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Battling cystic fibrosis, Melody Lynn put off a lung transplant to receive her diploma, leaving her family, fellow graduates and everyone ...



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Melody Lynn uses her cell phone to check with family in hopes of finding them in the crowd after the graduation ceremony at FGCU.

BY ATHENA PONSUSHIS

Special to Florida Weekly

MELODY LYNN THANKS GOD FOR FACEBOOK. She can keep up with the girls she grew up dancing with — girls, now young women, doing headstands in China, gazing up at the Eiffel Tower, cheering in the student section of college football games. Ms. Lynn lives through them, through their pictures and posts. She writes back to them on the social networking website: “I will be getting a double lung transplant, hopefully very soon.”

Ms. Lynn has cystic fibrosis. She has spent her life focused on a number — her pulmonary function. She has watched her number drop lower and

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Bonita Springs reaches crossroads

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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It's nearly circus time in Bonita Springs, with curious Neapolitans just to the south holding ringside seats to the political circus culminating on Jan. 31.

On that Tuesday, Bonita's incumbent

mayor and native son Ben Nelson slugs it out at the voting booth with retired federal agent and challenger David Grothaus.

Republicans in Florida — a powerhouse state with 29 electoral votes — will also be picking a presidential candidate in Florida's GOP primary that day, the nation's fourth behind Iowa (six

electoral votes), New Hampshire (four) and South Carolina (nine).

While the mayoral race pits long local business experience (Mr. Nelson, owner of Nelson's Marine Construction) against wide federal management experience (Mr. Grothaus, retired agent of the federal

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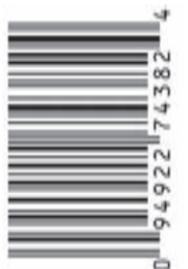
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COMMENTARY

Crossing the other Delaware: a personal view of Christmas

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In the American cultural vernacular, which may prove as confusing to you as it frequently does to me, the first Christmas did not occur 2,011 years ago.

Instead, the first Christmas took place exactly 235 years ago, on a frigid night a few miles north of Philadelphia.

In this whimsical, transformative nation, holidays that began as one thing inevitably became another — and none more so than Christmas.

During the evening of Dec. 25, 1776, Christmas Love (defined as the love of Christ come, for Christians) must have seemed as remote as the North Pole to the 2,400 men who crossed the Delaware River out of Pennsylvania. They moved out in sleet and snow equipped with newly issued flints for their weapons on George Washington's command, gathering on the riverfront from positions near McKonkey's Ferry.

At that point the self-declared United States of America — where you and I will eat to our heart's content this Christmas — amounted to 174 days worth of upstart nation. Brand new, the nation was also under siege, wrapped in a winter storm, and starving.

Most of Washington's men couldn't swim, but they swallowed their fear. Ice floes in the river presented a significant danger to their heavily-laden boats as they

labored in frigid darkness toward the Jersey shore.

None of it was pretty. In sloppy, struggling fashion commanders and a regiment of experienced seamen from Marblehead, Mass., with others, finally landed the force mostly intact at Trenton, on the east bank of the river.

There, things changed forever. That fact remains the nation's most singular Christmas gift to itself.

The Americans caught the winter-encamped Hessian troops (competent professional soldiers in the pay of the British army) completely off guard and besotted from Christmas revelry. Thus they won the first real victory in our history, at the end of what had been a very bad year.

Had Washington been killed or captured (a distinct possibility since he was among the first to land on the far shore), history would have gone barking up a different tree.

It almost did, anyway. Previously, his men had succeeded only in having their rear ends kicked out of New York and chased all over New Jersey by the British and their allies.

But only six days before Christmas, Thomas Payne came out with a feisty pamphlet called "Common Sense," in Philadelphia. It included the most famous lines he ever wrote. The language was so compelling that against all reason it boosted morale among the half frozen, half sick, woefully undernourished Americans.

"These are the times that try men's souls," Mr. Payne wrote. "The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of his country; but he that stands it now, deserves

the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph."

No doubt many would have settled for an easier conflict and reduced rations of glory along with a hot meal, but they weren't given the choice.

For all those Americans, including women, children and the old people left to gather food, feed families and manage farms and homes, Christmas Love required sacrifice and the recognition of imminent mortality.

To all of them, everything must have seemed tenuous.

I've always thought of Christmas that way, too — as a time when existence can become, paradoxically, both sumptuous and desperate.

In such a time, each of us must cross our own Delaware — which means that each of us must define Christmas Love as any force or energy that allows us to make the crossing, no matter how tenuously or what shape it takes.

If, for example, you haven't spoken to a relative or an old friend with whom you've fallen out, you're facing the river.

If you haven't forgiven yourself for a mistake made in another time — which means confronting your own weakness or blindness, and moving on — you're facing the river.

If the echoes of the dead or the memories of Christmases past become not the voices of angels but a chorus of tyrants beckoning you to surrender the joyous moment in order to suffer the once-upon-a-time, you're

facing the river.

Charles Dickens, the great British novelist, knew the music of this tune intimately, which was why he wrote, "A Christmas Carol."

In any case, something has to be faced and changed. And you have to face it and change it.

Christmas is a time to do that, just as it was for Washington and the men, women and children who faced his Delaware River.

For somebody I never knew, here's one more river. Late on Dec. 24, 1976, I drove out of the gates of Camp Lejeune, N.C., home of the Second Marine Division, bound toward Wilmington, 50 or so miles to the south. I was bent on attending midnight Mass at an orthodox church.

The narrow two-lane blacktop ribboned a North Carolina night so black in the flat piedmont that I could see nothing beyond my own headlights for miles, until a flashing of red and blue came distantly into view.

I slowed, approached and passed. Two cars had collided head on. The bodies of five dead lay under sheets near the devastated wreckage. Midnight was 90 minutes away.

At the church, a packed Christmas celebration of such candlelit, incense-infused magnificence occurred — with chanting, bells, the sprinkling of holy water and all the sensuous ornamentation of celebratory life — that I've never been able to forget either the blood or the glory.

And now it's only Christmas Love I want for those who may still love the victims of that long ago night. May they, with all of us, find it in themselves to cross the Delaware. ■

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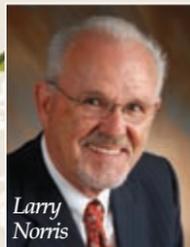
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OPINION

The myth of the new Newt



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Special to Florida Weekly

If Newt Gingrich is the Republican nominee, he promises to hound President Barack Obama until he agrees to appear with him at a series of Lincoln-Douglas-style three-hour debates. This is a cutting-edge Gingrich proposal — that he has been making since at least 1992.

Back then, he was challenging Boston Mayor Ray Flynn to Lincoln-Douglas debates on urban issues. Gingrich's obsession with the clash between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas in the 1858 Illinois Senate race isn't new and interesting; it is a trope of his going back decades.

The "New Newt" surging in the Republican polls overlaps so significantly with the former version that the "Old Newt" should be suing for copyright infringement.

The New Newt talks of teaching a course as president; the Old Newt came to grief teaching a course as House speaker. The New Newt is outraging the

left by saying poor kids should work; the Old Newt provoked his opponents by saying more kids should be in orphanages. The New Newt's presidential campaign has at times seemed a vast book tour; the Old Newt immediately got embroiled in a controversy over a multi-million-dollar book deal as speaker.

The New Newt says he's 68 years old and therefore has mellowed and matured, but the Gingrich story is less the tale of a slow evolution toward steadiness and wisdom than the fable of the scorpion and the frog. The scorpion stung the frog as it hitched a ride across the river because it couldn't help itself. Newt is intellectually frenetic by nature.

There's something tremendously invigorating about this. They called Lincoln "old" when he was in his 30s, a testament to his gravity. Newt feels young even though he's about as old as Ronald Reagan when he ran in 1980. If Franklin Roosevelt was like a bottle of champagne, according to Winston Churchill, Gingrich is like a snort of helium.

His volatility makes it impossible to make any statement about him as a general-election candidate with assurance. Will he enthuse the Republican base? Yes, right up to the moment he stops enthusing it with some jarring provo-

cation. Will he beat President Obama in the debates? Yes, right up until he makes an ill-tempered comment that washes away all his impressive knowledge and brilliant formulations. Will he be the bipartisan healer, the partisan bomb-thrower or the post-partisan big thinker? Yes, yes and yes.

All that is predictable about Newt is that he is unpredictable, and, irresistibly, an election that should be about President Obama and his record will become about the heat and light generated by his electric performance. That's the way it was as speaker, too. Eventually, he wore out his welcome in epic fashion.

More than a decade after he was cashiered as speaker, he's back on the basis of his superlative handling of the debates. He is better-informed and has more philosophical depth than any of his rivals. Despite all his meanderings through the years, he knows how to win over a conservative audience as well as anyone. The debates have held out the alluring promise of a New Newt. But beware: The Old Newt lurks. ■

— Rich Lowry is editor of the *National Review*.

Climate Apartheid



amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

"You've been negotiating all my life," Anjali Appadurai told the plenary session of the U.N.'s 17th "Conference of Parties," or COP 17, the official title of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Durban, South Africa. Appadurai, a student at the ecologically focused College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine, addressed the plenary as part of the youth delegation. She continued: "In that time, you've failed to meet pledges, you've missed targets, and you've broken promises. But you've heard this all before."

After she finished her address, she moved to the side of the podium, off microphone, and in a manner familiar to anyone who has attended an Occupy protest, shouted into the vast hall of staid diplomats, "Mic check!" A crowd of young people stood up, and the call-and-response began:

Appadurai: "Equity now!"

Crowd: "Equity now!"

Appadurai: "You've run out of excuses!"

Crowd: "You've run out of excuses!"

Appadurai: "We're running out of time!"

Crowd: "We're running out of time!"

Appadurai: "Get it done!"

Crowd: "Get it done!"

That was Friday, at the official closing plenary session of COP 17. The negotiations were extended, virtually nonstop, through Sunday, in hopes of avoiding complete failure. At issue were arguments over words and phrases -- for instance, the replacement of "legal agreement" with "an agreed outcome with legal force," which is said to have won over India to the Durban Platform.

The countries in attendance agreed to a schedule that would lead to an agreement by 2015, which would commit all countries

to reduce emissions starting no sooner than 2020, eight years into the future.

"Eight years from now is a death sentence on Africa," Nigerian environmentalist Nnimmo Bassey, chairperson of Friends of the Earth International, told me. "For every one-degree Celsius change in temperature, Africa is impacted at a heightened level." He lays out the extent of the immediate threats in his new book about Africa, "To Cook a Continent."

Bassey is one among many concerned with the profound lack of ambition embodied in the Durban Platform, which delays actual, legally binding reductions in emissions until 2020 at the earliest, whereas scientists globally are in overwhelming agreement: The stated goal of limiting average global temperature rise to 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) will soon be impossible to achieve. The International Energy Agency, in its annual World Energy Outlook released in November, predicted "cumulative CO₂ (carbon dioxide) emissions over the next 25 years amount to three-quarters of the total from the past 110 years, leading to a long-term average temperature rise of 3.5 (degrees) C."

Despite optimistic pronouncements to the contrary, many believe the Kyoto Protocol died in Durban. Pablo Solon, the former Bolivian ambassador to the United Nations and former chief climate negotiator for that poor country, now calls Kyoto a "zombie agreement," staggering forward for another five or seven years, but without force or impact. On the day after the talks concluded, Canadian Environment Minister Peter Kent announced that Canada was formally withdrawing from the Kyoto Protocol. Expected to follow are Russia and Japan, the very nation where the 1997 meeting was held that gives the Kyoto Protocol its name.

The largest polluter in world history, the United States, never ratified the Kyoto Protocol and remains defiant. Both Bassey and Solon refer to the outcome of

Durban as a form of "climate apartheid."

Despite the pledges by President Barack Obama to restore the United States to a position of leadership on the issue of climate change, the trajectory from Copenhagen in 2009, to Cancun in 2010, and, now, to Durban reinforces the statement made by then-President George H.W. Bush prior to the Rio Earth Summit in 1992, the forerunner to the Kyoto Protocol, when he said, "The American way of life is not up for negotiation."

The "American way of life" can be measured in per capita emissions of carbon. In the U.S., on average, about 20 metric tons of CO₂ is released into the atmosphere annually, one of the top 10 on the planet. Hence, a popular sticker in Durban read "Stop CO₂lonialism."

By comparison, China, the country that is the largest emitter currently, has per capita emissions closer to 5 metric tons, ranking it about 80th. India's population emits a meager 1.5 tons per capita, a fraction of the U.S. level.

So it seems U.S. intransigence, its unwillingness to get off its fossil-fuel addiction, effectively killed Kyoto in Durban, a key city in South Africa's fight against apartheid. That is why Anjali Appadurai's closing words were imbued with a sense of hope brought by this new generation of climate activists:

"(Nelson) Mandela said, 'It always seems impossible, until it's done.' So, distinguished delegates and governments around the world, governments of the developed world, deep cuts now. Get it done." ■

— Denis Moynihan contributed research to this column.

— Amy Goodman is the host of "Democracy Now!," a daily international TV/radio news hour airing on more than 900 stations in North America. She is the author of "Breaking the Sound Barrier," recently released in paperback and now a New York Times best-seller.

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Ismael Hernandez is the founder and president of The Freedom and Virtue Institute, which is dedicated to helping the community learn, talk about and live out the principles of a free and virtuous society (see www.fvinstitute.org). I've had Ismael in my show several times, and his story and his commitment inspire me and our listeners. I'm pleased to share a portion of his remarkable story with you.

Ismael grew up in Puerto Rico in a communist family. His father, Juan, a Marxist, was a founding member of the Movimiento Pro Independencia (the Movement for Independence), which later became the Marxist-Leninist Puerto Rican Socialist Party. Juan's passion was to fight against "American imperialism" and to create in Puerto Rico an independent Marxist society.

Puerto Rico was a very poor country in the 1960s. Survival was difficult and jobs were scarce. Fired from his job after being accused of attempting a terrorist act against the American company employing him, Juan found himself jobless. For two years he would go to job interviews only to have the FBI and the intelligence investigators of the local police intervene to deny him. Meanwhile, he continued to be active in the party and indoctrinate his children in the socialist ideal.

Ismael's mother, Socorro, was a humble and loving woman. Early on, she followed her husband's wishes as was common in that culture. Her true interest, however, was the well being of her four children.

A rift between his parents began to build as Ismael's mother withdrew more from the politics and suffered the deprivations of poverty. She often sent Ismael to Catholic mass with friends.

"I do remember the good days of seeing my father embrace my mother, but those became very occasional," Ismael tells me. "I will never forget the day when he aridly told my mother, 'If I had to sacrifice all our children and have them die for the independence of my country and for socialism, I would do it without hesitation!'"

"It is embedded in my memory how much my mother cried. And yet, there was something intoxicating and luring about my father's conviction."

With a mother who insisted on him going to church and a father who was a committed communist, life for Ismael became somewhat confusing. Eventually, he joined the Jesuit order, where the two worlds seemed to merge. After the seminary, he came to America to study at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, where his experience began to slowly shatter the preconceived notions about America that were the basis of his worldview.

"Initially, I was apprehensive, isolated and distrustful of all Americans, especially white people," he recalls. "However, things began to change.

Even as a foreigner barely able to speak English and with antagonism in my heart, America embraced me and gave me opportunities I never dreamt of."

He was offered a full assistantship due to his excellent grades and classroom performance. All of his studies were paid by the university as well as his meals and lodging.

"It became ironic to me that here I was in America and these people looked at me and decided to help me, even without asking anything from me. I performed and they recognized it. I began to read what I would have never read before or re-read what I never truly understood: the Founding Fathers, the Federalist Papers... I also discovered the penetrating scholarship of Dr. Thomas Sowell, who shattered my views on race.

"I could not tell you how or when I ceased to be a communist, but America made me grudgingly accept that I was wrong... Eventually, I renounced the fake promises and the great lie of socialism, to my father's great displeasure."

Ismael's return to Puerto Rico for a visit was an emotional and important event in his life.

"I tried to communicate to my father that I was having second thoughts," he says. "I was still in transition, but he would have nothing of it. It became increasingly difficult for us to talk about politics and I simply let it rest."

Today Ismael and his family are enjoying the freedoms and opportunities that so many of us take for granted. ■



Talking points with Ismael Hernandez

What your mother was always right about: The need to study diligently and pray often.

What makes you laugh: My son's jokes.

Last book you read: "The Spirit of Democratic Capitalism," by Michael Novak (re-read) and "The Passion of the Western Mind," by Richard Tarnas (new).

Something you'll never understand: Americans embracing socialism. It amazes and saddens me.

Pet peeve: Rudeness.

Something people would be surprised to find out about you: I tried out for the Dodgers when I was 16. Of course, I did not make it.

What are you most proud of? My family: daughter Lael, son Mateo and my wife, Crystal.

First job: Helping my padrino (godfather) re-build a home when I was about 10 years old.

Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast: Its good people and the beautiful sunrises.

What I miss about the Paradise Coast when I'm away: I miss my family and my friends if I am on my own and the warmth of our home if they are with me.

— 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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lower. As a junior in high school, her lungs were functioning at 82 percent, the highest her number has ever been. Now, her 26-year-old lungs are functioning at 30 percent — the number when doctors start talking transplant.

Just weeks before graduating from Florida Gulf Coast University on Dec. 17, Ms. Lynn asked her doctors, "Please wait 'til I walk across that stage." And so they did, and she did.

Her graduation was not just her walk, because her life has not been just her fight. Everyone who has ever come into her life has had to find a way to deal. "They've had to stay strong so I could stay strong," she says.

So when it came to her graduation, she figured if she was breathing, she was walking. She would hold out on a new pair of lungs to walk for the family that has never let her spend a night in the hospital alone, to walk for the friends who wrote back on Facebook, "If you are ready for this, then we are all ready for you."

Ms. Lynn was diagnosed at age 7. She does not remember how the doctors tried to explain a genetic disease clogging her lungs with mucus, blocking her digestive organs from absorbing food. She just remembers she was no longer a little girl sitting inside, reading books on the couch. She was outside riding bikes with her cousin, running around the block, playing tag.

Ginger Lynn, Melody's mother, remembers hearing the results of the sweat chloride test. "Are you telling me I'm going to lose my little girl?" she asked the specialist.

"I'm telling you I'm about to make your little girl feel a lot better," the specialist replied.

Then Mrs. Lynn watched her daughter inhale her first nebulizer treatment. She saw her stop crying and start breathing. "It was like she was brand new," she says.

Tickle fights

Ms. Lynn's childhood pulmonologist had asked her if she was ticklish. She thought he was joking. But he told her, if you're having a coughing fit, start a tickle fight. The laughing jiggles the mucus away from the walls of your lungs.

So in the middle of night, when one of her girlfriends would hear young Melody cough, she would reach over and tickle her, then run down the hallway, jumping over beanbags. Ms. Lynn says that on those slumber-party nights, "the mucus didn't have a chance to settle and make a home in my lungs."

Her treatments now are not so playful. She wakes up three hours before she has to be wherever she has to be. She puts on The Vest. It inflates like a life vest and constricts her chest like a blood-pressure cuff. It sounds as if a helicopter has landed in her living room as air hoses connecting The Vest to a generator pulse, inflate and deflate to shake up the mucus in her lungs. She wears The Vest for 20 minutes, petting her dog, inhaling four different aerosols, taking in medicine as liquid mist.

Questions for the Almighty

Her father wakes up hearing her cough, hearing her clear the mucus her treatment loosened, hearing her take that one, deep breath at the end.

Ms. Lynn says she does not question God, but her daddy does.

"I sometimes wonder if it's something me and her mom did wrong. Why her?" asks Michael Lynn, who calls his little girl, "one tough bird," the first in her family to graduate college.

"You know what really gets me, the



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Melody Lynn welcomes a congratulatory kiss from her grandmother.



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Family members watch with pride as Melody Lynn crosses the stage.

kids 'round here smoking cigarettes, doing drugs, ending up in trouble, giving up. They could care less about life. Then you look at Melody, she does everything she can do to get a breath in some days."

Mr. Lynn says this sitting on the back porch of his Cape Coral home. He has big hands; they're clasped. He has a motorcycle-weathered face, and he's trying to steel his gaze, but he can hear his little bird coughing on the other side of his sliding glass door. Under his camouflage hat, trails of thought lead him to tears.

"She's said a couple times, 'Daddy, I'm not afraid to die. I want this,' his hands open up. 'She's ready for this transplant. Do I have a choice? Not really, right?'"

Ms. Lynn sees her cystic fibrosis as enriching her life. She says it has never been an evil to her. Without it, would she have had the family she has? Would she have had the same best friends? Would she have been able to dance the "Maniac" solo from "Flashdance" on her Make-A-Wish Royal Caribbean cruise?

"When I dance, I don't cough. I've trained myself not to," says the young woman who started dancing at 2 years old. "A lot of times, I might not be able to put what I'm feeling into words, nothing accurately describes it. But if you ever were to see me dance, you would know exactly what I'm feeling."

Cast in "Cats" at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, she missed just one out of 82 shows. Versed in ballet, tap, jazz, modern, hip hop and more, there have been competitions where Ms. Lynn has left the stage for an immediate IV.

Dancing forever her dream, she chose resort and hospitality management with an event management concentration as her major. Even though her parents taught her she could do anything she wanted to do, Ms. Lynn needed a backup plan.

To keep time with the dance world, she changed the lithium battery of her insulin pump to an alkaline battery for airport security, then flew to New York and Las Vegas to intern through PULSE dance conventions. Ms. Lynn has not had the lung capacity to dance in three



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With FGCU President Wison Bradshaw after the ceremony.

years.

Spurging on a caramel frappuccino, she talks about being diagnosed with diabetes at age 13, her dancing friends fighting over who got to prick her finger. She talks about missing Mountain Dew, missing Surge, "Does anybody remember Surge?" she asks of the soft drink. She shares how some doctors have likened her lungs to the sound of a waterfall, "Lungs need air, not water." She says when she coughs it itches, "You know, like when you have a mosquito bite, and when you scratch it, you remember it's there."

She remembers celebrating when she finally reached 100 pounds, swallowing enzymes at each meal, then running around, "Go ahead, ask me how much I weigh. Ask me." Ms. Lynn now weighs 113 pounds. Her last few dance routines, she picked up the tempo by watching other dancers breathe. "Bounce, bounce, slide," became "breathe, breathe, slide," because an antibiotic called Tobramycin caused her to lose her hearing by age 20, and she couldn't hear the beat.

Two years later, she was diagnosed with episodic arthritis, "directly related to the bacteria growing inside the mucus stuck inside of my lungs," she says.

But as she says all this, she does not look sick. She looks like a college girl — her university T-shirt cut into a V-neck, hair tie around her wrist, knees bent to her chest, wearing her jeans two days in a row. Her hearing aids are overshadowed by her beauty marks, perfectly placed near her jaw and on her neck.

"Yes, her cystic fibrosis is sad, but you wouldn't feel that way around Melody, because Melody's not that

way," said Dr. George Alexakis, one of her college professors. "She's made her mind up to be happy. It's as simple as that."

Ms. Lynn does not start her stories with "why me" because of a walk she took with her Mom down the hallway of the neonatal intensive care unit during one of her stays at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg.

"Here were all these babies, helpless. Their parents were not there," and so Ms. Lynn does not pray to God to save her from her disease. She may be breathing at 30 percent, but she's still breathing. She may not have the energy to walk her dog around the block, but she's still walking. She may not be able to get her IV port wet in the shower, but she can still wash her hair in the sink. "Other people need His time more," she says.

Her grandmother, Bonnie Smith, remembers hospital hallways and conversations with God, herself. She remembers "losing it" in the elevator, pulling it together in the hall, somehow walking into her granddaughter's room with smiles, "Hey baby, how you doing?"

Ms. Smith remembers seeing children with cancer. She would crochet blankets for them, her thoughts vacillating between, "Thank God, that's not my baby," then "Why did you make my baby sick?" And finally settling on, "Why can't we all have fat, happy babies."

