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IT WAS AN AMERICAN YEAR MARKED by the momentous and the maudlin in ideas and action: on the one hand, the death of Osama bin Laden in May, the Arab spring in the summer and fall (to which our ideas about living contributed significantly), and the more recent Occupy Wall Street movement followed by the end of our war in Iraq, wrapping up in December.

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Having a ball

Young execs for the David Lawrence Center get together, and more to-dos around town. **C24-25 ▶**



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Rookery Bay festival celebrates Southwest Florida's great outdoors. **A12 ▶**

Athletes of all levels can try this triathlon

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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Athletes of all levels have the chance to swim, bike and then run in five triathlon races in Naples this weekend.

The New York State-based events management company called HITS Inc. launched its inaugural triathlon series last month in Palm Springs, Calif., with an event that drew 1,100 participants. The Naples HITS Triathlon Series races are expected to draw about 500 athletes

based on early registration.

There's no registration fee to compete in the easiest event for first-timers or beginners: the Open triathlon, in which participants will swim 100 meters, bike three miles and run one mile. The series' most challenging race is the Full Ironman: a 2.4-mile swim followed by a 112-mile bicycle ride and a marathon (26.2 miles) run.

For athletes in between, there are the



Sprint (750-meter swim, 12.4-mile bike ride, 3.1-mile run), Olympic (1,500-meter swim, 24.8-mile ride, 6.2-mile run) and Half Ironman (1.2-mile swim, 56-mile ride, 13.1-mile run) triathlons.

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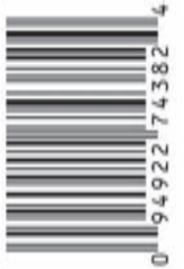
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COMMENTARY

Remembering a 'magnificent' Neapolitan

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Note: When I described the life of Donna MacNiven last week ("The Lives They Led"), I misspelled her name. Graciously, Mrs. MacNiven's family and friends refrained from criticism. To them I offer a deep apology. To other readers who may have missed the story of this vibrant Neapolitan, I offer a second chance to know her. — Roger Williams.

Donna MacNiven, 1948-2011

Two stories shine like beacons from the last day of Donna MacNiven's life, when November drew to a dark close and she finally lost her 16-year battle with breast cancer.



With her loved ones gathered around her, Mrs. MacNiven summoned her friend, Elizabeth Brickman.

"I got in the bed with her — our faces were close together — and she asked to talk with me and to pray," recalls Mrs. Brickman.

"Suddenly everything changed. I was no longer the comforter; I couldn't do it. She had to comfort me. I said, 'I don't

want you to go.' And she said, 'That's all right, Elizabeth. It won't be very long and you'll be with me.' She meant that the measure of eternity is wider and higher than we can imagine, and this life is short and transitory. She did not die with fear or any kind of dread."

Something else revealing took place in those last hours, too.

As Mrs. MacNiven slipped into unconsciousness, the telephone rang, Mrs. Brickman recalls. Donna's youngest daughter, Tiffany Lehman, answered it, only to discover a solicitor on the line.

"Tiffany could have hung up, or been brusque, but she didn't. She was courteous and kind. She spoke in full sentences. That's how they were raised."

Donna and her husband, Ralph MacNiven, raised their daughters, Tiffany, 33, and Heather Bosse, 34, in Naples after meeting on a blind date during their college days at the University of Florida.

That sparkling moment led to a long and happy marriage.

While Ralph established a thriving insurance business in Naples, Donna served as his office manager. Later, she became one of the first female State Farm insurance agents in the state, creating both her own agency and a vocational legacy for her girls. Each is now an insurance agent with a family of her own, Tiffany in Naples.

"Choose to build character over building wealth," was one of Mrs. MacNiven's rules for living — and building character meant helping people. So that's what she did.

"Everything she did, she did for someone else. She was the most positive person you've ever met," explains Tiffany.

She formed the celebrated Youth Leadership Collier program for high school juniors.

She joined the MAG Five, now MAG 10 — a group of "magnificent" women who bring together the power of their friendships to help each other and others in the community. And she contributed countless hours to the Zonta Club of Naples, which empowers girls through education, among many other good works.

But her true talent emerged in what Mrs. Brickman calls "the laser focus" of her hope for every person she met.

Such one-on-one caring sprang from a single Biblical verse, Galatians 5:14: "For the whole law is summed up in one command: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'"

Forced to wear a wig after cancer treatment, for example, in subsequent years she purchased and donated other wigs to people who couldn't afford them.

"She was a person people were instantly, almost magnetically attracted to," recalls Mrs. Brickman. "Here is the reason: Donna's outlook on the world was that everyone was immediately pronounced 'Not Guilty.'"

On each person, she focused this cheerful, joyful hope and encouragement. That was the essence of who she was."

Although she was unfailingly sweet in temperament and manner, Mrs. Mac-

Niven was no Pollyanna, especially when it came to raising her children.

When Tiffany decided at 15 to run away without telling anyone — for about two hours, to her friend's house across the street — her parents' reaction sprang from another of her mother's rules to live by: "When your child does something bad, overreact the first time so they don't do it again, and you don't have to react later."

When Tiffany got home, her mother had become a Florida hurricane.

"They took my bedroom door off the hinges," she recalls. "I had to strip my room. I had to clean it up and we painted it. I was punished for two months."

And then?

"I NEVER did that again."

Perhaps Mrs. MacNiven inherited some of her steel from her parents, who had raised her in Miami. Her dad was a fighter pilot in World War II who became an inventor and maker of products for the airplane industry; her mother was a strong, devoted homemaker.

Her relationship with people in the world, notes Mrs. Brickman, "was not passive. She wasn't the sweet, passive kind of caring person. She was way more active. She was dynamic, energetic, joyful, determined. Those molecules were jumping all over the place."

Whether that came from genetics or from a conscious choice probably doesn't matter, suggests Mrs. Brickman.

What matters is that it turned into a habit that became a life. And that life became a Neapolitan jewel. ■

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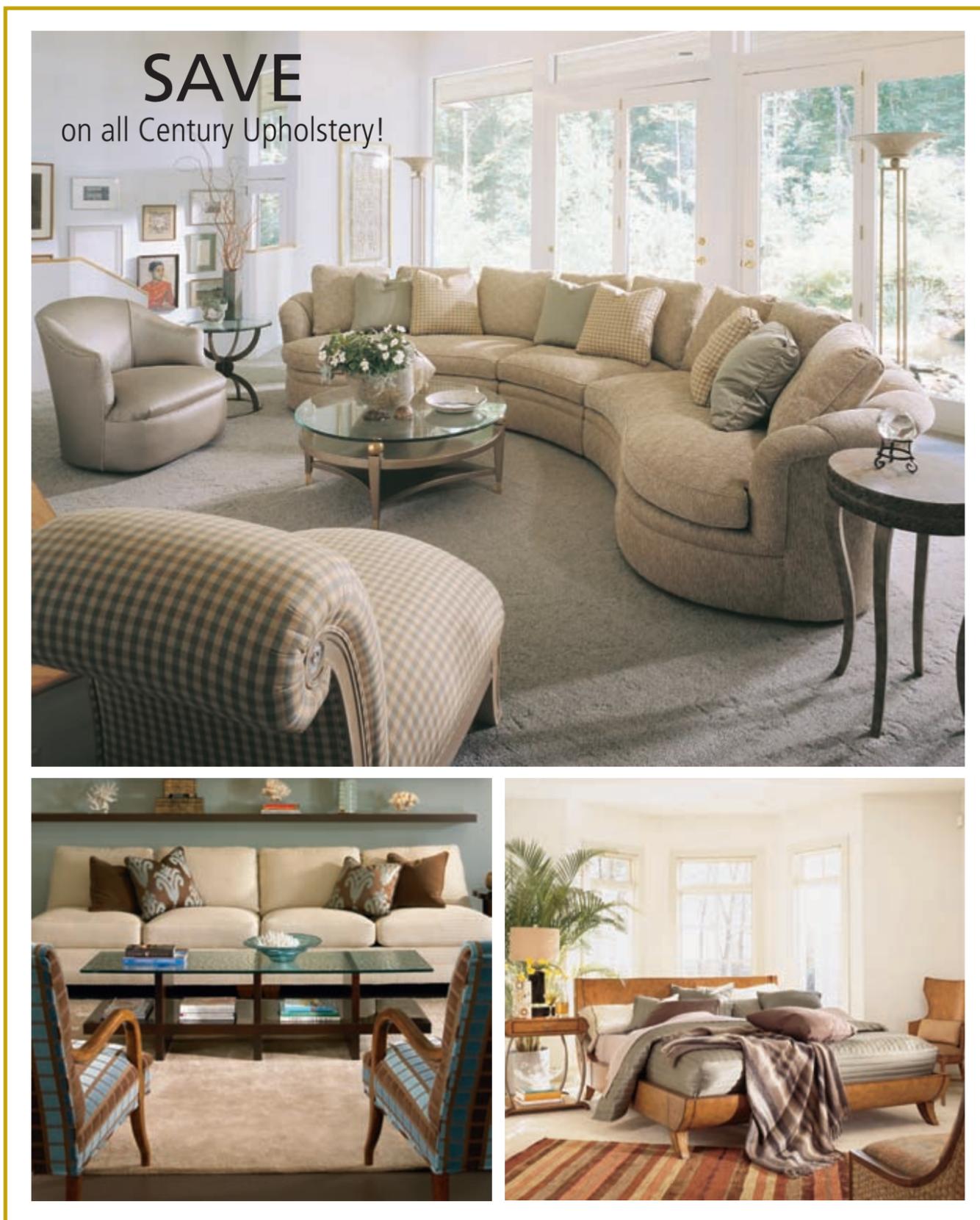
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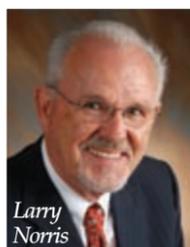
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OPINION

Blame the rich



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A haze of ugliness hung over President Barack Obama last month in Osawatomie, Kan., where he delivered a speech as malodorous as an Occupy Wall Street encampment and about as thoughtful. The president needs a campaign theme to patch him over for the next year. He settled on all but blaming the rich for trashing the American Dream. Income inequality, he said, “gives lie to the promise that’s at the very heart of America.”

How so? The president maintains that with inequality on the rise, it had already become more difficult in 1980 than at the end of World War II for a child to climb out of poverty into the middle class. What happened between World War II and 1980? For one, we had the advent of the Great Society. The fact that the creation of a liberal dream state coincided, in his view, with the diminution of advancement might make a more reflective man stop and think. Not our president.

President Obama implied that some people are poor because other people are rich, an assumption of class antagonism antithetical to the American idea and tenuously connected to the evidence. Consider a concrete example. The president’s former top budget official, Peter Orszag, departed the administration to work at Citigroup for upward of \$2 million a year. Putting aside the seemliness and the merits of Orszag’s pay and that of his cohorts on Wall Street, how does his paycheck make it harder for anyone else to get ahead? Orszag’s income doesn’t increase out-of-wedlock childbearing, incarceration or lack of work effort — all significant obstacles to advancement up the income scale.

If inequality were foreclosing opportunity, we would have seen steadily declining mobility since the late 1970s. Scott Winship of the Brookings Institution, an expert in this area, says as near as we can tell, the data doesn’t bear that out. We are “sticky at the bottom,” meaning we have trouble getting people out of the bottom fifth, but that has been a long-standing failing.

Everyone agrees the ticket ahead in America is education. Children from the bottom fifth who get a college degree

have only a 16 percent chance of staying in the bottom fifth and a 19 percent chance of making it to the top fifth and getting excoriated by the most powerful man in the world.

In his speech, President Obama called for a “national mission” to improve education in the same breath he inveighed against “laying off good teachers.” Does it ever occur to him that some of the teachers might not be good? The teachers unions have surely done more to hamper upward mobility in America than the nation’s most loathsome collection of banksters.

We should endeavor to create the conditions for economic growth, transform education fundamentally and champion the bourgeois virtues at every opportunity. But President Obama only wants shiny new wrapping paper for his same old proposals — taxes on the rich, infrastructure spending and regulation. This familiar litany is now supposed to be the answer to complex, decades-long trends. It’s good to know he takes himself so seriously; no one else should. ■

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

If you can’t beat them, enjoin them (from voting)



amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

All eyes are on Iowa this week, as the hodgepodge field of Republican contenders gallivants across that farm state seeking a win, or at least “momentum,” in the campaign for the party’s presidential nomination. But behind the scenes, a battle is being waged by Republicans — not against each other, but against American voters. Across the country, state legislatures and governors are pushing laws that seek to restrict access to the voting booth, laws that will disproportionately harm people of color, low-income people, and young and elderly voters.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund have just released a comprehensive report on the crisis, “Defending Democracy: Confronting Modern Barriers to Voting Rights in America.” In it, they write: “The heart of the modern block the vote campaign is a wave of restrictive government-issued photo identification requirements. In a coordinated effort, legislators in thirty-four states introduced bills imposing such requirements. Many of these bills were modeled on legislation drafted by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) — a conservative advocacy group whose founder explained: ‘Our leverage in the elections quite candidly goes up as the voting populace goes down.’”

It is interesting that the right wing, long an opponent of any type of national identification card, is very keen to impose photo-identification requirements at the state level. Why? Ben Jealous, president of the NAACP, calls the voter ID laws “a solution without

a problem. ... It’s not going to make the vote more secure. What it is going to do is put the first financial barrier between people and their ballot box since we got rid of the poll tax.”

You don’t have to look far for people impacted by this new wave of voter-purging laws. Darwin Spinks, an 86-year-old World War II veteran from Murfreesboro, Tenn., went to the Department of Motor Vehicles to get a photo ID for voting purposes, since drivers over 60 there are issued driver’s licenses without photos. After waiting in two lines, he was told he had to pay \$8. Requiring a voter to pay a fee to vote has been unconstitutional since the poll tax was outlawed in 1964. Over in Nashville, 93-year-old Thelma Mitchell had a state-issued ID — the one she used as a cleaner at the state Capitol building for more than 30 years. The ID had granted her access to the governor’s office for decades, but now, she was told, it wasn’t good enough to get her into the voting booth. She and her family are considering a lawsuit, an unfortunate turn of events for a woman who is older than the right of women to vote in this country.

It is not just the elderly being given the disenfranchisement runaround. The Brennan Center for Justice at the New York University School of Law points to “bills making voter registration drives extremely difficult and risky for volunteer groups, bills requiring voters to provide specific photo ID or citizenship documents... bills cutting back on early and absentee voting, bills making it hard for students and active-duty members of the military to register to vote locally, and more.”

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder recently spoke on this alarming trend. He said: “Our efforts honor the generations of Americans who have taken extraordinary risks, and willingly confronted hatred, bias and ignorance —

as well as billy clubs and fire hoses, bullets and bombs — to ensure that their children, and all American citizens, would have the chance to participate in the work of their government. The right to vote is not only the cornerstone of our system of government — it is the lifeblood of our democracy.”

Just this week, the Justice Department blocked South Carolina’s new law requiring voters to show photo IDs at the polls, saying data submitted by South Carolina showed that minority voters were about 20 percent more likely to lack acceptable photo ID required at polling places.

By some estimates, the overall population who may be disenfranchised by this wave of legislation is upward of 5 million voters, most of whom would be expected to vote with the Democratic Party. The efforts to quash voter participation are not genuine, grassroots movements. Rather, they rely on funding from people like the Koch brothers, David and Charles. That is why thousands of people, led by the NAACP, marched on the New York headquarters of Koch Industries two weeks ago en route to a rally for voting rights at the United Nations.

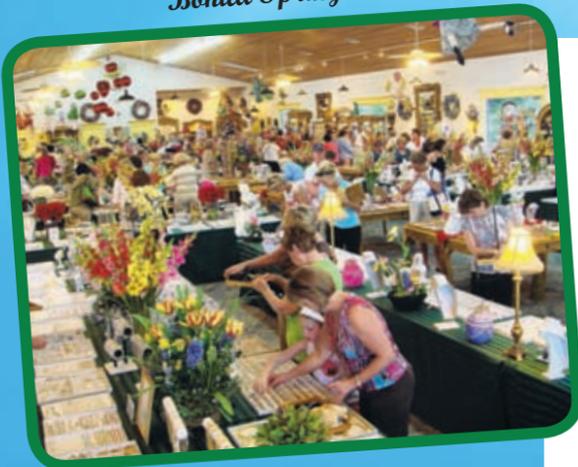
Despite the media attention showered on the Iowa caucuses, the real election outcomes in 2012 will likely hinge more on the contest between billionaire political funders like the Kochs and the thousands of people in the streets, demanding one person, one vote. ■

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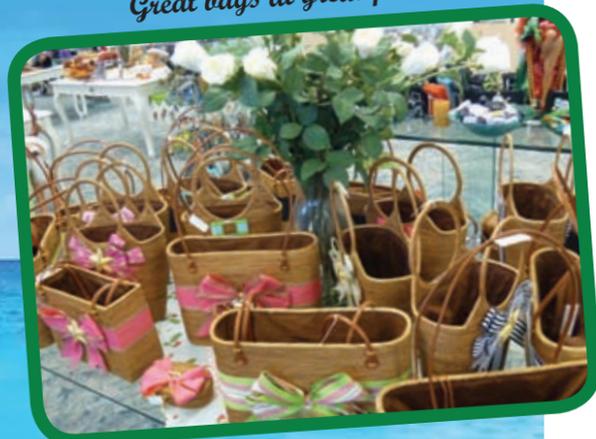


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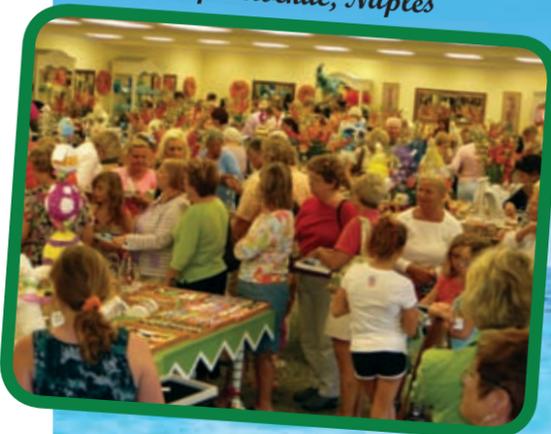


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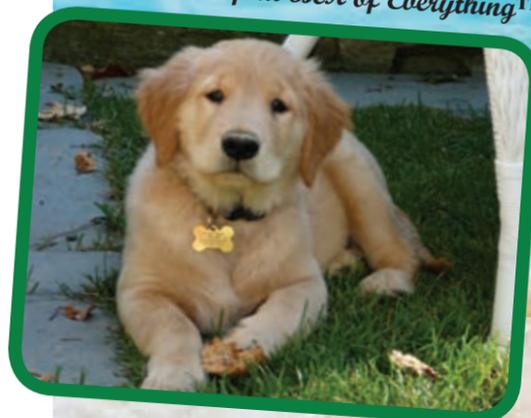
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The new Chabad Jewish Community Center celebrates its grand opening at 1789 Mandarin Road on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 15. Festivities will include the dedication of a restored Torah salvaged from the Holocaust and a concert by Lawrence Dermer & Third House Rising.

No worries if you're not Jewish; like many of the folks who will take part in this monumental celebration, Linda and I are not Jewish.

Chabad Naples began with the dream and vision of Rabbi Fishel Zaklos and his wife, Ettie. I met the rabbi seven years ago during a meeting with Dr. Zudhi Jasser, a devout Muslim who embraces democracy and who is a voice against Islamic Jihad. Subsequently, Rabbi Fishel and I met for coffee and began to build our friendship.

Several times over the past few years, the rabbi has delivered his inspirational message on my show. I've also had the pleasure of serving as emcee at the last few Chabad Naples galas.

Rabbi Fishel, his wife Ettie and their 9-month old son moved to Naples seven years ago to start Chabad Naples. Two people attended their first service, and only nine were at their first High Holiday service. The Chabad has come a long way since then: In December, nearly 1,000

people celebrated at Chabad's Chanukah festival at Venetian Village, including Mayor Bill Barnett, who lit the menorah.

The new Chabad Jewish Community Center will become the home of many programs, from preschool and Hebrew school to the Friendship Circle (teaming up teenagers with special-needs children), Women's Circle, Men's Club and Camp Gan (the summer camp).

The Fishels now have four children, Mendel, Yitzi, Chaya and Hinda).

Rabbi Fishel was born in Nashville, Tenn., one of eight children in a home where he says "anyone felt welcome at any time." While his father is a rabbi, there was no family pressure to pursue a rabbinical life. In fact, Rabbi Fishel considers one of the blessings of his home life to be the encouragement by his parents to live a life of passion and goodness — to choose a personal path and to live life as fully as possible.

Rabbi Fishel studied at the Rabbinical College of America in Morristown, N.J., and received his ordination when he was only 21. Prior to coming to Naples, he served as the assistant rabbi at the Chabad Center in Atlanta and also traveled to Vietnam and Nepal to co-ordinate and lead High Holiday services.

The Fishels did as much research as possible and developed a well-formulated plan before coming to Naples. While Chabad Naples began its journey with a small gathering, those in attendance shared their experiences with others in the community, and the word began to spread. The rest is history.

Talking points with Rabbi Fishel Zaklos

Something that's been on your mind: I've been thinking for a long time about how I can make a meaningful and ongoing contribution to help people who are dealing with a serious health crisis. I've been inspired by an organization called Corporate Angel Network that coordinates private air travel for patients who need medical treatment... We're in the very early stages of developing a program for cancer patients here in Naples.



preschool and our summer camp, is a full-time mother to our four children and keeps our home beautiful and organized — always manages to look stunning.

Something people would be surprised to find out about you: I'm a big Miami Heat fan. I enjoy watching professional sports and playing all types of sports, too.

What you are most proud of: I am very proud to have received a certificate of appreciation signed by all the staff at Memorial Sloan-Kettering naming me as the "Greatest Brother" after spending 2½ years with them while I cared for my brother.

Your first job: I was hired with a friend to organize the logistics of the World's Largest Passover Seder in Nepal and then again the following year in Vietnam.

What the Paradise Coast really needs: I wouldn't mind a good kosher deli.

What your mom was always right about: True richness is being happy with yourself, your spouse, your children and your family and with what you have.

What makes you laugh: Children.

Last book you read: "Outliers: The Story of Success," by Malcolm Gladwell.

Something you'll never understand: How my wife, Ettie — who is my partner at Chabad, director of our

I've never seen Rabbi Fishel speak from notes (and certainly not from a teleprompter), although he might have a photographic memory. I've seen him acknowledge by name every person in the room when there are scores of people present. I would guess he speaks from the inspiration of the moment, but of course he is well centered in his faith and tradition. He is a man of good humor and an avid sports fan as well. He credits his success to his dear wife, an equal partner in all of his endeavors.

