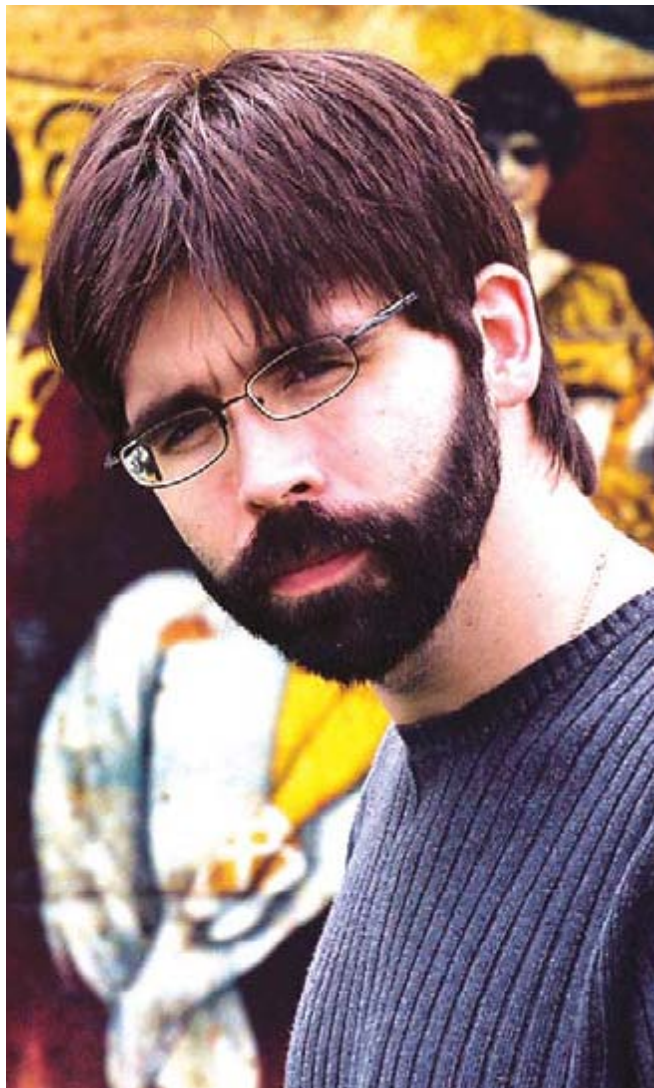


# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

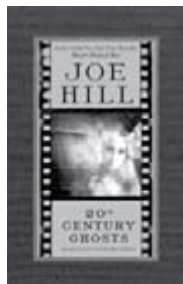
WEEK OF MARCH 13-19, 2008

A GUIDE TO THE GREATER FORT MYERS ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

Horror writer  
**Joe Hill** talks  
writing at the  
reading  
festival



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Joe Hill's books  
*Heart-Shaped  
Box* and *20th  
Century Ghosts*

In Joe Hill's world, a sixth grade boy befriends a classmate (who happens to be an inflatable boy), a ghost who kisses like a movie star and knows every film ever made inhabits a movie theater, a man transforms into an eight-foot-tall locust, and an IBM electric typewriter in the basement types stories on its own every night.

In Hill's novel, "Heart-Shaped Box," a malevolent ghost inhabits a suit purchased online by an aging rock star. The story's peppered with rock references. (The title's from a Nirvana song and the chapters are sectioned off with song titles.) Infused with a heavy metal mentality, the plot grips the reader with corpse-cold fingers and refuses to let go.

Hill's work has been called horror, fantasy and mystery. His debut novel, "Heart-Shaped Box," was No. 8 on the New York Times bestseller list last April. He's a past recipient of the Ray Bradbury Fellowship, the William L. Crawford award for best new fantasy

SEE NEW CENTURY, C5 ▶



■ **Inside:**  
Attending author Angelo Dundee helped Muhammad Ali float like a butterfly and sting like a bee for decades. **C4**

if you go

>> **What:** Lee County Reading Festival  
>> **When:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 15  
>> **Where:** Harborside Event Center and Centennial Park, downtown Fort Myers  
>> **Cost:** Free  
>> **Information:** Call 337-READ or go to [www.lee-county.com/library](http://www.lee-county.com/library)  
>> **Joe Hill speaks:** at 12:30 p.m. in Room A1 at the Harborside Events Center

## WEEK at-a-glance



### Sweet decadence

The Naples Players bring 'Cabaret' to life at the Sugden Community Theatre. **C8** ▶



### Isn't It Romantic?

Michael Feinstein plays the Phil in Naples this weekend. **C6&7** ▶



### Top performers

The most talented young artists in our area earned awards last week. **C17** ▶

## Fine art on display downtown

### Harborside hosts Art Council's Spring show

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY



COURTESY PHOTO

Joan Sonnenberg "Totem Plantain" (Pastel) was judged the best in the "Art Council of Southwest Florida Spring Juried Show", the Community Art Showcase, Spring Show. The exhibit is currently on display at the Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers.

Harborside Event Center presents the "Art Council of Southwest Florida Spring Juried Show", in conjunction with the Community Art Showcase. This fine art exhibition, featuring works from members of the Art Council of Southwest Florida, runs through April 15 and is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers.

The exhibition is free and entrance to the exhibition is through the Administrative Office located on Monroe Street.

The Art Council of Southwest Florida consists of twelve member leagues in Lee, Collier and Charlotte Counties

with a combined membership of over 4000. With a mission to promote the appreciation of art and artists, the Art Council biannually sponsors the Spring Juried Show. This year, 246 works of two-dimensional art were submitted for judging, and 90 pieces were juried in to

if you go

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>> **When:** Through April 15 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays  
>> **Where:** Harborside Event Center, Downtown Fort Myers on Edwards Drive  
>> **Cost:** Admission is free  
>> **Parking:** Adjacent parking lot, City of Palms Garage, street parking

exhibit at the Harborside Event Center. Susan Bridges, Executive Director/CEO of the Art League of Bonita Springs, was the judge for this exhibit. Bridges is a noted artist and lecturer with a Masters Degree from the internationally esteemed School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and her own works are held in private and corporate collections

SEE COUNCIL, C16 ▶



### Vino

As season winds down, it's time for locals to lift a glass about town. **C30** ▶