In November, Ms. Smith says her granddaughter told her, "I'm tired, Grandma."

Ms. Smith can't say any more; she'll lose it.

Improving odds

"Cystic fibrosis patients have so many treatments. They have to do chest therapies, they have to take enzymes when they eat, some have to take insulin when they eat. They spend so many hours of the day trying to take care of themselves," said Dr. Luis Favero, a pediatric pulmonologist who took care of Ms. Lynn for 10 years through Lee Memorial Health System, currently practicing at Arnold Palmer Hospital in Orlando.

"The older they get, the more medical problems they have. Then they're young adults with a desire to create a life, to be successful in life, to be productive in life, like Melody's trying to do with school and work.

"It's something really difficult to achieve," he says, contemplating her college graduation. "Especially considering the amount of time she must spend just taking care of her health."

According to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the disease affects 30,000 people in the U.S. and 70,000 worldwide. When Ms. Lynn was diagnosed, the life expectancy of the disease was 25 years old.

"A child born with cystic fibrosis today, their life expectancy is likely to be over 40 years of age," Dr. Favero says. "With all the proactive research, really pushing science to the limit, they're close to finding a cure for this condition. Unfortunately, they haven't yet, but we will probably see a cure in the near future, hopefully the next 10 to 20 years."

One thing Ms. Lynn does wish, she wishes she could have face-to-face cystic fibrosis friends, but patients are kept separate, so as not to share different strains of bacteria.

If she could sit with someone else who experiences charley horses in her stomach from coughing, someone who also compares breathing to an obstacle course, her breath "having to get through all the hills and valleys to get where it needs to go," she may be able to say to her all the things she stops from saying to her mom.

“A lot of what is unsaid doesn’t necessarily have to be said. Sometimes I just look at my mom. We may be sitting in the doctor’s office. I don’t have to say what’s on my mind. She just knows,” Ms. Lynn pauses. “She knows how to fix it.”

The delicate dance ahead

The girl with the ballerina frame, blonde hair and blue eyes can keep her stance when she speaks about her lung transplant, but she unbinds when it comes to her mom.

“When I think of the countless hours my mother has not slept, worried about me missing my medication, the countless hours she’s spent in the hospital with nothing to do,” she cries, “Her life stopped, to keep mine going.”

She thinks about the dance studio her mom ran for 23 years. She thinks how her mom named her Melody because her name had to be musical. She thinks how her mom was dancing pregnant in a recital the last week of June; Melody was born the first week of July.

“There are so many things I know she wanted to do that she couldn’t get to. Now if my lungs are functioning, if she couldn’t get to it,” again, she pauses, maybe for emphasis, maybe for a breath, “If I could ...”

Then Ms. Lynn does what she does when she thinks about her pulmonary function number — she sees her life, her number rising higher and higher. She turns to her new hope, Jen Likness.

On Dec. 2, Mrs. Likness celebrated the one-year anniversary of her lung transplant. Her cystic fibrosis had her pulmonary function down to 12 percent, hinging on that window of being “sick enough” for a transplant, but “healthy enough” to recover.



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A post-graduation family portrait.

“When you need a lung transplant, you’re not scared of it, you’re hoping for it,” said Mrs. Likness, who met Ms. Lynn in November.

She told Ms. Lynn stories of going to Disney World with her family. Her firefighter brother-in-law sat down because his feet hurt. Mrs. Likness looked at him and said, “I’m breathing, you’re walking.” She told Ms. Lynn of her recent trip to New York City. Walking the streets, she had to stop to thaw her hands, but not because she couldn’t breathe. Now 29, Mrs. Likness knows her lungs came from a college student in Alabama, and that’s all she knows.

“I know her life was able to move forward, that’s all I needed to know”



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Melody Lynn shakes President Wilson Bradshaw’s hand, above, and gets a hug from her dad, left.



stage jitters, the performance would not be as fulfilling.

Her daughter, the dancer, now waits for her phone call. ■

says Ms. Lynn. “She’s more than two years older than me, and that’s a lifetime when you’re talking about something that’s taking your life,” she says, eager to start the preliminary tests for her own lung transplant. Once all her tests are complete, Ms. Lynn will be put on a list. A phone call may come at any time, day or night, to let her know — new lungs are available.

“So I’m going to take a semester off before I start my master’s and do this lung thing,” is how she explains it to her mother.

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CROSSROADS

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Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms), four political newcomers will struggle to win the District 4 council seat vacated by retiring Councilman John Spear (see their comments, below).

Two other city council members, Janet Martin (District 2) and Bill Lonkart (District 6), will win second terms unopposed.



NELSON

In the mayoral fight, voters will determine the value of old and established versus new and ambitious.

Mr. Grothaus, who spent 20 years both on active and reserve duty, first in the Air Force then in the Army while also completing a career with ATF, arrived in Bonita Springs only two years ago.

But he is no newcomer, he insists — not to fiscal responsibility (a balanced budget without what he calls an excessive surplus), not to the management of personnel and money (he directed a staff of analysts and a budget of \$380 million as special agent in charge of resource management for ATF, he says), and not to the demographic of many constituents in Bonita Springs.

"I know them better than Ben Nelson does, I know what they want and why they moved here," he insists. "They're like me — retired and from somewhere else."

Which isn't how Mr. Nelson, a native son with 12 years in city government including one mayoral term under his belt, sees it.

"Everybody has a different toolbox, and mine comes from having to meet payroll every week for 30 years, and wrestling with bureaucracies. I'm somebody who has kept taxes lower, kept up with infrastructure needs, run a stable, respectful government through the Great Recession — and if that's not good enough for you, maybe you want somebody else," he says.

"I saw the way other communities self-destructed as soon as they became cities — Marco Island, Cape Coral or even Fort Myers Beach for a while. They would conduct themselves badly. But I knew how to run a meeting, build consensus, find middle ground, be diplomatic."

All six competing candidates in this race put economic development at or

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— Naples City Councilman **Doug Finlay**

near the top of their to-do lists, citing the city's need to fill more than 1.5 million square feet of empty commercial space.

But the underlying question beneath the parade of personalities and the talk of new business is the tax rate.

How low can elected officials keep taxes and how high can they go in extending benefits to lure new business, they wonder, while also maintaining healthy services and a robust quality of life?

Naples Councilman Doug Finlay has wondered the same thing, and watched the Bonita model of city government closely, especially since Bonita holds the distinction of having the fourth lowest tax rate per capita among 383 cities in Florida, according to figures provided by Mr. Finlay and Naples city officials.

In Naples, with just over half the population, city taxpayers support full police services both on land and water, unlike those in Bonita Springs, who rely on the Lee Sheriff's Office.

And that's expensive. Although he is proposing no such thing, Mr. Finlay points out that "we could drop our mill levy rate in Naples from 1.18 to .37 without a police department. Bonita doesn't have one, and it's worked fairly well for them."

In 2010 in Naples, for example, the taxable value of property per capita averaged \$709,000 at a mill levy or tax rate of 1.18. Thus, the per-capita amount of taxes paid came to \$837, the numbers show.

In Bonita Springs, on the other hand, with a \$163,000 per-capita home value and a .83 tax rate, property owners paid \$135 per capita.

By comparison, Marco Island, with a per-capita home value of \$501,000 and a tax rate of 1.89, required a per-capita tax of \$946. On Sanibel Island, the per-capita home value was \$678,000, but with a full-service police department and many other needs, the tax rate was 2.16 and the tax itself amounted to \$1,642, per capita.

On Fort Myers Beach, without a police department, the per capita home value was \$390,000 and property taxes per capita amounted to \$357, at a tax rate of .91.

Such comparisons, however, are "imperfect," Mr. Finlay pointed out in an e-mail correspondence looking at the issue last year.

"Bonita Springs' mill levy is lower than Naples yet Bonita Springs has taxable values that are also substantially less than Naples. This places the per capita tax of Bonita Springs near the bottom of the state's 383 cities.

"However, regardless of its size (44,000), Bonita Springs is not a full-service city. Bonita Springs does not fund a police department or a fire department. In fact, Bonita property owners pay a separate, dedicated fire mill levy that is more than double the city's millage. This is why things can get a bit cloudy."

But things aren't cloudy for incumbent Councilwoman Janet Martin — to her relief, running unopposed in District 2.

"I don't like having to ask for campaign funds so I can put up signs and do campaign nonsense when the economy is this bad," she says.

Among her city issues: "That city council keeps doing whatever we can to help with downtown re-vitalization. I'm a big proponent of green-space acquisition. We need to maintain all city services and benefits to residents with decreasing ad-valorem tax revenues. And one of the hardest things we as a council have to do is budget time (to work on the city's problems).

"There's also the issue of the future of the Naples-Fort Myers dog track — will they stop racing dogs, will they be allowed to have slot machines?"

At this point, it's a toss-up — just like the coming Bonita Springs city election."

DISTRICT 4 CANDIDATE COMMENTS:

■ **Roger Brunswick:** "The city is being run very well, from my point of view, and I've lived here 19 years. I think Mayor Ben Nelson has done a fabulous job.

"Our city is looking for diversification like every other city in country. Economic development is a key issue for all of us. We want clean, high-tech business, and we face zoning issues, road issues, low-income housing issues. Do I have the silver-bullet answer? No, and I don't think any other candidates do, either."

■ **Wes Norris:** "I've been involved in community work all my life — I served on the zoning board for nine years and I've been in the Optimist Club of Bonita Springs for 20 years, and that's hands-on work. You have a choice in life — you can either sit on the sidelines or get involved. We're all going to give you the same answer about Bonita Springs. The economic situation we had here for many years relied on tourists, construction and real estate. One is almost gone, another is 80-percent down and the tourists are still coming. We have to diversify our economy, fill between 1.5 million and 1.8 million square feet

of empty commercial space, and have a strong relationship between the city council and the economic development committee."

■ **Peter Simmons:** "To the best of my knowledge I'm the only candidate with school-age children (so) I have a vested interest in improving our educational system and attracting new families and businesses.

"The key issues are improving education; expanding and updating the Bonita Springs library; balancing our budget every year; not raising taxes; working with the Bonita Springs/Estero Economic Development Council; extending Shangri-La Road to Three Oaks Parkway; paving all unpaved roads in town; improving our drainage systems to avoid flooding; and working with Bonita Springs' 'untapped talent' of executives, retired businessmen and women, educators, developers and others, for their input, strategic planning, and leadership skills."

■ **Barbara Barnes-Buchanan:** "I am in the campaign race for the District 4 council seat to make the Bonita Springs Vision come to fruition. After reviewing area qualifications, I realized that I would be able to contribute the most to the city by facilitating council support and obtain non-ad-valorem project funding such as grants or contributions in kind or monetary for bringing the Bonita Springs Vision to reality.

"The Bonita Springs Vision was adopted as part of the city's first and only comprehensive plan. The plan is mandated by the Florida state statutes and generally requires the city to outline how it will provide for various services and infrastructure in relationship to population, land uses and densities over a specific time period. The five goals outlined in the Bonita Springs Vision include: 1) Affordability and identity; 2) A natural environment stewardship - a "green" city; 3) A "walkable" community, pedestrian friendly; 4) A community with outstanding parks and recreation facilities; and 5) A community with a "heart," a social center." ■

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- >> Dave Grothaus
- >> Ben Nelson, incumbent

FOR DISTRICT 4:

- >> Barbara Barnes-Buchanan
- >> Roger Brunswick
- >> J.Wesley 'Wes' Norris
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'Twas the night before Christmas, Old Naples style

BY LOIS BOLIN

Special to Florida Weekly

'Twas the night before Christmas
when all through Naples' town
It was silently eerie as the sun settled
down

When all of a sudden, in a moment
of flash
Came a sound of loud creaking — as
this spirit did dash

“What was that?” I asked to an old
man who happened by
“Sounds like Papa Pier hunting Non-
nie Naples,” he sighed through his reply

“Papa Pier loved Nonnie Naples” this
old one told this tale
“So did all who came before them, by
water, roads or rail

This siren was something, this Non-
nie of lore,
Luring men from all ages to the prom-
ise of her shores

It was love at first sight when Papa
was birthed
From blood, sweat and tears, he rose
from this earth

Companions they were — birthing
this community, 'tis true
Bringing all connections together,
including crackers and bloods of blue



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Their children called pioneers carry
forth their love of this land
Being kinships of support, always
there to lend a hand

As time has gone by, Papa sees her
less and less
So he searches at high tides or when
the Gulf peaks its crest”

The old man then paused and studied
my face
As if to see into beyond or feel my
sense of place

He nodded then said “You are a lucky
one
To have been chosen tonight to feel
what many have shun

No harmony is sweeter than Nonnie
Naples and Papa Pier
They represent the best in us all — all
those things we hold dear

Papa loved the water — her animals,
her breeze
Nonnie loved neighbors and family,
always looking to help or please”

He went quiet after that, as the moon
stood on high
I pondered and questioned then the
winds breathed replies

I turned to make comments, but the
stranger no more was there
Where once he stood with stories
— now gone, yet I do solemnly swear

On this night before Christmas, in the
silence I heard
“A Merry Christmas to you! Please
give Nonnie my love”

Could it be it was he leaving these
thoughts in the wind
Asking help to spread the message
from a newly found friend?

As I walked toward the Pier past
Beardy Banyan I heard
A calling of praise saying, “He’s the
one” was their word

In a moment of still all the trees
seemed to bow
Like sentinels on duty acknowledging
the now

'Twas the night before Christmas,
from our Naples Pier all was bright
“Merry Christmas,” I whispered, and
from behind came “Good night.” ■

— *This holiday poem by Undercover
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

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When tattoos aren't nearly enough

In some primitive cultures, beauty and status are displayed via large holes in the earlobe from which to hang heavy ornaments or to insert jewels or tokens, and BBC News reported in November that an "increasing" number of counterculture Westerners are getting their lobes opened far beyond routine piercing, usually by gradually stretching but

sometimes with a hole-punch tool for immediate results. The hard core are "gauge kings (or queens)," showing a "commitment" to the lifestyle by making holes up to 10 mm (three-eighths inch) wide. (Cosmetic surgeons told BBC News in November that they're already preparing procedures for the inevitable wave of regretted decisions.)

Modern miracles

The lives of many choking victims have been saved by the Heimlich Maneuver — even one received inadvertently, such as the one a Leesburg, Fla., motorist gave himself in 2001, after gagging on a hamburger, then losing control and smashing into a utility pole. As he was thrust against the steering wheel, the burger dislodged.

■ In November 2011, as the mother of 8-year-old Laci Davis drove her to a Cincinnati hospital after a locket stuck in her throat and caused her to double over in pain, Mom hit a pothole, which jarred Laci and dislodged the locket loose into her stomach (later to come out naturally).

Not-so-funny pranks

It seemed a rare event (first reported in 1994 but initially regarded as an "urban legend"). However, twice now recently, workers have played a particularly dangerous prank on a colleague. A month after the recent News of the Weird story about

Gareth Durrant's lawsuit in England against co-workers who had inserted a compressed-air hose into his rectum, a carpenter's assistant in Nicosia, Cyprus, was jailed for 45 days for pulling the same stunt on his colleague, rupturing his large intestine.

People with perks

■ Sometimes professionals who overbill for their hours go too far, claiming obviously impossible schedules, such as lawyers News of the Weird reported on in 1992 and 1994 (one, a Raleigh, N.C., lawyer, submitted one client bills averaging nearly 1,200 hours a month — even though a month only has 744 hours). New York City officials said in October 2011, however, that it's quite possible that city prison psychiatrist Dr. Quazi Rahman actually did work 141 hours one week, including 96 straight (because of a shortage of staff and because he could properly nap during his shifts). They ordered him to return only a tiny amount of his \$500,000 in overtime

payments for the last year.

■ Corruption in some Latin American prisons has allowed powerful criminals to buy extraordinary privileges behind bars. News of the Weird's report on Venezuela's San Antonio prison in July described the imperial reign of one drug lord-inmate, who presided over a personal armory, a local-community drug market and private parties (and with his own DirecTV account). In a surprise raid in November on a prison in Acapulco, Mexico, the usual drugs and weapons turned up, but also 100 fighting roosters for daily gambling, along with a prisoner's two pet peacocks.

Bulletproof and beautiful

■ Ten years ago, the fashionable bulletproof clothing industry was in its infancy, with Miss Israel creating a stir at the 2001 Miss Universe pageant with a bulletproof evening gown. Since then, technology and design improvements (along with more rich people!) have enabled leading stylist Miguel Caballero

of Colombia to add to his fashion line. The New Yorker reported in September 2011 that Mr. Caballero had made a bulletproof dinner jacket for Sean Combs and kimono for Steven Seagal, and that Mr. Caballero clothes are available in strengths of bullet-stopping, from "9 mm" to "Uzi."

Cocktails taste better

Rumors that daring youth are inserting tampons soaked in vodka into body orifices to speed alcohol delivery have been around for at least 10 years. Curiously, the only regular-sourced news stories come from TV stations in Phoenix (KNXV-TV in 2009 and KPHO-TV in 2011), and the "urban legends" source Snopes.com calls the whole idea far-

fetched. Nonetheless, in November 2011, a school resource officer told KPHO's Elizabeth Erwin that there are "documented cases" and that "guys," too, engage by inserting the tampons into their rectums. Dr. Dan Quan of the Maricopa Medical Center cautioned against the practice, warning of the dangers of mucosal irritation.

Militia news

Anti-government survivalists engaged in high-profile standoffs have made News of the Weird — most recently the story of Ed Brown and his wife and supporters, resisting a federal tax bill, holed up for nine months in the New Hampshire woods near Plainfield in 2007. (The Browns were arrested by a U.S. marshal who tricked his way inside.) The longest-running standoff

now is probably that of John Joe Gray, 63, and his extended family in a 47-acre, well-fortified compound in Trinidad, Texas, southeast of Dallas. They have lived ascetic settlers' lives since Mr. Gray jumped bail in 2000 on a traffic charge. Mr. Gray has said he feels free on his land and warned authorities "better bring plenty of body bags" if they try to re-arrest him. ■

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Community Foundation names 2012 Women of Initiative

The Women's Philanthropic Network of the Community Foundation of Collier County has announced its 2012 Women of Initiative award honorees. They are:

Jackie Bearse, Sandra Buxton, Susan Calkins, Martha Cole, Nina Gray, Karen Scott, Cynthia Sherman, Vicky Smith, Sandy Vasey, Betty Wemple and Nancy White. Through their charitable activities, these women have helped influence and sustain positive change in the Collier County Community. Through their inner confidence, personal commitment and leadership styles, they are an inspiration to all women seeking to make a difference through volunteering, civic engagement and philanthropy.

The 2012 Women of Initiative will be honored at a luncheon on Tuesday, April 10, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. For tickets or more information, call Susan Utz at 649-5000 or e-mail sutz@cfcollier.org. ■

Education Foundation awards 10 Men of Distinction for 2012

The Education Foundation of Collier County's annual Men of Distinction awards honor men for their dedication and philanthropic service to the Collier County community. The 2012 Men of Distinction are:

Doug Campbell, Eugene Frey, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Paul Garrah, F. Craig Jilk, Thomas McCann, West McCann, Bob Morantz, Sheriff Kevin Rambosk, Dr. Keith Riley and George Walters Jr.

The nominees came through a public call for nominations. They will be honored during a celebration from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at the Hilton Naples. The evening includes a cocktail reception, dinner and auctions. Tickets are \$150, and all proceeds support the efforts of the Education Foundation to eliminate barriers and create opportunities for students,

families, educators and the community to work together so that every student may succeed.

The Men of Distinction awards are sponsored by the *Naples Daily News*,

the ACE Group Classic, The Journals and Hilton Naples. For tickets or more information, call the Education Foundation at 643-4755 or visit www.GetOnTheBusCollier.org/Events. ■



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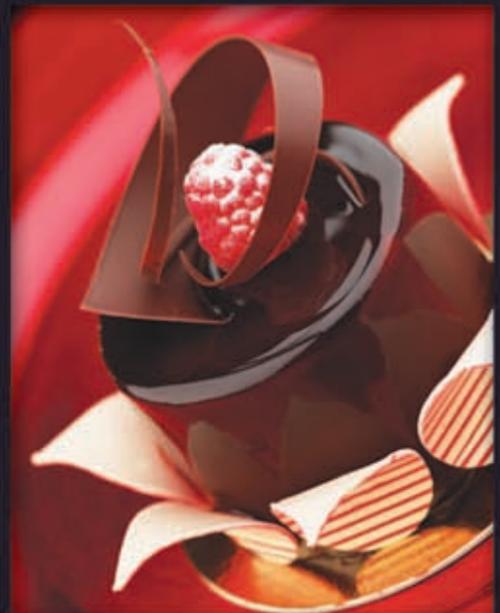
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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Frosty the Snowman has to be built from sand, but that doesn't put a damper on the holiday spirit around town. Here are some of our favorite traditions of the season (see more holiday events in the regular calendar on pages C6-7):

■ The **Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center** presents holiday crafts and activities for kids from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Dec. 22-23, and Tuesday-Friday, Dec. 27-30. This week, children make fish print T-shirts for \$5.

The center at 300 Tower Road offers additional free crafts, nature films and naturalist-led programs on topics such as its marine touch tank, sharks and skulls and bones. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6-12 and free for members.

For more information, call 417-6310 or visit www.rookerybay.org.



Melinda, left, and a class of pre-K students at Village Oaks Elementary School were among the 300 children who received early Christmas presents from Santa thanks to the 11th annual gift drive undertaken by shops and employees at Miromar Outlets. Toys were delivered Dec. 15-16.

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The Children's Chorus from Grace Place for Children and Families made its holiday season debut at Ave Maria. Grace Place is a faith-based neighborhood center teaching literacy, language and life skills to at-risk children and impoverished families in Golden Gate.

■ **"Night Lights: A Winter Solstice Celebration"** returns to Naples Botanical Garden this year with more music, activities, marshmallows and lights. From 6-8 p.m. Dec. 22-23 and again Dec. 26-30, the Garden turns into an illuminated wonderland with hundreds of tiki torches and lit trees. Visitors will enjoy additional activities on the actual winter solstice Thursday, Dec. 22, including a screening of "The Polar Express."

Live musical performances each night will be by The Wholtones, Island Vibes and Joseph Peliska. A variety of activities ensure there is something for everyone in the family to do, such as:

- Create your own "wish sticks"
- Roast marshmallows over a toasty

fire

- Decorate tasty holiday treats
- Walk the luminary-lit labyrinth
- Snap a photo with friends in the Foto Booth by Luminaire Foto
- Try the food and drink at the Garden Café Cart by Tastebuds Custom Catering

"Night Lights: A Winter Solstice Celebration" is sponsored by Eventz Inc. and Florida Weekly. Admission is \$7 for Garden member adults, \$3 for Garden member children; \$15 for non-members adults and \$5 for non-member children.

For more information, visit www.naplesgarden.org.

■ A free community **Chanukah** cele-

bration starts at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at Mercato. Enjoy a candle-lighting ceremony and entertainment by the Shalom Dancers and the Naples Klezmer Revival Band.

For more information, find Mercato on Facebook.

■ Throughout its own **"12 Days of Christmas,"** The Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens delivers special gifts to its wildlife residents. Visitors can watch Malayan tigers and South African lions claw into wrapped presents filled with meaty treats; alligators swallow a festive turkey leg dinner; apes nibble fruity treats; African honey badgers and Red River hogs play with a rolling ice snow

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globe; and the new giraffe herd munch into leafy surprises.

See the full schedule of events at www.napleszoo.org/holiday.

■ **The Naples Historical Society** presents "Christmas at Palm Cottage" through Dec. 30. Home of the NHS, the circa 1895 house is Naples' oldest house and the only one in the city listed in the National Register of Historic Places. It's dressed in holiday splendor and open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and 1-8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.

Palm Cottage is at 137 12th Ave. S.



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Neapolitan Patrick Dearborn and son Cooper, now 8, have been manning a Red Kettle and ringing the bell for the Salvation Army for five holiday seasons.