This column is dedicated to individuals who have been guests on my show who "make a difference" in other people's lives here on the Paradise Coast. The Fishels have certainly made a difference to the Jewish community and the community at large, and they'll continue to do so for years to come. ■

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In the midst of all that folderol it might be easy to overlook the remarkable ideas that took shape across the state and region last year.

Soon, those ideas may do more than take shape — they may become real in our lives.

From Naples to Bonita Springs and from Fort Myers to Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte, more than a million residents of the southwest coast may now discover opportunities that didn't exist when 2011 began — and simply because someone, somewhere, once had a good idea.

Sometimes, of course, those “good ideas” are matters of debate. Will the consequences of an idea prove to be benevolent or malignant in its execution?

Here, *Florida Weekly* glances at several of the most prominent ideas that emerged front and center in 2011.

Beyond debate is the Lee Memorial Health System's planned Children's Hospital that will significantly improve accessible care for parents and their children who face dire medical issues across the region.

If men and women disturbed by the illness or suffering of children continue to give money in its cause, that idea will become glass and steel — not to mention increased comfort and care — by 2016.

Other ideas may change the landscape someday, though not necessarily soon: Collier County's long and carefully prepared Master Mobility Plan, for example.

The idea, of course, is to allow Collier County residents of the future to live and work in the region with much greater ease than they do now — without wholly draining local government coffers and even if their numbers amount to almost a million in Collier County alone, which is the prediction.

When would that be? Read on and find out.

Perhaps the most powerful economic idea proposed in the region or the state last year is the notion of high-stakes, high-style casino gambling in Florida off Indian lands.

This idea would be shaped Las Vegas-style by “destination” resorts with glittering hotels and restaurants owned and operated by international and Las Vegas-based businesses, among others.

Such ventures could boost the economy of the region and state into another, much higher orbit, creating significant wealth — or they could eviscerate the family-centered tourist culture upon which many in the region depend, damaging many existing businesses and spawning peripheral problems.

Either way, the casino-resort idea is now on the table as a proposed bill soon to be heard by the state legislature, whether or not it ultimately proves a boon or a bust.

What is never a bust (although it may be a gamble, depending on weather, soil and other conditions) is the idea of eating fresh, local food grown either by people you know, or by you.

No, it's not a new idea in itself since it probably dates back to the beginning of agriculture sometime after the last



of help last year, kids sick enough to have to be hospitalized at Lee Memorial Health System's current children's hospital (about 41,000, meanwhile, came through the outpatient services).

That need exceeded the maximum demand that the hospital was originally designed to accommodate. There

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An artist's renderings of the new Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida to be built on the HealthPark campus.

ice age, perhaps about 8,000 years ago.

But here, *Florida Weekly* takes a quick glance at the suddenly burgeoning interest in fresh local food, in 2011. Many people began not only to buy from local farms and local farmers, but to seek ways to grow it themselves, say those in the business — who in turn, and generously, began teaching them.

You may read about any or all of those ideas here.

Our idea, finally, is to give our readers a sense of what other ideas may affect their lives.

Or failing that, at the very least to provide an easy-to-use mulch for the backyard garden, or a tidy wrap for fresh fish.



Casino Resort Retooling

THE FIRST MAJOR ASSAULT ON THE TRADITIONAL deal between the state of Florida and Indian interests that exclusively control casino-resort gambling became public in 2011, but could become law in the new year. The idea now set to appear in the January legislative session as a bill — that three major casino resorts be established in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties — was proposed by two east-coast legislators: Sen. Ellyn Bogdanoff of Fort Lauderdale, and Rep. Erik Fresen of Miami, both Republicans.

But another proposal to allow the creation of a “destination-resort” that could include a full range of Vegas-style gambling in Lee County is also on the table.

It would have to win the approval both of local voters and the state legislature, and its proponents say it would bring in countless millions of dollars to the county and the region.

Current Florida law allows the full range of gaming, including Vegas-style slots with such games as blackjack and baccarat only in casinos owned and operated by the Seminole or Miccosukee tribes. That would change with passage of the new bill.

Pari-mutuel gaming venues in Florida that are now paying a 35-percent tax

on their revenue, and the Indian-controlled gaming that provides annual sums of roughly \$250 million in return for the state's guarantee of a monopoly on such business, would be threatened, analysts say.

On the east coast, money has already started to flow to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars as corporations from Las Vegas and overseas have begun to make investments in property, betting that legislators will pass the bill. And lobbyists in Tallahassee are energetically pushing their cause as the Jan. 10 legislative session approaches, according to a report last week in *The New York Times*.

The Lee County resort would be owned by former NBA basketball coach Pat Riley and his partners. Proposed at a location near I-75 and Colonial Boulevard, it could draw traffic from north and south, as well as travelers from nearby Southwest Florida International Airport.

Such a deal would set a precedent for how other gaming entrepreneurs might proceed in other counties besides Broward and Miami-Dade. Its success would require two things besides passage of the proposed new state bill: a separate bill passed by the legislature — another state bill, in other words — and the agreement of Lee County voters.

In fact, any additional casino in any of Florida's 67 counties would require both state and local-voter approval, according to the rules of the road established in the language of the new bill.

But never before has the opportunity been so near.

The Children's Hospital

THE PEOPLE WHO REALLY GET THIS IDEA are not children. Children don't want to go anywhere near a Children's Hospital, and don't understand why they should have to. Some of them probably figure, if you don't build it, we won't have to come.

It, in this case, is a new six-story, \$226 million facility with 148 beds and almost 400,000 square feet designed down to the last inch for very sick children.

And sick children do have to come, whether you build it or not. About 5,000 of them arrived in desperate need

simply isn't enough room, and not just for children but for parents who come to the Lee system from five surrounding counties because it offers the only full-service children's hospital between Tampa and Miami.

Sometimes, for example, parents find themselves huddled overnight near their sick children in bedside chairs or cots hastily arranged in waiting rooms that have been converted to hospital rooms.

That's not good enough. Hence, the birth of a brilliant idea — an idea simple in the conception and much more difficult in the execution.

“We started to travel this journey because of a lack of bed capacity,” says Kathy Bridge-Liles, vice president of the Children's Hospital at HealthPark Medical Center.

Here's the idea by the numbers: a \$198.1 million tower with a soaring glass atrium, 50 new pediatric beds added to the existing 98 for a total of 148, a 68-bed neonatal intensive care unit and a 20-bed emergency department for children only, not to mention a six-story, on-site parking garage.

The new Children's Hospital, planned for completion in 2016, will take a lot of pressure off the entire system at Lee Memorial. In the case of the emergency room alone, for example, about 25,000 children are forced to make use of it each year — kids pressed in with the general population. That will change with the new children's ER.

So who gets this idea? Who's going to make that journey to pay for all this?

Not children themselves and not taxpayers, per se. Lee Memorial is the largest single system in Florida and one of the largest in the nation operating without a single cent of taxpayer support.

The people who get the idea are parents, of course — or relatives or friends of parents, along with anyone who has ever cared for a very sick child.

They also happen to be caring members of the community at large, mostly professionals who decide to share their successful lives with people they will never meet — with other children facing trauma and trouble, and with the

parents of those children.

Most prominent among them, perhaps, is Joe Catti, president and CEO of FineMark National Bank & Trust (where employees are given paid time off to volunteer in the community — itself a fine idea).

Mr. Catti is leading the massive effort to raise \$126 million from other parents (or friends of parents and their children) in a capital campaign to get this done.

He himself has four adult children now, two of whom suffered grave illnesses as infants, experiences that were not lost on his heart and mind.

Among the many others who have some experience themselves and contributed last year were the men and women at Fowler, White, Boggs (a law firm) along with Jim and Nancy Humphrey (a shareholder and former Fort Myers mayor), to the tune of \$100,000 for a parent's room; the people at Pelican Landing who pledged \$500,000 for four rooms, and hosted a golf tournament to raise \$87,850; and such supporters as the men and women at Picone Financial Partners, The Club at Renaissance, Gulf Coast Town Center, Epic Medical Systems, Jaguar of Fort Myers, the Fort Myers Film Festival, the Florida Everblades and the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation itself.

Read those names. You or somebody you know may have cause to thank them one day for seeing a good idea and getting behind it.

The master mobility plan

THIS IS THE STORY OF FORESIGHT — A quality that some leaders of the past, for all their hardy pioneering virtues, lacked in abundance.

Are we really expected to sit down and worry about what life will be like here in, say, 2030, or 2050, or (get this) 2080, when those kids born last week at NCH or Lee or Charlotte hospitals will be almost three-score-and-ten in age?

Are we to believe that a decision made now could affect people living in some different future decades hence?

In a word, yes — at least in the minds of Collier County officials and planners who hired some very smart people to help them establish the general outlines of a practical plan for living forward.

Over the course of a few months (or longer), they came up with a master notion that considers not only the mixed-medley of roads and every other form of transportation imaginable — all coordinated like the movements of a symphony — but populations.

As it turns out, there is far more to mobility than simply moving around.

Culling every available resource from professional planners and engineers to academics, they laid out a way to connect the regional to the local, in a time when the pressure of people will be much greater and their needs many.

The plan requires economic diversity, widely mixed housing opportunities, sustainable living-and-working community development, and significant redevelopment or what they call "in-fill."

The tools of this work of art are many: a thorough "complete streets" program connecting public and commuter services and transit services across the region right down to bike paths through the neighborhood.

Incentives for developments that meet mobility goals.

Density bonuses for developers and communities (to put people close to work).

The location of public facilities such as schools and parks together.

The whole idea, officials say, is to integrate Collier's distinct regions in a way that reduces vehicle miles of travel and provides highly accessible public services to everyone.

As the New Year begins, it all seems

a long ways off — but it isn't, officials insist.

One of the plan's virtues, besides addressing a lot more than mere mobility, is this: it celebrates the willingness of officials to step away from the 2012 order of march and take a long, cool look down the corridors of time — all the way to what Collier County and the region might be in the year 2080.

The current population is about 334,000, with employment at 167,000, for an employment-to-population ratio of .50.

That ratio becomes important in each region of the county as time goes on, because it will determine in part what commercial development needs to take place near living developments, and therefore what transportation may be required.

In 2080, officials can imagine the county accommodating 935,000 people, with more than half-a-million of them working.

Built into the plan are extensive notions about how to preserve wild areas and green spaces, as well as wild-life and its necessary corridors.

The areas distinguished in Collier's Master Mobility Plan include not only the Urban Coastal Area where 267,000 of the county's residents now live, but eight other distinct areas: the Immokalee Urban Area; the Rural Lands Stewardship Area; Golden Gates Estates; Orange Tree; and areas the planners call A, B, C, and D.

For each area, a specific mobility plan exists to tie living, working and transportation into the county and region as a whole.

And that is a very good idea.

Growing your own

HAVE YOU NOTICED? FARM STANDS AND weekly farmers markets these days are proliferating across Southwest Florida almost like strip malls once did (perhaps that's a slight exaggeration) — up and down the roadways, in and out of parks and cultural centers, and in and out of our towns and cities.

Just as important, so are classes or the knowledge and tools required for those enamored of local food.

The idea — to become a part of the food process that brings it from field to table, rather than a passive, end-point consumer — seems to have taken off in 2011.

"I'd say 2011 saw an explosion in interest about growing your own, at home or close to home: community gardens, classes, farmers markets, kitchen gardens, you name it. There's a grassroots movement to look for an alternative to the California-grown, chemically laden, refrigerated-truck Walmart lettuce!" says Santiago de Choch.

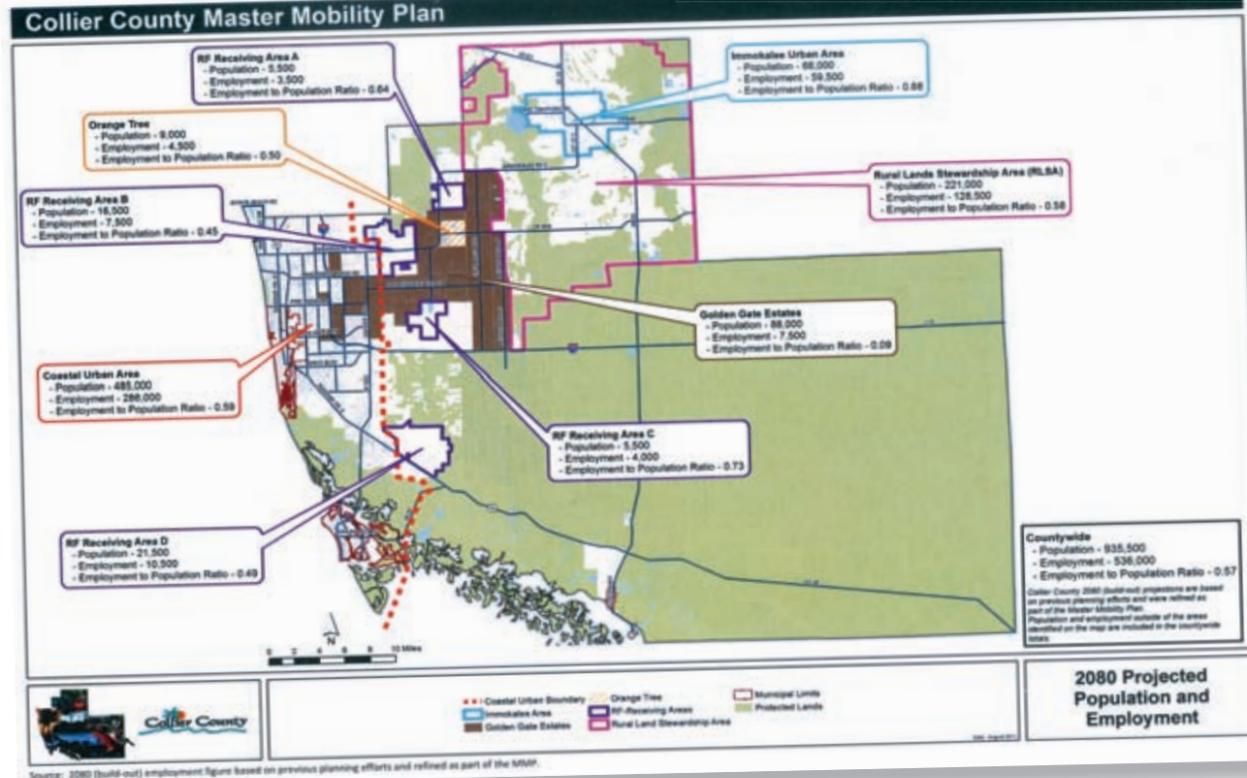
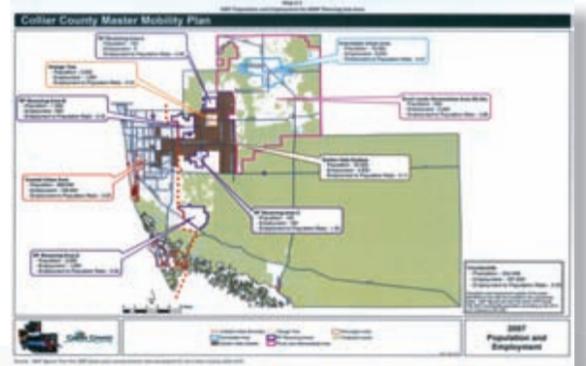
Mr. de Choch heads the farmers market at Lee Alliance for the Arts. He also designs and produces gardens for clients from Naples northward, and — with "The Unruly Gardener," Millisa Bell —

offers what they call "Urban Farm Garden Parties."

"They're teaching parties at individual homes — the Mary Kay of food gardening," Ms. Bell explains.

A master gardener, she, in

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Collier County's Master Mobility plan looks at growth into 2080.
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profile local and organic food farm in the region — Worden Farms in Charlotte County, where about 40 of the 85 acres are in production — the idea of becoming part and parcel of the operation became significant to many last year.

"Our membership has grown steadily each year, but in 2011 several hundred families joined this community supported agriculture," says Eva Worden, co-owner with her husband, Chris, of Worden Farms. Now, about 500 members can participate in raising their own food on the farm, buy the fresh produce with a pre-paid farm credit, or simply arrive each week to pick up a box of the fresh and available.

They come from as far as Naples and St. Petersburg, creating what amounts to a new kind of American community, she notes — people who hold every conceivable opinion about the world at large, but agree together on a single notion: that fresh and local is a beautiful thing requiring participation rather than extra cost.

She encapsulates the idea this way. "What formerly was a necessity (fresh local food) and still really is a necessity has become a luxury, based on an increased consciousness that it's affordable, especially if you buy directly from a farmer. "We as human beings require fuel for our bodies. There is the physical fuel, but at the same time we can simultaneously enhance our intangible well-being.

"When we think of something luxurious we're thinking how this goes beyond the necessary, it goes to the extravagant. When you sit down to a meal that is vibrant and sensorially satisfying, but at the same time is good for you, it fuels your basic needs but gives you more."

And more is what the Wordens are also giving — like others — in the many classes they now offer, and the businesses they are helping to start.

Food is not about competition, it's about community, in their minds — which may be the best idea of all. ■

TRIATHLON

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they'll hop on a bicycle and ride east. The furthest distance — for those in the Full Ironman — takes riders out Immokalee Road past State Road 29 before they return to the start/finish line and head out on foot, north up Vanderbilt Drive.

All races take place Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 7-8.

HITS Fitness Festival

The HITS Fitness Festival will open Friday, Jan. 6, at 239 Vanderbilt Beach Road and will serve as a gathering point throughout the weekend for athletes and spectators to mingle and check out various products and partners associated with a triathlon.

Naples is the second stop for the HITS series of 12 triathlons around the country, each location chosen for its desirability for athletes and visitors.

"(Naples) is just a great, great winter destination — the sun, the sand, and it's a beautiful town," says Mark Wilson, race director for HITS.

The races this weekend also serve as qualifiers for the HITS Championship that will take place almost a year from now, Dec. 1-2, back in Palm Springs.

All distances within the HITS Series are open to physically challenged athletes as well. Winners in all categories will be recognized at various awards ceremonies, the last being on Monday morning, Jan. 9, at Fit & Fuel Café, for male and female Full Ironman distance winners.

Here are a few of the local athletes who are participating:



Half and full distance swimmers begin in Palm Springs, Calif.

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■ **Carrie Cooney**, a mother of three who lives in Naples, is attempting her first triathlon and is starting with the Open distance.

■ **James Lawrence**, a professional personal trainer, is going after the world record for the most Full Ironman distance races in one year — 30. The HITS course this weekend is his first stop. The other 29 will be in destinations as diverse as New Zealand, Australia, Mexico, Canada, Brazil, South Africa, Austria, Germany and his native Utah.

Also known as the "Iron Cowboy," Mr. Lawrence competed in his first triathlon in 2005 and credits his wife Sunny as his inspiration.

■ **Mark Lehr** is an airline pilot from Fort Myers who recently turned 58 and

made a promise to himself and his wife and daughter to get in shape and live a healthier life. He's doing his first triathlon, a Sprint distance.

■ Neapolitan **Stephanie Cooper** did her first triathlon 20 years ago. (She thought she would drown, she recalls.) Since then, triathlons have made her a stronger, more patient person, she says, citing Sister Madonna Buder, the so-called "Iron Nun," as her triathlon idol. Ms. Cooper's career highlight is qualifying twice in 2004 for the Hawaiian Ironman. This weekend, she's doing a Half Ironman.

■ **Karen Tamson** is a Neapolitan who was introduced to triathlons by a female friend. Women represent an ever-growing segment of the triathlon market. Since 2000, female USA Tri-

athlon membership has grown from 27 percent to almost 40 percent of the total membership. Ms. Tamson did her first Sprint distance triathlon in 2007 and went on to take second place at Ironman Miami and fifth place at Ironman Texas. She'll do a Half Ironman this weekend. The greatest challenge she has overcome is her fear of open water, Ms. Tamson says.

■ **Tim Callahan** is a retired CEO and Naples resident who has raced motocross most of his life. He turned to triathlons as a cross training activity, and will attempt his first triathlon, a Sprint distance, at HITS this weekend.

■ **Harry Debes** is a retired software executive and Naples resident who, at 60, is attempting his first triathlon, a Sprint distance. He says he was inspired to start triathlons by a friend who successfully raced an Ironman distance at age 68. ■

in the know

- >> **What:** HITS Triathlon Series-Naples
- >> **When:** Jan. 6-9
- >> **Where:** 239 Vanderbilt Beach Road
- >> **Registration:** Open, free for all; Sprint, \$90 (\$65 for ages 12-17); Olympic, \$150; Half Ironman, \$250; Full Ironman, \$475. 15 percent of all registration fees with valid military ID.
- >> **Details:** Online registration ended Jan. 3, so pick up your packet and timing chip for all distances between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 6, at the address above. All races take place Jan. 7-8.
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Snowcones for security

A regional development commission in Michigan, purchasing equipment for 13 counties in May using homeland security grants, bought 13 machines that make snow cones, at a total cost of \$11,700 (after rejecting one county's request for a popcorn machine). Pressed

to justify the purchases, officials pointed out that the machines make shaved ice, which might be useful for medical situations stemming from natural disasters and heat emergencies (but that they also make snow cones to draw crowds at homeland security demonstrations). ■

Dumb criminals

■ Once again, a genius tried to pass a piece of U.S. currency in an amount not even close to being legal tender: a \$1 million bill. (The largest denomination is \$100.) Michael Fuller, 53, was arrested in Lexington, N.C., in November when a Walmart cashier turned him in after he attempted to buy electronics totaling \$475.78 (apparently expecting change of \$999,524.22).

■ "Take Your Daughter (Son) to Work" days are still popular at some companies, to introduce children to

their parents' cultures. Inadvertently, even criminals mimic the phenomenon. Joseph Romano, 2-year-old son in tow, was allegedly selling drugs when police picked him up in September in Tunkhannock Township, Pa. And Edward Chatman Jr., 32, who was arrested for raping a woman in Oak Ridge, Tenn., in August, had brought his 6-month-old baby with him when he climbed through the woman's window (though, police said, he stashed the kid in another room during the assault). ■

Bad breakup

Most News of the Weird epic cases of "scorned" lovers who seemingly never give up obnoxiously stalking their exes are of Japanese women, but "dumped" Americans surface occasionally. In October, Toni Jo Silvey, 49, was arrested in Houston when her ex (artist Peter

Main) reported that she made 146 phone calls in one day and more than 1,000 (and 712 e-mails) in three months, following their 2009 breakup over his seeing a younger woman. She was also charged with attacking his home with a tire iron, eggs and a sword. ■

Medical breakthrough

A cutting-edge treatment when News of the Weird first heard of it in 2000 is now mainstream for those suffering extreme diarrhea due to a lack of "predator bacteria" in the colon (perhaps caused by antibiotics). Among the primary treatments now is a transplant — a transfusion of "fecal flora" from the gut of a bacteria-normal person, to

restore the natural balance (introduced by a colonoscope after the stool is liquified in a blender). Following months of failed alternatives, Jerry Grant, 33, said in October that his transplant, at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, Ariz., worked remarkably well. (A recent study reported success in 70 of 77 patients.) ■

Questionable judgements

■ The law of child support changes only slowly in the U.S., but maybe less so in Australia. American courts are reluctant to end payments even if the man later disproves paternity (citing the harm to the child if the payments stop). However, in October, the Federal Magistrates Court in Melbourne, Australia, acting on fertility-test results, ordered a mother to reimburse the man she swore was the father after he proved he had been sterile. The woman also "recalled," after extensive therapy, that she might have had a one-night stand with a stranger around the time of conception.

