olympic speed skater and eight-time medalist Apolo Anton Ohno will be the guest speaker at Youth Haven’s “Home Hope Healing” luncheon Thursday, March 22, at the Naples Grande. Tickets are $250 per person, or $1,000 for two guests and a pre-luncheon reception with Mr. Ohno. Youth Haven provides a home for children who have been removed from their families by the authorities because they are in grave danger of further physical or sexual trauma, emotional abuse and/or neglect. For more information, call Jamie Gregor at 687-5153 or e-mail Jamie.gregor@youthhaven.net.

A garden gala for Hope for Haiti

Hope for Haiti holds its 2012 gala, “A Passport to the Secret Garden,” from 6-11 p.m. Saturday, March 3, at the St. Ann Jubilee Center.

Tickets are $300 per person. Volunteer and sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Elizabeth Davison at 434-7183 or Elizabeth@hopeforhaiti.com.

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Rotarians, Zoo set for a wild evening

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5. John and Rosemarie Gulla
6. Nancy Garrison and Nancy Carrington
7. Janice and Tarik Ayasun
8. Craig and Bonnie Woodward

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2. Linda Malone and Marissa Hartington
3. Christine and Terry Flynn with Robin Stranahan
4. Joyce and Bill O’Meara
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8. Dee Prout and Angela Bennett
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When pairing wines with foods, you must decide which is more important. Is there a killer dessert wine that you have chosen, or is the dessert the focus? I prefer to choose the wine first, and then find a dessert to go with it.

Here are some of the more popular grape varieties with food pairing possibilities:

- **Muscat grapes:** Whether the wine is made from orange or black muscat, this grape produces wines with big aromatic flavors and intensity. The orange makes wines with tangerine and orange blossom aromas and flavors, which pair well with stone fruit desserts. The black has rose blossom aromas and litchi-like flavors that go well with berry dishes or dark chocolates.

- **Sauvignon blanc and semillon grapes:** The finest sauterne are made from late-harvested sauvignon blanc and semillon grapes, affected by botrytis cinerea, aka noble rot. It punctures the skin to dry out the grapes, producing luscious concentrated wines with flavors of apricots, peaches and honey. Try these with fruity desserts or with almonds and almond desserts.

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Finally, the wine needs to be sweeter than the dessert, otherwise the wine will taste null and acidic. Stay away from desserts that are predominantly sweet; these go best with coffee or tea. There are several basic types or styles of dessert wines. The most popular involve late-harvested grapes, which result in more intense flavors and sweetness, specialty grape types that produce pronounced flavors and aromas, or fortified wines such as sherry.

Choosing the right wine for dessert is not difficult; you just need to balance the intensity, acidity and sweetness of the wine with the dessert. The more intense the flavors of the dessert, the more intense the flavors of the wine should be. The acidity of the wine and dessert should be harmonious as well; if you have a fruit dessert, choose a wine with higher acidity.

Desserts that are predominantly rich are best paired with sweet dessert wines. The most popular of these are Ports, made by Port wine:

- **Port wine:** Port is made by adding brandy midway through the fermentation process, stopping it and leaving a residual sweetness. Ruby ports are then aged in stainless steel or concrete vats to retain the youthful color and flavors. Tawny ports are barrel aged and mellow in color and flavor. Late Bottled Vintage starts with higher quality wine that ages usually four to six years before bottling. Vintage port comes from a single vintage of superlatively quality, and is not produced every year. Ports pair well with intense flavors, so try desserts with chocolate or dried fruit.

**Wine picks of the week:**

- **Chateau La Tour Blanche Sauternes 2005 ($35/375ml):** Aromas of honey, vanilla and apple follow through to the palate of rich flavors ending with notes of lemon and spices on the finish. Almonds and peaches in a dessert make an exceptional pairing with this sauterne.

- **Dolce Napa Valley Late Harvest 2006 ($35/375ml):** A classic blend of late harvest sauvignon and semilion blanc.
As always, dining at Roy’s proves a tasty adventure

Normally, I don’t get too excited about dining at corporate-chain restaurants. By their nature, they tend to be too rigid and too formulaic. But Roy’s is the rare exception. Chef-partners like Jason Grasty at Bonita Springs; reserve a spot at www.meetup.com/whole-foods-in-fort-myers. Chef-partners like Jason Grasty at the Bonita Springs location — certainly by the impeccable wait staff. Roy’s trio of fish is perfect for the indecisive diner. The staff here is exceptionally well trained. We didn’t need to ask for a single mistake, it might be wise to tone down advertisement dynamite. If it wasn’t a plating upside-down cake oven, pineapple and sliced strawberries made it all added up to a marvelous three-ring circus of flavors showcasing a trio of contrasting fish. Bravo! A freshly baked pineapple upside down cake ($8.95) with vanilla ice cream, diced pineapple and sliced strawberries made for a comforting finish. Proof once more that Roy’s is that rare exception that gives chain restaurants a good name.

Cuisine

Roy's is famous for — think Wagyu beef with the Asian-Pacific influences the offerings at Roy’s, such as carpaccio,calamari, edamame pods as a little snack while you're perusing the menu — certainly not inexpensive, but I doubt anyone leaves here complaining about the bill … or the food … or the service.

Our latest visit was no exception to the Roy’s rule, although one dish didn’t quite live up to its billing. More on that later. The modern decor hasn’t changed over we arrived on a midweek evening, but it grew busier and louder as the night wore on. Still, the noise was well mitigated by the sculpted ceiling and carpeted floor. The ocean of fish options at Roy’s usually has some interesting, innovative, sophisticated offerings. Chef-partners like Jason Grasty at Roy’s usually has some interesting, innovative, sophisticated offerings. Chef-partners like Jason Grasty at the Bonita Springs location — certainly by the impeccable wait staff.

Instead of the usual bread served in most restaurants, Roy’s offers seasoned edamame pods as a little snack while you’re perusing the menu — certainly healthier than loading up bread before you even start a meal.

You’ll see some familiar appetizer offerings at Roy’s, such as carpaccio, calamari and ribs. And they are recognizable with the Asian-Pacific influences the chain is famous for — think Wagyu beef with pears or mints fried squid rings with curry sauce. The pork ribs ($10.95) get the Szechuan treatment and, frankly, they are some of the best ribs I’ve ever gawed on. Not that there was much boning going on — the smoky meat was so tender that it slipped off effortlessly. Grilling gave the ribs a delectable crust, while silky Mongolian barbecue glaze deepened the sweetness of the meat. Warning: If you order these, you’ll be tempted not to share. Add a salad and you’ve got a meal.

You also can’t go wrong with the pot stickers ($11.95). Fried to a golden crisp, they’re stuffed with sweet, succulent lobster meat and served on a shallow pool of rich miso-butter sauce. We dispatched these quickly, too.

Warm from the oven, pineapple upside-down cake is a comforting way to end a meal at Roy’s.

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Food & wine calendar

Saturday, Feb. 4, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Mercato Celebrate the Year of the Dragon with Asia Fest, featuring Asian cuisine, Japanese taiko drummers, Chinese lion dance, Korean and Filipino dancers, vendors and more; $5 (children younger than 2 admitted free); U.S. 41, Naples.

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