Admission is free for NHS members and \$6 per person for others (free for ages 10 and younger). No reservations are necessary. For more information, call 261-8164 or visit www.NaplesHistorical-Society.org.

■ **Join Chabad of Bonita Springs** for the eighth annual Grand Menorah Lighting and Chanukah Festivities, a family celebration beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at Coconut Point in Estero.

Listen to music by the Mike Eisenstadt Band, do arts and crafts, enjoy latkes and doughnuts as well as kosher deli and Israeli food. Menorah and fine Judaica will be for sale.

All are welcome. For more information, call 949-6900.

■ **Beth Tikvah of Naples**, the Conservative synagogue of Collier County, hosts the following:

A Latke Lunch Chanukah celebration begins at noon Sunday, Dec. 25, at the synagogue, 1459 Pine Ridge Road (just west of Mission Square). Fill up on potato pancakes and enjoy holiday songs and fellowship for \$15 per person. Call 598-2880 for reservations.

A meet and mingle evening begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, at Heritage Bay Golf & Country Club (off Immokalee Road east of Collier Boulevard). While they enjoy desserts and drinks, guests will get to know one another via short presentations focused on personal memorabilia such as an award, a family heirloom, a collectible, etc. Admission is \$15 per person. For reservations, call 598-2880. ■

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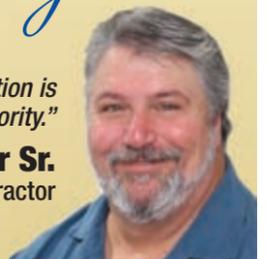
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Collier Carnage gears up for second season

The Collier County Carnage minor league football team has started practices for the 2012 season at the sports complex near Estero High School (between the driving range and the baseball fields). Players turn out in full gear to practice from 6:45-8:45 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Charles McWilliams, team president and general manager, says the Carnage roster currently has 40 active players;

anyone wishing to try out is welcome to come with full equipment to any practice or to call Mr. McWilliams at 200-2351.

The team will play two scrimmages in January to get ready for the 10-game season that starts in early February. Five Saturday home games will be played at Fleishman Park.

For information about sponsorships, call Cori Higgins at 682-4306. ■

Lou Holtz will address ‘Choose to Win’ banquet

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Sports World Ministries will welcome retired football coach Lou Holtz, now a sportscaster, best-selling author and motivational speaker, as the keynote speaker at their “Choose to Win” banquet Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point.

Coach Holtz served as the head football coach at The College of William & Mary, North Carolina State University, the University of Arkansas, the University of Minnesota, the University of Notre Dame, and the University of South Carolina, compiling a career record of 249-132-7. His 1988 Notre Dame team went 12-0 with a victory in the Fiesta Bowl. He is the only college football coach to lead six different programs to bowl games and the only coach to guide four different

programs to the final top 20 rankings. He was elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 2008.

“We are excited to partner with Sports World Ministries for this evening as we work to encourage students to make positive choices,” says Gretchen Shelton, FCA area director.

Sports World Ministries provides former professional athletes to deliver the message: “You’re not born a winner. You’re not born a loser. You’re born a chooser.” FCA follows up on that message by working with students on school campuses to equip them to make choices by following the example of Jesus Christ, Ms. Shelton says.

For reservations or more information about the “Choose to Win” banquet, call 784-3377 or visit www.choosetowin.ticketleap.com. ■

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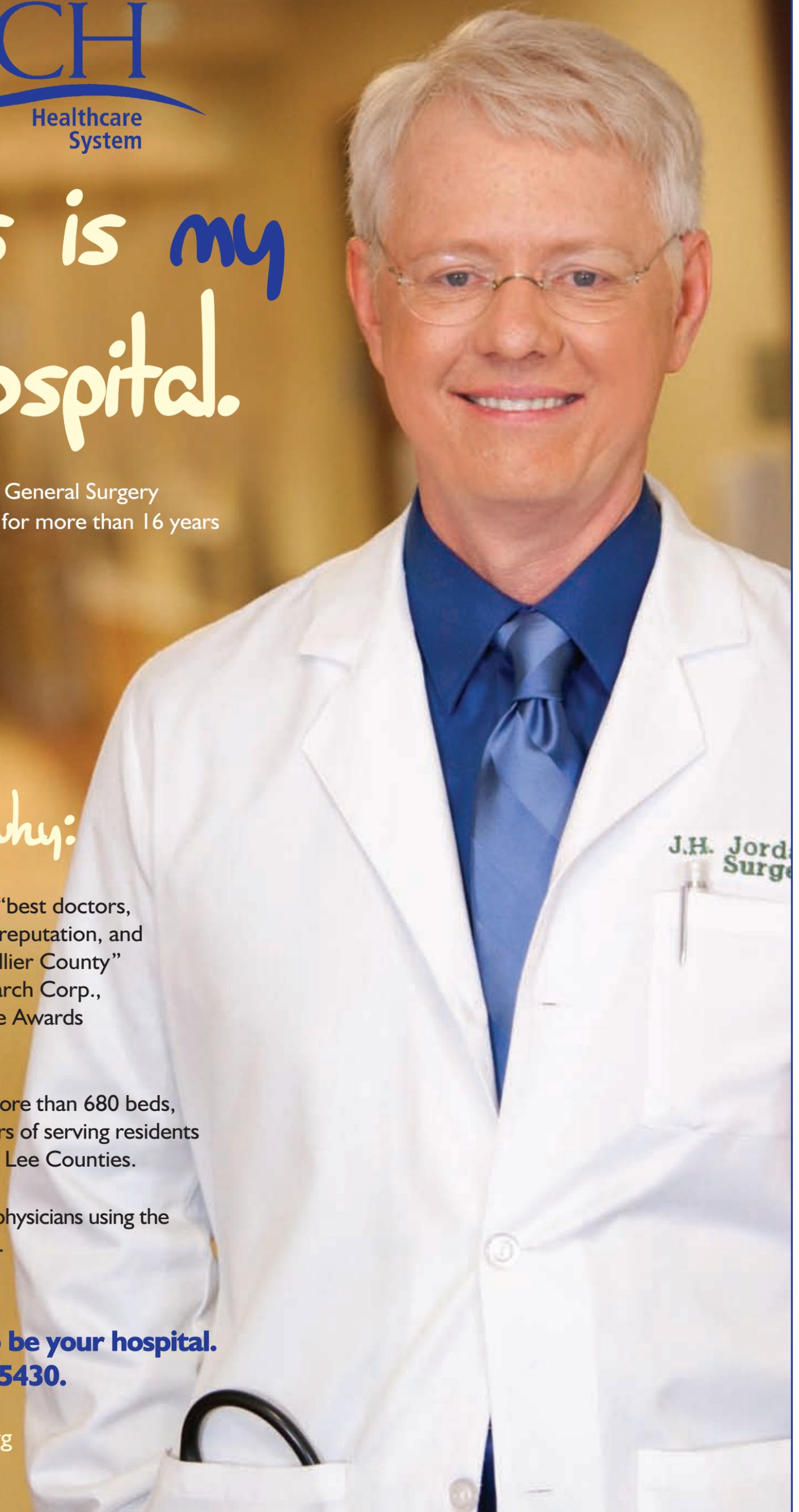
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Admission is free for Naples Garden Club members and \$10 for others. Call 262-1272 or purchase online at www.naplesgardenclub.org.

■ **The Zonta Club of Bonita Springs** is accepting grant and volunteer service hour request applications from area nonprofits working to combat violence against women, to support education opportunities for women of all ages and to provide health care to women who cannot afford it.

The club has also opened the application process for its annual scholarship awarded to an area woman continuing her education in math, science or business.

The deadline for grant applications is 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 1. Scholarship applications are due by Friday, March 23. Requests for volunteer service hours are accepted all year.

Application forms are at www.zontabonitasprings.org. For more information, call Denese Mattrey at 989-3453 or e-mail dmattrey@embarqmail.com.

■ **The Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club** of Naples will meet from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at a member's home in Grey Oaks. Alumnae of Pi Beta Phi chapters across the country and Canada are welcome to enjoy tea and treats and to embrace the Pi Phi sisterhood.

Cost is \$10. For more information and reservations, call 262-2259 or e-mail conskind@aol.com.

■ **The Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae chapter for Naples**, Bonita Springs and Marco Island holds its annual Founders Day Celebration beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Club at Mediterra. All alums from chapters in the United States and Canada are welcome.

Tickets are \$25 and reservations are required by Jan. 17. Call 431-5434.

■ **The Cleveland Club** celebrates its 14th anniversary with a dinner dance on Saturday, Jan. 31, at Heritage Bay Country Club. All Clevelanders are welcome. The club's second dinner dance of the season will be Saturday, March 24, at Cypress Woods Country Club.

Tickets to each evening are \$26. Call Diane Corcelli at 992- 6723 for reservations.



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Connie Kindsvater, left, president of Naples Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi, presents a check to board member Sallie Williams of First Book-Collier County to buy 50 books for children in Collier County. Since 2005, FBCC has given more than 280,000 books to pre-K children, kindergartners and first- and second-graders in Collier County. For more information, visit www.firstbookcollier-county.org.

■ 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 Garabed at 571-2466.

To purchase tickets, call Jane Kolczun at 245-8173 or visit www.zonta-naples.org.

■ **The Naples Garden Club's** 2012 House & Garden Tour set for Saturday, Feb. 4, is sold out. There is a stand-by option, however. Those who want to give it a try should arrive at the Naples Botanical Garden 45 minutes before their preferred departure time and put their name on the list. Buses leave the Garden at 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. and at 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Last year, 1:30 p.m. was the best time to get a stand-by seat. Seats are released to those on the list on a first-come, first-served basis when ticket-holders don't show up.

Tickets are \$85.

This year's House & Garden Tour will visit four private properties in Port Royal, Aqualane Shores and historic Olde Naples. Proceeds help provide scholarships for students of botany and horticulture at FGCU's Harvey Kapnick Education and Research Center at the Naples Botanical Garden.

For more information, visit www.naplesgardenclub.org or e-mail info@naplesgardenclub.org.

■ **The Naples-Pelican Bay Rotary Club** invites artists to hit the pavement for Chalk Art 2012 on Saturday, Jan. 28, along Fifth Avenue South. Thousands of

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Artists who wish to participate can register at no charge and will be matched with a sponsor and receive all the materials needed to complete their artwork.

Registration for sponsors and artists will be accepted through Jan. 21.

Admission to Chalk Art 2012 is free and will include entertainment, music and fashion shows throughout the day. The public will vote for People’s Choice awards by buying tickets as they stroll the event. This year’s winners will also receive cash prizes.

For more information or to sign up as a sponsor or a participating artist, visit www.pelicanbayrotary.com, e-mail cathycnaples@aol.com or call Jim Richardson at 272-3645.

■ The Naples Newcomers Club wel-

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The club meets for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of every month at country clubs throughout the area. In addition, groups within the club plan outings to share varied interests, such as mah-jongg and duplicate bridge, gourmet cooking and more.

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Tennis great Nick Bollettieri returns for New Year's Eve day clinic

Nick Bollettieri, tennis coach to the pros, returns to Miromar Lakes Tennis Club to teach an invitation-only clinic from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Dec. 31. A seminar with question-and-answer time will follow his on-court coaching. A similar program on New Year's Eve day 2010 drew more than 250 tennis enthusiasts and area professionals to Miromar Lakes.

The Nick Bollettieri Tennis Academy has been in operation since 1978 in Bradenton, Fla., and was the first full-time tennis boarding school to combine intense training on the court with a custom-designed academic curriculum. The school's multi-faceted approach includes blending technical and strategic on-court training with customized performance training and mental conditioning. Mr. Bollettieri has used this proven method to coach 10 No. 1 players in the world — Andre Agassi, Boris Becker, Jim Courier, Martina Hingis, Jelena Jankovic, Marcelo Rios, Monica Seles, Maria Sharapova and Venus and



COURTESY PHOTO

Nick Bollettieri instructs from the court last year at Miromar Lakes.

Serena Williams — as well as a multitude of other world-class players.

Attendees will be required to make a \$10 minimum donation to benefit the Lee County Sheriff's Office Youth Athletic League. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Space is limited. To inquire about reservations, call the Miromar Lakes Tennis Club at 908-2393. ■



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The Fiddler's Creek team of Ron Albeit, left, and John Calabria won the recent Pro-Am Championship with a score of 64. In addition, Mr. Calabria shot a 69 to win the 2011 Southwest Florida PGA Senior Championship that was played Dec. 10 at Wyndemere Country Club. Mr. Albeit is director of hospitality for Fiddler's Creek, and Mr. Calabria is director of golf for the community.

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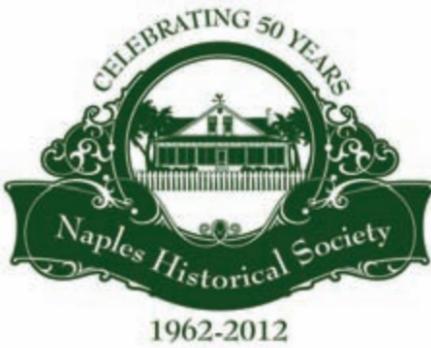
'Tis the season to reserve a seat for Gardenside Chickee Chats

Sign up now to be sure you have a seat for the Naples Historical Society's Gardenside Chickee Chats coming up this season at Palm Cottage. Presentations are from 11 a.m. to noon in the chickee pavilion in The Norris Garden. Here's the line-up:

■ **Friday, Jan. 27:** "Dream Houses... An Update by Joie Wilson"— Interior designer and author Joie Wilson will share her experiences researching and writing "Dream Houses: Historic Beach Homes and Cottages of Naples," published by the University Press of Florida. Signed copies will be available for sale (\$45, while supplies

last).

■ **Friday, Feb. 24:** "What Do Race Tracks & Naples Have in Common?" — Ruth Ann Burnett will share a treasure trove of knowledge about her Great Uncle John (Jack) Hachmeister, a colorful character who know how to enjoy life in early Naples. Ms. Burnett will bring dozens of photographs to accompany her pre-



sentation.

■ **Friday, March 16:** "A Voice for the Everglades" — During her 108 years, Marjory Stoneman Douglas not only observed and recorded history, she also made it and wrote about it. In "A Voice for the Everglades," award-winning actress and writer Janina Birtolo brings Ms. Douglas to life, sharing her passion

for both nature and life.

Gardenside Chickee Chats are free for NHS members and \$5 for others. Attendees are welcome to explore Palm Cottage and watch an oral history film in the Cottage Theater immediately after each presentation.

Palm Cottage is at 137 12th Ave. S., one block east of the Naples Pier. The cottage and gardens are open from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Tour admission is \$10 per person (free for members and children 10 and under).

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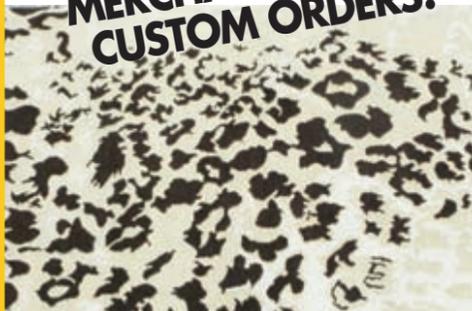
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Short- and long-term treatments can help combat depression

DAVID SCHIMMEL
Special to Florida Weekly

Millions of Americans struggle with depression. Depressive disorders represent a major public health problem, affecting approximately 15 percent of adults and 8 percent of children.

At the David Lawrence Center, the No. 1 diagnosis for individuals seeking assistance is depression.

Although signs and symptoms are characterized by negative thoughts, moods and behaviors, depression can also affect specific changes in bodily functions (crying spells, body aches, low energy or libido), as well as problems with eating,

weight or sleeping. Many of these symptoms are caused by changes in the nervous system of the brain that can result in withdrawal from daily activity levels.

Individuals suffering from depression who do not seek treatment can have dramatic loss of productivity and absenteeism from work, as well as a variety of other physical symptoms. Medical studies have indicated that depression causes significant problems in functioning more so than arthritis, hypertension, chronic lung disease and diabetes.

Adolescents suffering from depression are at risk for developing obesity.

Depression can coexist with virtually every other mental health illness, and we are seeing a growing trend of depression in the elderly.

Unfortunately, as many as 50 percent of people suffering from depression never seek help. Left untreated, depression can lead to suicide. In Florida, on average, every three hours a person commits suicide. It is the second leading cause of death for persons age 25-34. With education, outreach and awareness, this trend can stop.

A variety of short- and long-term treatments for depression can help people get back to living a productive daily life. Cognitive therapy that can help individuals learn to deal with their depressive symptoms and overcome them. Medication can also be helpful in certain types of depression.

A recent report from the Centers for Disease Control found that the rate of antidepressant use in the United States increased nearly 400 percent over the last two decades. The National Health

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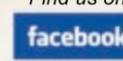


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American Heart Association seeks Fit-Friendly Companies for 2012

The American Heart Association's Fit-Friendly Companies program recognizes employers who champion the health of their employees and work to create a culture of physical activity and health in the workplace. The "Gold" level is the first tier of annual recognition, and "Platinum" is the advanced tier. In addition, the program presents Innovation awards to companies that creatively tackle the issue of physical inactivity.

Collier County companies recognized as Fit-Friendly in 2011 are: Arthrex; Gulfshore Insurance; the District School Board of Collier County; and Physicians Regional Healthcare System.



The next Fit-Friendly Companies application is due to the AHA by Jan. 31. For more information, contact Regan Goldberg, AHA vice president of Southwest Florida Field Operations, at 495-4901 or regan.goldberg@heart.org. An online application is at www.heart.org. ■

DEPRESSION

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and Nutrition Examination Survey found that antidepressants were the third most common prescription drug taken by Americans of all ages from 2005 to 2008 and the most frequently used medication by people between the ages of 18 and 44. The study also found that women are 2½ times more likely to take antidepressant medication as males. People over the age of 40 are more likely to take antidepressants.

Many people get a better outcome by combining medication with therapy. Brief, focused therapeutic approaches can help us think and feel differently

and learn to achieve control and competence.

At David Lawrence Center, we encourage people to get assistance if they feel they or members of their families are suffering from depression. For questions or concerns about depression or other mental health and substance abuse disorders that may be affecting your wellbeing, call us at 455-8500. ■

— *David Schimmel is CEO of the David Lawrence Center, a nonprofit behavioral health agency that provides mental health and substance abuse solutions for children, adults and families in Southwest Florida. The center operates more than 40 inpatient, residential, outpatient and community-based services. For more information, visit www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org.*

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Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United States. Roughly one in five Americans will develop some form of skin cancer, representing more than those with breast, prostate, lung and colon cancer combined.



Tomsick

The vast majority of skin cancer cases are sun-related, says dermatologist Robert Tomsick of Physicians Regional Medical Group. And despite popular notion, it does not stem from a bad sunburn, he adds. Rather, low dose sun exposure causes cumulative doses over the years.

Skin cancer can also be caused by exposure to x-rays and chemicals or, in very rare cases, genetic disease. But the best way to prevent it is to limit sun exposure.

"The sun causes skin cancer," says Dr. Tomsick. "This is not debatable; it does."

The three most common forms of skin cancer are:

■ **Basil cell carcinoma:** the most common form of skin cancer. It is slow growing and rarely spreads to other parts of the body. Though it can grow in size, the chances for cure are excellent.

■ **Squamous cell carcinoma:** the second most common skin cancer. It grows more rapidly than basil cell carcinoma and can spread to other parts of the body, but chances for cure are good.

■ **Melanoma:** is formed in pigment cells of the skin. It can be slow or fast growing and is more often fatal. However, the chances of cure are good if the disease is diagnosed early enough.

There are a number of treatments available for the most common forms of skin cancer. They include scraping and burning the cancer out of the skin; freezing the cancer out of the skin with liquid nitrogen; removing it with an electronic beam machine; photodynamic therapy/chemicals; and creams.

One innovative procedure is Mohs surgery. Developed by a general surgeon, Dr. Frederic Mohs, the procedure uses a tiny scalpel to excise the tumor. An analysis of the tissue is performed and once the entire area is cancer-free, the wound is sewn up.

Since most forms of skin cancer are curable if diagnosed early, Dr. Tomsick advises that you should closely watch for any differences in skin appearance from month to month. This could include symptoms such as growth of spots, bleeding and color change. Also, keep an eye on sores that do not heal within four weeks or those that do heal but come back after a short amount of time.

The best skin cancer prevention is to avoid the sun whenever possible, he adds. If you must be outdoors, seek the shade between the peak hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Be sure to use a waterproof sunscreen with an SPF of at least 30, and reapply it every two hours. While you need to protect the entire body, the face is especially important, as 85 percent of skin cancers are most commonly found there, Dr. Tomsick says.

With an ounce of prevention, you can help prevent the development of skin cancer. ■

Holiday prep a pain in the neck?
Soothe achy muscles with easy exercises

BY NATALIE LAHMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

Over the past few weeks you've walked miles in the mall, probably lifting and carrying heavy packages. You also decorated the house and generally ran around like the Energizer bunny. Is it any wonder that your muscles are now as tight as a drum?

It's supposed to be the season of comfort and joy, but for those who've stressed out their bodies while doing all the pre-holiday chores, this time of the year is not so merry.

It's difficult to get into the holiday mood when your neck, shoulders, back and other muscles are stiff and sore.

Unfortunately, when doing all the holiday preparations, most people don't think of the strain this extra effort might put on their bodies. It's only when we feel tightness and tension in our muscles that we realize we might have gone overboard just a tad.

What should you do when muscle pain puts a damper on the holiday spirit?

Learn how to relieve all that discomfort so it doesn't put you out of action for the rest of this festive season.

Generally speaking, gentle stretch-

ing of the impacted muscle groups will reduce the stiffness and improve flexibility. For example:

■ For a stiff neck, do some "rolling" exercises — move the neck sideways, trying to touch each shoulder with the ear. Then bend the neck forward, extending it until the chin is tucked all the way.

■ Even though you're not be carrying the weight of the world on your shoulders, you might still be feeling some pain in that area. Shoulder rolls, shrugs and squeezes will relax those tight muscles.

■ Lower back pain can really sideline you, but a series of "cat" and knee-to-chest stretches, as well as pelvic tilts, will bring some relief. For cat stretches, get down on the floor on your hands and knees and push your back up toward the ceiling (like a cat arching its back). Continue arching until you feel a gentle stretch in your back. Hold for 15 seconds, then repeat a few times.

■ Your feet are likely bearing the brunt of your excesses. Toe raises and curls, as well as ankle circles, will relax tired feet and also help make sure that you have two strong legs to stand on.

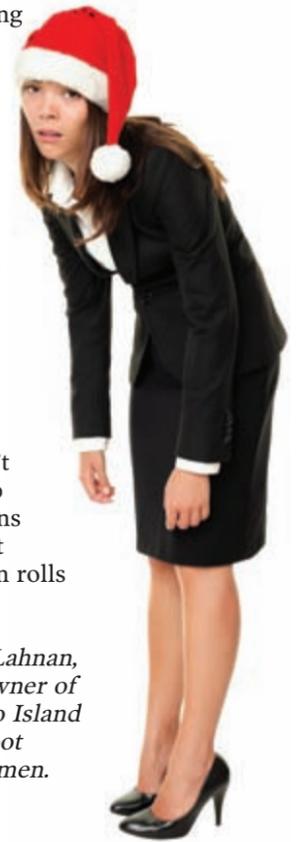
While these measures will help

loosen the muscles right now, you should focus on preventing this kind of discomfort

from happening in the future.

Regular resistance and range-of-motion exercises will strengthen all the muscle groups, as well as keep joints and ligaments supple and flexible. This way, you won't be as prone to aches and pains when the next holiday season rolls around. ■

— Natalie Lahman, CPT, is the owner of Naples/Marco Island Adventure Boot Camp for Women.



STRAIGHT TALK

Physically and professionally, NCH just keeps on growing



NCH continues to grow, both physically and professionally. And the past week was no exception.