■ The 10-year-old law-enforcement crackdown on Internet child pornography has lately hit a technicality-based roadblock. Several times recently, perverts have beaten charges after creating "child pornography" that consisted of nude adult female bodies onto which facial photos of young girls had been pasted. This handiwork was apparently arousing to two Lakeland, Fla., men, Danny Parker, convicted in 2011, and John Stelmack, convicted in 2010, but both ultimately had their convictions overturned because no actual child was involved in sex. ■

Weird protocols

■ Hospital protocols may be changing, but too slowly for Doreen Wallace, who fell in the lobby of the Greater Niagara General Hospital in Ontario in October and broke her hip. Though it was less than 150 feet from the lobby to the emergency room, hospital personnel, following rules, instructed her to call an ambulance to take her around to the ER, though the nearest such ambulance, in the next city, did not arrive for 30 pain-filled minutes. Hospital officials said they would handle things better in the future.

■ A New York City jury awarded the family of a late teenager \$1 million in November in its lawsuit against the city

for mishandling the boy's brain after his 2005 death. Following "testing," the medical examiner kept the brain in a jar on a shelf, where it was inadvertently spotted by the victim's sister during a school field trip to the mortuary (treatment the family considered extremely disrespectful). The case calls to mind that of Arkansas rapist Wayne Dumond, who had been castrated by vigilantes in 1984 and whose genitals the local sheriff had recovered and kept in a jar on a shelf in his office as a symbol of "justice." Dumond subsequently (in 1988) won \$110,000 in a "disrespect" lawsuit against the sheriff. ■

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Rookery Bay provides setting for nature festival

Emmy-nominated nature documentary cinematographer Michael Male and his filmmaking partner, Judy Fieth, will share stories from their world travels filming birds as the keynote speakers at the eighth annual Southwest Florida Nature Festival from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center.

The keynote is part of the festival that takes place Jan. 13-15 and features almost 40 two- to three-hour field trips to sites throughout Southwest Florida. Experienced naturalists lead birding walks, nature hikes, canoe and kayak trips, sunset cruises, swamp buggy rides and behind-the-scenes tours not otherwise offered to the public. The trips are offered in conjunction with partners including Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, Big Cypress National Preserve, Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge, Naples Botanical Garden and Conservancy of Southwest Florida. A new excursion is an Isles of Capri kayak trip, offering a preview of the Isles of Capri Paddlecraft Park that will open soon.

Reservations are required for the field trips and for the keynote program on Saturday, Jan. 14.

For the keynote, Mr. Male and Ms. Fieth have created a new video presentation, "The Big Lives of Florida's Waterbirds," sharing nest-side looks at many of Southwest Florida's most charismatic birds, such as the roseate spoonbill, wood stork, limpkin and reddish egret. The two have worked together since the 1980s, producing, shooting and editing programs that have been shown on the television series NOVA, NATURE and National Geographic Explorer. They have also shot behavioral sequences for many of the big BBC Natural History Unit series of the last decade, including David Attenborough's "The Life of Birds," "The Life of



The keynote address video, "The Big Lives of Florida's Waterbirds," features footage of birds including roseate spoonbills.



Michael Male, the Nature Festival's keynote speaker, doesn't mind getting wet while filming horseshoe crabs for the BBC/Discovery Series "LIFE."

Mammals" and "Life in Cold Blood."

Nature Festival activities at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center throughout the day on Jan. 14 include a nature film festival, guided trail walks and four lectures: Nancy Richie, environmental specialist for the City of Marco Island, discusses "Life and Times of the Marco Island Burrowing Owl Population"; Jack Berninger, a retired biology teacher and volunteer with the Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve, discusses "Unique Flora and Fauna of the Everglades"; Ted Below, a retired National Audubon Society warden and biologist, discusses "Not So Brown Pelicans"; and Jonee Miller, wildlife rehabilitation specialist at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, discusses "Tales from the Wildlife Clinic." ■

in the know

The eighth annual Southwest Florida Nature Festival

- >> **When:** Friday-Sunday, Jan. 13-15
- >> **Field trips:** Jan. 13-15 throughout the area
- >> **Lectures and films:** Jan. 14 at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center, 300 Tower Road
- >> **Keynote address:** 5-7 p.m. Jan. 14 at the learning center
- >> **Cost:** Field trips start at \$10; admission to the learning center on Jan. 14 is \$10 for ages 13 and above; admission to the keynote reception and presentation is \$10
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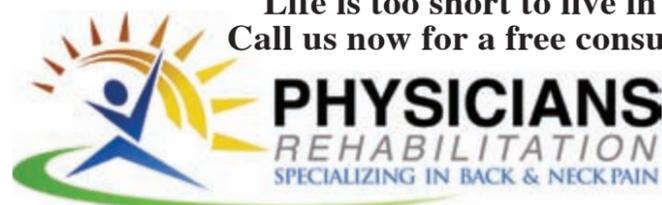
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The 14th annual Wildlife and Wildlands Art Show takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. The exhibit and sale will feature the works of 20 artists who showcase the natural and cultural resources of Florida through artistic expression. Attendees will

be able to meet the artists as they walk through the maritime hammock picnic area along the beach.

The show is presented by the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. For more information, call 398-7687 or visit www.DelnorWiggins.org. ■

Cruise along with Friends of Fakahatchee

The Friends of Fakahatchee start a new season of coastal cruises through the mysterious mangroves of the Ten Thousands Island on Saturday, Jan. 21.

The adventure begins at 3 p.m. with a talk about the history of the area at the Everglades National Park ranger station in Everglades City. Participants are ferried to Fakahatchee Island by Everglades National Park Boat Tours, and

a naturalist leads the walk up an ancient shell mound to a cemetery. On the return trip, the boat passes by a rookery where the birds will be settling down for the night. The trips ends around 6 p.m. back in Everglades City.

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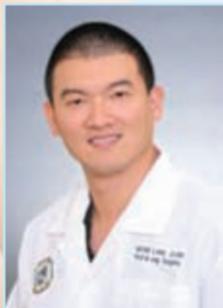
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CLUB NOTES

It's high season for clubs and organizations throughout the area. Here's what some of them have on their upcoming programs:

■ **The Naples Press Club** invites members and guests to a mixer and short program about Shakespeare in Paradise, Naples' newest professional theater company, from 4:30-6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at Clive Daniel Home, 2777 Tamiami Trail N. Wine, beverages and happy hour treats will be provided compliments of Clive Daniel Home.

Reservations are appreciated and can be made by e-mailing RSVP@naplespressclub.org.

■ **Renowned floral designer Ron Morgan** will present "In the Company of Flowers" when the Naples Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Everyone is welcome.

Mr. Morgan designed windows for Harrods's and David Jones, opened retail floral and antique shops, consulted as an interior designer and conducted flower-arranging classes. He now lives in Alam-

eda, Calif., and devotes most of his creative energies to the garden club lecture circuit.

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

■ **The German American Club Gemuetlichkeit** holds a dinner dance on Friday, Jan. 13, at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 7100 Airport Pulling Road. Doors open at 5 p.m., and dinner is served at 5:30 p.m.

Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for others. For reservations, call 774-1582.

■ **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.

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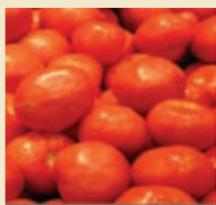


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■ **The Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae chapter for Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island** holds its annual Founders Day Celebration beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Club at Mediterra. All alums from chapters in the United States and Canada 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 Tuesday, Jan. 31, at Heritage Bay Country Club. All Clevelanders are welcome. The club's second dinner dance of the season will be held Saturday, March 24, at Cypress Woods Country Club.

Tickets to both evenings are \$30. For reservations, call Diane Corcelli at 992-6723.

■ **Ikebana International-Naples** holds its annual luncheon and demonstration Wednesday, Feb. 15, at Grey Oaks Country Club. The silent auction opens and raffle ticket sales begin at 9:30 a.m.

The program will be by Jennie Sterling, recipient of the Sogetsu school of Ikebana Rijji degree, the highest degree for students in Sogetsu. Ms. Sterling has belonged to Ikebana chapters in Florida, Georgia, South Africa, Australia and Tapei. She served as president of the Miami chapter from 2003-2008 and is a

founding member of the Atlanta chapter.

The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m.

Cost is \$65. Reservations are required and can be made by sending a check payable to I.I. #160 to Peggy Freers, 2059 Swainsons Run, Naples, FL 34105. For more information, visit www.ikebananaples.com.

■ **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 spectators will "walk the chalk" as individuals and teams of amateur and professional artists transform the street into a colorful, half-mile-long concrete canvas.

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

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

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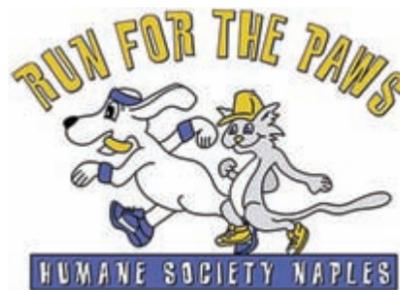
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370 Airport-Pulling Road.

Pets are welcome to participate with their people but must be on a non-retractable leash and up-to-date with vaccinations. Runners/walkers with pets must start at the rear of the pack and can-

not interfere with other participants or pets. Early registration through Jan. 21 is \$20 per person; sign up Jan. 22-27 for \$25 per person and on the day of the race for \$30 per person (\$10 for students in high school and younger).

Participants are encouraged to create an online page through HSN where friends and colleagues can donate to support their efforts to benefit homeless pets cared for at the shelter in Naples.

Race packets will be ready for pick-up at HSN from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, and on race day starting at 7 a.m. at the Civil Air Patrol building at the airport. HSN headquarters are at

For more information, call 643-1555 or visit www.hsnaples.org. ■

Optimists kick-start spring soccer for kids

The Optimist Club of Naples is sponsor early discounted registration for area kids who want to get their kicks at soccer this spring. Sign up from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, at Coastland Center mall near the JCPenney entrance.

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The 2012 race is set for Saturday, March 12, at Coconut Point mall.

At the rally, team leaders representing corporate, community and survivor support groups will learn how to build a Race for the Cure team, ways to motivate team members, how to use the organization's website tools and ideas

for fundraising. Race for the Cure is a sanctioned 5K event that also includes a non-competitive 5K run/walk and a 1-mile fun run/walk. More than 12,000 supporters attended the 2011 Southwest Florida Race for the Cure, proceeds from which allowed the Southwest Florida affiliate to make grants totaling \$1,015,235 to 13 local nonprofit agencies that provide breast cancer education, screening, treatment and support in Collier, Lee,

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Tribute orchid will be introduced as part of community's Thank You Myra Days

As part of the Thank You Myra Days weekend celebration coming up Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 14-15, a hybrid orchid has been bred and named in honor of Myra Janco Daniels, founder of the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

R.F. Orchids of Homestead, one of the most prestigious orchid nurseries in the United States, has bred the orchids, which will be displayed at the Thank You Myra Days gala at the Phil on Saturday, Jan. 14, and sold at Community Day at the center on Sunday, Jan. 15.

The Myra Janco Daniels orchid has been registered for perpetuity with the International Orchid Register at the Royal Horticultural Society in London. Robert Fuchs, owner of R.F. Orchids, called it a "magnificent, pristine, white phalaenopsis orchid."

Collier County and the city of Naples have proclaimed Thank You Myra Days as a tribute to Mrs. Daniels, who retired in September. The gala festivities on Jan. 14 include a concert featuring Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart leading the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, along with Broadway vocalists Brian Stokes Mitchell and Kelli O'Hara and opera star Harolyn Blackwell. A special guest star will also be featured as well as several surprises, and a champagne and dessert reception will follow the gala.

Then on Jan. 15, the Phil opens its doors



This white phalaenopsis is similar to the Myra Janco Daniels orchid that has been developed by R.F. Orchids.

to the public for a free, fun afternoon of music and the arts. Community Day from noon to 4 p.m. will feature a variety of events and attractions for patrons of all ages, including backstage tours, admission to the Jay and Patty Baker Naples Museum of Art, glassblowing and jewelry demonstrations, an instrument "petting zoo" and performances by the Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and Youth Chorale, food stations, the premiere of the documentary film, "Box 23: The Myra Janco Daniels Story" and more. The Myra Janco Daniels

orchids will be on sale for \$35 apiece. Founded in 1970, R.F. Orchids has won more American Orchid Society awards than any other nursery or individual grower. It is South Florida's oldest orchid firm.

Proceeds from orchid sales and the gala evening will benefit the Myra Janco Daniels Legacy Fund, which was started to sustain the standards of excellence in the performing and visual arts established and nurtured by Mrs. Daniels over the past 30 years. To learn more about the Myra Janco Daniels Legacy Fund, contact the Philharmonic Center's development office at 254-2704 or visit www.thephil.org.

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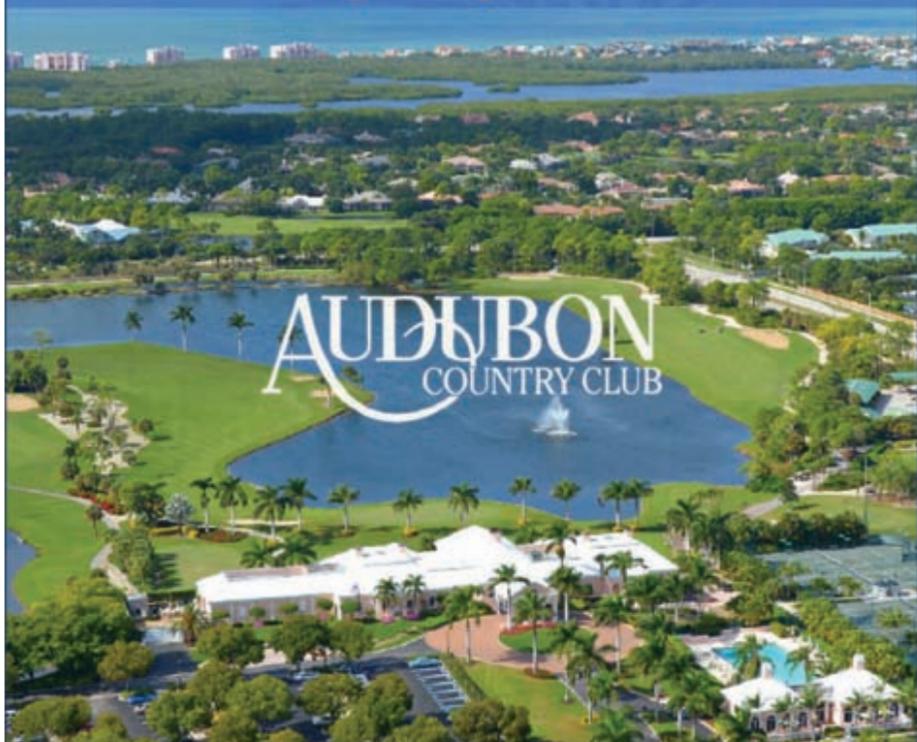
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By David Morgan
STAFF WRITER

If you have a jewelry box with bling from an old fling or a coffee can full of old coins, you may want to haul it down to the **Hawthorn Suites** this week. "The gold and silver markets have not been this strong for over 30 years" said Dennis Kouts Ohio Valley Refinery spokesperson. Typically when the U.S. dollar is weak and the economy is flat, gold and silver markets soar. "That's good news if you are sitting on a few gold necklaces or an old class ring" says Kouts.

Starting Tuesday at 9am and every day this week through Sunday, the Ohio Valley Refinery is setting up a satellite refinery right here in **Naples** at the **Hawthorn Suites**. Just about everybody has some amount of gold or silver just lying around collecting dust and this week anybody can sell theirs direct to our refinery. Typically selling direct to a refinery is reserved for larger wholesale customers like jewelry stores, pawn shops and laboratories" says Kouts. "We are changing how business is done," he explains "we want to do business with everybody so we took our business to the streets". "Our teams visit various cities around the country hosting 5 day events and allowing the general public to take advantage of our services. "The turnout has been overwhelming" says Kouts.

What should you expect if you go to the event to sell your gold and/or silver? Just gather up all gold, silver and platinum in any form. If you are not sure if it's gold or silver, bring it in and they will test it for free. When you arrive at the event you will be asked to fill out a simple registration card and will be issued a number. Seating will be available. When your number is called you will be escorted to a table where your items will be examined, tested and sorted. This only takes a few minutes, using their expertise and specialized equipment. Items will be counted and/or weighed. The value of the items will be determined based on up to the minute market prices. Live feeds will be available at the event displaying current market prices of all precious metals. If you choose to sell your items, they will be bagged and tagged and you will be escorted

to the cashier to collect your payment. Waiting time to sell your items may range from just a few minutes to 1 hour, so bring something to read. If you are the owner of a jewelry store, pawn shop, dentist office or a dealer you are encouraged to call ahead to make an appointment with the smelt master to discuss their special dealer programs. They can be reached during Refinery hours at **(217) 787-7767**.

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Parade kicks off celebration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King

The Collier County NAACP hosts the 15th annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and 2012 Celebration on Monday, Jan. 16, with co-hosts/sponsors McDonald's Adams-O'Reilly Group, Hodges University and 105.5FM-The Beat.

The parade sets out at 11 a.m. from Broad Avenue and Third Street and continues for two miles, turning down Fifth Avenue and ending in Cambier Park, where the celebration begins at 11:45 a.m.

The theme of this year's festivities is "Affirming America's Promise." Sandra Weathers of NBC2/ABC7 and James Cleveland Jones of WCRM-AM 1350 will emcee the parade, and Wells Fargo is

serving as the grand marshal. Parade participants will include area high school marching bands and numerous local officials and organizations.

Rev. Raymond Fauntroy, who sang with Marvin Gaye and was one of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s drivers when he visited Washington, D.C., in the turbulent 1960s, will appear in the parade and will sing at Cambier Park. He is now the president of the nonprofit, faith-based Revelation S.E.E.D. Enterprises Corp.

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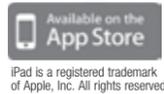
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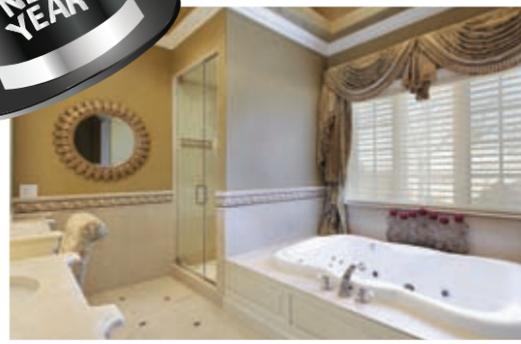
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The accreditation allows Lighthouse of Collier to now seek funding through the Florida Division of Blind Services.

The mission of the Lighthouse of Collier is to promote the development,



implementation and on-going evaluation of programs and services that foster independence and enhance the quality of life for the blind, visually impaired and their caregivers. For more information, call 430-3934 or visit www.lighthouseofcollier.org. ■

Wine festival foundation receives award for children's dental program



COURTESY PHOTO

The NCEF Pediatric Dental Center at Edison State College-Collier Campus hosts one of the most advanced pediatric dental residency programs in the country.

The Naples Children and Education Foundation, the founding organization of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, has been selected to receive the 2012 William J. Gies Award in recognition of "superior demonstration of outstanding vision as public or private partner in support of dental education." NCEF is one of nine organizations to receive the award, which will be presented in Orlando in conjunction with an American Dental Education Association conference in March.

With help from the University of Florida College of Dentistry, Edison State College, CHS Healthcare and the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, the NCEF Pediatric Dental Center was created in 2008 to address the pediatric oral health crisis in Collier County. The impetus for the center came from a 2005 needs assessment commissioned by NCEF that revealed an estimated 17,000 children in the county lacked adequate dental care, which is a proven formula for severe tooth decay, pain and disruption in chil-

dren's ability to learn. To date, the center has provided care through more than 29,000 patient visits.

"The severity of the dental disease observed at the center, particularly the rampant disease in children under the age of 5, was unlike anything the clinicians had ever seen," says Dr. Teresa Dolan, professor and dean at the UF College of Dentistry.

NCEF has raised more than \$94.5 million at the Naples Winter Wine Festival since 2001 to create and expand charitable programs serving children in Collier County. The foundation currently supports 23 grantees and long-term strategic initiatives focused on children's early learning, medical/oral health, out-of-school programs, behavioral health and childhood hunger.

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For reservations, call 394-0332.

Grief workshop coming to Avow

Avow Hospice will present "Opening the Heart," a workshop for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, in the Ispiri community center on the Avow campus at 1095 Whippoorwill Lane.

Led by nationally recognized grief workshop facilitators, the program provides a supportive atmosphere to help adults heal grief using a variety of activities including music, meditation and holistic exercises. Participants make a commitment to confidentiality regarding information shared during the workshop.

Registration is \$95 and includes breakfast, lunch and refreshments. A monthly payment option is available upon request. Professionals and students can earn six CEs.

Enrollment is limited and early registration suggested. Call 261-4404, ext. 3733.

Free classes in yoga, meditation offered for vets

Instructor Dina Radcliffe will begin a series of free yoga and meditation to help military veterans alleviate symptoms of stress and enhance their health and well being. Hour-long classes take place at 1 p.m. Wednesdays at the Golden Gate Community Center.

Although participation is free, space is limited and reservations are required. Call Ms. Radcliffe at 280-9095.

Lighthouse has free classes for visually impaired

Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss and the Florida Division of Blind Services offer programs to help blind and visually impaired be independent in Collier.

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Stick with your resolve to quit

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If resolutions were as easy to keep as they are to make, there would be a lot fewer cigarette smokers in Collier County.

Seven out of 10 adult smokers report that they want to quit completely. Last year, about half of them made an attempt to quit. Yet only a few — 6.2 percent — were successful.

With the start of the New Year, the Collier County Health Department and Tobacco Free Florida have teamed up to encourage smokers to use their free and convenient resources to help start the year smoke-free and to increase their chances of staying that way for good.

