

BEST BIKER DUDES

Gentle'men for the Shelter

Naples' official "spokes"-men against domestic violence cycled 1,200 miles from their starting point at 7th Avenue Social to Washington, D.C., over the course of 12 days in April. Gordon Kellam, Colin Estrem and Glen Schwesinger all are members of Gentle'men Against Domestic Violence, an initiative of The Shelter for Abused Women & Children that calls on men to stand as equal partners with women to end domestic violence. Statistics show domestic violence accounts for nearly 30 percent of all violent crime committed in Collier County. The Gentle'men program targets young men and boys in local public schools with a succinct message: Violence does not equal strength, and true "gentle'men" exhibit respect, loyalty, honesty and accountability toward women. As they cycled their way toward D.C., Mr. Kellam, Mr. Estrem and Mr. Schwesinger stopped in several cities to meet with politicians, local shelter workers and others who share their goal to end domestic violence.

BEST FILM FESTIVAL DEBUT

The Bonita Springs International Film Festival

The first-ever Bonita Springs International Film Festival sure lived up to its name. Countries of origin for the event held at the Centers for the Arts included Cuba, France, United Arab Emirates, Britain, Canada, Argentina, Turkey, Finland and Sweden. And don't forget the good old USA: One of the homegrown highlights was "Dorothea Lange: Grab A Hunk of Lightning," a documentary about the famed photographer by her granddaughter, Dyanna Taylor.



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