We recently opened 32 new rooms on the fifth floor of the Baker Tower at the North Naples campus. Within hours, each room was filled. Next month, we plan to open the sixth floor, which will take the North Naples campus from 261 to 325 beds, and the entire NCH Healthcare System to 715 beds. That will place us in the top 5 percent of the nation's 6,000 hospitals.

And we're not finished by a long shot.

While we grow, we also improve. For example, at the downtown campus we have moved back into the Neuroscience 6 South floor after upgrading the space to help patients recover from strokes, neurosurgery and other neurological conditions. Each unit is outfitted with new technology focused on quality, safety and patient comfort. Our nurses and their support colleagues report they can already sense how this revitalized environment has positively affected patients and their families.

Growth also comes through the 26 nursing managers who participated in a yearlong leadership and management

course on many of the non-clinical aspects of caring for patients. Typically, nursing schools don't teach "leadership." The purpose of this course was to share best practices on managing a unit so that patients and families receive optimal care, while colleagues enjoy the satisfaction that comes from helping others.

We have also recently started our transition to Radisphere Radiology, with Dr. Park Hand as interim medical director and Dr. Peter Franklin as chairman of radiology. They preside over seven other on-site radiologists, all supported around-the-clock by more than 45 board-certified colleagues, credentialed at NCH and located throughout the nation.

Radisphere is a mature, high-quality program. Our radiology patients and clinicians will continue to be well-served, as we add new interventional neuroradiology procedures and services such as electronic notification of abnormal results on a physician's handheld device. To patients and clinicians, the transition to Radisphere has been seamless.

An essential part of our growth comes from our attendance at important industry learning events, such as the recent Institute of Healthcare Improvement meeting in Orlando, where NCH had 40 participants and the highest number of posters (18) of any institution in the country. I received some wonderful notes from our participants, two of the most heart-



ening from nurses Nicole D'Amico-Schaal and Deborah Bouchard.

Ms. D'Amico-Schaal said she was proud to "feel part of something much bigger than my job," and Ms. Bouchard wrote that she felt "renewed and excited about nursing again." That's the kind of spirit that makes NCH the great institution it has become.

I got that same kind of positive reinforcement as I approached mile two of the Shark Shootout 5K run. (Surprise: I placed in my age group!) An equally fast young woman raced by and called out, "Go NCH!" Turned out it was Caroline Jones, a dietician at NCH, who after only seven months on the job, said she loved working here. I told her I've been at NCH for 34 years, and I love my job, too. And I'm especially proud of my colleagues, who keep this fine institution growing and improving for our community every single day. ■

— Dr. Allen Weiss is president and CEO of NCH Healthcare Systems.

Immokalee joins innovative state program for Arts in Healthcare

BY CONNIE DILLON
Special to Florida Weekly

Immokalee has become one of the latest communities in the state to join the Arts in Healthcare for Rural Communities Initiative. This is a collaborative effort between Shands Arts in Medicine, the University of Florida Center for the Arts in Healthcare and several community agencies, including the College of Medicine at Florida State University, CHS Healthcare, the Collier County Health Department, the United Arts Council of Collier County and the Rushman-Micah Angel Foundation. Support has been provided by the Kresge Foundation and the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs.

Arts in Healthcare integrates literary, performing and visual arts into a wide variety of health care and community settings for therapeutic, educational and expressive purposes. This is a rapidly growing field with the Society for the Arts in Healthcare providing resources and education to artists and health care workers alike.

The Immokalee initiative formally launched on Dec. 6 at a community event at the joint campus of CHS and the FSU College of Medicine in Immokalee. Guests enjoyed several art demonstrations and admired an original painting by local artist Rhonda Long that was used as the logo for the Immokalee initiative. The logo depicts a tree within a farm field, with its roots representing the different neighborhoods within Immokalee.

Also on display were works of arts



created by students from the Guadalupe Center. Students from Immokalee High School demonstrated their talents in dance, singing and poetry reading. The evening concluded with a Zumba demonstration, followed by an Edison State College student who serenaded the crowd with his guitar.

The next day, representatives from the UF Center for the Arts in Healthcare led a strategic planning session with the Immokalee steering committee that will lead the initiative. Resulting from that meeting, the initiative adopted its formal name: Immokalee Arts in Health. The following mission



statement also emerged from that meeting:

"Immokalee Arts in Health will promote and facilitate use of the arts to enhance the health and health literacy of the Immokalee community through prevention, education and partnerships." Among the goals of Immokalee Arts in Health are:

- To engage the Immokalee community in arts programs that aim to promote prevention and wellness.
- To utilize arts programs to enhance the education and skills of students in health care.
- To cultivate partnerships with local schools, agencies, individuals, profes-

sional and aspiring artists to better meet the health needs of Immokalee.

Programming for Immokalee Arts in Health is in its planning stages but already includes an employee Zumba program for workers at CHS Healthcare. Future programs will target wellness, prevention and education, as well as the development of interagency and community partnerships.

On Saturday, March 3, Immokalee Arts in Health will partner with the Collier County Health Department at the annual Migrant Health Fair to provide health screenings and education in conjunction with art exhibits, demonstrations and opportunities for Immokalee residents to experience the arts while they improve their well being. At that event, further programming will be announced with an opportunity for all to participate.

Immokalee Arts in Health invites all individuals, agencies and professional or aspiring artists to become involved.

In the coming months, a call to artists will be announced for those who are interested to come and learn how they can get plugged in. Until then, contact Glendy Perez at 658-3117 for more information. ■

— Connie Dillon is the executive director of the CHS Healthcare Foundation. CHS Healthcare has been delivering primary care to Collier County residents since 1977 as a private, nonprofit, "safety-net" provider. The organization has 13 locations, including the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, throughout Collier County.

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PET TALES

Dogs can catch your yawn... ... and other strange pet facts

BY DR. MARTY BECKER
Universal Uclick

■ Most cats have five toes on their front paws, but only four of them hit the ground. The fifth toe is called a dewclaw and is found on the inside of the front paw. The dewclaw is the feline equivalent of our thumb, and it's used for grasping prey and climbing trees. A normal feline back paw, by the way, has four toes that are all called into service when walking. Any number of toes over the norm (usually an extra one or two, but occasionally as many as three or four) makes a cat polydactyl, which means "many fingers." Polydactylism is a dominant genetic trait, which means just one polydactyl parent is enough to make a litter of polydactyl kittens. These cats are also called "Hemingway cats," after the ones kept by Ernest Hemingway.

■ Dogs who bite children often have no priors, according to Veterinary Economics magazine, which reported on research from the journal Injury Prevention. In a study of 100 dog bites from 103 dogs presented at a behavior clinic over a four-year period, 20 percent of the dogs had never bitten anyone, and of those who had, 33 percent had never bitten a child before. Researchers think anxiety or pain may play a part in uncharacteristic aggression. Three-quarters of the biters exhibited anxiety when separated from their owners or when exposed to loud noises, such as thunderstorms or fireworks. Half of the

biting dogs had medical conditions such as skin or bone growths, eye or liver problems, kidney disease, hormonal conditions or infection.

■ Cats may be the No. 1 pet in the United States in terms of popularity, but dogs rule at the veterinary office. According to the American Veterinary Medical Assoc., dogs average 2.6 veterinary visits per year, while cats top out at 1.7.

■ Yawning is contagious among people, and researchers from the School of Psychology at Birkbeck, University of London have shown for the first time what pet lovers have known all along — that dogs can also catch our yawns. Researchers said the presence of contagious yawning in dogs suggests that dogs possess the capacity for a rudimentary form of empathy.

■ Not all cats like catnip. The ability to appreciate the herb is genetic, with slightly more cats in the fan club than not. These hard-wired preferences aren't immediately apparent, though, since kittens under the age of three months don't react to catnip at all. Among those



cats who do like catnip, you'll find two basic kinds of reactions: Your cat may seem to become a lazy drunk, or a wired-up crazy. Credit a substance called "nepetalactone," which is found in the leaves and stems and causes the mood-altering behavior.

■ Airplanes are increasingly hitting birds, alarming regulators because collisions can cause fatal crashes and damage jets. The number of bird strikes reported to the Federal Aviation Administration has grown every year since 1990, when there were 2,051 strikes. A total of 95,000 bird strikes have been reported to the agency since 1990, and the culprits, in decreasing order, are Canada geese, mourning doves and sparrows. ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Ash** is about 4 months old. A sweet little guy who has beautiful big gold eyes, he purrs to the touch and likes to be petted.



>> **Grinch** is a 1-year-old, 27-pound tricolor fox terrier wire mix who's sweet, friendly, calm and good on his leash. This Grinch will steal your heart.



>> **Livia**, a Lhasa apse mix, is about 3 years old and not quite 13 pounds. Fun and affectionate, she tries to please and is OK with cats.



>> **Ms. Pretty** is about 9 months old. Calm and dignified (even though she's cross-eyed!), she gets along with everyone. Her adoption fees have been paid for by the Cat Care Clinic.

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 DAS at 7610 Davis Blvd. from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. For more information, call 252-7387 or visit www.colliergov.net/pets.

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“Paralysis of the heart’s sense of direction is the box man’s chronic complaint.”
— Kobo Abe, *“The Box Man”*

“Home is where the heart is.”
— *Pliny the Elder*

“I’ll be home for Christmas, if only in my dreams.”
— *Walter Kent*

“Pleasant dreeeeaaams, hmmm?”
— *Raymond Edward Johnson*, closing of *“Inner Sanctum Mysteries”* radio program

“Lying in my heap of Earth I can naturally dream of all sorts of things.”
Franz Kafka, “The Burrow”

“Home, home on the range: Where the deer and the antelope play...”
— *Brewster M. Higley, poet; David Guion, composer*

“Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”
— *New International Version, Luke 9: 54*

“There’s no place like home.”
Dorothy in the “Wizard of Oz” by L. Frank Baum

Are you going home for the wholly daze? To a home unfurled, a place of hat hanging and heart being and art liquidation? Are you going forth from diaspora, unscattering toward the inner sanctum from the outer limits?

The tubercular Franz Kafka finally found home in the arms of Dora Diamant, who, after a range of in dwellings, not swell, found her home in him as well. And his tubercular writing, some gone to flame, some Gestapo stolen, some hidden, now finds a home on shelves around the world, in divers tongues. Perhaps even next to Shelf Elves. Or maybe knots of other tchotchkes that make burrows look like home.

Counter fit mole skin wrapping and other trappings, a range of conceits, beyond rainbows end: Let’s go. The goddess of the hearth beckons amidst the flames and ashes of worlds gone to graveyards, every one.

For aren’t we, after all, beyond the London homeless shelters of the late 19th century? There in the penny sit-up the inhabitant was welcome to sit upright on a bench out of the cold, but was not allowed to sleep. The two-penny hang over added a frontal rope, to hang over in a delicious sleep. In the four penny coffin the guest could lie down in a sepulchral wooden box, covered with a tarp. Kindness abounds. Random acts.

Speaking of kindness, Kobo Abe was allowed to graduate from Tokyo Imperial University with a medical degree on the condition that he would never practice medicine. So he did not follow in the footsteps of his physician father.

Instead in his novels Abe applies the scientific method to understand the underlying purpose of life. In *“The Box Man”* Kobo Abe tells the story of a homeless man living in a cardboard box worn over his head and covering his body up to his hips. In Abe’s words we find that: “A box man, in his box, is recording the chronicles of a box man.” His thesis: “In seeing there is love; in being seen there is abhorrence.”

Clearly it is a necessary condition of being box man to don the apparel of box. But is it a sufficient condition?

Thus have I heard: Et incarnatus est. Supposedly stabilized, marginal from moment one, at home with homelessness. How could it be other wise?

Show me how it’s donned. Embrace me flippantly, one moment not knowing what the other is doing.

Hang on, hang out, hung up, three penny nailed.

What was sung by the left side of the Temple, surely? “I couldn’t aspire to anything higher. I wanna be loved by you — alone.” Go home, Marilyn. (Love you.) ■

— *Rx is the FloridaWeekly muse who hopes to inspire profound mutiny in all those who care to read. Our Rx may be wearing a pirate cloak of invisibility, but emanating from within this shadow is hope that readers will feel free to respond. Who knows: You may even inspire the muse. Make contact if you dare.*

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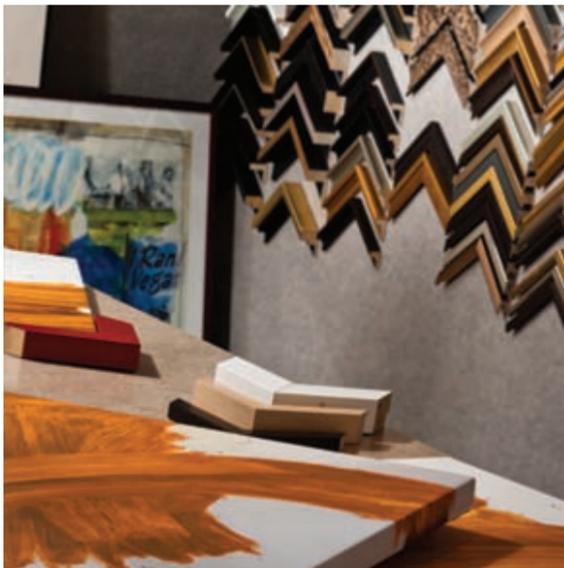


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"We're seeing some positive signs — it's sort of a reverse canary in the coal mine."

— **Bill Valenti**, president of Florida Gulf Bank



Canary rising

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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IT'S BEEN THAT KIND OF A YEAR, AND THIS has been that kind of an economic coal mine: If the canary wasn't dead to begin with, then it was pretty near comatose as 2011 got under way.

But that's changed as the year winds down. Now across the region — from Collier to Lee to Charlotte county — there are fluttering and sometimes flying-high signs of life as businesses, local governments and human beings chip their way out of 2011 and into 2012.

"We're seeing some positive signs — it's sort of a reverse canary in the coal mine," says Bill Valenti, president of Florida Gulf Bank.

In other words, the canary is rising.

"We see flickers of things picking up," adds Mike Reagan, president and CEO of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce — the last man standing, if you will, since the Economic Development Council in Collier gave up the ghost in September. Officials in the organization took the remaining \$400,000 in their pot, gave it back to the county, and suggested that Collier commissioners hire a full-time economic development director (so far, that hasn't happened). Then they shuttered their doors forever.

Nevertheless, if the recession — an oxygen-starved mine shaft of sorts — has killed off an EDC here and a business or three there, it hasn't stopped



the canary from lifting its head, the experts say.

In Lee County, officials used cash and fee suspensions to lure new businesses and help those in place expand, says Jennifer Berg, marketing and communications director for the Fort Myers

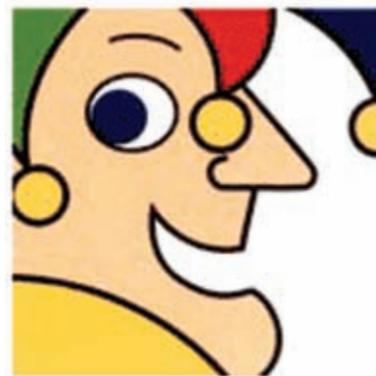
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How can you tell if one company is owned by another? **B6** ►



House Hunting

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CVB accreditation renewed for four more years

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"Renewal of the CVB's accreditation required us to review all of our policies and procedures and to submit documentation of our strategic marketing plan, our communications plan and our operational policies," Mr. Wert adds.

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MONEY & INVESTING

The big tug of war



There ain't no bigger tug of war in the financial markets these days than the opposing forces of inflation and deflation.

And which is winning? Well, it depends upon what day it is. "As the World Turns" was once a hit TV soap opera; it is now capital markets' reality as we live in very uncertain, volatile times in which major decisions about our future are seemingly being made at the meetings of the world's central bankers, oft held weekly.

The word inflation engenders fear in many... unless, in the same breath, you whisper its polar opposite: deflation. That word can send shivers through most mortal central bankers. In fact, the Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke has said that he would throw money out of a helicopter rather than endure deflation. Hence, before being known as "The Bernank," he was known as "Helicopter Ben." And if elected officials do not shudder at the thought of deflation, it might be because they really don't understand its very painful consequences.

Inflation is a rise in prices and can be caused by monetary actions or by changes in supply and demand with monetary factors held constant. Goods and services in an inflationary-spiral cost more and more. Deflation is the opposite, meaning the fall in prices of goods and services. Most stats use the CPI as a measure of inflation/deflation.

While there are many reasons why government statistics are not to be trusted, these still remain the de facto measures. The CPI basket includes: housing, food, fuel, transportation, clothing, medical, etc. (See www.shadowstats.com for presentation of CPI measured according to 1980 and 1990 definitions, which suggests that inflation is really a lot higher than the U.S. government would declare.)

Most people understand that a variety of factors (endogenous to the U.S. and exogenous to the U.S.) impact supply and demand and thereby influence the pricing of goods. Higher natural resource prices (often caused by increased worldwide demand) can be translated into higher gas pump and raw material prices; lower crop yields (reduced supply) can translate into higher food costs, etc.

Most understand that there is an abundance of international labor — movement of factories off the U.S. shores and outsourcing of services (such as call centers, lab technicians, doctors, economists), has become a standard for cutting costs. Between that and unemployment at 9 percent, it is hard to imagine wage inflation in the U.S. any time soon.

But the current inflation/deflation tug of war being played out in the volatile, worldwide capital markets is not necessarily focused on the demand/supply for good and services; it is focused on monetary actions that have been taken and might be taken by the world's central bankers. More specifically, the tug of war can be traced to actions already taken to devalue a currency so as to permit their respective country to become more prices competitive in the international market place and thereby engender growth in GDP; and possible future actions to monetize their respective country's sovereign debt. Monetization allows the technical repayment of the debt but with a paper currency of lesser value.



Most recently, at the EU Summit on Friday Dec. 9, the world got some rather startling news. It seemed that the agreement needed to create an EU bank was NOT to be found; instead, Germany drove an agenda of austerity. And the markets do not think that is a viable option, in my opinion.

Why won't austerity work? It is woe-fully hard for it to work in a highly leveraged country that has known an abundance of wasteful spending. A fall in the countries' GDP can make repayment of debt impos-

sible. If GDP weakens, tax revenues are generally lower and the ability to pay off debt is diminished.

It seemed that Germany wanted Britain, Switzerland, Finland, etc. to agree to austerity measures that would be adopted by 17 EU countries already in this currency mess. Britain didn't like the idea and vetoed that proposal. Beyond that, the summit gave approval for the European Stability Mechanism's bailout funds to be capped at some \$650 billion... and the market took it as a drop in the EU's "bad loans bailout bucket."

So, the world got this surprising news and feared a full blown or mini-deflation in Europe (spreading into the rest of the world). And many capital markets went topsy-turvy.

What to do? Embrace a fully diversified portfolio, diversified far beyond just equities and bonds, and consider the merits of alternative investment assets that are not correlated to traditional portfolios and which allow both long and short positions to be taken. As always recommended, consult with your investment adviser. ■

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Awards & Recognition

Ann O'Hara and **Stephanie Vick** of the Collier County Health Department have been honored by the Florida Association of Public Health Nurses for their service in public health.



O'Hara

Ms. O'Hara, MSN, RN, was named Public Health Nurse of the Year. As a nursing program specialist at the CCHD, she oversees the department's refugee health program. She is an eight-year employee of the department.



Vick

Ms. Vick, MS, BSN, RN, won the Outstanding Public Health Leadership Award. A 20-year employee of the CCHD, she is the department's executive community health nursing director.

The Naples Airport Authority has honored administrative assistant **Sue Hart** as Employee of the Year and awarded line technician **Emil Garces** with the Above and Beyond Award.

Ms. Hart, an NAA employee since 2007, has supported the authority's efforts to improve external communication by assisting with website updates and a new e-mail news program.

Mr. Garces, also an employee since 2007, was applauded for continually leaving his work area in perfect order for the next shift and for his consistently helpful attitude as he works with pilots who use the Naples Municipal Airport.

George Drobinski

has been named the 2011 recipient of the Leadership Collier Foundation Distinguished Alumni Award. The award is presented to those who exemplify the highest standards of the Leadership Collier Foundation and who have remained engaged in its mission to improve the quality of life for all in Collier County. Mr. Drobinski is a 2002 graduate of Leadership Collier and remains a longstanding board member of the foundation. He is an integral part of Youth Leadership Collier as well. His community involvement has included Rotary International, the Golden Gate Chamber of Commerce, the Hunger and Homeless Coalition, the Child Advocacy Center, the National Association for Mental Illness and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.



Drobinski

and community relations and marketing initiatives. She will also serve as a member of the president's cabinet. Dr. Thomas received her doctorate in educational leadership studies at West Virginia University and graduated from Harvard University's post-doctoral Institute for Education Management. She earned a master's of public administration from the University of South Carolina in 1992 and a bachelor of arts in political science from Clemson University in 1990.

Board Appointments

A. Scott Hansen, Gulf Coast managing director and senior portfolio manager of Harris Private Bank, and **Dave Neill**, president and publisher of the *Naples Daily News* and regional publisher for the newspaper division of the E.W. Scripps Company, have been appointed to the board of directors of the Philharmonic Center for the Arts/Patty & Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art.



Hansen



Neill

A wealth adviser for more than 30 years, Mr. Hansen joined Harris Private Bank, a part of BMO Financial Group, in Naples and Bonita Springs in 2005. He is a member of the Planned Giving Council and the Presidents Council at Hodges University. He earned a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Illinois and a master's degree in international business from the American Graduate

School of International Management.

A publishing veteran of more than 30 years, Mr. Neill joined Scripps in 2006 as general manager of the *Bonita Banner* and was promoted to vice president and general manager of the *Naples Daily News* in 2007. He became president and publisher in 2010. He serves on the boards of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and the Holocaust Museum and Education Center of Southwest Florida, and belongs to the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce.

John Petracco

senior vice president of UBS Financial Services Inc. in Fort Myers and managing partner of The Petracco Wealth Management Group, has been re-appointed chairman of the board of directors for Florida Gulf Coast University's Eagles Club. The club focuses on raising resources and scholarship funds for FGCU's athletic programs.



Petracco

Travel

Diana Grau Fournier

has joined Betty Maclean Travel as a luxury travel consultant. A graduate of Naples High School, Ms. Fournier earned a degree in philosophy and computer science from the University of Florida. She is fluent in French and has traveled extensively in France and Switzerland.



Fournier

Higher Education

Rosemary Thomas

has been named vice president for university advancement and executive director of the FGCU Foundation at Florida Gulf Coast University. Dr. Thomas comes to FGCU from Salisbury University, where she serves as vice president for university advancement and executive director of the SU Foundation. She will join the FGCU community in February to lead the university's fundraising, alumni relations



Thomas

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PORT ROYAL - FORT CHARLES DRIVE

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PORT ROYAL - FORT CHARLES DRIVE

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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



SANCERRE, A CONDOMINIUM - UNIT 401

The turquoise Gulf waters, the ebullient palms, and the fresh white sand merge in the mind's eye with the soft palette of interior finishes. Effortless living with available concierge services. \$4,290,000



PORT ROYAL - RUM ROW

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



PORT ROYAL - CUTLASS LANE

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



PORT ROYAL - 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



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 with a master suite addition completed in 2007. Large rooms feature French doors that open to a private patio and garden areas. \$2,475,000



OLD NAPLES - 14TH AVENUE SOUTH

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

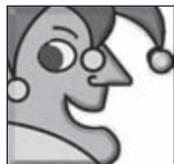


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If you're struggling with a mortgage that has become hard to pay, perhaps due to an adjustable rate that adjusted itself upward by a lot, you may want to refinance into a different, more stable, loan. After all, interest rates are still near record lows. You might consider refinancing just because current rates are considerably lower than what you're paying.

Refinancing involves taking out a new mortgage on your home — usually at a lower interest rate, decreasing the amount of your monthly payments (sometimes by as much as several hundred dollars). You can also increase the amount of the loan for such purposes as making home improvements or paying off credit card debt. (But beware: Your once-unsecured credit-card debt will now be secured, with your home as collateral.) Alternatively, lower your rate, keep payments not much lower or possibly even a little higher, and get a 15-year loan instead of 30-year one. You'll enjoy massive interest savings that way.