Evidence-based cessation counseling and FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapies provided by the program can double to triple your chances of successfully quitting.

Nicotine is one of the most addictive chemicals. The current design and contents of cigarettes make them more attractive and addictive than ever before. Today, cigarettes deliver nicotine more quickly from the lungs to the heart and brain.

Poor preparation and a quit plan that's not entirely right for you can make quitting even harder. While quitting is difficult, it is not impossible. In fact, there are more former smokers in Florida than current smokers.

"Each year many Collier County residents make a quit attempt," says Dr. Joan Colfer, director of the CCHD. "While quitting cold turkey can work for some, there are several free resources available for those who need help. Utilizing tobacco cessation services such as the Florida Quitline or the Quit Smoking Now classes can greatly increase your chances of staying tobacco-free."

Tobacco use is the leading pre-

ventable cause of disease and premature death in the U.S. Cigarette use results in an estimated 28,600 deaths in Florida each year. Despite the known dangers of smoking, more than 2.5 million Floridians, or 17.1 percent of the adult population, are current cigarette smokers.

Free resources

Tobacco Free Florida offers a number of free and convenient resources to help Floridians quit using tobacco.

■ Call the Florida Quitline at (877) U-CAN-NOW to speak with a quit coach who will help you assess your addiction and help you create a personalized quit plan.

■ Enroll in the online Web Coach, which will help you create a quit plan that's right for you. It's at www.quitnow.net/florida.

■ Sign up for Quit Smoking Now group classes. Find the location nearest you by calling (877) 819-2357. ■



STRAIGHT TALK

Taking one last look back at our 2011 resolutions



For this first Straight Talk of 2012, I think it's appropriate to look back one more time at the four New Year's resolutions I posed in the first Straight Talk of 2011. Let's see how we did.

■ **Resolution #1: Create a memorable patient experience** – Paul Clarke, our patient experience coordinator, is proud to report that patient satisfaction numbers in the past year were outstanding, with an upward trend in the five primary patient experience surveys: rate the hospital, hospital inpatient overall, emergency department overall, inpatient rehabilitation overall and outpatient services overall.

Pacing our improvement was the ER,

where patient satisfaction increased dramatically over the past three years, from 81.9 percent to 86.7 percent. This no doubt stems from our shorter "door-to-doctor" time, which measures how quickly a patient sees a physician. In the peak winter months, we average about 35 minutes; during the summer nadir, this drops to 20 minutes.

While we still have work to do in further improving the patient experience, our progress this year was heartening.

■ **Resolution #2 – Improving community health.** For the second year in a row, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation recognized Collier as the healthiest of the 67 counties in Florida. We also hold the record of the longest life expectancy for a woman and second longest for a man.

In the year just ended, NCH offered many more initiatives to lower morbidity (complications) and mortality and, as proof of our progress, had the most post-

ers (18) at the 2011 Institute for Healthcare Improvement conference. These posters demonstrated our best practices for almost 6,000 leaders from around the world.

NCH was also the catalyst for the group of more than 30 agencies that became the Safe and Healthy Children's Coalition of Collier County, focused on preventing the two most common causes of death in pre-school children: drowning and co-sleeping.

We led the community in terms of smoking cessation by not hiring smokers. Finally, along with Drug Free Collier and Hazelden, NCH continues to help stamp out "pill mills" in our community.

■ **Resolution #3 – Achieve a higher value for our patients.** Quality health care, of course, must be the hallmark of NCH. Here, too, our objective measures of quality improved year-over-year. Specific examples include our cardiac surgeons

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TO YOUR HEALTH

Managing stress for caregivers and professionals

More than 65 million Americans provide care for a chronically ill, disabled or aged relative or friend each year. Family caregivers, health care professionals and clergy are invited to learn strategies for coping from Kenneth Doka, Ph.D., professor of gerontology at the Graduate School of New Rochelle, when he speaks at Moorings Park at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17.

For family and other caregivers will learn how to manage their own stress, set goals and expectations and take care of themselves.

Health care professionals and clergy will receive insights about the psychological and spiritual reactions at end of life and will identify ways to help terminally ill patients and their families.

Dr. Doka is a senior consultant to the Hospice Foundation of America. His visit to Naples is sponsored by Vitas Hospice, Dignity Memorial, IberiaBank, Moorings Park and 21st Century Care.

Light dinner will be served. RSVP by January 12 by calling 597-3101.org.

Free seminars at Physicians Regional

The following free seminar is coming up at Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge, 6101 Pine Ridge Road:

■ "New Vein Treatment Options," 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 10: Cardiologist Julian Javier will discuss treatment options for vein disease, including sclerotherapy and laser therapy procedures to eliminate varicose and spider veins.

■ "Robotic-arm Knee and Hip Surgery," 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10: Orthopedic surgeon Jon Douchis will discuss the latest advances in robotic techniques to restore hip and knee function.

■ "MAKOplasty Joint Resurfacing," 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11: Orthopedic surgeon Frederick Buechel Jr. will discuss diagnosis and treatment advances for early to mid-stage osteoarthritis of the knee and hip.

■ "What's New for Painful Knees and Hips," 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12: Orthopedic surgeon Robert Zehr will discuss treatments and recovery programs.

For more information or registration, www.physiciansregional.com/events.

Support for Parkinson's patients and their caregivers

The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc. holds exercise, speech and art therapy classes at locations in Naples and Bonita Springs for those who suffer from Parkinson's disease. Support programs for families and caregivers are also offered, and various opportunities are available for volunteers at PASFI headquarters, 2950 Tamiami Trail N.

Dance classes in Naples and Bonita Springs resume the week of Jan. 9.

Speech and swallowing classes will take

place once a week for eight weeks beginning Jan. 10 at NCH in North Naples.

Also, an anonymous donor has offered to cover the costs of PASFI members taking part in a program at Naples Equestrian Challenge.

A one-time, free workshop about "Parkinson's Medication Dos and Don'ts" will be presented by Dr. Daniel Deutschman at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 27, at the United Church of Marco Island, 320 North Barfield Drive. The program will include discussion of the comorbidities of PD (depression, dementia, and delirium) and the side effects of PD medications. Continuing education credit will be available for mental health professionals provided by the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida. Space is limited, and registration is required.

To sign up for any of the above or for more information about services and programs offered by PASFI, call Executive Director Ruth Hubing at 417-3465, e-mail pasfied@aol.com or visit www.PASFI.org.

Free counseling for caregivers

Caregivers of seniors ages 60 and older who are experiencing stress from changing life circumstances can obtain free peer counseling from the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida.

Counseling is coordinated by Margot Escott, a licensed clinical social worker with MHASWFL. Call 261-5405 or e-mail mescott@mhaswfl.org. Ms. Escott can also provide information about the association's other services. ■

STRAIGHT TALK

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being recognized by the Society for Thoracic Surgery as being a part of a hospital that is among the top 10 percent of hospitals in the nation.

Thanks largely to the teamwork of our nurses and support staff, we also scored well in such areas as prevention of central line infections, pressure sores and falls, and we improved on a host of other key metrics.

Even as we lowered our costs — the other side of the value proposition — we are concerned about decreased reimbursement going forward. This is a topic for another day. But most important, NCH's service quality — and, therefore, value to our patients — continues to improve.

■ **Resolution #4: Build our own self-image** - New research suggests that our rallying cry, "This is My Hospital," is recognized by three-quarters of folks randomly surveyed in our area. Best of all, two IHI attendees — 3N Nurse Manager Kristin Miller and 2N Nurse Manager Marcia Swasey — agreed that NCH, once "a small community hospital," is now admired by health-care experts around the country. "I realize how far we've come," says Ms. Swasey.

All in all, 2011 was quite a successful year for NCH, not only in delivering on our resolutions but also in providing our community with superior health care. ■

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

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PET TALES

Retrain the house-train

Almost all dogs can be reliable in the home if you train them properly

BY DR. MARTY BECKER
Universal Uclick

Few things make the winter seem longer than sharing a home with a dog who never really got the concept of house-training. But don't blame the dog: Most can indeed be completely house-trained if you work with them and be consistent and patient.

The first step? Quit making excuses. No dog is "partially" house-trained: He either is or he isn't. If you have a dog who is "sometimes" reliable, what you really have is a dog who doesn't understand what's required of him, probably because no one taught him properly in the first place. That means going back to the beginning to train for total understanding. Shortcuts and punishment aren't fair, and they won't work.

Before you start training, though, you must be sure that what you really have is a behavior problem and not a physical problem. This is especially true with a dog who has been reliable in the home before. Your dog needs a comprehensive veterinary checkup to rule out health problems that make good house-manners difficult or even impossible. If your pet has such a problem, it will need to be fully resolved before training begins.

House-training an adult dog uses the same principles as house-training a puppy, except you have to be even more diligent because you need to do some untraining, too. And a lot of cleaning: You must thoroughly clean any soiled area with enzymatic cleaner (available through pet-supply



outlets) to eliminate the smell that invites repeat business. Again, no shortcuts: If your home has served as your pet's potty, you may even need to remove carpets and padding because even if you can't smell old urine, your dog likely can.

You'll need to teach your dog what's right before you can correct him for what's wrong. To do this, spend a couple of weeks ensuring that he has nothing but successes by never giving him the opportunity to make a mistake.

Here's how:

- Leash him to you in the house so you can monitor his every move during his training period. If he starts to mess, tell him "no," take him outside, and give him a command for going (I use "hurry up" with my dogs). Then praise him for doing right, so that he starts to understand what you want.

- Put him in a crate whenever he's not on leash with you. It's not unfair during training to leave him in a crate for four or five hours at a stretch — assuming, of course, that he's getting regular daily exercise.

- Take him outside first thing in the morning, as soon as you get home from

work and just before you go to bed (when you put him in his crate for the night). Always remember to give your "go" command, and praise him when he does as you wish. I find that people never seem shy about punishing their dogs, but too often forget to praise them — they take it for granted the dog should do the right thing. Never, ever forget the praise!

If you've been consistent, your dog will likely get a good idea of what's expected of him within a couple of weeks, and you can start to give him a little freedom. However, don't let him have the run of the house yet. Keep his area small and let him earn the house, room by room, as he proves his understanding of the house rules.

Accidents happen. If you catch him in the act, tell him "no," take him outside, and give him the chance to set things right. Give your "go" command and praise him if he does. Clean up the mess inside promptly and thoroughly, so he won't feel inclined to refresh his smell there. Don't punish him for any messes you find after the fact.

If you aren't catching him, you're not keeping close enough tabs on him. Go back to the crate and leash, and start over.

If you continue to have problems, ask your veterinarian for a referral to a veterinary behaviorist. One-on-one assistance can pinpoint the problems in your training regimen and get you both on the right track.

Video bonus: Watch Pet Connection's Dr. Marty Becker explain how to reduce your dog's shedding (vetstreet.com/reduce-pet-hair-in-your-home). ■

Pets of the Week



>>**Big Guy** is a Brussels griffon mix who's about 10 months old and an awesome 7 pounds of love. He wants to please and is eager for you to show him what you want him to do. He's OK with cats and other dogs.



>>**Fred** is about 4 years old, handsome and full of personality. Calm and friendly, he loves to be petted and he gets along well with other cats.



>>**Jasmine** is a beautiful 4-month-old brown and white tabby who is very sweet, well behaved and likes to be petted. She gets along well with other cats.



>>**Lexie** is a Chihuahua mix who's about 4 months old and weighs 9 pounds. Friendly and affectionate, she loves to cuddle.

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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— Robert Browning, "Childe Roland To The Dark Tower Came," Section XXIX

"A person's never too old for stories... Man and boy, girl and woman, we live for them."

— Roland speaks for Stephen King in "The Wind through the Keyhole: A Dark Tower Novel," coming in April 2012

"A mathematician named Klein Thought the Moebius band was divine.

Said he: 'If you glue The edges of two, You'll get a weird bottle like mine.'
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"One of the many interesting and surprising experiences of the beginner in child analysis is to find in even very young children a capacity for insight which is often far greater than that of an adult."

— Melanie Klein

"Child Roland to the dark tower came. His word was still 'Fie, foh, and fum: I smell the blood of a British man.'"

— William Shakespeare, "King Lear," Act 3, Scene 4, Edgar pretending to be a mad man

"Yet half I seemed to recognize some trick of mischief...in a bad dream perhaps...When, in the very nick...came a click... — You're inside..."

Heading out, into the woods, one long leather strap looping over my child back. And wrapped in it I am, this nexus, that functioning qua both manacle and fetter. But nothing hanging on it at all. A virtual Klein bottle canteen. The ultimate in self contained.

Liking changed to travelling light.

And as I walk I sing verse to my selves, and my selves answer, clear and pure and colorless child soprano, composing antiphon in Gregorian plain chant, to be sung as Salve Regina:

Salve Dear Roland, drum and keyboard, hard roe, return on equity:
Salve Dear Roland, wind through the keyhole,
Reclined, inclined, telling bed time tales.
Maybe it's crazy, but who can be sure?

And as the tune softens, there is realization: A Moebius strip can be either right- or left-handed, dependent upon



the orientation of the half twist. And the objection made when sewing them together would create single sided bottle with no boundary. Its inside is its outside. It contains itself. A symbol slid around on its surface would reappear backward at the start. Who could make up stuff like this?

In 1882, Felix Klein was so inclined. Does anyone remember that what is sold as a Klein bottle is like a 3D photo of what can maybe in 4D?

Like a 2D photo shows a 3D object? Don't object. *Felix culpa.*

Just kidding around, again and again, boundary free, one sided, not holding

that rider drop of water or this wind. Just letting go. On the loose, inside mother's silly goose, loving it all, generously giving a good immeasurable, pressed down, shaken together, running over. Ah, darkly sweet... Let's meet at the tower at nine. ■

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BY NANCI THEORET
Special to Florida Weekly

THIS TIME OF YEAR, TREES IN MASSIVE groves and backyards start bursting with the colors of Florida's bumper crop — citrus. The wait time at the local fruit stand or market gets a little longer as locals, visitors and seasonal residents get their dose of vitamin C or send packages of coveted honeybells, grapefruit and ponkans to northern friends and family stuck under sunless gray skies.

Southwest Florida groves produce 25 percent of the state's citrus within the Gulf Citrus Growers Association's five-county region, a collective 500 farms

in Lee, Collier, Hendry, Charlotte and Glades counties. And right now is peak harvest season, which will generate about \$1 billion of the state's \$9 billion citrus industry through spring.

Retail sites throughout the tri-county region of Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties are busy, too. Dave Nicely, director of sales and marketing at Sun Harvest Citrus, a citrus retail center and packing house on Metro Parkway in Fort Myers, says the company's bottom line has improved this year.

"Business has been great," he says. "Our mail order package counts were

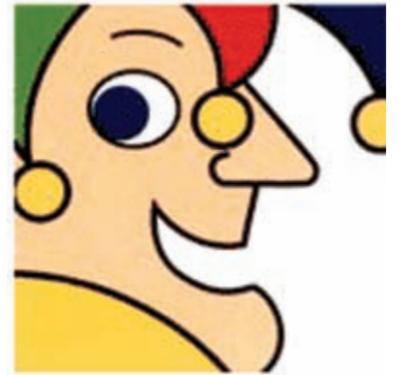
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UF survey: Consumer confidence jumps in December

BY JOHN DUNN
University of Florida

Consumer confidence among Floridians rose three points to 69 in December, reflecting a cautious optimism in the economy, according to a recent University of Florida survey. Though the latest figure is only one point below the level set in December 2010, it also marks the highest rank in the past nine months.

The index used by UF researchers in the survey is benchmarked to 1966,

which means a value of 100 represents the same level of confidence for that year. The lowest index possible is a two; the highest is 150.

Consumer confidence in December shot up in four of the five indexes used by survey takers, and declined in only one. The index that reveals whether Floridians think their personal finances have improved from a year ago rose one point to 53. Another showed their overall expectations in the soundness of the U.S. economy jumped six points to 59. Confidence in

the economy's performance over the next five years also rose — this time three points to 71.

Finally, the overall perception of survey takers that the present is a good time to buy "big ticket" items, such as washing machines and laptops — went up sharply by seven points to 85.

The only index to show dropping confidence was an expectation of a drop in personal finances a year from now, declining two points to 78.

Taken as a whole, the UF survey reflects a changing mood that matches

growing confidence across the nation, says Chris McCarty, director of UF's Survey Research Center in the Bureau of Economic and Business Research. In addition, there are factors in the Florida economy that were interpreted as positive by both younger and older respondents. Mr. McCarty says. Men were more positive than women by a margin of 71 points to 67.

"Floridians are most likely optimistic about continued improvement

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MONEY & INVESTING

Some simple rules for investing wisely



There are many different ways a person can invest, just as there are many paths to investing well. But here are a few observations that I have found that normally work to an investor's advantage.

First, remember that the most important decision that you will make is your portfolio asset allocation, not the specific securities that are bought within that asset class. So spend time making that the allocation that is right for you... for your income needs, for your age, your risk tolerance, etc.

Traditional portfolio allocation is to bonds, equities and cash. But recent years have seen the emergence of alternative assets for the smaller investor. (Alternative assets are those investment assets that are not highly or even at all correlated to equity performance; some of these alternative assets have historically outperformed equities and with less volatility.) Formerly, these asset classes were available only to those able to buy \$500,000 or more. Now, much smaller minimums are available. These alternatives should be considered for inclusion in your portfolio.

Within each asset type, the next

most important decision to make is sector allocation. For instance, in equities, some will choose heavy allocations to food and natural resources; others prefer allocations to the consumer sector; some will choose market weightings for sectors, etc.

In regard to equities, consider the merits of 15 positions or hiring an adviser who can articulate his or her top 15 positions. Better yet, find someone to pick just his or her top five. If you are hiring someone for his or her analytic talent, then go with the talent... don't dilute his or her very best investment ideas.

Second, get a review of your portfolio by more than one adviser and by persons whose expertise is relevant to the components of your portfolio. Your adviser does not necessarily have expertise in all areas of investing and, even in the traditional asset types of equities and bonds, another adviser might have an entirely different perspective. For instance, junk bonds will evoke very different responses from the average portfolio manager. Their investment content might pale compared to a junk bond manager's, as such person would have the facts about different corporate issuers and know whether spreads to AA corporates are appropriate.

Third, if you do not have an adviser, then consider getting one. Just take your portfolio to a variety of advisers and ask them how they might have

differently allocated or managed your portfolio. If your portfolio is comprised of more than 100 securities, it is very hard to imagine how you can be "managing" such a portfolio. It would also seem that you have diluted your best ideas for investing and, from my perspective, three to five great fundamental ideas offer a lot of fire power.

Fourth, look at your gains and losses for the past year — whether realized or unrealized. See if there is any pattern. If there is a pattern, especially with large losses, you need to consider implementing stop loss rules for your portfolio so that you cut your losses.

Fifth, look at how much you trade. It is my experience that people under or over trade, with the former true for "buy and holders" and the latter being more probable if the portfolio is limited and size and short term gains are sought. Sure, everyone wants market action. One of the hardest things to do is to work with what the market gives you and not the investor's perception of how it should be.

Sixth, consider employing a set of trading and cash management rules or consider some allocation of your portfolio to auto traded systems that have strict rule sets that operate regardless of your level of fear or greed. It is well established that the short-term trader (non-auto traded) is often beset with these emotions as each day they are faced with their gains and losses; each day either lifts

egos and spirits or dashes dreams and destroys self-confidence. These attitudes are not operative with a technical trading system that "takes a trade" if a certain rule set is met even if the investor feels the world is coming to end, that the EU faces implosion, that the U.S. has reached its limit of budget deficits, etc. These perceptions can paralyze investors; they are not one bit of worry to a computer which often is looking for price trends to be determinative....not more headline news or an expert talking "his book."

Seventh, stay the course, whatever the course might be that you have chosen. If well thought out, affirmed by others, not created in the fantasy of greed or in the narrowed corners of fear, then don't ditch your plan only to readily adopt another. Consider that even the best managers and trading systems are subject to market forces and need environments conducive to making money.

Talk to your adviser and determine what is suitable to your situation; consider the counsel of multiple advisers so that you can be sure in your course and select specialists for those parts of your portfolio needing such. ■

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Florida Gulf Coast University hosts the 13th annual Entrepreneurs Law School presented by the Small Business Development Center at FGCU on Saturday, Jan. 28. Sponsored by Pavese Law Firm, Relevanza, Wells Fargo, Markham Norton Moesteller Wright & Company and Great Florida Insurance, the workshop gives small business owners and entrepreneurs a chance to ask questions and hear from area attorneys about small business legal issues.

The day begins at 8:30 a.m. with continental breakfast provided by Costco, and the first sessions start at 9 a.m. At-

tendees will choose from tracks of 50 minutes each on subjects including:

- "Which Entity is Right for your Business," presented by Jon Skelton, Pavese Law Firm;
- "Building a Business with Proper Planning," Carmen Dellutri, The Dellutri Law Firm;
- "Contract Negotiations and Incorporating Employment Law into your Small Business," Christina Harris Schwinn, Pavese Law Firm;
- "Business Succession Planning," Mary Vlasak Snell, Pavese Law Firm;
- "Everything Legal: Stump the Attorney," Donna Flammang, Brennan, Man-

na & Diamond;

- "Distressed Property Options and Workouts," Mary Sanders, Sanders Law Firm; and

- "The Business Owners Guide to Commercial Leases," presented by the Law Offices of Holly E. Crosby, P.A.

After lunch, a panel discussion will take place on the effects of small business bankruptcy from a legal, tax, finance and insurance perspective. Panelists include Eric Molina, Pavese Law Firm; Barbara Melvin, Wells Fargo; Reggie Blackmon, Great Florida Insurance; and Joni Norton, Markham, Norton, Moesteller, Wright & Company,

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"Business owners often come to the SBDC for confidential business consulting and have legal questions," says Suzanne Specht, assistant director of the SBDC and program coordinator for the annual Entrepreneurs Law School. "This workshop is a great opportunity for them to meet and consult a variety of attorneys on the different legal matters."

Registration in advance is \$99 and includes breakfast and lunch. Cost on the day of the workshop will be \$199.

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in the employment situation," Mr. McCarty says. The decline in unemployment in November was .4 percent to 10 percent. The drop marked the first time in many months that economic sectors other than tourism led the way in employment increases. Mr. McCarty notes that employers in trade, transportation and utilities employed 34,800 more workers from October to November. However, he cautioned that many of these new jobs were in retail trade and may only reflect holiday seasonal hiring, which could disappear early in the new year.

He also cites several other reasons for the change in mood. Retailers are offering big seasonal discounts to shop-

pers and mortgage interest rates are low. Housing prices may have "bottomed out" for a while, he says, hovering about around \$130,100 for a single-family home. Gas prices are down, too. A gallon cost about 15 cents less than it did in November, though prices are expected to rise in 2012.

Stock prices were unsteady but did not sink in the wake of bad economic news coming from Europe, as some economists expected. Media reports about the U.S. Congress' wrangling over debt and spending issues also didn't sour consumer confidence.

"Contrary to our prediction, the impasse of the Super Commission regarding deficit reductions came and went with very little concern from consumers," he says.

Overall, the mood for December was modestly upbeat. But Mr. McCarty cautions that Floridians might find it hard

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— **Chris McCarty**, director
 UF Survey Research Center, Bureau of
 Economic and Business Research

to remain optimistic, if Congress carries through with \$1.2 trillion in mandatory spending cuts required by the debt ceiling deal in 2011.

The UF survey was conducted between Dec. 11 and 22, and reflects the responses of 411 individuals statewide. ■

Wishing you a healthy and prosperous 2012!

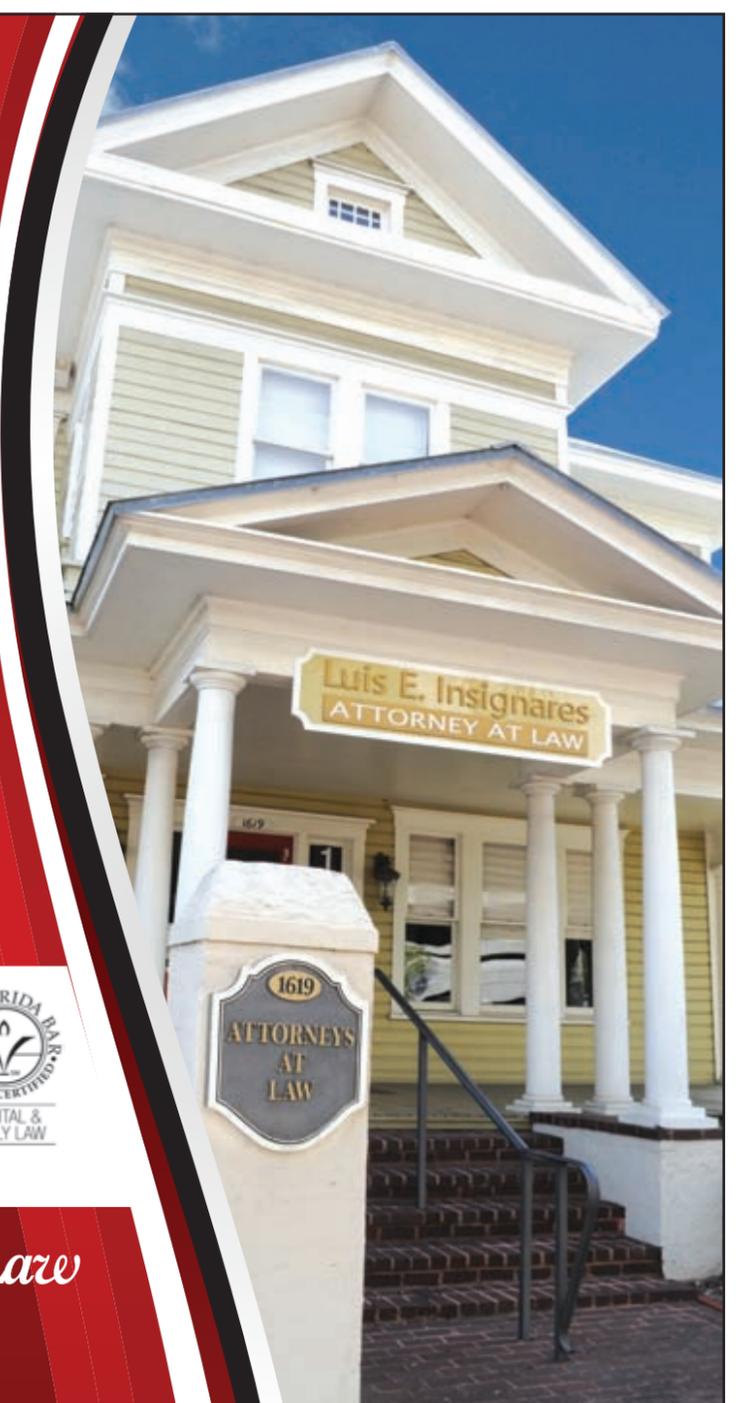


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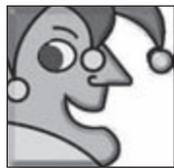


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Reverse Mortgages

Reverse mortgages are not right for many people, but it's good to understand them before dismissing them.

With a reverse mortgage, a homeowner receives a lump sum or regular payments based on the equity of his or her home, usually to help fund retirement.

They're not always a good deal. The points and fees they charge can be fairly high, and their interest rates can be considerably higher than those for regular mortgages. The cash flow you can expect from a reverse mortgage is determined by your home's value, your age and interest rates.

Those 62 years old or older with little or no debt stand to benefit the most. Loan programs vary widely in what they offer, so shopping around is critical. Retiring the debt usually means selling the home — often upon the death of the borrower — unless the heirs can cough up the repayment.

Reverse mortgages are generally not the best way to finance a retirement, but for some people without better options they

can make sense. Look into alternatives such as home equity loans. Or consider selling your home, moving to a less expensive dwelling, and investing and living off the difference. Note also that getting a reverse mortgage might affect your eligibility for certain benefits such as Medicaid.

On the plus side, reverse mortgages can offer a line of credit that seniors may draw on whenever the need arises. While a home equity loan may cost less to secure than a reverse mortgage, it requires monthly payments. Reverse mortgages enable seniors to convert some or all of the equity in their home into tax-free income without having to sell it or take on a new monthly mortgage payment.

Learn more at www.fool.com/homecenter/refinance/refinance08.htm, and www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/homes/real3.shtm. Or read "Reverse Mortgages for Dummies" by Sarah Glendon Lyons and John E. Lucas (For Dummies, \$17). Don't sign up for a reverse mortgage without getting advice from people who don't sell reverse mortgages. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Maxed Out on Pricey Options

Prior to the dot-com bubble that burst in 2000, I was maxing out my investing in stock options for Sun Microsystems, as an employee there. Every penny I could put in went toward buying stock. We're talking about stock prices up to \$130 per share. Well, you know the rest. By the time I sold, it was at \$3 a share. I wish I had some perspective then to see that I needed to get out a long time prior.

— FM., online

The Fool Responds: Oy indeed. It's true that you know your employer better than you know most other companies. But to have most of your assets in it is a mistake. Think about it this way: It's providing your income already. So if it hits a rough patch, not only might your job be in jeopardy, but your stock could take a hit, too. Don't set yourself up for a terrible double-whammy.

Regarding the bubble, you weren't alone thinking that stocks that had skyrocketed would keep doing so. But they rarely do. Focus on what a stock is really worth, not its momentum. ■



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Ask the Fool

Back to Basis

Q When selling a stock, how do I determine my cost basis and my gain?
—D.Y., San Ramon, Calif.

A Imagine that you buy 100 shares of Sisyphus Transport Corp. (ticker: UPDWN) for \$40 each, paying a \$15 commission. Your cost basis is the purchase price (\$4,000) plus the commission, or \$4,015. The basis per share is \$4,015 divided by 100, or \$40.15.

If you eventually sell the shares for \$50 each, or \$5,000, subtract the \$15 commission and your proceeds will be \$4,985, or \$49.85 per share. Your taxable capital gain will be the difference — \$970, or \$9.70 per share.

Q How do companies decide how much to pay out in dividends?
—R.B., Topeka, Kan.

A It depends on how management thinks it can best use the firm's profits. The money might be used to pay down debt, to buy another company, to build more factories, hire more workers or buy more advertising, among other options. Such uses can reward shareholders even more than dividends would, by making the company more valuable. Still, managements often opt to pay out a portion of earnings in dividends, especially when they don't see more compelling alternatives.

(Young or rapidly growing companies often don't pay dividends, preferring to spend all extra cash fueling growth.)

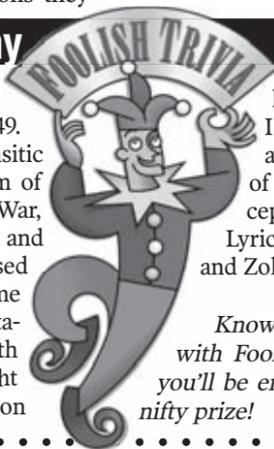
Dividend amounts tend to stay put for months or years. Healthy, growing companies will usually up their dividends periodically. Caterpillar, for example, has hiked its dividend by an annual average of 10 percent over the past decade.

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The Motley Fool Take

Intuitive Surgical: Plenty of Room to Grow

When Fool co-founder David Gardner first recommended Intuitive Surgical (Nasdaq: ISRG) in 2005, it was trading at \$44. Recently the stock was near \$435. Despite its meteoric rise, there's still room for growth. Intuitive's minimally invasive robotic surgical system continues to find increased acceptance for more clinical applications and to see increased use in the U.S. and abroad.

The number of surgical procedures performed with Intuitive's da Vinci system in the quarter ending Sept. 30 increased about 30 percent year over year. But the real growth potential is in its adoption and use beyond

just hysterectomies and prostatectomies.

Those two procedures represented about 75 percent of all da Vinci procedures performed in 2010. Yet in the U.S. alone, Intuitive has FDA clearance for another dozen surgical applications — and worldwide, the system has reportedly been used to perform nearly 100 different types of surgeries.

With increased adoption and use of the system, recurring instrument and accessory sales (for items that wear out with use in surgery) and higher-margin service contract renewals should continue to grow.

Intuitive's expected growth rate exceeds those of other established medical technology and device companies. Investors willing to take on some risk might want to consider it. (Motley Fool newsletter services have recommended Intuitive Surgical.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ A **Job Search Support Group** meets from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Contact Karen Klukiewicz at kluk77@comcast.net or visit www.napleschamber.org.

■ **Partner 4 Performance**, a networking group for small business owners, meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Thursday and from 8:30-10 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month at Patric's in Mission West Plaza. Cost is \$10, plus \$12 for the lunch meeting. For more information, call 948-0050 or visit www.partner4performance.com.

■ The **Above Board Chamber** meets for lunch and a program titled "Setting Your

Business Goals" at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 9, at the Hilton Naples. Panelists will be Dan Regelski, director of the Small Business Development Center at FGCU; Jan Kantor, president of Success Systems; and Robin Richards, owner of Growing Forward Business Solutions; Sue Huff will emcee. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for others. Call 981-7426 or prepay online at www.AboveBoardChamber.com.

■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** hosts Wake Up Naples for members and guests from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the Hilton Naples. The morning is sponsored by Seminole Casino Immokalee. For reservations, visit www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **Gulf Coast Venture Forum-Naples Chapter** meets from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at The Ritz-Carton Golf Resort. The primary purpose of the GCVF is to promote the success of Southwest Florida's new and emerging businesses by educating and bringing together the best entrepreneurs and Angel Investors. For information about membership requirements, call 262-6300 or visit www.gcvf.com.

■ **PRACC**, Public Relations, Marketing and Advertising Professionals of Collier County, starts the new year with a media panel discussion Thursday, Jan. 19, at McCormick & Schmick's. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Sign up by e-mailing info@PRACC.org or by calling the message line at 436-2105.

■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its first Business After 5 of the New Year from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at Naples Day Surgery at the NCH downtown campus, 311 Ninth St. N. Attendees will tour one of the first and largest outpatient surgery centers in the area. Register at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ **Leadership Collier Foundation** alumni will meet for a box lunch and hear from Naples Mayor-elect John Sorey beginning at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at the Professional Development Center at 615 Third Ave. S. Graduates of Leadership Collier, Growing Associates In Naples and the Leadership Institute are welcome. Cost is \$10. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events. ■

CITRUS

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up 9 percent this year through the second-to-last week of December. Our retail store has been up consistently during all of 2011 over 2010."

Hank Jacobs, co-owner of the family-run South Naples Citrus Grove on Sabal Palm Road, says business has been steady and comparable to previous years as it heads into the high-demand months of January through March.

The market and shipping center offers grapefruits, oranges, tangerines and Meyer lemons harvested from a 120-acre grove established by Mr. Jacobs' father-in-law in 1979. From November through May, the company also sells its citrus at farmers markets from Marco Island to Bonita Springs.

Battling nature

The business-is-good mantra is positive news for an industry that just five years ago faced a dire prognosis. Farmers already battling canker, which rendered fields within a 250-acre radius worthless, faced a more ruthless enemy with the 2005 arrival of the fruit- and tree-killing citrus greening. Extensive research and \$50 million invested by Florida's growers have produced some methods to stave off infestation, carried by Asian psyllids, an insect that secretes a toxic saliva as it feasts on a tree's leaves and sap.

"Ten to 12 years ago — before canker and greening and economics — our area had close to 200,000 acres of citrus," says Ron Hamel, executive vice president and general manager of the Fort Myers-based growers association. "Canker took out a lot of trees and acres statewide."

Some farmers abandoned citrus, reducing the five-county region's working groves to 165,000 acres in 2008. Today, there are about 130,000 acres, says Mr. Hamel.

In 2004, as research was on the verge of eradicating canker from Florida, four hurricanes crossed the state, aiding the spread of the wind-borne disease, which renders blemished fruit that's still useable for juice.

"Federal and state programs shut down," says Mr. Hamel. "They told us we were on our own, that they weren't taking

any more trees out."

Then came greening and a full-fledged battle. Citrus growers rallied together, hiring the National Academy of Sciences to defend their livelihood. Working with the University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences at the Southwest Florida Research and Education Center in Immokalee, research during the past six years has pioneered two successful approaches: pre-flush sprayings in December to knock down the psyllid population, and macro- and micro-nutrient infused fertilizers.

"It's not the panacea," says Mr. Hamel. "We're waiting for the silver bullets."

A recent U.S. Department of Agriculture survey shows additional positive news: Collier, Lee and Hendry counties ranked among the state's top areas with low psyllid counts. Charlotte County ranked 15 of the 29 counties in the Citrus Health Management Area.

The added defense system, of course, ups the cost-per-acre, however.

"On the positive side, fruit prices are still strong," says Mr. Hamel. "Growers can still make a little profit."

Florida is the world's largest producer of grapefruit and ranks second to Brazil in orange juice production. More than 80 percent of the nation's orange juice is made from Florida oranges; 87 percent of Florida citrus is processed into orange and grapefruit juices, according to the Florida Department of Citrus.

In Florida, 31 counties produce citrus. Total citrus land accounts for 541,328 acres, down from a peak of 853,742 commercial acres in 1996.

Citrus has been farmed commercially in Florida since the mid-1800s. Christopher Columbus brought citrus to Florida in 1493 and the first orange trees were planted by Spanish explorers in the mid-1500s in St. Augustine.

Florida's citrus season coincides with the height of tourist season, bringing sun- and fruit-seeking buyers to enjoy the state's bounty October-June.

Sun Harvest

At Sun Harvest Citrus, visitors can sample five fresh-squeezed citrus juices, including orange, strawberry-orange and cranberry-orange. "We average about 50 to 100 gallons a day that gets sampled in the store," says Mr. Nicely, who married into the business; his wife is the founder's granddaughter. "We juice four to five days

a week and make 2,000 gallons a day."

Sun Harvest's citrus comes from family-run groves near Vero Beach and Florida's famed Indian River region, known world-wide for its grapefruit. The third-generation company relocated its packinghouse to Fort Myers in 1990, lured by a faster-growing population, tourist draws like Sanibel and Captiva islands and professional spring training baseball camps, and the lack of competition. Its 25,000-square-foot facility includes the retail store, a processing facility and administrative offices with a 16-operator call center.

"We do everything here," says Mr. Nicely. "Our fruit is delivered the same day it's picked and is processed the next day."

An earlier-than-usual honeybell harvest has been an added boon to business. A seedless hybrid of the Dancy tangerine and Duncan grapefruit, honeybells are the Mercedes of eating-oranges. "They peel easily and the juice runs down your arm," says Mr. Nicely, adding, "We have customers call as early as August to place their honeybell order."

Half of Sun Harvest's business is derived from mail orders.

"By the end of Christmas and honeybell season, we've shipped 60 percent of our packages for the year," Mr. Nicely says. "Right now a lot of tourists and seasonal residents are shipping honeybells to their family and friends or the person watching the dog, cat or house."

Sun Harvest grows 20 varieties of citrus. Seedier oranges are picked exclusively for juice that's delivered to commercial venues from Marco and Sanibel islands to Fort Myers. Also on store shelves: famed Davidson of Dundee orange candies and jellies, other Florida food items and soft-serve orange-and-vanilla and chocolate-and-Key-lime ice cream. "We did 120,000 cones last year," says Mr. Nicely.

South Naples Citrus

South Naples Citrus Grove was born on 120 acres of Florida scrub land and today sells and ships its juices and fruit packages throughout the U.S. and Canada.

"January through March are our peak months," says Mr. Jacobs. "We have a lot of seasonal residents buying packages and sending them up north." Just as at Sun Harvest, honeybells are especially popular, he adds.

The company's average single-tray citrus order ranges from \$29-\$59 plus ship-

ping and handling. The retail market also sells orange-blossom honey, grapefruit spoons, jellies and candies. A new program rewards loyal customers by offering \$1 off a future purchase for every \$10 spent. It's been popular, says Mr. Jacobs. "Our customers can apply the reward points to their next order or let them accumulate."

When the citrus season ends, the Jacobs family will summer in Illinois, where they grow and sell vegetables.

Worden Farms

Although its citrus harvest is readily available to paying members, Worden Farms also occasionally makes its Valencia oranges and Meyers lemons harvested on the 85-acre certified organic farm available at area farmers markets.

"We get a pretty good citrus crop," says co-owner Eva Worden. "We also get citrus from growers we know who have small groves and who don't spray. There's a wonderful source in Buckingham that grows ponkans, a type of tangerine that's super sweet and delicious. It's a Florida fruit you wouldn't find in the supermarket. They feel like an old mushy tangerine, but they're phenomenal. Only those in the know would know about them."

Worden Farms' 80 citrus trees are managed and maintained organically as per its mission. "We keep track of our yield on a weekly and seasonal basis, and this year it's equal or greater than in previous years," says Ms. Worden.

The farm distributes fresh-grown produce to its membership every Wednesday through the growing season. During one recent pick-up date it hosted a cooking demonstration showcasing orange and fennel slaw.

"Citrus is a wonderful addition to the diet because it's so nutritious and it's available when it's needed most —when there's less sunlight and people in northern climates might not be as active," Ms. Worden says.

As Southwest Florida's citrus harvest kicks into full swing, local retailers and growers remain upbeat.

"There is a lot more optimism in the industry the past few years since greening was found," says Mr. Hamel. "Ironically, it's hard to get nursery trees right now because of the strong demand for resets from groves that are putting citrus back in. Growers need to get in touch with their nurseries a year or two ahead." ■

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What \$300,000 can buy

640 21ST ST. NW, NAPLES

Situated on 2.5 acres in Golden Gates Estates, this two-story home was built in 2006. The home has 3,283 square feet of living space, with four bedrooms and four bathrooms. The upgraded kitchen has dark wood cabinetry and an island and opens to a spacious living area with a view of the back yard.



The home has carpet and ceramic tile, including beautiful tile on bathroom floors and shower and tub walls. The master bathroom has a combination tub and shower.

Close to the library, schools and a fire station, the home has a three-car garage. The home is listed at \$300,000. Contact listing agent Susan Procacci of Downing Frye Realty Inc. in Naples at 353-2879. ■

28370 VERDE LANE NORTH, BONITA SPRINGS

This pool home is in the deeded, gated golf and tennis community of Spanish Wells. On an oversized lot, the ranch-style home has 1,887 square feet of living space and features three bedrooms in a split plan and two bathrooms. The master and guest bedrooms, great room and kitchen overlook the pool area.



The kitchen has a breakfast bar, and the dining room is spacious. Ceramic tiling is throughout the home, which has upgraded lighting. The large lanai has an above-ground spa and a view of the golf course. The garage is oversized.

The home is priced at \$300,000. Contact listing agent Jim Carrell of Amerivest Realty in Naples at 269-3769. ■

9731 MAR LARGO CIRCLE, FORT MYERS

This pool home is in Venetian Village, a quiet gated community with ample amenities and conveniently located to the beaches. Built in 1994, the home of 2,072 square feet of living area has four bedrooms in a split plan and three bathrooms. The former model home now has many upgrades, including newer carpet.



The family room has an electric fireplace, and the kitchen has plenty of cabinet space and a breakfast bar. The solar heated pool is oversized with an in-ground spa. The lanai overlooks a beautiful lake with fountain.

The development has a community pool, children's play area and tennis court. The home is listed at \$300,000. Contact listing agent Sande Ellis of Re/Max Realty Group in Fort Myers at 489-4042. ■

6170 MCKINLEY TERRACE, ENGLEWOOD

Built in 2005, this Key West-style home of 1,790 square feet is located on an oversized lot in the Oak Hollow subdivision. The home features three bedrooms and two bathrooms. The spacious master suite has a bath with dual sinks, jetted tub and separate shower.



The kitchen has stainless steel appliances and a solid surface breakfast bar. The interior includes vaulted and tray ceilings and wood floors.

The home has a four-car garage and lots of storage. The rear deck offers clear views of the freshwater canal and green space behind the home.

Listed at \$300,000, the residence is in a quiet development and close to shopping, dining and gulf beaches. Contact listing agent Jerry Hayes of Re/Max Anchor of Marina Park at (941) 456-1155. ■

Free seminar makes the connection to the latest in home electronics

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Getting a handle on all of the cool gadgets and gizmos for your home can be challenging in the fast-paced and ever-changing world of electronics. With the touch of a keypad, you can control lighting, entertainment, security, telecommunications, heating and air conditioning. Specialty Electronics, a custom audio-video integration company at Miromar Design Center, unveils the latest technology for 2012 at "What's New in Home Electronics," a free seminar at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17.

The company designs systems that give homeowners convenient, centralized



SEE SEMINAR, B17 ► Sunset in a beachside residence equipped with automated window shading.



The John R. Wood property code was inadvertently published as the address of the Aqualane Shores home featured in the Dec. 29 "House Hunting." For information about the waterfront home, call Michele Harrison at 580-9889.