Check out available loans and interest

rates, and assess the costs built into each one. Consider what "points," if any, you might have to pay. A point, equal to 1 percent of the value of your loan, is paid upfront in order to lower the interest rate. Make sure you plan to be in the house long enough for the reduced monthly payments to compensate for any points and the closing costs of the new loan.

If you can get a new mortgage at a rate 1 percentage point lower than your current mortgage, you can reap sizable interest savings over 15 to 30 years, depending on how much you borrow. Saving tens of thousands of dollars over the life of the loan is not uncommon.

Before deciding whether to refinance, learn much more at sites such as www.fool.com/how-to-invest and www.bankrate.com/mortgage. The Fed also offers some great info, at www.federalreserve.gov/pubs/refinancings/default.htm.

Ask your current mortgage lender about refinancing, too — you might get a good deal without having to jump through too many hoops, since the lender already knows you. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Gushing Losses

My dumbest investment was in an oil project. It was supposed to get great returns — right! I collected money from it for six months, and then the company went bankrupt after the well dried up. The second well is still sitting there, ready to go, and no one is willing to take the oil. Go figure.

— B.M., online

The Fool Responds: First off, be wary of investments that offer promises: Most carry some risks, and they may be much riskier than you think. Don't buy based on hopes or rumors. A company may be working on a promising cure for cancer, but that might not pan out or get approved by the FDA.

Be careful with any company that's too dependent on any source of revenue, too, such as just one or two oil wells. Companies dependent on electronic components from Japan suffered after the earthquake and tsunami. If a sugar company sells most of its sugar to Hershey, it's vulnerable. Hershey may hit a rough patch, or may simply start demanding lower prices. Favor companies with proven revenue, ideally from diverse sources. ■



Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil 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

I was founded in 1986, opening my first store in Brighton, Mass. Today I'm the world's biggest office-products company, with annual sales of \$25 billion. (I'm the world's second-largest online retailer, too, after Amazon.com, and I rake in more than \$5 billion online annually.) I employ 90,000 people in more than 26 nations, and operate more than 1,800 stores in North America, offering copying, printing and shipping services. I've won awards for my recycling and environmental efforts. The Grammy Awards and Los Angeles Lakers games occur under my name. I make things "easy." Who am I? (Answer: Staples) ■



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Ask the Fool

We Can Be Financially Irrational

Q What's behavioral economics?
— J.O., Greensburg, Pa.

A It's a fascinating field mixing psychology and economics and exploring how we often don't act in rational ways.

For example, in "Why Smart People Make Big Money Mistakes and How to Correct Them" (Simon & Schuster, \$15), Gary Belsky and Thomas Gilovich present this scenario:

You're in a furniture store and you want to buy a \$100 lamp. It's on sale for \$75 at a store five blocks away. Do you walk the five blocks to save \$25? You also want to buy a dining room set priced at \$1,775. Five blocks away, it's selling for \$1,750. Do you walk the five blocks to save \$25?

Oddly enough, even though the same amount of savings is at stake, people are more likely to walk five blocks for the lamp than for the dining room set.

This irrationality extends to our investing, too, such as when we leave money in a losing stock in the hope of eventually getting our money back, instead of simply moving the remaining funds to a more promising stock.

There are many great books on the topic, such as "Predictably Irrational" by Daniel Ariely (Harper Perennial, \$16).

Q How can I tell if a company is owned by another company?
— T.R., Appleton, Wis.

A Call and ask its investor relations department, or visit its website and look for a link titled something like "About Us," "Company Profile" or "Our History." A Google search might also work.

You may be surprised which companies are related. Yum! Brands, for example, owns Taco Bell, Pizza Hut and KFC. Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway owns Dairy Queen, Fruit of the Loom, GEICO and many others. ■

Got a question for the Fool? Send it in — see *Write to Us*.

Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1965 and my first store, in Bridgeport, Conn. Today I'm the world's largest fast-food chain, with more than 35,000 locations in more than 90 countries. I began franchising in 1974, which helped me grow. Some 8,000-plus stores are in unconventional locations, such as museums, riverboats and construction sites. I've recently started offering breakfast fare. My flagship sandwich, introduced



in 1975, is named for the Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit system. I reportedly rake in more than \$15 billion annually. Since I'm still privately held, you can't buy stock in me. Who am I? ■

Know the answer? Send it to us with *Foolish Trivia* on the top and you'll be entered into a drawing for a nifty prize!

The Motley Fool Take

Four Cheap Stocks

The S&P 500 has recently been near where it was in December 1998. But during this stagnant period, its component companies' earnings more than doubled. Thus, some stocks are as cheap as they've ever been. Here are some:

- Apple (Nasdaq: AAPL) shares have actually been on fire, more than quadrupling over the last five years. But its earnings have jumped more than tenfold. Apple now trades near the lowest valuation it's seen in more than 10 years.

- Walmart (NYSE: WMT) shares increased all of 2.5 percent over the past decade. During that time, its earnings grew by nearly fourfold. Walmart's P/E ratio is close to the lowest it's ever been. Between

dividends and share buybacks, cash returned to shareholders provides a yield of 7.5 percent, or almost four times that of 10-year Treasury bonds.

- Intel (Nasdaq: INTC) has a dominant presence in desktops, laptops and servers. Throw in a 3.3 percent dividend yield and a P/E ratio near 11, and you have an attractive valuation.

- Berkshire Hathaway (NYSE: BRK-B), Warren Buffett's company, owns a wide range of companies related to insurance, homes, jewelry, transportation, apparel and much more. With a recent price-to-book value of just 1.15, shares of Berkshire are at a significant discount to their normal value.

The Motley Fool owns shares of all four companies, and its newsletters have recommended them as well. ■

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Regional Partnership, which is part of the Lee Economic Development Office.

Those included Gartner, Chico's, VR Laboratories, American Traction Systems and Green Gallons Solutions, which together added about 1,200 jobs to Lee's economic profile.

But the incentives did not include, for example, help for Dollar General, which owns 9,800 stores in the U.S. and opened a new store in central Fort Myers last week. Or for the popular new franchise Pita Pit, whose owners have opened five stores in the region since last December, the newest one in Naples.

Statistics, numbers and programs

Meanwhile, the hard employment numbers show a less-than-spectacular but slow-and-steady revival.

One year ago, unemployment rates in all three coastal counties remained almost obscenely high for a region where the recession had been officially declared dead two years earlier, in 2009.

In Charlotte, 12.8 percent of the workforce could be fairly labeled the workless force. In Collier that figure was 12.3 percent, and in Lee a whopping 13.2 percent of workers weren't working.

But as of last Friday, resuscitation was more than a failing hope. While no county in the region has yet escaped double-digit unemployment figures, each is a lot closer than it used to be.

Unemployment for November was down to 10.3 percent in Charlotte, 10 percent even in Collier, and 10.5 percent in Lee, according to the newest state figures.

Other indicators were mildly promising, too.

"Two years ago as things began to erode our day-to-day checking accounts declined from an average of \$50 million at one point, to \$37.8 million," Mr. Valenti notes.

"That represents you and me writing checks and paying our bills, and since we're a business-base bank, it's an indicator. But in 2011 that figure is \$53 million. So I am barely bullish on 2012. Although we're still not seeing a lot of lending activity, which is disappointing since that's how we make our money."

Very disappointing, in fact — especially given the warm on-line welcome to potential investors or expanders from the Lee County Economic Development Office, which lists Florida Gulf Bank and 19 others as waiting with their pens poised eagerly over their loan contracts.

Right off the bat at www.fortmyersregionalpartnership.com they talk money.

"Lee is lending, because we understand that if local companies are going to thrive here, they need working capital. That's why the Fort Myers Regional Partnership has joined together with (20) local banks to make money available for qualified local businesses for investment, expansion, or to create much-needed, high-paying jobs."

Mr. Valenti has kept a tight rein on Florida Gulf Bank, where he's managed to avoid laying off even a single employee, both through the recession and in 2010-2011.

But that doesn't mean the bank has enjoyed fat times.

"We have not brought on any new people, nor are we planning to in 2012," he says. "I'd be an expansionist if I could, but it's been very hard through this period just to avoid a layoff."

In Naples, says Mr. Reagan, there are also quantifiable signs of progress in 2011.

"Residential real estate is finally moving. The commercial real estate market is still troublesome, but banks are making some commercial loans. There are 20 new members of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce — this time last



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Shoppers at the recent opening of a Dollar General store in Fort Myers.

year there were 12."

Tim Cartwright, a partner in Fifth Avenue Advisors, looks at the region and its gains in part from a perspective about 5,000 miles to the east.

"What we now have at the end of 2011 that we wish we didn't have is the European debt crisis," he says. "We're in America, but we're still part of the global economy. It's a never-ending story — every other week there's a bailout or a downgrading of the debt. The scary part is the foreshadowing and what could happen to our debt, especially when you can't get Congress to agree."

And what we don't have enough of in the region, he suggests, is innovation — in spite of energetic programs in each county to bring together think-tank resources at FGCU, for example, with business leaders and government leaders and programs on both the local and state level.

In Collier, the county hired a former



The Pita Pit and Dollar General both seem to be thriving in Southwest Florida.

Economic Development Council staffer to push incentive and fast track programs, and Mr. Reagan's Chamber of Commerce hired two other EDC members to take a more muscular role in promoting business.

In Lee, says Ms. Berg, officials "increased our partnerships, which is crucial to our future success" — with FGCU,

with the state's Enterprise Florida and with regional partners.

That means a lot of talk, and some action. In particular, an economic task force, as she calls it, helped convince Lee commissioners to reduce road impact fees by 27 percent, as a way of luring new business or expansions.

In Charlotte, says Mr. Patton, "We're creating a business incubator and finalizing a program we call 'Eye to Eye' — Innovation to Industry." That program comes complete with a cash-awards contest, offering prizes of \$9,000, \$7,000 or \$5,000 plus in-kind services worth as much as \$40,000 and two years free space.

On the ground

On the ground, however, the business climate does not strike some entrepreneurs as reaching the level of open-armed, open-for-business, innovative, incentive-driven, leverage-willing, round-table and joint-venture-inspired welcome (to use the terms economic developers are fond of using) they might hope for.

But that doesn't mean they lack confidence in consumers themselves, the ultimate arbiters of economic muscle.

"I think the restaurant industry is a great indicator of where we are — and there is no question that consumer confidence between 2010 and 2011 is much greater," says Justin O'Brien, a former mortgage broker and co-owner, with real estate agent Tim Goff, of Pita Pit.

"For us, everything in 2011 indicates it's going to be an exciting 2012. There's a great demand, and that gave us the confidence to do this. We took advantage of (hard times for others), and saw opportunity by targeting closed Quiznos locations. With materials and constructions costs down, it was the right time."

And the partners did it without any government help — not that they wouldn't have appreciated some.

"I looked into incentive money a little, but the guidelines are pretty strict," Mr. O'Brien explains. "They focus on big corporations. I don't think they do enough for little local guys."

And government incentives don't usually apply to stores such as Dollar General, either — a large franchise that targets shoppers who seek to pay very little for products.

At a "grand opening" early Saturday morning in central Fort Myers, people

lined up a half-hour ahead to be among the first 50 in the door — for that, they got a \$10 private incentive, to be spent in that store alone, where long lines immediately formed at the cash registers after 8 a.m.

The first 250 shoppers received a bag containing a plastic cup, a commercial degreaser-cleaner in a spray bottle, a plastic container with lid and a small calculator made in China. By using their receipt to write in about their morning shopping trip, they could become eligible for a \$1,000 prize, according to an announcement taped to the outside of the front door, where a man appeared on the sidewalk to beg passing customers for \$1.

Some people waiting to make purchases were missing teeth, some people appeared to have spent the previous evening sleeping outdoors, and one man had rolled a trouser leg up nearly to his groin, exposing a full-length prosthetic leg.

"I just want to go home," he remarked several times as he stood waiting with his gifts to buy a shirt (less than \$10 for long-sleeved "winter" felt) and some household items.

Everyone was cheerful, especially Chris, working the cash register.

"I love it here," he said. "I came down here from Wisconsin and I found this job in a week. A week! It's great."

Similar Dollar General scenes have been repeated throughout the region this year. The new Fort Myers store will add six to 10 jobs, according to a company press release — which also points out the brochures provided at cash registers in English and Spanish for shoppers who want to find programs that will get them GED preparation or teach them English at no cost.

These are not the high-paying, high-tech jobs economic development officers hope for, however — but they are jobs. In fact, a jobs website, indeed.com, lists 676 Dollar General jobs in the state, including a number in the region.

In contrast, Gartner, Inc. listed on the New York Stock Exchange and self-billed as "the world's leading information technology research and advisory company," got a lot of public help, on top of previous incentives in 2009.

For adding 200 more jobs to the 350 established by the company as it moves into a new, 120,000 square foot facility in central Lee County, "Gartner will receive \$500,000 from the Quick Action Closing Fund from the State of Florida. Gartner will also receive a Qualified Tax Incentive (QTI) from the State of Florida and Lee County worth \$1,200,000. Of the \$1.2 million (in) QTI incentives, \$960,000 or 80 percent comes from the state and the remaining 20 percent, or \$240,000, match comes from the Lee County incentive program," according to a press release from the Lee Economic Development Office.

"This enhanced economic impact and growth by Gartner also provides the conditional approval of \$1million in FIRST incentives with the creation of what is now 400 new jobs," according to Jim Moore, executive director of the Fort Myers Regional Partnership.

He calls Gartner "an integral part of our business community."

That business, and any other, is welcome by Mr. Valenti, president of Florida Gulf Bank. He reaches to his Italian to describe the current economic climate.

"As we enter 2012, let this be 'alta stagione' — the high season," he says.

Which means a lot of snowbirds, a lot of spending, a lot of traffic — and in the eyes of a ready and willing banker, a lot of good solid commercial loans.

"After driving on the roads to or from work every day now, everybody in the bank is moaning and groaning about the traffic," Mr. Valenti reports.

"But me — I get behind a cement truck, and I'm cheering." ■

NETWORKING

A holiday get-together for PRACC members and guests



1. Justin Glover, Stephanie Smith and Nick Mattar
2. Craig Bamberg and Nicole Mihelich
3. Maurica Hurley, Orlando Rosales and Val Simpson
4. Raquel Torres and Tamika Seaton
5. Jack Riley and Luci Ayer
6. Diana and Jack Gardner

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Open house at the David Lawrence Center's Crossroads



1. Rey Pezeshkan, Wojciech Kulicki and Thomas Meister
2. Christine Holmes and Frank Palowitz
3. Father Michael Basden and Trista Meister

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The Executive Women's Golf Association's annual Jingle Bell Open



1. Lana Chadwick
2. Santa with Laurie Wren, Susan Carpenter, Shirley Moore and Lana Chadwick
3. Jenny Taylor and You-Know-Who

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NETWORKING

Rotary Club of Naples North at the Country Club of Naples



1. Diane Moore and Cindy Obrecht
2. Ben Welzbacher and Jeff Clapper
3. Jim and Stacy Morey
4. Leeann Kirwin and P.J. Obrecht
5. Ericka Hinson and Barbara Meek
6. Mick Moore, Heather and Mike Milner

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The Collier County Presidents Council celebrates the holiday



1. Nancy Campbell, Jim Coletta, Sandra Linnerman and Doug Campbell
2. County Commissioner Donna Fiala and Sally Tiffany
3. Mary Raymond and Murray Hendel
4. Patricia and Sheriff Kevin Rambosk
5. Jim and Jaine Carter

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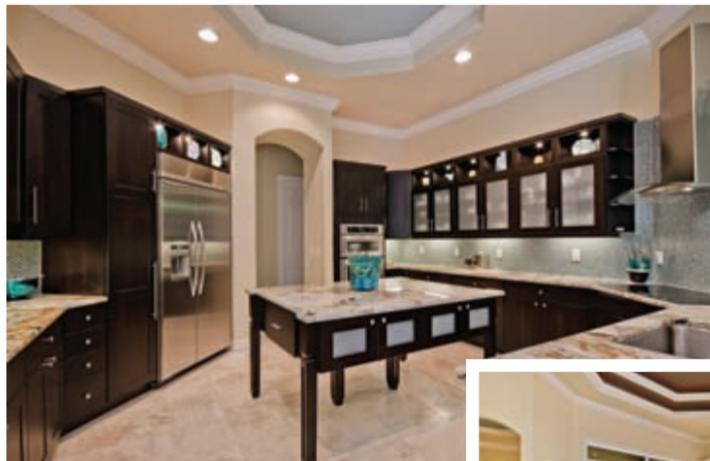
House Hunting: 2910 Crayton Road

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In the quiet elegance of the Moorings neighborhood and just a short walk to the beach, this four-bedroom, three-bath home was built in 2004 and renovated throughout in 2009.

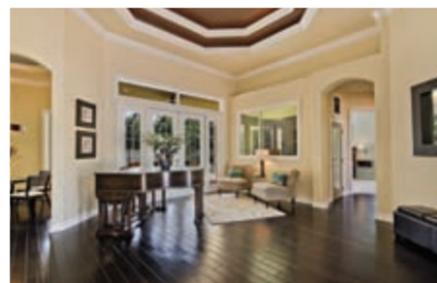
Discriminating buyers will appreciate premium wood and marble flooring; a gourmet kitchen with quartz countertops, Thomasville cherry cabinetry and professional-grade stainless steel appliances; and a 1,000-plus bottle wine cellar. The owners' suite has French doors to the screened pool/spa lanai, and the pool is positioned both inside and outside the screen enclosure. The backyard is fully fenced.

Total square footage, including three-car garage, is nearly 4,000 square feet, with 3,100 of that under air.



Nearby schools are Seagate Elementary, Gulfview Middle and Naples High.

The property is listed for \$1.249 million by David William Auston of Amerivest Realty. Call 280-5433 or e-mail david@davidnaples.com. ■



NABOR report:

November numbers point to strong 2012

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Overall pending sales, a key indicator of buyer activity, continue to increase, according to a report released by the Naples Area Board of Realtors. NABOR tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island).

For the 12 months ending in November 2011, overall pending sales increased 8 percent; closed sales for the same period grew 5 percent to 8,335 from 7,909 for the same 12 months last year.

Pending sales in the \$1 million to \$2 price category increased 42 percent in November, from 26 contracts in 2010 to 37 this year.

“The luxury market has come alive,” says Phil Wood, president of John R. Wood Realtors.

According to Cindy Carroll, vice president of Carroll & Carroll Inc., an independent fee appraisal firm in Collier County, “We are seeing a subtle upward trend in home values in many market sectors as supply continues to decrease and demand remains strong.”

Shelton Weeks, Lucas Professor of Real Estate and director of the Lucas Institute for Real Estate Development & Finance at Florida Gulf Coast University, agrees. “Buyers in the luxury market who may have been on the fence are seeing inventory decreasing,” Dr. Weeks says. “They may be looking at their

opportunity costs in the capital markets and consider real estate a more suitable place to invest their money.”

The NABOR report provides annual comparisons of single-family home and condo sales (via the SunshineMLS), price ranges and geographic segmentation and includes an overall market summary. The statistics are presented in chart format, along with the following analysis:

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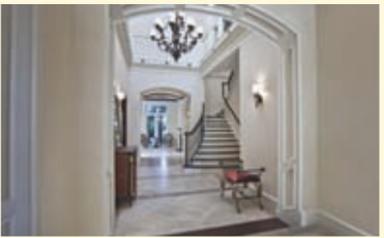
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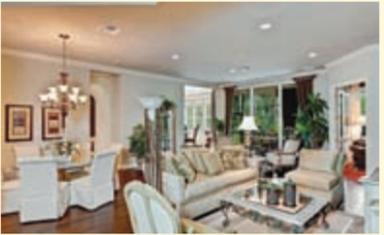
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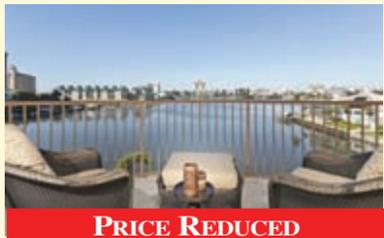
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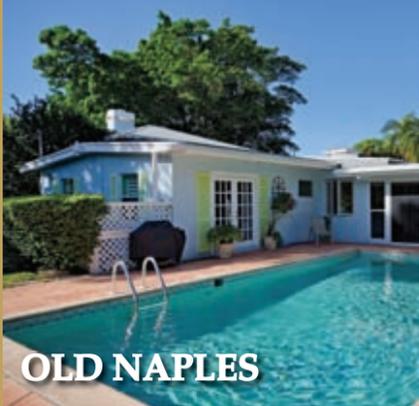


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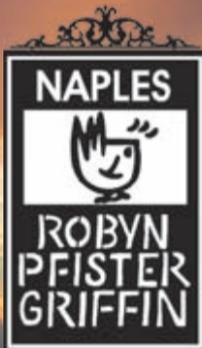
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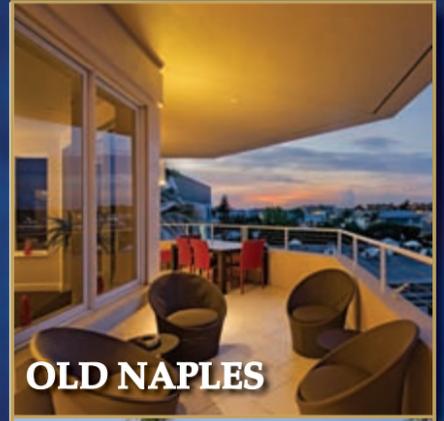
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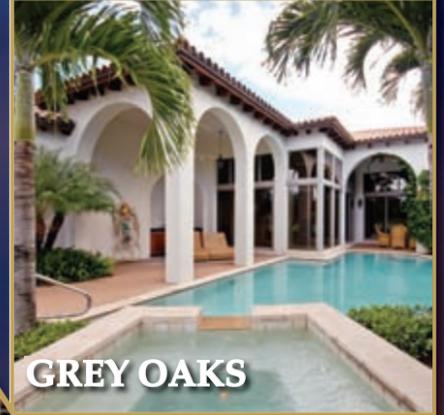
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NETWORKING

An open house at Fiddler's Creek



1. Matt Devereaux, Darin McMurray, Paul Romanowski and Dave Meyers
2. Jackie Belcher, Cindy Swamer and Kim Moore
3. Kathy Felszer and Ed Gongola
4. Billie Dalesio-Faccinato, Carolyn Starns and Jolene Munzenrieder
5. Aga Edwards and Robert Fesik
6. Peggy Garrity, Geri Howard and Kathryn Benoit

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Reintroducing Big Brothers Big Sisters to Collier County



1. Pete Jepson, John Merlino and Bill LoPresti
2. Melanie Sabelhaus, Pam Sibcy, Donna Boortz, Rob Sibcy and Neal Boortz
3. Joy Mahler, Albert Osborne, Tom Weschler and Chief Jim Bloom
4. Steve Dorcy, Kristin Cartwright and Bill Odrey
5. Tracey Young and J.J. Miranda
6. Sheriff Kevin Rambosk and Reginald Gibson

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Harris Wealth and Saks Fifth Avenue host 'Fashion IQ'



1. Kellie Jacoby, Scott Hansen, Sherie Lewis and Kim Bridges
2. The models line up
3. Sherie Lewis, left, presents Piazza Sempioni Resort 2011-12 fashion trends

COURTESY PHOTOS

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NABOR

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pending sales in the \$500,000 to \$1 million category increased 14 percent for the same period, with 541 contracts this year compared to 476 contracts for the previous year.

Overall condo pending sales increased 3 percent with 399 contracts in November 2011 compared to 387 contracts in November 2010.

Available inventory decreased 18 percent to 7,625 available properties in November 2011 compared to 9,352 available properties in November 2010.

"As sales increase the available inven-

tory in every category is decreasing," says Jo Carter of Jo Carter & Associates, adding the \$1 million to \$2 million price category showed the largest decrease with 22 percent. The available inventory in the \$1 million to \$2 million category decreased from 818 available properties to 635 properties.