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OPEN SUNDAY 1 -4:00

525 KINGS TOWN DRIVE

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- Private & Quaint w/Bay Views
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BAYVIEW AT BONITA BAY

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MARBELLA AT PELICAN BAY

- 3 Bedrooms, 3-Baths
- Extensively Upgraded
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- Stunning Spacious Kitchen
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- Private Elevator
- Extensive Upgrades Throughout
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- Milton Collins 239.565.2139

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BEAUTIFULLY REMODELED VILLA

- 3 Bedrooms, 3.5-Baths
- Vaulted Ceilings, Open Floor Plan
- Courtyard Home, Lanai Overlooks Preserve
- Beautiful Tiled Floors, Granite Counters
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- 4 Bedrooms, + Den, 4.5-Baths
- Gorgeous Stone Flooring
- Tropical Lanai w/Pool & Spa
- Golf, Lake & Preserve Views
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BEAUTIFUL GULF VIEWS

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- St. Simone at Pelican Bay
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- Great Community Amenities
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BEAUTIFUL VILLA

- 4 Bedrooms,
- Stunning Vie
- Game Room,
- Huge Pool, S
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- 4 Bedrooms,
- Chiseled Edg
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- **\$1,595,000**
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- 3 Bedrooms,
- 4,000 S. F. o
- Custom Pool
- Nestled in Lu
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- 3 Bedrooms,
- Spectacular
- Upgraded G
- Volume Deta
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- Chiseled Edge Stone Flooring
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BENT PINES



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- Centrally Located
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BONITA BAY



AZURE AT BONITA BAY

- 3 Bedrooms, Plus Den, 3.5-Baths
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- 270 Degree Water Views
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COQUINA SANDS



CUSTOM RESIDENCE

- 4 Bedrooms, 4-Baths
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- Spectacular Lake Views
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- 4,517 S.F. of Living
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HORIZONS AT BONITA BAY

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SEMINAR

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A custom home theater design by Specialty Electronics.

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The "What's New in Home Electronics" seminar is free and open to the public and design professionals. Learn about the newest innovations, see the "Greatest TV Ever Made" and enter to win a Blu-ray 3D DVD player. Complimentary wine, cheese and chocolates will be served afterward.



The touch screen shown in the foreground controls the master bedroom system.

Seating at the seminar is limited, and RSVPs are required by Friday, Jan. 13. Register at www.miomardesigncenter.com.

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ISLAND WALK VANDERBILT BEACH LOCATION



Luxury, Elegance, and Value in one stunning package! Pristine 4BR, 3.5BA Carlyle with Southern exposure, features plenty of windows to let in the natural light! Cherry, bright neutral interior, upgraded throughout, screened lanai with lake views and heated pool. Don't miss this one! **\$479,000**



Comfortable Elegance 4 BR, 3.5BA From the engaging front porch you will love this gracious bright home, formal living and dining, fireplace, and private pool with lake views! A MUST SEE! Furniture package avl. **\$462,000**

OTHER FINE COMMUNITIES



Verona Walk
Great Opportunity to own a NEVER LIVED in decorator ready 3, BR, 2.5 BA water view Oakmont. Owners purchased as second home and never occupied the property. Great location short walk to Town amenities center. **\$326,900**



Club Homes Villa 2 BR, 2BA and 1-Car garage. This lovely villa offers spacious floor plan along with serene golf course and lake views from the screened lanai. Perfect for a full time residence or an occasional vacation home. **\$150,000 MAKE OFFER**



10620 Gulf Shore Drive #501 VANDERBILT BEACH
 Spectacular water views of Vanderbilt Bay & the Gulf from this elegant 3 BR/3.5BA corner unit with Den. Take the secure elevator to your private foyer. Spacious open floor plan. Gulf Access, steps to Beach. Ask about Boat Dock/Cabana! \$1,495,000



6001 Pelican Bay Boulevard #1406 PELICAN BAY
 Gulf & Golf views from 14th floor. Beautifully renovated, spacious 3BR/3BA, walk-in closets, stainless steel appliances, granite countertops 2 balconies, 2 garage spaces. Close to tram. Ready for your decorative touches. \$669,000



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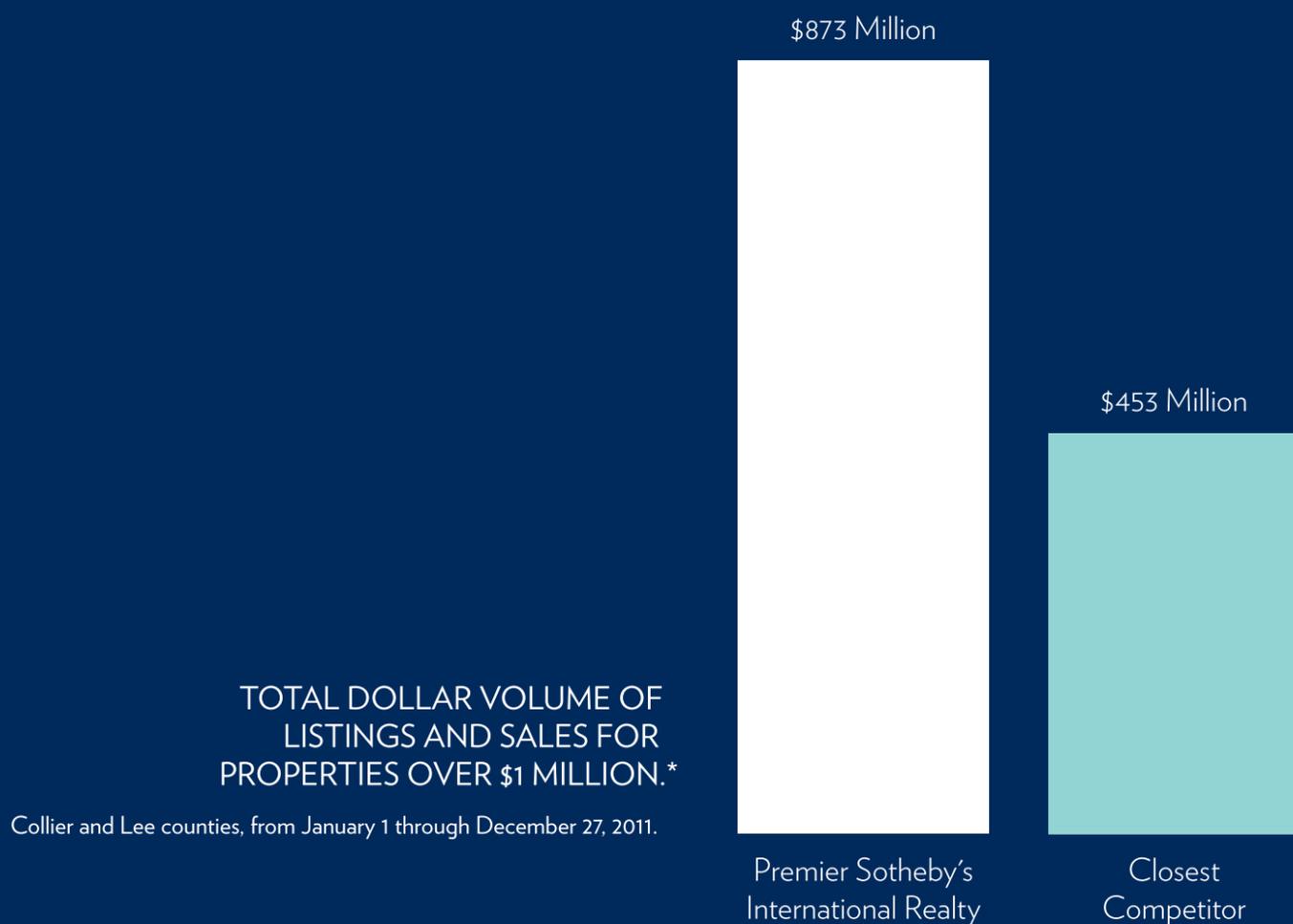


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GREY OAKS



ESTUARY
2010 Aurora award winning Harwick built estate with 5+BR and 8,322 total SF. Stunning lake, golf and preserve view. \$6,495,000
Melissa Williams/Dan Guenther | 248-7238



ESTUARY
Exclusive 5BR, 6.5BA, 7,300 SF estate home includes gourmet kitchen, wine cellar, exercise room and 4-car garage.
\$5,150,000 | 261-3148



ESTUARY
This magnificent gated property with a view of the 3rd green is an ideal elite haven for the consummate golfer.
\$4,900,000 | Jeannie McGearty | 248-4333



ESTUARY
This is the life! Grand waterscapes, long golf course views, flowing pools. Harwick built 5BR + family room home.
\$4,749,000 | Brian Nelson | 572-2903



SILVERLEAF WAY
Magnificent home encompassing over 5,300 SF of living area. Master craftsmanship, pool, outdoor entertaining area. \$4,295,000 | Carol Gilman/Dorcas Briscoe/John Hamilton | 404-3253



ESTUARY
Furnished 3BR+den/3.5BA "Bacara V" courtyard villa by London Bay Homes. Game room and 3-car garage.
\$3,575,000 | Sam Heitman | 261-3148



BELLFLOWER LANE
Stunning western views over 2 golf holes/lake. Former model, 5BR/5.5BAs, study, fully & professionally furnished. \$3,450,000
Lynn Anderson/Carolyn Weinand | 290-6674



INDIGOBUSH WAY
Custom 4BR estate with study, game & exercise rooms. Outdoor area has kitchen, large pool/spa, preserve/golf views.
\$2,795,000 | Michael G. Lawler | 571-3939



ESTUARY - NOBLE HERON
Build this magnificent "Alamanda" 3BR + study home. Over 4,000 SF of living space, pool, spa, fantastic golf views!
\$2,049,000 | 261-3148



MIRAMONTE
A gracious former model 4BR/4.5BA + study villa. Family room, gourmet kitchen, heated pool/spa & outdoor kitchen. \$1,849,900
V.K. Melhado/Marlene Suarez | 216-6400



PALM ISLAND
Classic 4BR/4BA plus den home with gorgeous lake & golf course views. Impeccably maintained, beautifully updated.
\$1,795,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678



ESTUARY - MARSH WREN
Well-appointed fully furnished 4BR, study, formal living & family room, 4 bath+2 half-bath villa. Lake/golf views.
\$1,765,000 | Sam Heitman | 537-2018



ESTUARY - MARSH WREN
1535 Marsh Wren Lane - Brand new 3BR + study maintenance-free villa has an expansive lake/golf view! Pool/spa. Award-winning Country Club.
\$1,750,000 | Sam Heitman | 261-3148



CAPISTRANO
Idyllic views! Beautifully decorated, furnishings are comfortable and chic, gourmet kitchen. Perfect pool area. \$1,750,000
Mary Catherine/Larry White | 287-2818



ESTUARY
Highly upgraded Emilia villa with stunning golf views. Open plan 3BR + study, screened pool/spa & summer kitchen.
\$1,699,000 | 261-3148



CAPISTRANO
Like a villa in Tuscany. Model quality finishes, overlooking a lake & fairway. Pool, members enjoy 3 golf courses. \$1,697,900
Jutta Lopez/Al Lopez | 571-5339



ESTUARY - MARSH WREN
Build this beautiful "Dahlia" 3BR+study villa home. 2,986 sq. ft. A/c, pool, spa, views to clubhouse & golf course.
\$1,514,000 | 261-3148



ESTUARY AT GREY OAKS
1220 Gordon River Trail - The perfect Naples life! Sophisticated amenities & superlative homes set amid natural preserves. Championship golf; minutes to beaches, shops & dining. **Pre-construction villas from \$1,499,000. Estate homes from \$2,750,000. Estate homesites from \$795,000.** | 261-3148



AVILA
Color embraces this fully furnished 4BR home with taste & excitement. Three golf courses, 2 clubhouses & tennis. \$1,079,000
Mary Catherine/Larry White | 287-2818



AVILA
Private villa, dramatic architectural features, 14' ceilings, walls of glass pocket back opening to pool/garden. \$989,000
Larry/Mary Catherine White | 287-2818



L'ERMITAGE
Gracious, gloriously bright condominium. Long lake & fairway views. Private lanai, pool cabana. minutes to beach! \$975,000
Jutta V. Lopez/Al Lopez | 571-5339



THE MEWS
Sophisticated courtyard home features custom finishes & decor, wood floors, & separate guest cabana. Furnished. \$950,000
Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678



TERRA VERDE
Immaculate home features open kitchen, poolside cabana, golf cart, expansive lake and golf views. Furnished. \$799,000
Larry/Mary Catherine White | 287-2818



AVILA
Extensive upgrades, 3 bedroom suites, den, walls of glass open to pool area. Social/golfing memberships available. \$795,000
Heather Hobrock | 370-3944



TERRA VERDE
Outstanding wide lake & golf course views. First floor 2BR/3BA condominium. Open plan, meticulously maintained. \$625,000
Jutta V. Lopez/Al Lopez | 571-5339

FIDDLER'S CREEK



ISLA DEL SOL
Fully decorator furnished custom home. Sunsets over pool & spa to golf course and lake. Award-winning Club & Spa.
\$1,995,000 | ML Meade | 293-4851



MAHOGANY BEND
Exquisitely decorated 4BR/4BA, study+family rm. custom home overlooks golf course. Award-winning resort amenities.
\$1,395,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176



MAHOGANY BEND
Stunning, beautifully furnished custom-built golf course view home. Pool/spa, luxury resort living, beach & marina.
\$1,100,000 | Michelle L. Thomas | 860-7176



BELLAGIO
Exquisite luxury home with spectacular western lake. Private lanai & infinity edge pool. Golf membership available.
\$890,000 | Michelle L. Thomas | 860-7176



MULBERRY ROW
Custom golf course view home in a premier resort-style community. Open, light floor plan. Lake view, private yard.
\$645,000 | Michelle L. Thomas | 860-7176

ISLA DEL SOL 3852 Isla Del Sol Way - Custom-built furnished 4BR/5.5BA former model. Over 4,200 SF of living area, den & family room. Golf/lake views.
\$2,195,000 | ML Meade | 293-4851

MAHOGANY BEND 3804 Mahogany Bend Drive - Exquisite 3BR+den custom pool home, spectacular S. golf course views! Club & Spa, optional beach/marina membership. \$1,199,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176

MENAGGIO 9279 Menaggio Court #201 - Stunning luxury decorator furnished 3BR/3BA + study coach home with western lake view. Golf, beach, Club & Spa. \$995,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176

SERENA 3198 Serenity Court #201 - Beautifully furnished residence with private elevator. Over 3,000 SF of living area, 3 bedrooms plus den, 3 baths. \$829,000 | Michelle L. Thomas | 860-7176

BELLAGIO 8556 Bellagio Drive - Captivating golf & lake view. Like new, tasteful 3BR/3BA, family room, stainless appliances & spa. Resort living. \$799,000 | ML Meade | 293-4851

MULBERRY ROW 7705 Mulberry Lane - Fabulous former 3BR/3BA designer furnished model, den, family rm, custom upgrades, over 3,000 SF. Heated pool/spa. \$749,000 | ML Meade | 293-4851

CALLISTA 2714 Callista Court #204 - An impressive luxury corner 3BR/3BA+den coach home. Many upgrades, decorator furnishings, lanai overlooks a lake. \$699,000 | Michelle L. Thomas | 860-7176

CASCADA 9010 Cascada Way #202 - Great golf course views, charming 3BR/3BA+office. Renovated kitchen & bathroom, new carpet & A/C system. Furnished. \$559,000 | Maureen/Mike Joyce | 860-7176

CASCADA 9042 Cascada Way #201 - Fabulous golf course views. An impressive 3BR/3BA+office residence. Pools, fitness ctr, spa, dining, golf & tennis. \$499,000 | Maureen/Michael Joyce | 860-7176

CHERRY OAKS 9077 Cherry Oaks Trail #202 - Spectacular lake & Rookery Golf course views! End 3BR/3BA, family room & den. Enjoy over 3,000 sq. ft. of luxury! \$499,000 | ML Meade | 293-4851

MALLARDS LANDING 8455 Mallards Way - Beautiful lake views! Immaculate home. Spacious bedrooms, negative-edge pool & spa. GE Profile kitchen appliances. \$448,900 | Michelle L. Thomas | 860-7176

3740 Cotton Green Path Drive - Gorgeous 2-story courtyard home, 1st floor master, office & BR/den, 2 BRs & 3rd bath upstairs. Superb golf views. \$447,000 | Al Love | 298-2444

MONTREUX 3735 Montreux Way #101 - Stunning 3BR/3BA end coach home. Over 2,500 sq. ft. living area, attached 2-car garage. Steps to pool. Furnished. \$479,000 | Michelle L. Thomas | 860-7176

VARENNA 9217 Museo Circle #203 - Luxurious resort lifestyle community. Immaculate, attractively decorated upper floor coach home with lake views. \$469,000 | Michelle L. Thomas | 860-7176

MARENGO 3142 Aviamar Circle #102 - Exquisitely decorated, immaculate 3BR coach home with lake view, 2 small pets permitted. Award-winning Club & Spa. \$429,000 | Michelle L. Thomas | 860-7176

CASCADA 9010 Cascada Way #101 - Turnkey furnished, stunning 1st floor corner coach home with fabulous SW view of golf course. Fabulous Club & Spa. \$399,000 | Michelle L. Thomas | 860-7176

PEPPER TREE 8544 Pepper Tree Way - Gorgeous 2-story 4BR/3BA+family room single-family home. Dual A/C system, new appliances, furnishings negotiable. \$380,000 | Maureen/Michael Joyce | 784-1288

MONTREUX 3720 Montreux Lane #201 - Overlook lake from this spacious upper floor end coach home. SW exposure, screened lanai, family room, near pool. \$375,000 | Michelle L. Thomas | 860-7176

INTRODUCING



OLD NAPLES - BEACHFRONT
Two-story contemporary home with 170 ft of beach frontage. Separate guest house, private 50' tropical pool area...
\$11,900,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



AQUALANE SHORES
Wide expanse of Naples Bay. Two docks w/lifts, theater, study/office, 3-car garage, and outdoor kitchen.
\$6,500,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529



OLD NAPLES
Elegantly appointed interiors, spectacular Gulf sunsets! Three-story newly built residence one house from beach.
\$5,495,000 | Philip N. Collins | 404-6800



OLD NAPLES
A classically inspired 4BR Tuscan home. Sophistication + the natural beauty of Naples' Gulf coast. Steps to beach.
\$3,995,000 | Philip N. Collins | 404-6800



AQUALANE SHORES
Wide water views! Quality finishes, 4BRs, den, elevator, 3-car garage, pool, 80' concrete floating dock, furnished.
\$3,950,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



ROYAL HARBOR
Wonderful bay views! To-be-built 4BR + den home. Outdoor living with cooktop, heated pool/spa. Direct Gulf access. \$3,595,000
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



OLD NAPLES
One-of-a-kind 4BR + den European home. Quality materials & attention to detail. Heated pool/spa. Minutes to beach.
\$3,450,000 | Celine Julie Godof | 404-9917



AQUALANE SHORES
Custom, meticulously updated 3BR + family room home. Covered, cut-in boat slip & 135' on the water, direct access.
\$2,950,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529



AQUALANE SHORES
Immaculately kept 3BR+den overlooking Heron Cove. Pool, boat dock with lift provides direct, quick access to Gulf. \$2,695,000
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



OLD NAPLES
Spanish-inspired Mizner West Palm Beach-style stand-out! European stone area with pool, spa, summer kitchen.
\$2,550,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741



OLD NAPLES - HEMINGWAY BAY
Only 2 units in the complex, completely updated villa, guest house over 3-car garage & screened pavilion poolside.
\$2,150,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



OLD NAPLES
Private retreat - 3BR/2BA lakefront cottage one block to beach. Modern kitchen & oversized master suite.
\$2,150,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894



AQUALANE SHORES
An incredible waterfront lifestyle. Deep-water dock, stroll to shops/dining, steps to beach. Charming 3BR/3BA home.
\$1,999,000 | Vincent Bandelier | 450-5976



AQUALANE SHORES
Fabulous homesite (95'x173'), 1 lot from Naples Bay! Wide, deep canal. Grandfathered in boat house & covered slip.
\$1,975,000 | Beth McNichols | 821-3304



OLD NAPLES
Beautifully decorated home with professional decor & furnishings. Private oversized backyard. Open 3BR + den plan.
\$1,699,000 | Celine Julie Godof | 404-9917



OLD NAPLES - ROSE VILLAS
Dynamic villa featuring Bosch appliances, elevator, wood and tile flooring, 4 bedrooms plus den. Private pool.
\$1,699,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741



OLD NAPLES - GOLF DRIVE ESTATES
Short walk to the beach, golf club and tennis facilities! A magnificent Mediterranean home with superior style!
\$1,650,000 | Vickie Larscheid | 250-5041



AQUALANE SHORES
Desirable waterfront homesite with no bridges to the Gulf of Mexico, deep-water canal. Near beach, shops & dining.
\$1,500,000 | Vincent Bandelier | 450-5976



OLD NAPLES
Build your dream home! Approx. lot size is 100' x 150'. Walk to the Gulf. A rare large lot with southern exposure.
\$1,495,000 | Celine Julie Godof | 404-9917



ROYAL HARBOR
Casually charming, updated home. Expansive outdoor retreat for entertaining with kitchen, chickee hut & waterfall.
\$1,495,000 | Michael G. Lawler | 571-3939



OLD NAPLES - PARKSIDE OFF FIFTH
Sophisticated urban living! High-end quality, uniquely designed one-of-a-kind 3BR/3.5BA + den. Walk to beach.
\$1,299,000 | Richard/Susie Culp | 290-2200



OLD NAPLES - GOLF DRIVE ESTATES
Charming Olde Florida style 3BR/2BA, detached casita, lap style pool/spa, 3 blocks to beach, golf course & tennis. \$1,250,000
Linda Perry/Judy Perry | 261-6161



OLD NAPLES - NAPLES BAY RESORT THE RESIDENCES
Sophisticated Bay front living, 3BR+den, multiple private terraces, balconies & gorgeous views. Resort amenities.
\$1,195,000 | Michael G. Lawler | 571-3939



OLD NAPLES - VILLAS TORINO
355 9th Avenue South #102 - Well-appointed 3BR/3.5BA+den. Heated pool, 2-car garage, 3 blocks to beach, near shops & dining. \$1,125,000
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



OLD NAPLES - TUSCAN
741 3rd Street South #D - A 3BR/3BA condominium just 2.5 blocks to beach & near shops/dining. Heated community pool & spa, secured building. \$935,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231

AQUALANE SHORES 832 1st Court South - Newly built 2-story open 4BR+den home. Luxurious appointments. Walk to beach, heated pool/spa. Dock, direct access. \$3,695,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231

OLD NAPLES 137 North Lake Drive - An impeccable home just steps to beach! With 4BRs, study, office/media room, sunny screened patio, pool & spa. \$3,450,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529

OLD NAPLES - VILLAS ESCALANTE 270 5th Avenue South #H-2 - Walk to dining, shopping or beach! Magnificent 4BR/4.5BA plus den villa, 3,576 sq. ft. of living area. Patio/pool. \$3,200,000 | Tom McCarthy/Tess McCarthy | 243-5520