"The November numbers for the single-family home market are positive," says Brenda Fioretti, NABOR media relations director and managing broker of Prudential Florida Realty. The median closed price for properties over \$300,000 increased 5 percent for the 12 months ending November 2011 compared to the same 12 months of last year, she adds.

To view the full report, visit www.NaplesArea.com. ■

Deerbrook completes another renovation of office space for Royal Shell Companies

Deerbrook construction company has completed its second renovation project for the Royal Shell Companies and is finishing its third. Deerbrook converted the former Blockbuster storefront on U.S. 41 in Bonita Springs into offices for Royal Shell's real estate and vacation rental operations. The 5,100-square-foot space has a reception area, 15 offices, 29 workstations and four conference rooms.



COURTESY PHOTO

The new Bonita Springs office of Royal Shell

Also for Royal Shell, the builder completed renovations of the former Congress Jewelers location on Fifth Avenue South early this year. Work on the former Ethan Allen building on U.S. 41 in Naples is scheduled for completion by the end of the year.

The Royal Shell Companies provide real estate sales and vacation rental-man-

agement services throughout Southwest Florida. In addition to homes from Naples to Sanibel, Deerbrook's commercial buildings include the accounting offices of Matthew Soldavini on 10th Street in Naples and the Collins & DuPont Interior Design studio in Bonita Springs. ■

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PARK SHORE - PARK SHORE TOWER
 #10-C - Sunrise to sunset vistas from this 3BR/3BA spacious residence featuring new carpet, paint, & updated kitchen. \$1,395,000 | Angela R. Allen | 825-8494



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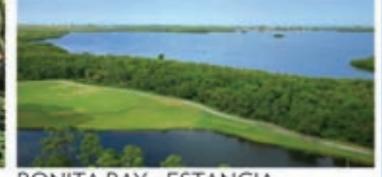
BONITA BAY - AZURE
 #303 - Views of Estero Bay & the 9th fairway from this 3BR, 3BA w/wraparound terraces, exquisite granite, crown moulding. \$1,250,000 | Cathy/Jim McCormick | 850-4278



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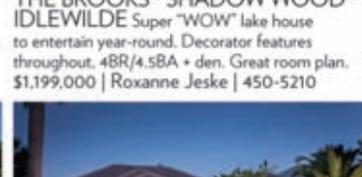
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NORTH NAPLES - EDEN ON THE BAY
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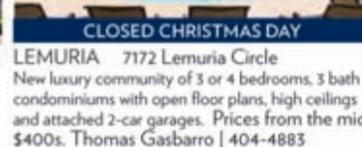
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THE DUNES - THE GRANDE PRESERVE - GRANDE DOMINICANA
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 Beautiful open floor plan home with sunny interiors, oversized pool & lanai overlooking a manicured landscape.
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BONITA BAY - ESPERIA SOUTH
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GREY OAKS - TERRA VERDE
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Waiting on wisdom



"After we broke up, I made him take me on a tour of Europe. I said, 'You owe to me for all the months I stuck with you.'"

"You're just like him," she said. "You have your own list."

My sister is a wise woman. In many subjects, but especially in romance, she is often the person I turn to. We spoke over Thanksgiving as we walked side by side down the beach. She toted her toddler on her hip and I tucked my arms tight against my body, a shield against the wind that blew over the waves. As the day headed toward sunset, the temperature dropped.

"That reminds me of the boyfriend I had in Holland," she was saying as we continued down the beach. She told me about how they met, the relationship that followed, the troubled months at the end. We walked and walked. I turned around once to check our path, and the place where we started had become a speck in the distance. My cheeks reddened in the wind. The baby fussed. My sister kept walking.

"So when we did break up..."

Here it is, I thought. The nugget of wisdom.

"I said to him, 'Why did you string me along for so long?' He should have cut me loose earlier."

I nodded, turning over this bit of information, trying to see how it applied to my situation. But my sister kept going.

She paused dramatically. I figured we had reached the end. I tried to see how her Grand Tour related to my love life.

"Then I was going through his wallet..."

A wave broke over my ankles and the cold water sent a shiver the length of my body. I wondered if she would ever get to the point.

"And I found a piece of paper with a list of names on it. Girls' names."

I kept walking, listening with one ear for the part that related to me. After a few seconds of silence, I looked up. My sister gazed at me meaningfully.

"What?" I said.

"You're just like him," she said. "You have your own list."

It turns out her Dutch boyfriend, the hot blond with the six-pack abs, had once been a geeky teenager. Even in his buff 20s he still carried that original awkwardness inside him. To keep his insecurities at bay, he maintained a list of the women who found him attractive. The roster acted as a shield against his self-doubt.



My sister's right, of course — I do have a list of my own. I take it out in dark moments, times when I feel like the awkward teenager I once was. I count the men on my list and reassure myself that I have at least that many options.

On the beach, my sister gave me a weighty look.

"Perhaps you've outgrown your list," she said.

A gust blew over the water and flattened my hair against my scalp. I looked down the beach at the sand kicked up by the wind and tried to imagine a future without a list of potential boyfriends. The thought left me cold.

My sister stopped walking and we both turned around, heading silently back to the place where we had begun. ■

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ARTISTS AMONG US

Barrett Edwards

■ **How do you describe your art form and your style?** I am a studio and plein air oil painter who strives to capture feeling and emotion in my art. My preferred medium is oil, and I especially love working with a palette knife for its immediacy and unpredictability. I'm also doing some sculpting, thanks to the marvelous instruction of Phil Calabro. I've got a commissioned bronze underway now.

My work is primarily representational, and I am moved by luscious color combinations and interesting compositions. I dislike photo-realism, but impressionism absolutely lifts my soul. I am continually striving toward less detail and more impact.

■ **Where are you from?** I was born in Chicago and grew up in North Carolina.

■ **When did you discover your creative talents?** I've been sketching since childhood, and my artist-mother and grandmother were huge inspirations and teachers for me in those early years. I also love to read and initially thought I wanted to be a journalist, so I majored in English. Then life happened. I ended up working in the U.S. Congress, then at the Pentagon, where I was a speechwriter for Secretaries of Defense James Schlesinger and Donald Rumsfeld. Following that, I was recruited by the CIA as an intelligence officer.

Through all those years, I painted whenever I could and entered local shows. Even when my work began to sell, I still didn't think of it as a career — until I had a show in Paris that sold out. After that, I started to think more seriously about it. I turned professional about 22 years ago. About 15 years ago, I began teaching art at Grey Oaks. I also do painting workshops in France, Italy and throughout the U.S.

■ **Where can we see your work?** I am represented by Sheldon Fine Art on Fifth Avenue South and at Catherine Kelleghan Gallery in Buckhead in Atlanta.

■ **How has living in Naples inspired you?** The sunny, warm weather has had the most impact on me. I find it difficult to paint if the skies are gray. In Naples, I awake to sunshine and can't get into my studio fast enough... I've been fortunate to be encouraged by two excellent gallery people here: Roger Weatherburn Baker, while I was at his Weatherburn Gallery, and now with Cynthia Bradford at Sheldon Fine Art.

■ **How do you feel that your art contributes to our community?** I do my part to



contribute to fundraisers and various charities in the area... I cherish the comments from and relationships with people who buy my art, many of whom have become friends over the years.

■ **How do you use technology?** I network via Facebook with a large number of artists. I have several websites and a blog. I also market my work online via Fine Art America. I use computer software to maintain my inventory and gallery sales records and for my business accounting.

■ **Outside of your art, what are you passionate about?** I love to play tennis and travel... I just returned from a three-week painting trip to California, and I'm jazzed by the marvelous colors and textures I saw there. I'm also passionate about instructing others, either in my private classes or via my workshops.

■ **What are you reading now?** "Captain Corelli's Mandolin," by Louis de Bernières.

■ **What artist would you most like to meet?** Richard Schmid. He is one of the greatest living artists, and I regret never having studied under him.

■ **What is your favorite quotation?** "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

■ **Any guilty pleasures?** Ice cream!

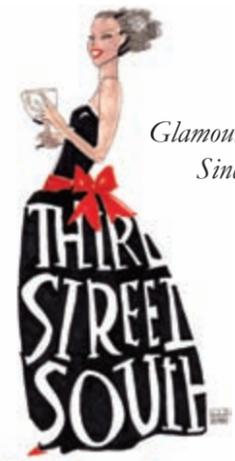
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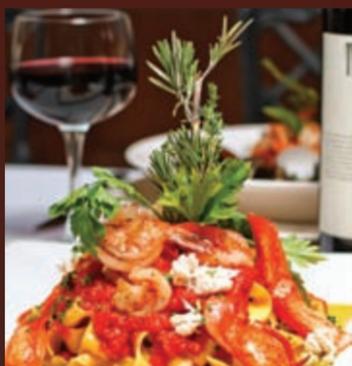
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The Lee County Administration Building, designed in 1960, is an example of Mid-Century Modern architecture.

EXHIBIT

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ture Design” is at the Southwest Florida Museum of History in downtown Fort Myers through Jan. 14.

Here are five cool things about the McMo exhibition.

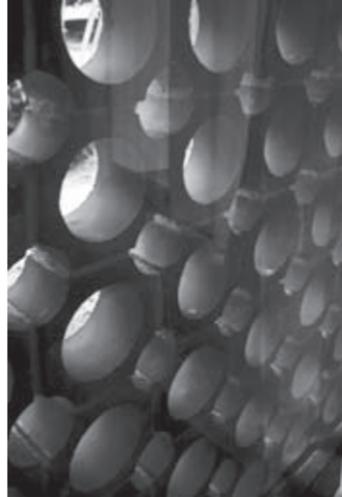
1. Like some of the buildings highlighted in the show she curated, Ms. Owens herself is a hidden gem in Southwest Florida. Not many locals know that clients of her London practice included Boris Johnson, the current mayor of London; the late fashion design guru Isabella Blow, whose London home Ms. Owens and her business partner renovated; and the late designer Alexander McQueen, for whom they designed two homes and his central London flagship store. (A recent retrospective of Mr. McQueen’s fashions at New York City’s Metropolitan Museum of Art was the hottest ticket in town, and wound up being one of the museum’s Top 10 visited shows.)

A licensed professional architect since 1989, Ms. Owens was the 2010 president of the local AIA chapter and in addition to the AIA is a member of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Her London practice was named one of the 13 Emerging Architectural Practices in the U.K. by Architectural Review, and in 2006 she won a local AIA Excellence in Architecture Award for Canterbury School in Fort Myers, a project she worked on with BSSW Architects.

Earlier this month, she received the prestigious W.R. Frizzell Medal of Honor and, for work on a Captiva Island guest house, a Merit Award for Built Architecture – Restorations and Additions, both from AIA Florida Southwest.

2. Mid-Century Modern architects thought outside the box. Ms. Owens explains it this way: When asked to draw



Above and right: Mid-Century Modern textures.

a house, most kids will draw a square with a triangle on top for a roof, then little windows and a door smack in the middle. Many houses up until the mid-1940s looked that way: square, boxy.

But after World War II, new technology and materials allowed houses to break out of the box, literally.

This exhibit includes images and information about a round church (St. Hilary’s Episcopal Church) in Fort Myers, an octagonal house that once existed in Naples and the “Centipede House” that used to exist in the Vanderbilt Beach area of Naples (it was also called the “Lazy M” house, because its outline looked like a capital M that couldn’t quite stand up).

The old rules of architecture no longer applied, and the result was fresh, exciting buildings.

Another example of thinking outside the box: The Colonial Boulevard United Presbyterian Church, a drive-in house of worship built by George Bail in 1965 in Fort Myers. The church was torn down when the Midpoint Bridge was constructed.



in the know

“Mid-Century Modern in Southwest Florida”

- >> **When:** Through Jan. 14 (closed Sundays and Mondays)
- >> **Where:** The Southwest Florida Museum of History, 2031 Jackson St., Fort Myers
- >> **Cost:** \$9.50 (seniors 55 and older and AAA members, \$1 off; students with valid IDs, \$5)
- >> **Info:** Call 321-7430 or go to www.mcmo-swfl.com

ral cross ventilation, and a “horizontal, trellis-like” screen let natural sunlight in but also acted as a sunshade. (People complained that the building was “too modern” and didn’t appreciate its design; some thought the architects had forgotten to remove the scaffolding.)

Others complained about the 1965 design of St. Hilary’s church, saying it looked like a cow barn and silo. A derisive letter to the minister called it “dumb” and “crazy-looking,” and asked if they were going to start services by saying “How now brown cow” and end prayer with “MOO” instead of “Amen.”

The exhibit has examples of Mid-Century architecture from Sarasota through Fort Myers and Naples all the way south to Keewaydin Island. (There’s a separate room focusing on the early work of Paul Rudolph, who was the godfather of the region’s Mid-Century architecture in Sarasota. Called the Sarasota School of Architecture, the style was very specific to the climate of Southwest Florida.)

Other examples in Fort Myers: Bishop Verot High School, The Lee County Bank drive-in facility, First Harbour Towers and the Walker guest house on Sanibel Island.

4. The exhibit isn’t limited to architecture; it also includes furniture design. On display is a variety of furniture designed by Ray and Charles Eames, including their popular molded plywood

3. Examples of Mid-Century Modern can be seen all over Southwest Florida. Sure, you have to go to the Southwest Florida Museum of History to see the exhibit, but after you’ve done so, you can walk or drive around and see examples of this innovative architectural style.

For example, a block or so away from the museum on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. is Fort Myers Fire Station No. 1, which was built in 1949.

The Lee County Administration Building, designed in 1960 by Gundersen Wilson Architects, was inspired by Mies Van de Rohe’s Seagram Building in New York City. According to Ms. Owens, its long, shallow floor plan assured natu-



Fort Myers Fire Station No. 1 was built in 1949.

chairs, a chaise and a lounge chair and ottoman. The pair was famous for their design innovation not only with furniture, but also with architecture, toys and film.

5. You'll look at the world differently after seeing this exhibit. I bet you've walked or driven past some of these buildings numerous times and never even paid attention to them.

"Some of these are small buildings," says Ms. Owens. "People don't notice them."

You will now.

As architects, she says, "We create an experience. It's the poetics of being in a shelter. It's not just the room; it's the light, the way you interact with it, the way the rooms flow into one another. It's how you experience the building and how you use it. That's what good architecture does, it lifts your spirit. ■

in the know

It takes a village to build an exhibit

Architect Joyce Owens may have curated "Mid-Century Modern in Southwest Florida (McMo-SWFL): Learning from Modern: A Celebration of Mid-Century Design," but putting the exhibit together was "a huge community effort," she says.

"It was more work than I thought it would be," she adds, explaining that she had to design the exhibit from scratch, tracking down photographs, discovering who the architects were, when the buildings were made.

The exhibit, co-hosted by the American Institute of Architects Florida Southwest and the Southwest Florida Museum of History, lists more than a dozen architects and almost 50 others who helped bring it to fruition.

Everyone had a little piece of information, she says. Someone would give her a photograph, someone else would tell her a story, another person would give her a phone number of another contact. Someone else would lend her blueprints and drawings.

"Everybody helped with something. It was amazing," she says. "I'd get a little bit here and there. I just kept taking notes. Then it got bigger and bigger, and people started bringing me stuff."

"It was a lot of work, and I loved every single minute of it. If I could do it again, I would in a heartbeat. I loved it."

So does the museum, which has requested keeping part of the material for its permanent exhibit. Ms. Owens wants to display the exhibit in Naples next, and is looking for a venue.

— Nancy Stetson



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■ **Irving Berlin's White Christmas** – By Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre through Dec. 25. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

■ **A Christmas Survival Guide** – At Off Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre through Dec. 25. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

Thursday, Dec. 22

■ **Chanukah Event** – A free Community Chanukah Celebration starts at 5:45 p.m. at Mercato, featuring a candle-lighting ceremony, the Shalom Dancers and the Naples Klezmer Revival Band. www.facebook.com/mercatonaples.

■ **Solstice Movie** – See “The Polar Express” as part of the winter solstice celebration at the Naples Botanical Garden. www.naplesgarden.org or 643-7275.

■ **Jazz It Up** – Bob Zottola and the Expandable Jazz Band perform from 6-9 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. \$10 cover. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

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Sunday, Dec. 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Monday, Dec. 26

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Tuesday, Dec. 27

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Wednesday, Dec. 28

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■ **Foreign Film** – The Italian Cultural Society presents “Malena” at 6:45 p.m. Jan. 3 at The Norris Center, 755 Eighth Ave. S. \$5 donation. www.italianculturalsociety.com.

■ **God of Carnage** – At the Florida Repertory Theatre Jan. 6-22. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

■ **Go for Baroque** – University of Miami Research Professor of Music Frank Cooper presents “On the Path to Revolution: Baroque to Classicism” at 2 p.m. Jan. 4 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

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■ **Good Company** – TheatreZone presents Stephen Sondheim's “Company” Jan. 5-15 in the G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples. (888) 966-3352 or www.theatrezone-florida.com.

■ **Downtown Art** – The Downtown Naples New Year's Weekend Art Fair sponsored by the Naples Art Association takes place Jan. 7-8 along Fifth Avenue South. www.naplesart.org.

■ **Musical Legend** – The Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center presents Dionne Warwick at 8 p.m. Jan. 7 as the singer and activist celebrates her 50th year in show business. 2301 First St., Fort Myers. \$175. 333-1933 or www.sbdac.com.

■ **Pickin' and Grinnin'** – The Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida presents Pick'n in Paradise from 2-5 p.m. Jan. 8 at the Bonita Springs/Estero Elks Lodge. Performers include Bill Metts and the Bugtussle Ramblers. 3231 Coconut Road. www.acousticmusicsociety.org or 248-8906.

■ **Pick Your Seat** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents “Coco Before Chanel” at 7 p.m. Jan. 9 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Big Band Sounds** – The Naples Jazz Orchestra performs Count Basie tunes at 7 p.m. Jan. 9 at Cambier Park. 207-8299.

■ **Classic Cuckoo** – Laboratory Theater of Florida presents “One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest” at 8 p.m. Jan. 13-28 at 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. 218-0481 or www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com.

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■ **Mamet Play** – Gulfshore Playhouse presents David Mamet's “Race” Jan. 27-Feb. 12 at The Norris Center. 261-7529 or www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

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Jason Parrish stars in Florida Repertory Theatre's production of “The Santaland Diaries” in the Studio Theatre, downtown Fort Myers, through Dec. 31. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

COMING UP AT THE PHIL

■ The Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra presents the second concert in this season's "All That Jazz" series at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, in the intimate setting of the Daniels Pavilion. Trumpet, flugelhorn, sax and flute player Ira Sullivan, an alumnus of Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers, is the guest artist joining Glenn Basham, violin and harmonica; Lew Del Gatto, tenor saxophone; Jerry Stawski, piano; Mike Harvey, drums; Kevin Mauldin, bass; and Dan Miller, trumpet.

Tickets start at \$39.



■ **Blast!**, winner of the 2001 Tony Award for Best Special Theatrical Event and the 2001 Emmy for Best Choreography, comes to the Phil at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28. A celebration of movement and music, "Blast!" has surprised and delighted critics around the world by "bridging the categories of classical, blues, jazz, rock 'n' roll and techno-pop music," according to Bruce McCabe of The Boston Globe.

Tickets start at \$59 for adults and \$36 for students.

■ **Regis and Joy Philbin** will perform with an 18-piece orchestra at 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29.

Tickets start at \$79.

■ The NPO, led by Jerry Steichen, presents "A Rodgers and Hammerstein Celebration" at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30. Broadway stars Nat Chandler and Teri Dale Hansen will sing and dance the songs of the celebrated collaborators who transformed the musical genre during the Golden Age of Broadway.

Tickets start at \$28.

■ The NPO presents "Prokofiev's Fifth," the third program in the orchestra's Classical Series, at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 5-7. The Concert Prelude begins one hour before each performance.

Jorge Mester will lead the orchestra in Bernstein's Overture to "Candide"; Brahms' final composition for orches-

tra, the Double Concerto for Violin and Cello; and Prokofiev's epic Fifth Symphony. Guest violinist Karen Gomyo and guest cellist Christian Poltéra will join the orchestra.

Tickets start at \$35 for adults and \$27 for students.

■ **The Martha Graham Dance Company** performs at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10. Always a fertile ground for experimentation, the company continues to foster the groundbreaking vision of Martha Graham, whose choreography created a new modern dance vocabulary. Performing Graham classics and more recent works inspired by her spirit of ingenuity, the company presents a uniquely American style of dance that has influenced generations of artists and continues to captivate audiences.

Tickets start at \$69.

■ Jazz guitarist and singer **John Pizzarelli** performs at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11. Mr. Pizzarelli has established himself as one of the premier interpreters of the Great American Songbook and beyond — everything from jazz classics to bossa nova. He was the 2009 recipient of the Ella Fitzgerald Award, joining a select group of past winners including Aretha Franklin, Tony Bennett and Harry Connick Jr.

Tickets start at \$55.

■ Concert pianist **Jodie DeSalvo** presents "Shopping List! - Or Chopin Liszt!," the first program in her piano music series in the Lifelong Learning program, at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9.

Tickets to the first in the series are \$42. The series, which can be purchased for \$160, includes additional performances with Jodie DeSalvo as follows: Feb. 6 - "Jodie and Glenn," featuring NPO Concertmaster Glenn Basham; Feb. 27 - "A Tribute to Victor Borge"; and March 21 - "Around the World in 80 Minutes!"

■ Grammy Award-winning jazz singer and pianist **Diana Krall** will perform at 6 and 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 30 (her performance on Feb. 12 has been canceled).

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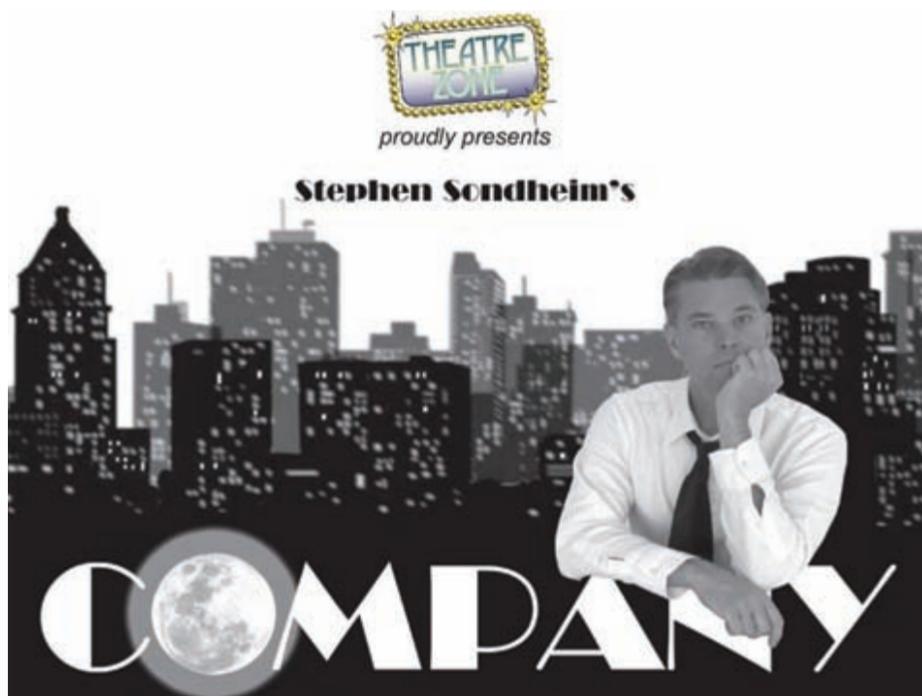
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TheatreZone starts the New Year in good 'Company' with Sondheim's musical comedy about marriage

TheatreZone's production of "Company," Stephen Sondheim's musical masterpiece about New York marriages, opens Thursday, Jan. 5, at the G&L Theatre at the Community School of Naples.

The plot revolves around Robert, a native New Yorker bachelor unable to commit fully to a steady relationship, let alone marriage, five couples (including one about to get married and one getting divorced) who are his best friends, and his three girlfriends, April (the stewardess), Kathy (the girl who's going to marry someone else) and Marta (the "peculiar" one). In scene after hilarious scene, the audience is introduced to "those good and crazy people" as Robert weighs the pros and cons of married life.

TheatreZone Artistic Director Mark Danni says "Company" is the first of a series of seven collaborations between Mr. Sondheim and director/producer Harold Prince. "Together they built a reputation for works that challenged audiences and redefined what a Broadway musical could be," he says, adding the original production was nominated for a record-setting 14 Tony Awards and won six, including Best Musical.

The show was "a revolutionary musical, substituting relationships for plot," Mr. Danni says, adding, "Robert's emotional development is traced in music rather than text."

The score was written almost perpendicularly to the collection of George Furth plays on which it was

based, with characters reflecting on scenes they are not in, or stepping outside of the situation to comment on themselves, on love, on marriage, on commitment. The marriages in each scene are deliberately distorted as viewed through Robert's eyes.

Unlike most book musicals, which follow a clearly delineated plot, "Company" is composed of a series of vignettes, presented in no particular chronological order and linked by a celebration for Robert's 45th birthday.

"The clashing sounds and pulsing rhythms of New York City underscore this landmark 'concept' show, considered by many to have inaugurated the modern era of musical theatre. Nothing like previous musical comedy heroes, Robert is utterly ambivalent about love and completely averse to commitment," Mr. Danni says.

TheatreZone seventh season continues with "Little Women" starring Tony-award winning actress Donna McKechnie (March 8-18) and concludes with "The Boyfriend" (May 3-13, 2012). ■

in the know

"Company," by TheatreZone

- >> **When:** Jan. 5-15
- >> **Where:** The G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples
- >> **Tickets:** \$43-\$48
- >> **Info:** (888) 966-3352 or www.theatrezone-florida.com.

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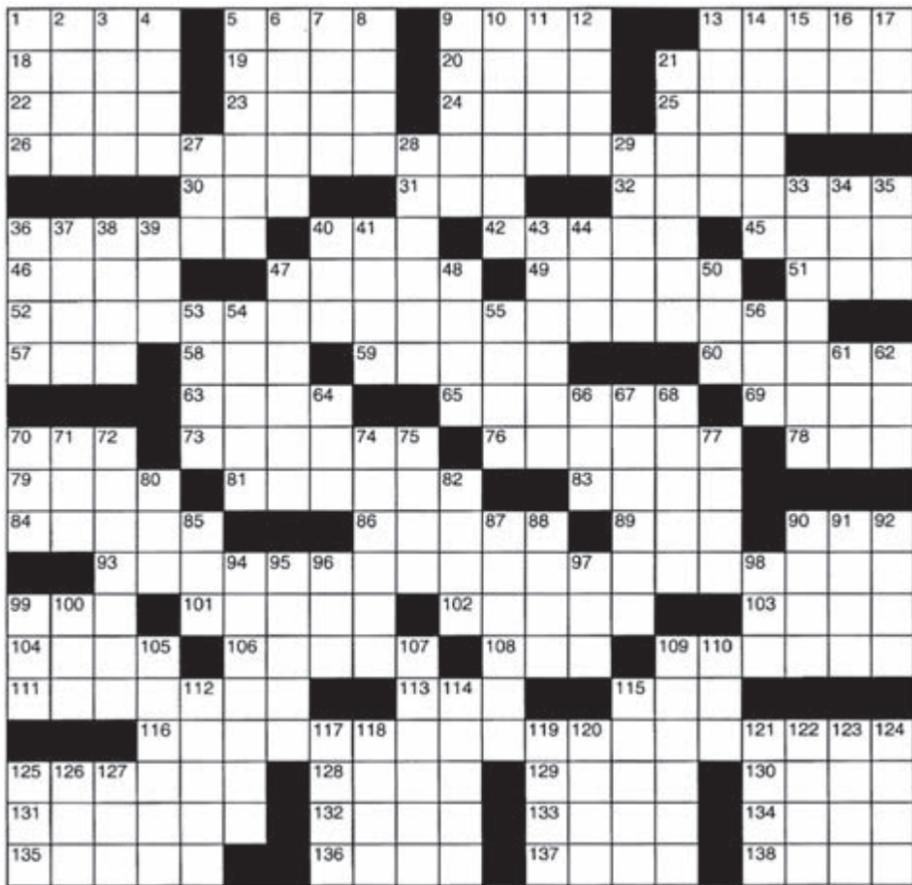
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 - 9 Drive the getaway car
 - 13 Positive thinker
 - 18 Lipinski leap
 - 19 Deejay Freed
 - 20 Interoffice communique
 - 21 Hickman or Strawberry
 - 22 Canadian coin
 - 23 Ordinary
 - 24 "Trinity" author
 - 25 Kind of paint
 - 26 Start of a remark by Don Marquis
 - 30 Narcs' org.
 - 31 "Agnus —"
 - 32 Cinema sled
 - 36 Lineman's tool
 - 40 Seville shout
 - 42 Renown
 - 45 Debut recording
 - 46 Atmosphere
 - 47 Discontinue
 - 49 Sharpens a skill
 - 51 Choose, with "lor"
 - 52 Part 2 of remark
 - 57 Cartoon canine
 - 58 Part 3 of remark
 - 59 Delany and Wynter
 - 60 Time of your life
 - 63 Head line?
 - 65 Susann or Shakespeare
 - 69 Entreaty
 - 70 Mrs. Eddie Cantor
 - 73 Prom date
 - 76 Gulliver's first name
 - 78 Portly
 - 79 Wattle's partner
 - 81 Speculation
 - 83 Conductor Klemperer
 - 84 Gold brick?
 - 86 Pageant prop
 - 89 Part 4 of remark
 - 90 Sixth sense
 - 93 Part 5 of remark
 - 99 Mellow
 - 101 Studio sign
 - 102 "— Breath You Take" ('83 smash)
 - 103 Computer image
 - 104 Man the bar
 - 106 Belarusian city
 - 108 Cote cutie
 - 109 Bantered
 - 111 November 11th honoree
 - 113 Stirrup site
 - 115 Create a chemise
 - 116 End of remark
 - 125 Monastery
 - 128 Tivoli's Villa d'—
 - 129 Neighbor of Can.
 - 130 Concept
 - 131 He had things done by Friday
 - 132 — breve
 - 133 Unusual
 - 134 It's nothing
 - 135 Off the plate
 - 136 Basketball's Willis
 - 137 Black
 - 138 Seth's son
- DOWN**
- 1 Baja bite
 - 2 The yoke's on them
 - 3 Passed-on item
 - 4 Choir member
 - 5 Whales
 - 6 Maui greeting
 - 7 Poirot's concern
 - 8 Handle
 - 9 Tickle
 - 10 Wodehouse's Wooster
 - 11 Send out
 - 12 Peter of reggae
 - 13 Dieter's discomfort
 - 14 Cleared the slate
 - 15 Cardigan part
 - 16 Pipe cleaner?
 - 17 Building wing
 - 21 Signifies
 - 27 HST's predecessor
 - 28 Crusader kingdom
 - 29 Persian, presently
 - 33 Early epic
 - 34 Ref
 - 35 Speck
 - 36 Talk-show pioneer
 - 37 Mechanic's offering
 - 38 Pressing need
 - 39 — de Cologne
 - 40 Above, to Arnold
 - 41 Installed tile
 - 43 Unsullied
 - 44 — Gatos, CA
 - 47 Basilica
 - 48 Italian rumbler
 - 50 Diffident
 - 53 Kind
 - 54 Use a toboggan
 - 55 Handle harshly
 - 56 "Alley —"
 - 61 Indian export
 - 62 Toque or topee
 - 64 Piggy
 - 66 Medical grp.
 - 67 Uproar
 - 68 Price twice
 - 70 Infamous Amin
 - 71 Singer Seals
 - 72 Enhance
 - 74 Generator parts
 - 75 Stumble
 - 77 Isolated
 - 80 Tropical snake
 - 82 Connecticut campus
 - 85 Spinks stat
 - 87 Go back
 - 88 "— Good Men" ('92 film)
 - 90 Decorate glass
 - 91 Oxford, e.g.
 - 92 Await judgment
 - 94 As a group
 - 95 Canvas cover?
 - 96 Nuremberg numeral
 - 97 Cinnabar, for instance
 - 98 "— the season . . ."
 - 99 Wilderness trans.
 - 100 "Holy smokes!"
 - 105 Unseat
 - 107 Pot
 - 109 Dairy cow
 - 110 Be obligated
 - 112 Boca —, FL
 - 114 Winning
 - 115 Burning bit
 - 117 Have on
 - 118 Presque —, ME
 - 119 Mata —
 - 120 Dash
 - 121 — up (evaluate)
 - 122 Actress Barbara
 - 123 Sleuth Wolfe
 - 124 New Mexico resort
 - 125 Parker of football
 - 126 It may be padded
 - 127 Except

SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

■ **SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You'll have many fine opportunities in this New Year. But be warned: Reject offers of "help." You work best when you're free to be your own creative self.

■ **CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) The New Year offers changes that you might feel you're not quite ready for. Best advice: Deal with them one step at a time, until you've built up your self-confidence.

■ **AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Travel is a dominant aspect of the New Year. This could mean relocating to another city (or even another country) in connection with your education or your career.

■ **PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) This New Year brings news about a change you've been anticipating. You might have a problem persuading a loved one about your new plans, but he or she will soon go along with them.

■ **ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) The New Year brings challenges that can change many things in your life. You need to be prepared not only to confront them, but also to deal with what happens afterward.

■ **TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You have what it takes to set your goals quite a bit higher this year. Learn what you need to know and put what you learn into your efforts. A partner offers loving support.

■ **GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) In true Gemini Twin fashion, you're con-

flicted about a decision you know you'll have to make in this New Year. Best advice: Get the facts before you make any commitment.

■ **CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A friend offers you an exciting opportunity for the New Year. Although your positive aspects are strong in most respects, caution is advised. Investigate before you invest.

■ **LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You can make this New Year a roaring success. Start by readjusting your goals to reflect the changes in the economy. Your denmate offers both wise and loving support.

■ **VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) The New Year brings new opportunities for change. But you need to be ready to move from the comfortable status quo to the challenging unknown. It's up to you.

■ **LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Your most important New Year's resolution should be to work out problems with a family member in order to avoid continued misunderstandings. Do it soon, for both of your sakes.

■ **SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) The New Year has much to offer the intensely determined Scorpion, who isn't afraid to take on challenges and stay with them until they surrender their rewards.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a gift for making people feel safe and protected. You would make an excellent youth counselor. ■

By Linda Thistle



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Is it worth \$10? Yes

Sherlock Holmes is a great detective, adept at solving unsolvable cases with extreme intelligence and a mastery of disguise. So it's a bit of a mystery why "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows" allows him to almost immediately identify the bad guy. Eschewing the whodunit formula isn't necessarily a mistake, but Holmes in a game of cat-and-mouse is not what we've come to expect.

Those who know Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's source novels, however, are familiar with Holmes' arch-enemy Professor Moriarty, and it's not long before we see the two match wits.

It's 1891 in London, and as usual, Holmes (Robert Downey Jr.) has help from Dr. Watson (Jude Law), who doesn't want to be involved because he just got married. They team up with a gypsy fortuneteller named Simza (Noomi Rapace, from the Swedish "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" movie) and try to stop Moriarty (Jared Harris) from starting a world war.

Whereas the 2009 original didn't fill us in on plot points until Holmes was good and ready, this time director Guy Ritchie and screenwriters Michele and Kieran Mulroney keep us in the know about key elements. The story gets off to a slow start, however, and it takes far too long before we know what Moriarty is really trying to do.

That said, once Holmes and Moriarty start outfoxing one another — both guess wrong and guess right on various occasions — the film reaches a level of intrigue not often found in mainstream cinema. There's never a question of if Moriarty is the villain, it's always just about how Holmes will catch him. Fun stuff.

Downey is solid but not spectacular as Holmes, though his frequent disguises get silly after a while. His chemistry

with Law is affably pleasant once again, but the two new additions, Rapace and Harris, fall a bit short. Rapace is given little to do as a female sidekick, and you can't help but think Harris should be hammin' it up and having a bit more fun.

Story and acting problems aside, one thing "Game of Shadows" does have is flair. If nothing else, Ritchie is a renowned stylist whose action is often better than his narratives, and his use of slow motion and fast motion is second to none. In particular, note the scene in which Holmes, Watson and Simza escape an army by running through the woods, and how the slow motion holds us in suspense as chaos ensues. Good action and editing make the sequence a



real treat.

"Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows" is a reasonably enjoyable lark that'll keep you entertained and guessing throughout, even if it runs long at 129 minutes.

Will there be a third "Holmes" movie? Let's just say you don't have to be Sherlock Holmes to figure that out. ■

in the know

>> Brad Pitt, Gary Oldman, Daniel Day-Lewis, Sean Penn and Javier Bardem were considered to play Professor Moriarty.

CAPSULES

The Sitter ★

(Jonah Hill, Ari Graynor, Sam Rockwell) A college dropout (Hill) babysits three weird kids so his mother can go to a party. Unfortunately, his pseudo-girlfriend (Graynor) coaxes him into bringing the kids into New York City, where predictable chaos ensues. It's not funny, but it is hideously stupid and misguided. Plus, "Adventures in Babysitting" already did this perfectly. Rated R.

New Year's Eve ★★★

(Hilary Swank, Halle Berry, Ashton Kutcher) The lives and loves of New Yorkers intertwine in this sweet story that

nicely embraces the spirit of the holiday. It's not very funny, but the characters are well rounded and it is entertaining. Best of all, though, it will be loved by those who love New Year's. PG-13.

Hugo ★★★

(Asa Butterfield, Chloe Grace Moretz, Ben Kingsley) In 1930s Paris, young Hugo (Butterfield) searches for the heart-shaped key that will unlock a secret message from his late father (Jude Law). Director Martin Scorsese's love letter to the early days of cinema sputters at times but is very impressive visually — including the 3D — and has a nice heart at its core. Rated PG.

Announcing the chefs and vintners for 2012 SWF Wine & Food Fest

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The lineup of chefs and vintners for the 2012 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest includes some of Southwest Florida's finest chefs along with 10 wineries and four wine distributors. The festival consists of chef/vintner dinners at private homes throughout Lee and Collier counties on Friday, Feb. 24, and a grand tasting and auction at Miromar Lakes Beach Club on Saturday, Feb. 25. Proceeds will benefit Southwest Florida children's charities.



lina's, Bonita Springs; Billy Mak, Blu Sushi, Fort Myers and Naples; Christian Vivet, Blue Windows French Bistro, Fort Myers; and, Tao Diaz, Sunshine Grille, Fort Myers.

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Friday evening's chefs are:

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Saturday's grand tasting chefs include: Harold Balink, Cru, Fort Myers; Marc-Jean and Trish Berruet, L'Etoile, Naples; Tani-sha Samuels, Ada's, Fort Myers; Caroline Hostettler, Quality Cheese, Fort Myers; Ryan Kida, Yabo, Fort Myers; The Executive Chef at Miromar Lakes; Michael Ragusa, Shoals, Fort Myers Beach; Andreas Singer, The Hyatt Regency Coconut Point; Eric Truglas, Lush French Bakery, Fort Myers and Naples; Greg Scarlatos, Ange-

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■ **Lot 37, The Famous Blue Box Opens a Week of Wonders**

Two couples will spend five nights in New York City during Tiffany & Co.'s 175th anniversary celebration and the debut of the 2012-2013 Blue Book Collection. Package includes one \$25,000 Tiffany gift certificate per couple and attendance at a Tiffany gala of 400 top clients and celebrities, with entertainment by a top-secret, award-winning performer.

■ **Lot 51, A Charity Ball, a Tennis Ball and Sparkly Souvenirs**

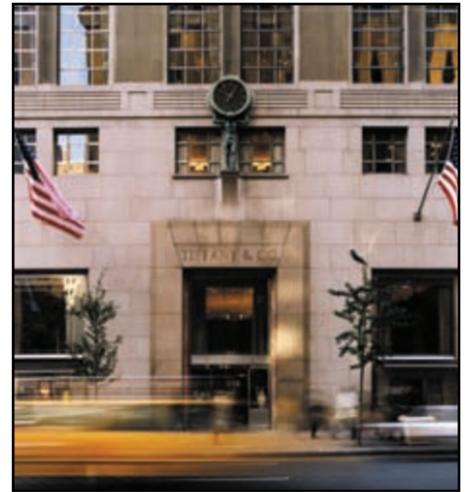
This package comes with private car service and access for two couples to Elton John's "White Tie & Tiara Ball" at his Old Windsor estate outside London. Also included are three nights at Claridge's; Center Court tickets at Wimbledon with access to the Great Gatsby Club VIP Package; and a private champagne preview of Chopard's Red Carpet Collection at its new Bond Street London store, with jewels to take home.

■ **Lot 65, Suit Yourself, Guys... The Girls Get Diamonds**

Four couples will have the Italian experience of a lifetime, starting with business class airfare from New York to Milan. In Milan, winners stay four nights at the Bulgari Hotel. Four women will take home a Bulgari watch, and four men will get custom-tailored suit from St. Andrews. Winners will then choose between a week in Lake Como or Sardinia.



Lot 31 includes a meet-and-greet with Oscar de la Renta and tickets to his New York runway presentation along with a tropical getaway via private jet.



Winners of lot 37 will attend the Tiffany & Co. 175th anniversary gala in New York City.

■ **Lot 12, You'll Flit, You'll Float, You'll Fleety Flee, You'll Fly**

Buckle up for a 22-day around-the-world trip for two on a luxury jet that travels to China, Mongolia, Cambodia, Nepal, Azerbaijan, Russia and France. The winners stay at five-star hotels and enjoy intimate tours, gala evenings, special entertainment, dining at top restaurants and the services of a tour manager.

About the festival

Bob Clifford, who co-chairs the festival with his wife, Joan, says the search for auction items spanned 18 months and involved dozens of donors as well as sponsors such as Betty Maclean Travel, whose staff has organized travel itineraries for many auction lots since 2001, and NetJets, which is supplying private air travel for several lots.

NCEF has raised more than \$94.5 million at the Naples Winter Wine Festival since 2001 to create and expand charitable programs serving underprivileged and at-



Golfing and dining with Darren Clarke, the 2011 British Open champion, is one element of lot 47.

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Have an artful New Year's Eve

BY NANCY STETSON

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If you love the arts, there's no better way to usher out the old year and welcome in the new than attending a show.

Some venues close for the end-of-year holiday, but plenty remain open, so you can celebrate New Year's Eve with everything from classical music to theater to the visual arts.

From Naples to Port Charlotte, there's something for every taste.

Here's a list of what's happening on Saturday, Dec. 31:

■ "Winter Wonderettes"

The Herb Strauss Theatre, Sanibel

"Winter Wonderettes" is a light-hearted holiday show about a girl group, the Marvelous Wonderettes, who are asked to put on a holiday show at Harper's Hardware store. A goofy, fluffy musical comedy set in 1968, it includes holiday pop songs such as "Jingle Bell Rock," "Run, Run Rudolph" and "Rocking' Around the Christmas Tree," delivered with that 60s girl group groove.

The New Year's Eve show begins at 9 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, champagne, appetizers and snacks. Attendees can ring in the New Year with actors after the show.

Tickets are \$75 (\$20 for ages 17 and younger.)

Call 472-6862.

■ "The Santaland Diaries"

The Studio Theatre at Florida Repertory Theatre, Fort Myers

If you harbor a skewed view of the whole holiday season, or are pretty sure you'll be feeling jaded about it all by New Year's Eve, "The Santaland Diaries" at Florida Repertory Theatre's Studio Theatre might be the perfect way to celebrate. Based on David Sedaris' snarky essay about being an elf at Macy's, this one-man show, starring Jason Parrish, has become an annual tradition at Florida Rep.

There are two performances on New Year's Eve, and 2 and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25.

Call 332-4488.

■ "Cirque Dreams Holidayze"

The Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers

Blend European-style circus with the holidays, and you get "Cirque Dreams Holidayze," in which ornaments on a Christmas tree are brought to life by an international cast of acrobats, contortionists, strongmen and tightrope walkers. This show promises gingerbread men flipping in mid-air and toy soldiers marching on thin wires.

Performances of "Cirque Dreams Holidayze" (which is not related to Cirque du Soleil) are 2 and 8 p.m. New Year's Eve and 1 and 6:30 p.m. New Year's Day, Sunday, Jan. 1.

Tickets are \$59, \$44, \$34 and \$12.

Call 481-4849.



■ "Me and My Girl"

Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers

Take in this 1937 musical that features "The Lambeth Walk," and celebrate with a meal before the show begins. The story revolves around Bill Snibson, a cockney ne'r-do-well from Lambeth, who discovers he's the heir to the Earl of Hareford. In order to receive his inheritance, however, he has to transform into a proper gentleman.

The night begins at 6:30 p.m. with live music and hors d'oeuvres in the lobby, and shrimp cocktail and an upscale buffet at 7 p.m. The show begins at 9 p.m.,



Enjoy a "Salute to Vienna: New Year Concert 2012" on Jan. 2 at the Barbara B. Mann hall in Fort Myers.

Above: "Me and My Girl" is at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers. Left: "The Phantoms at the Phil" is in Naples at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

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with noisemakers, hats, champagne and a countdown at midnight.

This annual event is so popular it was close to being sold out at press time. Tickets are \$100.

Call 278-4422.

■ Coconut Point New Year's Eve Weekend Art Festival

Coconut Point, Estero

The Coconut Point New Year's Eve Weekend Art Festival explains it all with its name. It takes place Saturday, Dec. 31, and Sunday, Jan. 1, at Coconut Point in Estero. Approximately 200 artists will exhibit and sell paintings and photography, jewelry, sculpture and more. Prices start at \$25 for hand-made earrings and go as high as \$50,000 for a metal sculpture.

The festival runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Admission is free.

Call (561) 746-6615.

■ "The Phantoms at the Phil!"

The Philharmonic Center for the Arts, Naples

This show features three veteran tenors who starred in Broadway's "The Phantom of the Opera": Ron Bohmer, Kevin Gray and Ted Keegan. Joining them will be three of "Phantom's" leading ladies: Terri Bibb, Karen Culliver and Mary D'Arcy. This sextet will perform selections from "Miss Saigon," "Les Miserables" and, of course, "The

Phantom of the Opera," accompanied by the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, with Ron Spigelman conducting.

The New Year's Eve Gala begins at 7 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and champagne reception preceding show time at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$150, \$129 and \$119.

Call 597-1900.

■ "NYE: Shaken, Not Stirred"

Cultural Center Theatre, Port Charlotte

Turning Leaf Productions presents its annual New Year's Eve show that showcases five professional vocalists: Brenna Yeary, Judy Alexander, Dennis Hall and the husband-and-wife team of Valerie Sneade and Edward Loder. Backed by a four-piece band, the quintet will perform music of Neil Diamond, Patsy Cline, The Drifters, Jimmy Buffett, Bill Haley and the Comets, Elvis, Aretha Franklin and more.

Performances are at 7 and 9:15 p.m. Tickets are \$17.

Call (941) 206-5323.

And, this year, a traditional New Year's event occurs right after New Year's Eve:

■ "Salute to Vienna: New Year Concert 2012"

The Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers

Welcome the New Year with the Strauss Symphony Orchestra of America. With Peter Sommerer, the orchestra will perform at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers at 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 2.

The program features soprano Monika Fischl and tenor Daniel Vadasz, both from Budapest, as well as dancers from Ballet St. Polten, Austria and the International Champion Ballroom Dancers.

Tickets are \$69, \$64, \$59 and \$49.

Call 481-4849.

It's almost Christmas, which means New Year's Eve will be here before you know it. So decide where you'd like to be, pick up the phone, and make your reservation to ring in the New Year by celebrating with the arts. ■

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591-2583; www.bluemartinilounge.com
New Year's Eve table reservations are sold out; general admission tickets for \$40 per person do not guarantee seating.