AQUALANE SHORES 773 18th Avenue South - Unique Old-Florida style home with 3,514 SF, gourmet kitchen, & exercise room. Remodeled covered boat slip & lift. \$2,999,000 | Philip N. Collins | 404-6800

OLD NAPLES 124 13th Avenue South - Located between gulf beaches & 3rd St. shops/dining. Newly renovated contemporary design has beauty, value & charm. \$2,995,000 | Vickie Larscheid | 250-5041 **OPEN SUN. 1-4**

AQUALANE SHORES 533 15th Avenue South - Tuscan waterfront home opens to an expansive pool & patio area with a coveted covered boat slip. Walk to beach. \$2,995,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894

ROYAL HARBOR 1805 Kingfish Road - Build to suit. This homesite is perfect for your custom dream home offering a 60' dock with direct Gulf access. \$2,595,000 | Michael Jordan/Stefaan Bultinck | 777-3745

OLD NAPLES 645 Broad Avenue South - Walk to beach. Old Florida style home, enjoy coastal living with an open plan & clean line interiors. Pool & spa. \$2,250,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894

OLD NAPLES 81 Gulf Shore Blvd. South - Motivated Seller - homesite is ready-to-go, only one block to Gulf. Plans for a 4BR Stofft Cooney design available. \$1,890,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529

OLD NAPLES 160 7th Ave N. - An Old Florida styled home within walking distance to beach & 5th Ave. Sophisticated interiors, open heated pool. \$1,795,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894

OLD NAPLES 1006 5th Street South #503 - Only one block from beach, quaint 2BR/2BA home, separate guest house on a large oversized lot with S. exposure. \$1,795,000 | Kelly Kent | 250-5480

OLD NAPLES - ISLA MAR 1006 5th Street South #503 - Coveted top-flr 3BR/3BA condominium! Roof-top patio, low density, 2-car garage, pool/spa for 6 owners in building. \$1,700,000 | Ruth Trettis | 403-4529 **OPEN SUN. 1-4**

OLD NAPLES - GARDEN TERRACE 378 6th Street South #2
Elegant and innovative new 3BR+den villa steps from beach, near shops/dining. Separate, private outdoor pool/spa. \$1,425,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741

OLD NAPLES - LANTANA 441 4th Avenue South #304 - A rare gem surrounded by tropical grounds, multiple pools/spas. Only 17 homes. Dining/shops nearby, walk to beach. \$1,249,000 | Carol Sheehy/Cliff Donenfeld | 340-9300

OLD NAPLES - SPELLBINDER VILLAS 413 Broad Avenue South #3 - Fabulous 2-story 3BR/3BA villa 1 block from historic 3rd St. S. & 4 blocks to beach. Courtyard pool, pets allowed. \$1,149,000 | Krista Harris | 877-6745 **OPEN SUN. 1-4**

OLD NAPLES - CATELENA ON 3RD 317 7th Avenue South - First floor 2BR/3BA+den, 2-car garage, 2.5 blocks to beach, 2 blocks to shopping & dining. Community pool, 3 spas. \$995,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231 **OPEN SUN. 1-4**

OLD NAPLES - VICTOR DEL REY 705 10th Street South #206 - This luxury 3BR/3BA, 3000 SF residence is spacious, bright & airy, includes private garage & personal pool cabana. \$895,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939

OLD NAPLES - VICTOR DEL REY 705 10th Street South #204 - Over 2,900 A/C sq. ft., 3BR/3.5BAs opening to pool with cabana. Secured elevator, walk to beach, shops & dining. \$799,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231

OLD NAPLES - ST. CHARLES 540 10th Avenue South - An updated 3BR/2BA residence just 5 blocks from beach, shops/dining. Screened lanai overlooks community pool/spa. \$769,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231 **OPEN SUN. 1-4**

OLD NAPLES - DEVON COURT 525 10th Avenue South #B-101
This 3BR is within walking distance to the beach, shops and restaurants. Designed with comfortable proportions. \$699,000 | Lodge McKee | 434-2424

ROYAL HARBOR AREA - OYSTER BAY 1460 Jewel Box Avenue - Unique waterfront opportunity with canals on both sides of this home being sold as-is. Quick, direct Gulf access. \$649,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231

ROYAL HARBOR AREA - BAYVIEW ESTATES 1311 Chesapeake Avenue #A - Wide bay views, single family feel, 3BR/3BA townhouse. Only 8 units, 35' deeded boat dock with direct Gulf access. \$645,000 | Chris Yanson | 450-7584

OLD NAPLES - SHADOWMOSS 350 3rd Avenue South, #A-1 - Charming 2-story end villa includes a private courtyard, natural light on 3 sides & separate 1-car garage. \$599,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894

OLD NAPLES - BAY TERRACE 1325 7th Street South #7A - Panoramic southern and western views of the water & Old Naples. Walk to shops & dining, boat slips are available. \$569,000 | Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9091

OLD NAPLES - RIDGE LAKE 635 8th Street North - Attractively priced single-family home minutes to beach. Solid 2BR/2BA, potential to upgrade/rebuild. Corner lot. \$549,900 | V.K. Melhado | 216-6400

OLD NAPLES - PARKSIDE 882 7th Ave S #B - A private enclave of four residences. Walk to bistros, shops & beach. Fabulous, renovated loft-styled townhome. \$545,000 | Richard/Susie Culp | 290-2200

OLD NAPLES - PIERRE CLUB 1222 Gordon Drive #15 - Only 1.5 blocks to the beach, this 2BR/2.5BA is the perfect getaway. New kitchen. Walk to shops/dining. Furnished. \$479,900 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231 **OPEN SUN. 1-4**

OLD NAPLES - NAPLES BAY RESORT - THE COTTAGES 975 Sandpiper Street #A-104 - Beautiful decorator furnished 2BR/2BA condominium. Resort amenities. Near shops, dining, and beach. Weekly rentals. \$400,000 | Michelle Thomas | 860-7176

ROYAL HARBOR AREA - EL NIDO 1481 Chesapeake Avenue #1 - OWaterfront enclave - 4 residences, direct Gulf access near beach! Designer upgrades, 2BR+den. Boat docks, pool/spa! \$414,500 | Patrick D. O'Connor | 293-9411

ROYAL HARBOR AREA - GOLDEN SHORES Pelican Avenue Lot #74 - Waterfront lot to build your new home and dock on. Lot next door is also available, lots can be purchased together. \$399,000 | Kristin Mikler/Sue Black | 370-6292

OLD NAPLES - BAYFRONT 401 Bayfront Place #3502 - Immaculate, oversized, top-floor 2BA condominium, 10' ceilings. Priced to sell, all reasonable offers considered. \$389,000 | Thomas Gasbarro | 404-4883 **OPEN SUN. 1-4**

OLD NAPLES - FIFTH AVENUE BEACH CLUB 175 5th Avenue South #207 - Unbelievable location right on 5th Avenue, only 1.5 blocks to the beach. One bedroom, one bath; turnkey furnished. \$279,900 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231

OLD NAPLES - TOWN MANOR CLUB 1021 3rd Street South #102
Updated getaway, 2 bedroom, 2 bath only 2.5 blocks to beach, steps to 3rd St. shops and dining; blocks to 5th Ave. \$279,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231

OLD NAPLES - VILLAGE GREEN - HERON CLUB 464 Broad Avenue S. #H464 - Prime downtown location 3 blocks to shops/beach. Newer kitchen, 2BR/2BA condominium. Sold 'as-is'. \$233,900 | Tess McCarthy | 207-0118 **OPEN SUN. 1-4**

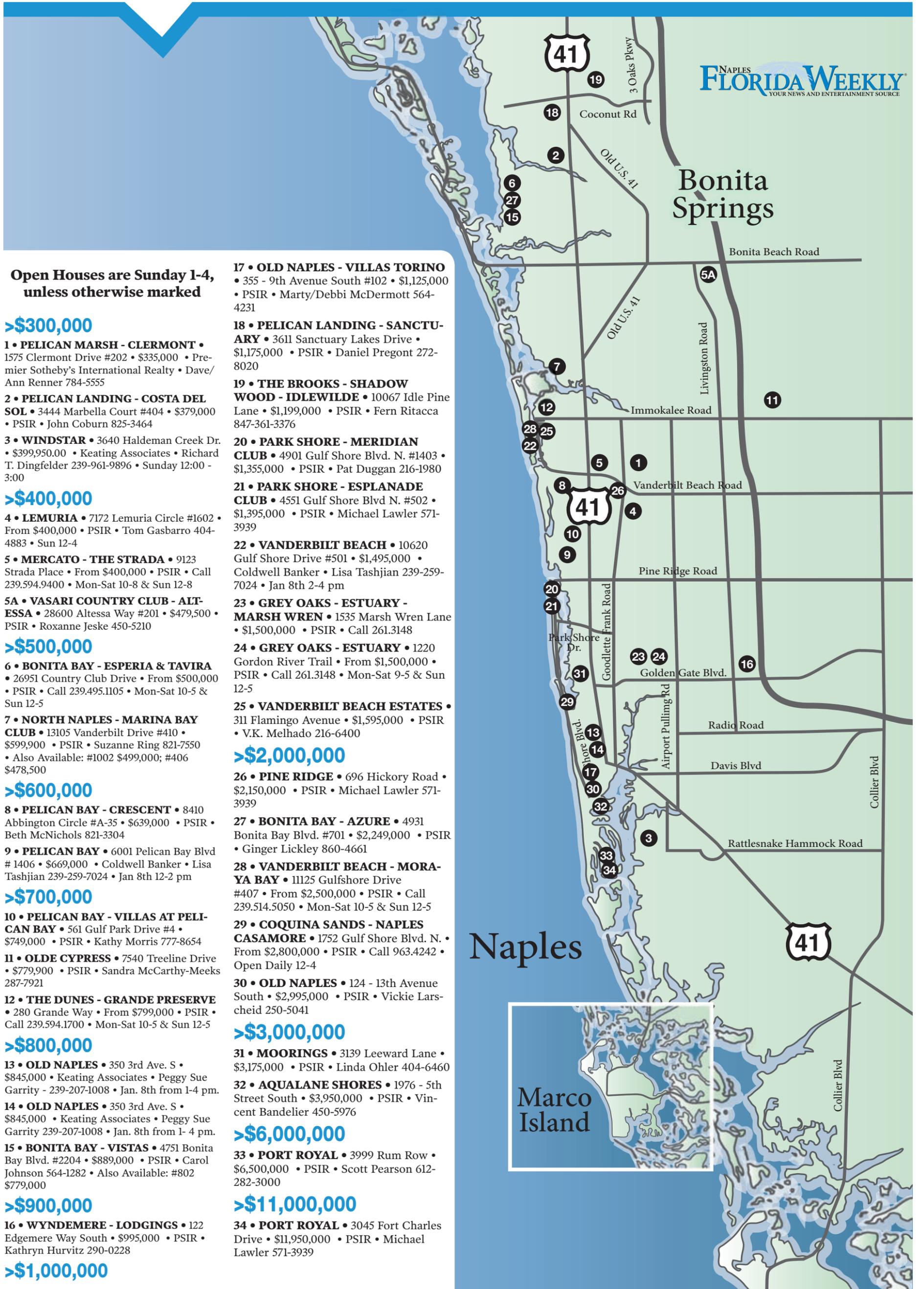
OLD NAPLES - VILLAGE GREEN HERON CLUB 426 Broad Avenue South #H426 - 3 blocks from beach, 3rd St. shops/dining! Renovated 1st floor split 2BR/2BA condominium. Low fees. \$224,900 | Tess McCarthy | 207-0118 **OPEN SUN. 1-4**

OLD NAPLES - BEAUMER 803 River Point Drive #305B - Walk to shops, dining & boating. Very desirable waterfront 2BR, liberal rental policy, pet friendly. Furnished. \$217,500 | Sue Black/Kristin Mikler | 250-5611

OLD NAPLES - BEAUMER 805 River Point Drive #301C - Easy to rent, weekly rentals allowed! Furnished 2BR. Walk to shops/dining. Pool, spa, docks for lease or purchase. \$199,000 | Tom McCarthy | 243-5520

ROYAL HARBOR AREA - SANDPIPER BAY 3021 Sandpiper Bay Circle #305 - Attractively priced 3rd floor 2BR/2BA overlooks a quiet preserve. Boat docks for lease or sale, turnkey furnished. \$161,900 | Vincent Bandelier | 450-5976

Florida Weekly's Open Houses



Open Houses are Sunday 1-4, unless otherwise marked

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1 • PELICAN MARSH - CLERMONT • 1575 Clermont Drive #202 • \$335,000 • Premier Sotheby's International Realty • Dave/Ann Renner 784-5555

2 • PELICAN LANDING - COSTA DEL SOL • 3444 Marbella Court #404 • \$379,000 • PSIR • John Coburn 825-3464

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Who Rescued Who, sculpture by Lorri Acott

Here's to a happy, artful New Year

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Crowds in the thousands are expected to attend the 16th annual Downtown Naples New Year's Art Fair on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 7-8, along Fifth Avenue South and the monthly Art in the Park festival taking place Saturday only along Park Street.

Artists from around the world have been juried into the weekend art fair, whereas Art in the Park exclusively showcases works by NAA member artists.

Together, the two shows feature a variety of original paintings, photographs, decorative items, wearables and collectibles. In total, more than 240 artists will be exhibiting in downtown Naples. Hours both days are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To underscore the energy of the festival, several musicians and performers will provide entertainment beginning at 11 a.m. both days. Headlining is Tim Decker, a performance speed painter known for his celebrity portraits and patriotic paintings completed in under five minutes. The paintings are created live in front of a crowd to music. Others include French cabaret singer Michelet Innocent, guitarist Don Thomas and steel drum player Doug Walker.

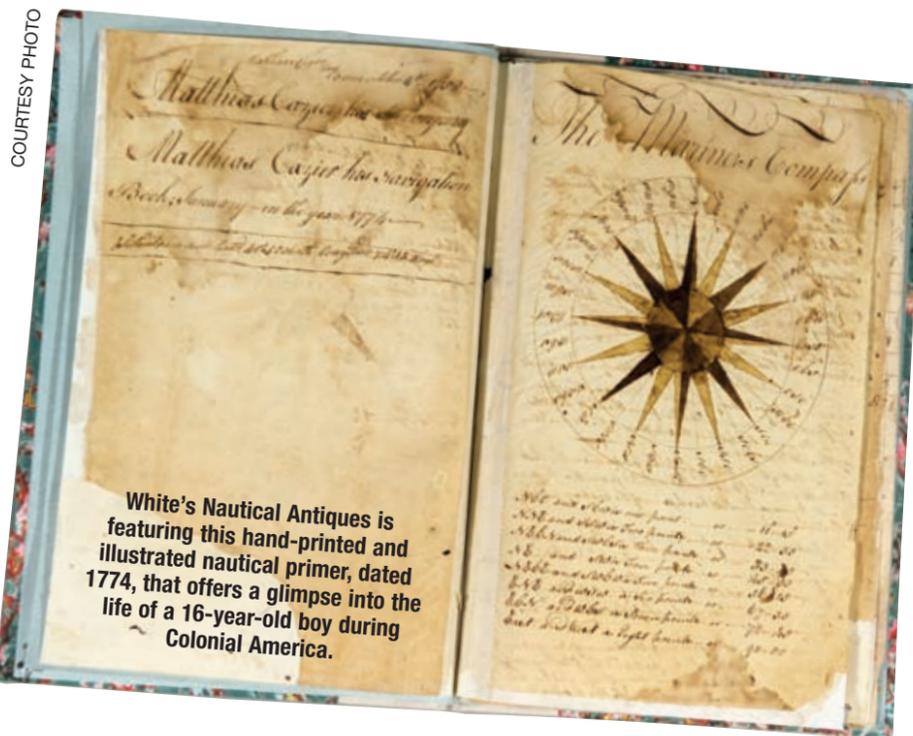
The NAA is known for its nationally high-ranking art festivals; part of what makes this one stand out is the timing. Traditionally, according to festival director Marianne Megela, the buzz of the New Year fuels the excitement.

"There is a renewed spirit of optimism and hope (among the artists and the attendees) that comes with the start of a new year," Ms. Megela says. "Everyone is happy. This festival allows people an opportunity to

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"When you buy at an antiques show, you not only get the advantage of living with a beautiful thing, but you get something that hasn't lost its value and in many cases has gained value."

— **Judy Allman**, who with her husband Stephen has run Allman Promotions' antiques shows for more than 30 years



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White's Nautical Antiques is featuring this hand-printed and illustrated nautical primer, dated 1774, that offers a glimpse into the life of a 16-year-old boy during Colonial America.

History on display

Whether you're admiring or acquiring, antiques shows can take you back in time

BY ROBIN DEMATTIA

Florida Weekly Correspondent

SHOPPING AT AN ANTIQUES SHOW IS LIKE WALKING THROUGH A museum where the artifacts are not just kept locked behind glass, you can take them home.

From art to jewelry, and from decorative glass to sculpture, buying something historic has many benefits.

"When you buy at an antiques show, you not only get the advantage of living with a beautiful thing, but you get something that hasn't lost its value and in many cases has gained value," says Judy Allman, who with her husband Stephen has run Allman Promotions' antiques shows for more than 30 years. "That's more likely than if you purchase something at a retail store."

Ms. Allman has furnished her house with antiques and says she buys a "new" something old at almost every show. "Just ask my husband," she laughs.

The Allmans moved to Naples 11 years ago from upstate New York. They started the twice-annual



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A pair of Quimper bagpipe vases with H.B. mark, circa 1925.

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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Here's what I'm working with



Remember the Weingate scandal? Most of us have already moved on. One famous wiener starts to look like another after a while.

I said at the height of the drama that men mystify me. I can't imagine why they think a crotch shot should sway us to their cause. I thought they'd do better sending a bouquet. Or perhaps a box of chocolates. But a full frontal photo?

It turns out, celebrities aren't the only ones e-mailing photos of their private parts.

I recently met an artist, a lovely blonde who creates abstract forms in bright reds and vibrant pastels. She spent last summer crossing the United States in an RV, sleeping in hotel parking lots and slipping in for the free breakfast. Now she stays up all night making her paintings and heads to bed in the first light of dawn. Sometimes in the dark hours when she's bored or

a painting isn't going right or she thinks of other, happier times, she posts a romance ad on craigslist. In the ad she calls herself a rainbow and says she's shaded in many colors. She writes that she's looking for a man who appreciates art. She says she wants a real connection.

Replies arrive from a horde of eager men claiming to be everything she needs. Many of the e-mails include attached photos. Of what? Take a guess.

"It's disgusting," the painter told me. "I didn't need to see any of that. What were those men thinking?"

Perhaps they thought their genitalia would convince her of their good intentions. Or serve as a stand-in for everything they're not. Or perhaps they were just boasting.

The painter told me this story around the lunch table and another woman there spoke up. She was named after a gemstone — Emerald or Ruby or Pearl — and her black hair curled

around her face. Her eyes were dark and catlike.

"Oh, that?" she said. "I know all about that."

About what, exactly?

"About the crotch shots," she said.

A friend of hers, a man she had known for years, decided that they should stop being friends and start being lovers. But Ruby or Diamond or Topaz said she liked him as a friend. Only a friend. So he sent her an e-mail with a photo of his naked genitals attached.

"But here's what I'm working with," he said.

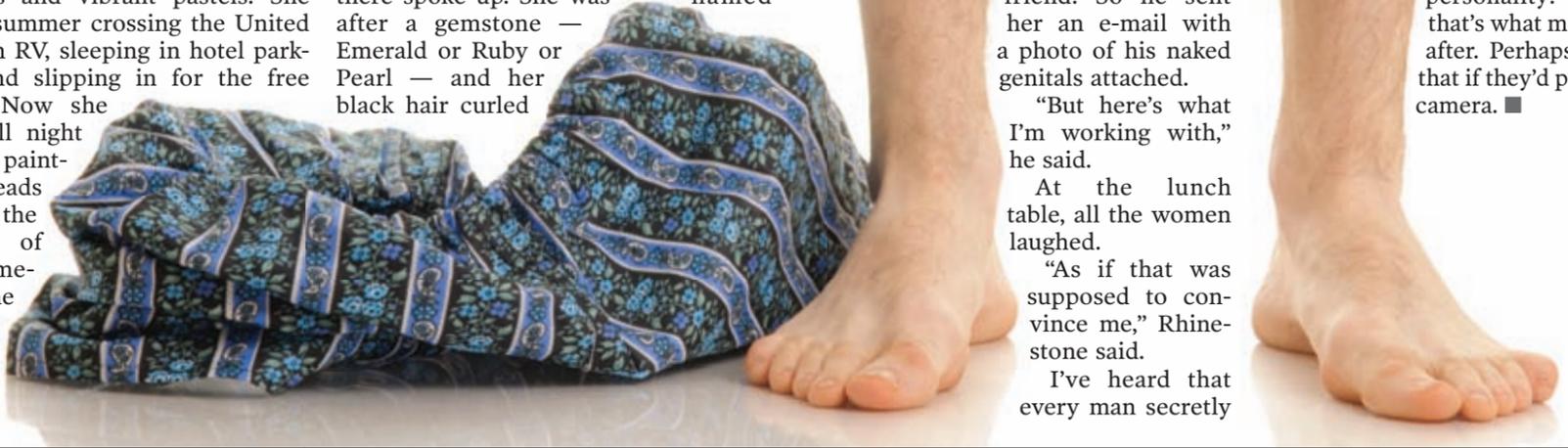
At the lunch table, all the women laughed.

"As if that was supposed to convince me," Rhinestone said.

I've heard that every man secretly

thinks his penis is perfect. The shape, the size, the color. I'm told that men like to believe theirs is just right. So when it comes time to romance a potential mate, what better way to show their value than by sending a photo of their best assets — like a resume, sort of.

I just wish more men would take the female psyche into consideration. Instead of selling us on their perfect body part, why not seduce us with their personality? After all, that's what most of us are after. Perhaps they'd see that if they'd put down the camera. ■



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Three winners of the Naples Music Club's 2011 Young Artists Competition will be featured:

■ **Christian Ostolaza**, 19, will perform on the marimba. He is a Barron Collier High School graduate and freshman at the University of Central Florida. A winner of the club's prestigious Turiel Award, he studied with John Evans, principal timpanist with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, and has participated in a symposium at Northwestern University taught by percussionists from the New York Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Philadelphia Orchestra and Cleveland Orchestra.



Ostolaza

■ Saxophonist **Gabriel Wallace**, 17, is a member of the Palmetto Ridge High School Jazz Ensemble and Wind Ensemble. He received a Superior with Distinction rating at the state level in solo and ensemble competition and first place in the Naples Music Club 2011 woodwind competition and Southwest Florida Young Artists Awards. He holds the position of first chair alto saxophone in the Collier County All-County Band.