Captain Brien's Off the Hook Comedy Club

599 S. Collier Blvd.
Marco Island
389-6900; www.captbriens.com
New Year's Eve dinner and show with headliners Michael Yo from "The Chelsea Lately Show" and Lynne Koplitz from "Comedy Central." 6:30 p.m., \$65 per person; 9 p.m., \$90. Includes dinner and show, with champagne toast at the late show.

Cruise Naples

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Fireworks cruise sets sail aboard the Double Sunshine at 6:30 p.m. \$65 for adults, \$55 for ages 12 and under.

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The Little Bar & Restaurant

205 Harbor Place, Goodland
Marco Island
394-5663; www.littlebarrestaurant.com
6 p.m., live entertainment with Michael Ward and the Raiford Starke Band. Regular menu and a champagne toast at midnight.

Loft 59 Night Club

2059 Tamiami Trail East
331-2530; www.loft59nightclub.com
9 p.m.-5 a.m.
The New Year's Eve Masquerade Ball includes a complimentary champagne toast. \$20 general admission, \$60 per person or \$100 per couple for open bar. For VIP reservations, contact Jessica Stanchfield at (216) 272-3552 or Jessi-

642-5415; www.themarcoprincess.com
Choose from a New Year's Eve buffet lunch (\$33.95), sunset cocktail cruise (\$48.95) or late-night dinner cruise (\$145).

The Naples Grande Beach Resort

475 Seagate Drive
254-5600; www.naplesgranderesort.com
Beginning at 8:30 p.m., New Year's Eve dinner in the Royal Palm Ballroom, \$125 per person.

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550 Port O Call Way
649-2275; www.naplesprincesscruises.com
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Live entertainment begins at 8 p.m. with Mike Brookshire and Friends. Pre fixe or à la carte menu available. Call for reservations.

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New Year's Day: Brunch from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. (\$99 for adults, \$49 for children).

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Enjoy a four-course prix fixe menu on New Year's Eve. Call for reservations.

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(800) 218-0007
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5111 Tamiami Trail N.
659-3111; www.hiltonnaples.com
Celebrate the possibilities of 2012 with a dinner selected from a special New Year's Eve menu (regular dinner menu also available). Reservations are required.

Stoney's Steakhouse

403 Bayfront Place
435-9353; www.stoneyssteakhouse.com
5 p.m. seating, prix fixe menu (\$50 per person); 8 p.m. seating, prix fixe menu (\$80 per person). Call for reservations.

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know what that is.

A: A cricket chair is a small armchair or rocker with a back cushion and padded seat. The padded seat usually has a drop skirt. The chair has turned legs and posts. Nobody knows why it's called a cricket chair.

Mystery clocks have been popular since the 18th century. The clock seems to have no mechanism, yet keeps time. One of the most famous is the "swinging-arm clock." A tall classical figure, usually bronze, holds some long rods with a pendulum bob on the bottom and a ball with a clock face on the top. The pendulum swings back and forth and the clock keeps time. These clocks were made for display in jewelry-store windows because their motion attracted customers. One famous example was made by the Ansonia Clock Co. of Ansonia, Conn. It is known as "Gloria." The winged figure of a woman in a revealing draped dress holds the large clock ball in her right hand. How the clock works is not really a mystery. The clock mechanism is inside the ball. When wound, the pendulum moves back and forth for about eight days. Ansonia made these clocks in the early 1900s using different figures, including "Huntress," "Juno" and "Fisher." The Gloria clock sold for \$5,175 at a recent James D. Julia auction.

Q: My husband was left a majolica tobacco jar that must be about 100 years old. It originally belonged to his grandfather. It's in the shape of a man's head topped by a green hat brim. The man has longish hair and a large mustache, and he's wearing a blue collar and red cravat. Unfortunately, the hat that would be the tobacco jar's top is missing. Would it still be worth something to a collector?

A: Your tobacco jar, probably made in Europe, might sell without its top for about \$50. With the top, it would sell for several times that. You may be better off saving the heirloom as a keepsake rather than trying to sell it.

Q: My family has owned a cast-iron mechanical bank for more than 60 years. I understand it originally cost about \$40. The base of the bank is titled "Hometown Battery." On the base's platform there's a baseball pitcher, batter and catcher. You put a coin in the pitcher's hand, press a lever and the coin is pitched past the batter and into the catcher's coin slot. Embossed on the bank's bottom are the words, "Reproduced from Original in Col-

Q: I was hoping you might be able to give me some information about my maple chair. It has a padded back and seat. I was told it is a "cricket chair," but I don't

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This 29-inch-high swing-arm clock sold for \$5,175 at a James D. Julia auction in Fairfield, Maine. It will keep time for eight days after it's wound and will count the first hours of 2012.

while she was working in a munitions factory during World War II. The photo was printed in Yank magazine in 1945. That led to her signing with a modeling agency and bleaching her hair blond. She appeared on several more magazine covers before she signed her first movie contract in August 1946 and changed her name to Marilyn Monroe. She died in 1962. Salute magazine was published from March 1946 until sometime in 1948. The masthead said it was "produced by former editors and writers of Yank and Stars & Stripes." It was meant to appeal to World War II veterans, but it didn't sell well and its focus was changed to "a picture magazine for men" in February 1948. The magazine evidently went out of business later that year. The value of your magazine depends on its condition. In excellent shape, it could be worth \$650.

Tip: Save your wine corks. Cut them in thin slices with a bread knife and slide a piece under a wobbling chair leg. ■

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is included, we will try. The volume of mail makes personal answers or appraisals impossible. Write to Kovel, (Florida Weekly), King Features Syndicate, 300 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019.

Q: I have a copy of the August 1946 issue of Salute magazine with Marilyn Monroe's photograph on the cover. There's no picture credit saying it's Monroe, but it definitely is. Any idea of the magazine's value? It has been in a frame for 20-plus years.

A: The Salute cover photo was taken before Marilyn Monroe ever made a movie and before she changed her name. She was born Norma Jean Mortenson in 1926. An Army photographer took her picture

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

Mind game

Whenever possible, a defender should try to divert declarer from the winning line of play. East did exactly that in today's deal and talked South out of what appeared to be a surefire four-spade contract.

West led a heart, and East took the first two tricks with the queen and ace. Declarer noted immediately that his potential club loser could eventually be discarded on one of dummy's diamonds, so his only real concern was to make sure he did not lose two trump tricks.

Since he could lose a spade and still make the contract, he could afford to try the standard safety play with this combination: cash the ace, cross to dummy with a diamond, lead the nine of spades and let it ride. If East started with Q-J-x-x of spades, this would limit South to one spade loser, while if West won the trick, this would mean the spades were originally divided 3-2.

Declarer would therefore have made his contract easily had East returned a heart, a diamond or a spade at trick three. But East, who was well-versed in safety plays, decided not to sit idly by while South overcame the 4-1 spade division. After collecting his two heart tricks, he blithely shifted to the nine of clubs!

This unexpected development gave South pause for thought. The nine of clubs had all the earmarks of a singleton. If it was, attempting the safety play would risk the contract. If West started

South dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

		NORTH			
		♠ 9 8 2			
		♥ K 6			
		♦ A Q J 10			
		♣ A Q 5 3			
		WEST		EAST	
		♠ 4		♠ Q J 6 3	
		♥ 10 9 8 5 3		♥ A Q 2	
		♦ 8 6 2		♦ 9 7 5 4	
		♣ 10 8 6 4		♣ K 9	
		SOUTH			
		♠ A K 10 7 5			
		♥ J 7 4			
		♦ K 3			
		♣ J 7 2			

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠			

Opening lead — ten of hearts.

with the Q-x or J-x of spades, he would return a club after winning the second spade, and East would ruff to sink the contract.

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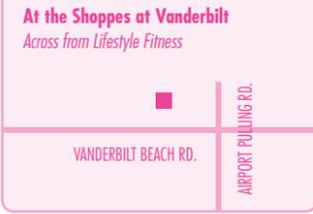
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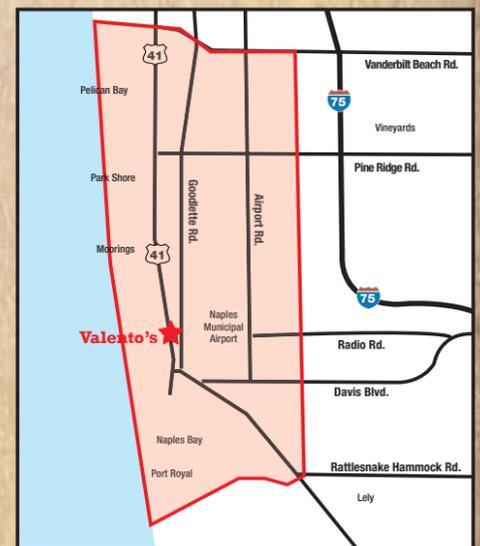
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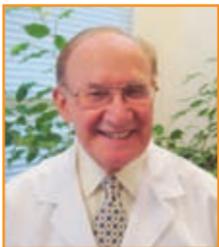


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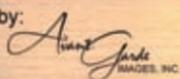
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The evening's lead sponsor is Merrill Lunch Wealth Management. Tickets for \$350 per person can be purchased by calling Lisa Morse at 657-7711 or by visiting www.guadalupecenter.org.

Tennis fashions for Music for Minors

Music for Minors, a nonprofit organization that provides musical instruments for students in Collier and Lee county schools, holds a luncheon and tennis fashion show on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at The Club at Barefoot Beach. Local tennis players will model fashions provided by Just Tennis.

Tickets are \$50, and a raffle will help generate more money for the cause. Reservations are required and can be made by e-mailing Becky Kimberly at docbeckyk@aol.com.

Go black tie for Make-A-Wish

The sixth annual Wishmakers Ball to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation is set for Friday, Jan. 20, at the Hilton Naples with the theme of "Black and White." Tickets are \$200. For more information, call Lesley Colantonio at 992-9474 or e-mail lcolantonio@sflawish.org.

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.

'Night at the Prom' at Marco museum

The Marco Island Historical Society invites members and friends to order their corsages and boutonnieres for "A Night at the Prom" on Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Marco Island Historical Museum. Cocktails and prom pictures will take place on the shell mound, followed by dinner, dancing to the Uptown Express doo-wop band, door prizes and Chris Lombardo's live auction in the Rose History Auditorium.

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Luncheon to help mend broken hearts

Educator, author, filmmaker, cultural theorist and anti-violence advocate Jackson Katz will be the keynote speaker at the Shelter for Abused Women & Children's 12 annual "Mending Broken Hearts with Hope" luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 21, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. The afternoon will also feature a designer boutique and silent auction.

Tickets are \$350 per person \$1,500 for patrons. For more information, call 775-3862, ext. 261, or e-mail cdalessandro@naplesshelter.org

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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. The evening will include a cocktail reception, dinner, silent and live auctions, raffle drawing, entertainment and more.

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'Meet me in Maui' for Children's Advocacy Center

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

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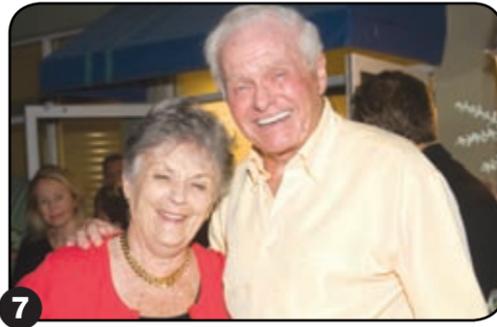
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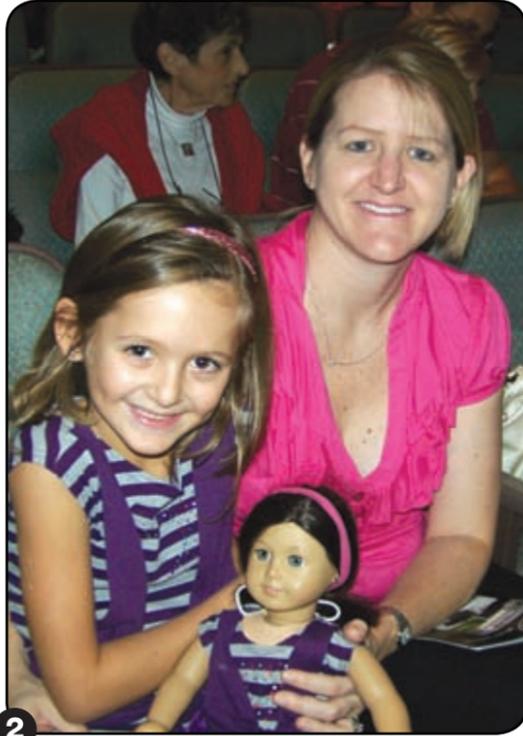
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Champagne makes the holidays — or any day — sparkle



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The holidays are a time of celebration, parties with family and friends and sharing gifts. It's the time of year when people traditionally break out Champagnes and sparkling wines, the quintessential drink of celebration.

Whether you choose classic French Champagne, a lively sparkling wine from California, a Spanish cava or Italian prosecco, the trick is to get the best bubble for your buck.

So does it matter whether it's a true Champagne or some other sparkling wine? I don't think so. What matters is what you like. When it comes to sparklers, production style, grapes and terroir create the different flavors and aromas as well as the amount and size of the bubbles.

Champagne — and many sparkling wines — are made in the methode champenoise style, one bottle at a time. After the initial fermentation, winemakers add a smidgen of sugar and yeast, causing a secondary fermentation in the sealed bottle. When the bottles are stored neck down in racks, the sediments move to the neck, which then are quick frozen, and the bottles opened, expelling an ice plug containing the sediments. A small dosage of wine is added to refill the bottles, which are then sealed with an oversized cork and wire hood. Bulk-process sparkling wines are made in a similar fash-

ion, but the container holds thousands of gallons, with individual bottles filled only after after the final dosage.

Here's a quick primer on the most popular types, along with my sparkling wine picks for the holidays and one bit of advice: Don't wait for the New Year to drink sparkling wine. It makes any day a special occasion.

■ **Champagne:** Champagne is produced only in the Champagne district of France, using primarily chardonnay or pinot noir grapes. Styles include Brut non-vintage, vintage, rosé and special cuvées. They also can be blanc de blanc, from white grapes only, a blanc de noir, from black grapes only, or a rosé.

Many large producers make Champagnes with grapes purchased from other growers. These include Mumm's, Veuve-Clicquot and Piper-Hiedsieck.

A smaller amount of Champagne is grown and produced by single growers. Their wines are distinct in taste because they are not blended with the grapes of other producers. Look for labels such as Egly-Ouriey and Pierre Moncuit and others with an RM (recoltantes-manipulants) on the label, signifying they are grower Champagnes.

■ **Sparkling wine:** Sparkling wines are made all around the world. Some of the best come from California, produced by French winemakers in the methode champenoise. These labels include Roederer Estate, Mumm's Napa and Domaine Carneros (owned by Taittinger).

Perhaps the most famous sparkler from California is the highly acclaimed Schrams-

berg, which topped Dom Perignon and other top French Champagnes in a recent blind tasting.

■ **Cava:** While you will not confuse these Spanish wines with top selections from France or the United States, they are made in the methode champenoise style. Light-bodied and refreshing, they are reasonably priced at about \$15 to \$20.

■ **Prosecco:** Made in the bulk process, these wines are generally light, dry and full of fresh flavors. Value priced at less than \$15, they are best served as an aperitif.

Sparkling picks of the week:

■ **Alfred Gratien Brut NV, \$70:** Fresh apple and peach aromas with a touch of citrus and tropical fruits on the palate, and a light toast finish.

■ **Casteller Cava Brut NV, \$15:** Dry, clean and refreshing aroma of lime and citrus, with green apple and citrus flavors and a crisp finish.

■ **Duval Leroy Brut NV, \$40:** Big, full body with floral, lemon and nut aromas and a citrusy mineral flavor, excellent bubbles and nice lasting finish.

■ **Nicolas Feuillatte Blue Label Brut NV, \$35:** Rich floral aromas with pear, apple and hazelnuts on the nose, opening to citrus and honey flavors with a crisp acidity.

■ **Roederer Estate Anderson Valley Brut NV, \$20:** Estate-grown blend of chardonnay and pinot noir, along with oak aging, gives a rich aroma of apple and cinnamon, followed by pear and apple flavors and a long balanced finish.

■ **Schramsberg Brut Rosé 2007, \$35:** Aromas of strawberry and watermelon fol-



lowed by stone fruit, citrus and berry flavors and lingering spicy finish.

■ **Schramsberg Blanc de Blanc 2008, \$36:** Fruity apple and lime aromas, with flavors of tropical fruits, pineapple and pear, and a long balanced finish ending with a light spice.

■ **Stellina di Notte Prosecco NV, \$16:** Light aromas of pear and citrus, with flavors of citrus and light almond, and just a touch of sweetness.

■ **Taittinger "La Francaise" Champagne Brut NV, \$35:** Rich aromas of lemon and apple, with orchard fruit flavors and a firm acidity, ending in a medium spicy finish.

■ **Veuve Clicquot Brut Rosé NV, \$45:** Light pink in color with floral and berry nose leads into raspberry and apricot flavors with a rich balanced finish. ■

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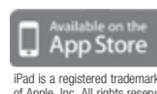
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CUISINE

Introducing Gordon's, an upscale dinner club on the river

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A new waterfront restaurant opens Wednesday, Jan. 4, at Naples Harbour. Gordon's on the River aims to revive the era of private supper clubs, serving a traditional steak and seafood menu with classics such as veal Oscar and Florida lobster thermidor.

With just 60 seats indoors — as well as a spacious bar and outdoor terrace — Gordon's has been designed to create a warm, elegant setting for patrons. Memberships are available and non-members can obtain guest memberships.

Heading the culinary team is Chef Andrew McLaughlin, most recently of The Club at Mediterra. Sommelier Ian Ponsford also comes from The Club at Mediterra, following eight years as sommelier for The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort.

At the front of the house are two well-known Lee County restaurateurs: Audrey Kassem, food and beverage director, who previously managed Ellington's Jazz Club and Portofino's on Sanibel; and Roberta "Brucie" Oliphant, chief culinary consultant, who spent three decades with the Veranda restaurant in downtown Fort Myers.

Naples Harbour is at 475 North Road. Call 213-1441 or visit www.FloridaMarinaClubs.com.

An exotic blend of flavors

Komoon Thai Sushi & Ceviche recently opened in Mission Square Plaza, offering Thai, Japanese and Peruvian fare. In addition to the sushi and ceviche mentioned in the name, the menu includes a host of cooked fare that represents classic dishes from each of the three countries.

Owners Saifon Sombun and Paul and Fabiola Adrianzen have hired chefs who are well acquainted with each country's foods. They also promise a warm, hospitable atmosphere to complement the voluminous menu.

Komoon is open 11:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. It's at 1575 Pine Ridge Road. Call 596-9991 or visit www.komoonthai.com.

Time for truffles at Angelina's

Thankfully, there's no snow here around the holidays, but Angelina's offers



Gordon's on the River

a truffle menu for those who want something white right about now.

The prized white truffle appears in a special three-course dinner. For \$120 per person, it includes: duck liver terrine with pancetta and mushrooms; tagliarini with sage and grana padano; and pan-seared wild sea bass, crispy truffled potatoes and roasted leeks finished with Meyer lemon crema. Each course can also be ordered individually.

"Our menu expertly complements these extraordinary seasonal ingredients," says Ken Knief, director of operations. "The sophisticated flavor of the white truffle pairs brilliantly with butter for dressing pastas and potato dishes."

The restaurant also offers some nightly holiday specials. On Thursday, Dec. 22, it's buy one beer or wine by the glass in the lounge and get one free. On Friday and Saturday, Dec. 23-24, guests will enjoy a complimentary miniature rum cake.

Angelina's is open 5-9 p.m. Sunday and 5-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday. It's at 24041 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs. For information or reservations, call 390-3187 or visit www.angelinasofbonitasprings.com.

A perfect 10 for Norman Love

When Norman Love opened his chocolate business a decade ago, he envisioned a wholesale concern that would sell to a select group of hotels. But the public quickly figured out where he was and

began lining up for his ultra-premium, handcrafted goodies.

Ten years later, Norman Love Confections operates salons in Fort Myers and Naples and supplies chocolate lovers around the world via Internet sales.

To celebrate his decade of success, Mr. Love is giving away \$10,000 in gift cards over the next 10 months, randomly inserting them in signature green gift boxes of 15 pieces or larger sold in the Fort Myers and Naples salons.

The salons are at 3747 Tamiami Trail N., Naples (687-7215) and 11380 Lindbergh Blvd., Fort Myers (561-7215).

Naples Originals gift certificates

Looking for a last-minute gift for a food lover? Members of the Naples originals, a group of locally owned restaurants, are offering a limited number of discounted gift certificates on their website. Those worth \$50 sell for \$35; \$25 certificates are \$17.50.

Among those that still had certificates available early in the week were the Sunburst Café, Pelican Larry's and The Village Pub. Go to www.naplesoriginals.com and click on the gift certificate page. It will show which restaurants still have certificates available. They are immediately e-mailed to you.

A new chef at Noodles

Martyn "Marty" Freeman has joined the culinary team of Noodles Italian Café



Inside Gordon's on the River



All set at Gordon's on the River

& Sushi Bar as chef. He previously served as chef de cuisine at Bistro 821 and as sous chef at Michael's Café.

"Chef Marty brings more than two decades of cooking and catering experience to our kitchen," says Executive Chef Seth Berman.

Noodles is in Mission Square Plaza, 1585 Pine Ridge

Road. Call 370-6577 or visit www.noodlescafe.com.

Still time to snag See's

There are still a few more days left to purchase See's Candies at its temporary location at the Coastland Center. The holiday gift center remains open through Monday, Dec. 26.

Among this year's offerings are a Winter Wonderland box, truffles, gourmet lollipops and peanut brittle. To take a look at all the offerings, visit www.sees.com or see them up close and personal at Coastland Center. ■



See's "Winter Wonderland"

food & wine CALENDAR

➤ **Thursday, Dec. 22, 5-7 p.m.**, Sea Salt: Bottles of Naples hosts a tasting of the finest cavas from Spain; 1186 Third St. S.; 434-7258. Reservations required.

➤ **Tuesday, Dec. 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**, The Wine Merchant: Sample the sparkling wines from Schramberg that outscored Dom Perignon and Roderer Crystal in a blind tasting; 12820 Tamiami Trail N.; 592-0000.

➤ **Wednesday, Dec. 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m.**, Shula's Steak House: Sample five bourbons from around the world paired with complimentary hors d'oeuvres; \$20 in advance, \$25 at the

door; 5111 Tamiami Trail N. For reservations, call 659-3176.

➤ **Wednesday, Dec. 28, 6-8 p.m.**, The Good Life of Naples: Shelly Connors shows guests how to create a winter seafood fest featuring a monkfish stew, salmon in parchment and steamed mussels; \$60, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663.

➤ **Wednesday, Jan. 4, 6-8 p.m.**, The Good Life of Naples: Shelly Connors leads "Italian boot camp"; \$50, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663.



Farmers markets

➤ **Wednesday, 1:30-5:30 p.m.**, St. Monica's Episcopal Church, 7070 Immokalee Road; 591-4550.

➤ **Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.**, the Marco Island Farmers Market, Veterans Community Park, Marco Island.

➤ **Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**, the Government Complex farmers market, 3335 U.S. 41 E.

➤ **Saturday, 7:30-11:30 a.m.**, Third Street South, behind Tommy Bahama's between

Third Street and Gordon Drive.

➤ **Saturday, 7 a.m.-noon**, the Bonita Springs Lions Club farm market, The Promenade, 26851 South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs.

➤ **Saturday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.**, the North Naples Green Market at the Galleria Shoppes at Vanderbilt, off Airport Pulling and Vanderbilt Beach roads.

➤ **Sunday, 8 a.m.-noon**, Freedom Park farmers market, 151 Golden Gate Parkway. ■

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