Wallace

■ Cellist **Jared Blajian**, 16, is a junior at Gulf Coast High School. He won the music club's Bert G. Phillips Award and is a three-time winner of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra's concerto competition. He is principal cellist with the Philharmonic Youth Orchestra, a member of the Florida Orchestra Association All-State Orchestra and principal cellist with the Collier County All-County Orchestra. In 2009, he performed the Vivaldi Concerto for Violin and Cello with Philadelphia Orchestra violinist Paul Arnold at the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia.



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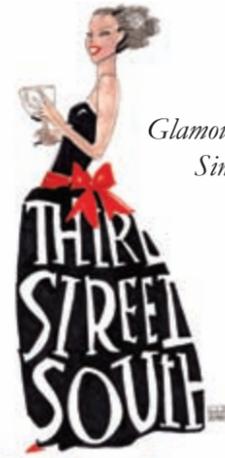
Also coming up

Future Erich Kunzel Concert Series performances include: February 3, Evening of Dance; March 2, Naples Orchestra and Chorus; April 2, Opera Naples Young Artists; and May 4, the Bach Ensemble Troubadours.

All concerts begin at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Edison State College-Collier Campus. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and are available at www.bayshorecapa.org or by calling 775-2800. ■



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Old Naples Antiques Show at Saint Ann Catholic School four years ago and designate some of the proceeds to benefit the school. This year's dates are Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 7-8 and Feb. 18-19.

The Allmans have noticed differences between their Florida shows (in addition to Naples, they presents shows in Venice, Delray Beach, Punta Gorda and St. Petersburg) and the ones they hold in New York and Massachusetts.

"Florida homes are decorated differently," Ms. Allman says. "Here, people tend to buy the high-end decorative items, oriental carpets, lighting and fine art." Furniture made of darker woods tends to sell better up north, she adds.

The Old Naples Antiques Show features almost 40 dealers from 12 states and Quebec, and there are 50 on the wait list anxious for someone to drop out, Ms. Allman says. Approximately 75 percent of the dealers have participated previously, she adds.

One of this year's new vendors is White's Nautical Antiques from North Yarmouth, Maine, which is bringing a collection of antique models of famous ships along with ship dioramas and related nautical antiquities.

Charles Washburne from Pennsylvania is also new to the show but has clientele in the area who will be familiar with his array of Victorian majolica pottery in all sizes, from tea cups to giant urns.

There will also be French furniture for the first time.

Quimper pottery, Black Forest carvings, Victorian and estate jewelry, Lalique glass and much more will be also be on display and for sale to admirers and collectors.

"It's an appealing show just to look at," Ms. Allman says. "Give yourself permission to enjoy something beautiful and historic. You'd be surprised at the affordability of many of the items."

Here are some tips from Ms. Allman for getting the most from a visit to an antiques show:

- Arrive when the doors open to enjoy smaller crowds.
- Devote a couple of hours to experience the whole show.
- Get a hand stamp so you can return throughout the weekend.



An assortment of Majolica pottery makes for a colorful booth.

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■ Shop "with your eyes" first by visiting each booth; then go back around to favorites.

■ Don't be intimidated to speak with the dealers; they want to help.

■ Bring a measuring tape.

■ Before you leave, tell a dealer if you are interested in an item.

■ At home, think about what you saw and how it would fit in a space and enhance your home. ■

in the know

The Old Naples Antiques Show

>> **When:** Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 7-8

>> **Where:** The Jubilee Center, Saint Ann Catholic School

>> **Hours:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

>> **Admission:** \$8

>> **Info:** Allman Productions, 877-2830

>> **Extras:** Lunch will be offered by students from the school. Professional glass repair services will be available onsite.

More antiques and collectibles

Here are some additional antiques shows coming to the area this season:

■ Antique Clock & Watch Show

Saturday, Feb. 4

At the Lee County Public Library, Lakes Regional branch, 1530 Bass Road, South Fort Myers. Sponsored by the Caloosa Chapter of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. Admission: Free.

■ The Naples Art, Antiques & Jewelry Show

Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 9-12

At 201 Goodlette Road South. Hosted by the Palm Beach Show Group. Admission: \$15 daily or \$25 for a four-day pass.

■ The Old Naples Antiques Show

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 18-19

In the Jubilee Center at Saint Ann Catholic School. Hosted by Allman Promotions. Admission: \$8.

■ The second annual Naples International Art & Antique Fair

Friday-Tuesday, Feb. 24-28 (preview on Feb. 23)

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■ **Company** – By TheatreZone Jan. 5-15 in the G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples. (888) 966-3352 or www.theatrezone-florida.com. See story on page C14.

■ **The Gin Game** – By Kay Francis and Tom Milligan through Jan. 6 at The Norris Center. (800) 838-3006 or www.brownpapertickets.com.

■ **12 Angry Jurors** – By The Marco Players Jan. 11-29. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.com.

■ **Moonlight & Magnolias** – By The Naples Players Jan. 11-Feb. 4 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org/tickets.

■ **Me and My Girl** – At the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers, through Feb. 11. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

■ **Walt Whitman** – Written and performed by Will Stutts at 8 p.m. Jan. 6-21 and 2 p.m. Jan. 15 by Theatre Conspiracy at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers, 936-3239 or www.theatreconspiracy.org.

■ **The God of Carnage** – By Florida Repertory Theatre, Fort Myers, Jan. 6-22. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

■ **The Year of Magical Thinking** – By Florida Repertory Theatre, Fort Myers, Jan. 11- Feb. 4. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

Thursday, Jan. 5

■ **Critic's Choice** – Elaine Newton discusses “The Paris Wife” at 10 a.m. today and Sunday at Hayes Hall at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Exhibit Opening** – The Sultan Gallery hosts an opening reception for “Explosions of Color” from 5:30-8 p.m. at KVS Interior Design, 3820 Via Del Rey, Bonita Springs. www.kvsinteriordesign.com or 949-6700, ext. 151.

■ **Pet Party** – Sabal Palm Animal Hospital invites pooches and their people to “Cupcakes & Pupcakes” from 6-7 p.m. Enjoy cupcakes from Simply Cupcakes and pet treats courtesy of Top Dog Kitchen. 417-8338 or www.sabalpalmanimalhospital.com.

■ **Mercato Nights** – Listen to the sounds of Mixed Culture from 6-9 p.m. in the piazza next to Bravo! at Mercato. Free. Bring lawn chairs. 403-2204.

Friday, Jan. 6

■ **Circus Act** – The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus brings the “Barnum Bash” to Germain Arena today through Sunday. \$21-\$51. www.Ringling.com.

■ **BBQ Fest** – Ziggy Dick's BBQ Cook-Off and Festival heats up the Collier County Fairgrounds today and Saturday. Enjoy a kids' play zone, live music and a backyard barbecue competition. \$5. www.naplesbayrotary.org.

■ **Music Lecture** – University of Miami Research Professor of Music Frank Cooper presents “A New Style – Components in Coaliescence” at 2 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.



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“The 7-Shot Symphony (aka The Kickass Cowboy Show)” comes to G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 11. The show is produced by the Minneapolis-based theater company Live Action Set, whose executive director, Joanna Harmon, is a Community School graduate. www.liveactionset.org.

■ **Art Opening** – An opening reception for Peter Sargent's “A New Direction” exhibit runs from 6-8 p.m. at the Kathleen Bradford Studio/Gallery, 4259 Bonita Beach Road. The exhibit runs through Jan. 27. 776-6844.

■ **Hyacinth Series** – Moorings Presbyterian Church presents organist Nathan Laube at 7:30 p.m. No tickets; freewill offering. 261-1487 or www.moorings-presby.org.

Saturday, Jan. 7

■ **Garden Jazz** – Naples Botanical Garden presents The Rick Howard Trio from 2-4 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Regular admission applies. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

■ **Dionne Downtown** – The Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers presents Dionne Warwick at 8 p.m. \$175. 333-1933 or www.sbdac.com.

■ **SWF Symphony** – The Southwest Florida Symphony and Symphonic Chorus perform at 8 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 418-1500 or www.swfso.org.

Sunday, Jan. 8

■ **Show Time** – The Music Makers Show Band performs from 2-4 p.m. in the band shell at Cambier Park. 213-3058.

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

■ **Blues Trio** – Mudbone performs from 4-6 p.m. at Freedom Park. \$5. 438-5682.

■ **More Bluegrass** – The Bluegrass Parlor Band with Cory and Jarrod Walker take the stage at 7 p.m. at The Norris Center. 213-3058.

■ **Royal Sounds** – Pinchas Zukerman conducts the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra beginning at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

Monday, Jan. 9

■ **Bonita Movie** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents “Coco Before Chanel” at 7 p.m. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. \$8. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Music Talk** – University of Miami Research Professor of Music Frank Cooper presents “Mastery Developed and Acknowledged: Haydn” at 2 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Marco Invitational** – The Marco Island Center for the Arts hosts an invitational exhibit of work by the Maine Fiber Artists from Jan. 9-Feb. 5. An opening reception is set for 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.org.

■ **Big Band Sounds** – The Naples Jazz Orchestra performs Count Basie tunes at 7 p.m. in the band shell at Cambier Park. 213-3058.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

■ **Art Talk** – Joan Jacobs presents “Monet: The Father of Impressionism” at 10 a.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Book Talk** – Charlotte Bronte's “Jane Eyre” is the topic of discussion at 2 p.m. at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. 263-7768 or www.colliergov.net/library.

■ **Focus!** – Six-week adult education classes in Basic Digital Photography (4-6 p.m.) and Canon Digital Camera Basics (6:30-8:30 p.m.) start today at Barron Collier High School. \$79. 377-1234 or www.collieradulthood.com.

■ **Modern Dance** – The Martha Graham Dance Company takes the stage at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **New Exhibit** – An opening reception for “Off the Wall/On the Wall” takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Marco Island Center for the Arts. Show runs through Feb. 5. 100 Winterberry Dr. 394-4221.

■ **For the Birds** – FGCU's Dr. Jerry Jackson presents “Woodpeckers in Florida” at 7:30 p.m. at the Naples Botanical Garden. 643-7822 or CollierAudubon.org.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

■ **Mozart Lecture** – University of Miami Research Professor of Music Frank Cooper presents “Genius Apparent and Achieved: Mozart” at 2 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.thephil.org.

■ **Hollywood Show** – “Hooray for Hollywood” starts at 3:30 p.m. at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. 263-7768 or www.colliergov.net/library.

■ **Food & Wine** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents “An Affair of the Arts: The Art of Food & Wine” from 5-8 p.m. at FineMark Bank. Create artwork while enjoying small plates and wine. \$85. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Coming Up

■ **Spring Ahead** – Marissa Collections hosts a Rena Lange Spring Trunk Show Jan. 12-13. 1167 Third St. S. 687-1148 or www.marissacollections.com.

■ **Von Liebig Lecture** – The Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center presents Richard Geary and “Designing Your Environment Around Art” at 6 p.m. Jan. 12. \$10 for NAA members, \$15 for others. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

■ **Ad Libbing** – Naples City Improv launches a new series of shows in the banquet room at the English Pub at 8 p.m. Jan. 12. \$10. 682-0638 for reservations.

■ **Come to the Cabaret** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs hosts “Live at the Promenade! ...It's De-Lyrical” starring Carole Fenstermacher, at 7 p.m. Jan. 12 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. \$20 members/ \$25 non-members. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Lunch and a Show** – The Marco Players present “From 42nd Street to Hollywood and Vine” as part of its Box Lunch Series beginning at noon Jan. 14. \$25. 642-7270.

■ **Fabulous Florida** – An opening reception for “What Makes Florida Tick” is set for 6-9 p.m. Jan. 14 at Art Gallery Old Naples2 in Crayton Cove. The exhibit of works by 12 Naples artists will remain on display through Jan. 28.

■ **Neapolitan Opry** – “Cluster Pluck-in” features The Laws, The Bugtussle Ramblers, Scott Ritter & The Bean Pickers, The Crying and Screaming Blues Band and more on Jan. 14 at The Norris Center. 213-3049.

■ **Jazz in the Park** – The Bob Zottola Expandable Jazz Band performs from 2-4 p.m. Jan. 15 at Sugden Regional Park. \$5. www.naplesjazzlovers.com.

■ **Everglades Art** – Art-in-the-Glades runs from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Jan. 21 at McLeod Park in Everglades City. 695-2905 or www.evergladeshistorical.org.

■ **Italian Film** – The Italian Cultural Society presents a screening of “Melana” beginning at 6:45 p.m. Jan. 17 at The Norris Center. \$5. www.italianculturalsociety.com.

■ **More Art** – The 3rd Saturday Art Days run from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 21 at the North Naples Arts Alliance in the Pine Ridge Industrial Park. 821-1061.

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

■ **Grill Time** – The Sunshine State Steak Cook-Off runs from 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Jan. 28 at Ave Maria Town Center. Steak dinners are \$15, with proceeds benefiting the Donahue Academy in Ave Maria. 280-2536. ■

— Submit calendar listings and high-resolution photos to events@floridaweekly.com. E-mail text, jpegs or Word documents are accepted. No pdfs or photos of flyers. The deadline for calendar submissions is noon Sunday.

\$1.62 million in NEA grants help make art work

“Art works everywhere,” says Rocco Landesman, chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts. And that’s why the agency’s Challenge America Fast-Track program supports projects from primarily small and mid-sized arts organizations that extend the reach of the arts to those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics or disability.

This year, 162 CAFT grants totaling \$1.62 million will be awarded in 46 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

CAFT grants are for \$10,000 each and receive expedited application review. Organizations are notified approximately six months after they apply with the possibility

to start a project shortly after notification. For smaller organizations that operate on compressed timeframes, having an expedited review (in addition to competing for grant dollars with organizations of similar size) enhances access to federal funding.

Along with nonprofit arts organizations, the newest grantees include a community housing authority, municipal tourism department and social service agency — all using the arts to engage audiences and make their communities more livable. about 30 percent are first-time recipients. Examples of their approved projects include:

■ Abilene Arts Alliance in Abilene, Texas, to support Artfully Abilene, a cultural tourism initiative designed to increase

awareness among residents and visitors of the range of cultural activities in the metro area.

■ The Mimbres Region Arts Council in Silver City, N.M., to support the Youth Mural Program, pairing young people with professional artists to create murals that express the culture and history of the Grant County region.

■ Pro Musica of Joplin, Mo., to support a residency by the Cavani String Quartet featuring a public concert and lecture-demonstrations for Joplin public schools students.

For more informatoin and to join the discussion on how art works everywhere, visit the NEA at www.arts.gov. ■

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THEATER REVIEW

Unreal reality: There's no accounting for taste



Back when I was in college, I had a friend who'd declare, "There's no accounting for taste..."

She'd pause for a couple of beats, then finish her sentence: "...or the lack of it."

I'd laugh every time.

But I've been thinking about that line a lot lately, as the TV singing competition "The X Factor" recently celebrated its finale and told us which performer, out of all the many contestants and finalists, was the best.

My reaction was: "Really? *That's* who won? You're kidding."

For those of you who haven't watched, "The X-Factor" is a TV singing competition that awards the winner a \$5 million recording contract and a soda commercial that'll be broadcast during the Super Bowl.

But the judges are looking for much more than someone who can sing; they're looking for an all-around entertainer, someone who can move and connect with an audience, someone with personality who has that special something, the x-factor.

(In my parents' time, Clara Bow was called "The It Girl," because she had that certain something, that ineffable quality. "It.")

The show, which has been running for years in the UK, just came to America this season. It's Simon Cowell's show. You know him. He was the judge with the crew cut on "American Idol" who didn't mince words and gave the contestants extremely blunt assessments.

"The X Factor" differs from "American Idol" in a couple of ways. For one thing, the age qualifications are not as narrow. This inaugural competition saw contestants as young as 13 and as mature as 60. That's a good thing. (Though I'd roll my eyes every time they announced the "30 and Older Group," as if that were actually old. Well, I guess in an industry that worships youth and thinks talent has an age limit, maybe it is.)



Drew Ryniewicz

The four judges would also mentor contestants, which when it came to judging, led to bickering and posturing and insulting performers simply because they were on another judge's team.

But the winner of the show, 19-year-old Melanie Amaro of Sunrise, Fla., was a huge disappointment.

Initially, she made it through a couple of auditions but failed to make the cut for the final 16. Then Mr. Cowell felt he'd made a mistake and flew to Florida to ask her to come back. He adjusted the rules for her. The fact that she ultimately won the competition led many to question whether it was fixed from the start.

Ms. Amaro has a pretty voice, yes, and she can hit high notes, but there's more to singing than prettiness, or simply hitting the right notes.

Every time she sang, I felt something was missing. Her performances never moved me, never touched me. The judges would rhapsodize about her singing, the audience would chant her name, and I'd sit there, frowning at the screen, trying to figure out why everyone seemed to be foaming at the mouth about her.

Every week, every song, it was the same: a slow ballad or anthem-type song, along the lines of something Mariah Carey or Celine Dion would



Rachael Crow

sing. She didn't make the song her own or give an interesting interpretation of it. It was all very predictable.



Josh Krajcik

with feeling. I loved everything he did; he gave a gripping performance every time with a voice that was textured and full of passion.

I can't wait for all three to release CDs.

Singing competitions, I've come to learn, are less about talent and more about popularity. I've rarely seen the best person win. And if it turns out that these televised singing competitions are as scripted as "reality" TV shows are, that the winners are predetermined by the producers, I won't be the least bit surprised.

But watching "The X-Factor" has challenged me to think about quality in performance: What's

good? What determines what's good? What are the characteristics?

I think it's a combination of heart, vulnerability, creativity, passion and depth. It's letting the music come through you. It's singing the lyrics as if you're living them. It's making people feel something.

I watch these shows with hopes of hearing some new talent, but also with a healthy dose of cynicism. I already know the best performer probably won't win. America's just not smart enough.

And I keep remembering my friend's adage: There's no accounting for taste... or the lack of it. ■



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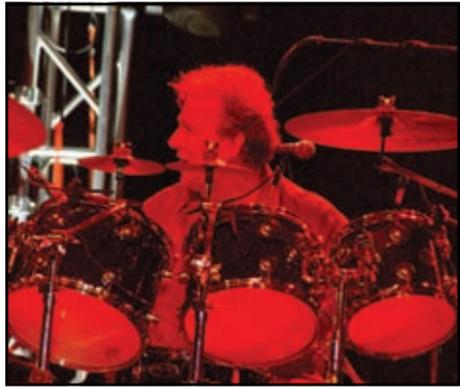
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decades in the music industry. Mr. Luongo's credits include playing with John Entwistle of The Who, Leslie West of Mountain, Jack Bruce of Cream, Todd Rundgren, Alan Parsons, Billy Squier, Brian Johnson and Cliff Williams of AC/DC, among others.

Tickets are \$75 in advance or \$90 at the door. To purchase tickets, call the Florida Rep box office at 332-4488 or the SBDAC box office at 333-1933. ■

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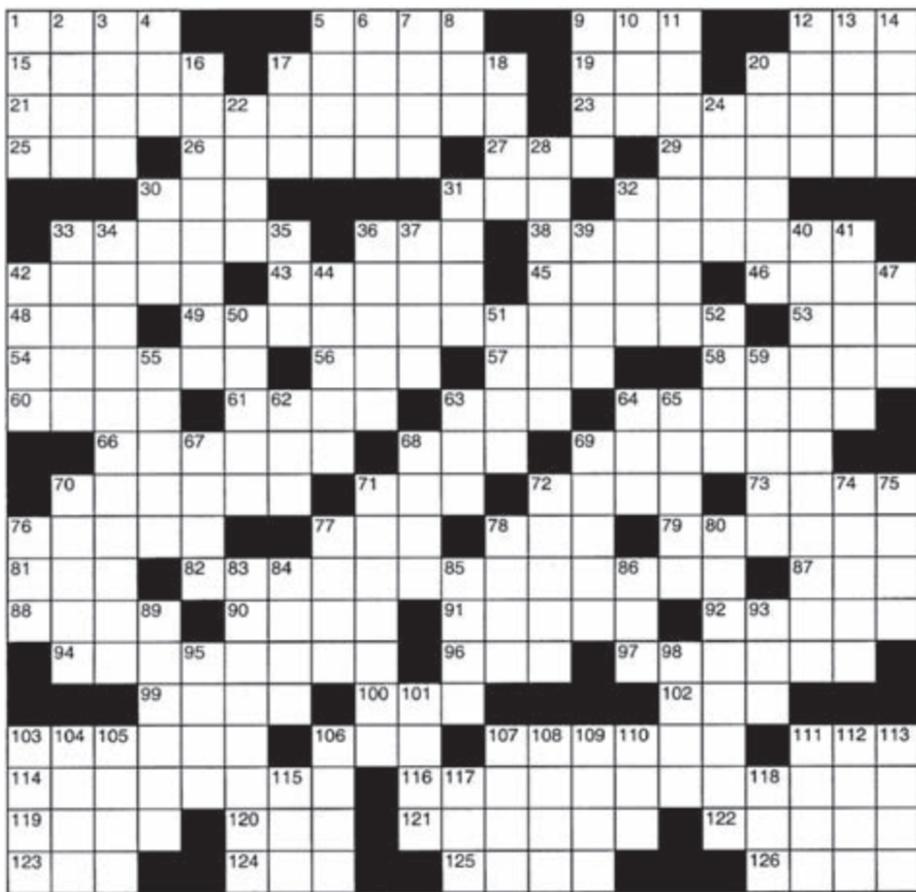
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HOROSCOPES

- **CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Set aside your usual reluctance to change, and consider reassessing your financial situation so that you can build on its strengths and minimize its weaknesses.
 - **AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Some recently acquired information helps open up a dark part of the past. Resolve to put what you've learned to good use. Travel plans continue to be favored.
 - **PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Act on your own keen instincts. Your strong Piscean backbone will support you as someone attempts to pressure you into a decision you're not ready to make.
 - **ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Your batteries should be fully recharged by now, making you more than eager to get back into the swing of things full time. Try to stay focused so that you don't dissipate your energies.
 - **TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to charge straight ahead into your new responsibilities. But you'll have to paw the ground a little longer, until a surprise complication is worked out.
 - **GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Rival factions are pressuring you to take a stand favoring one side or the other. But this isn't the time to play judge. Bow out as gracefully as possible, without committing yourself to any position.
 - **CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Reassure a longtime, trusted confidante
- that you appreciate his or her words of advice. But at this time, you need to act on what you perceive to be your own sense of self-interest.
- **LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You need to let your warm Leonine heart fire up that new relationship if you hope to see it move from the "just friends" level to one that will be as romantic as you could hope for.
 - **VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) There's still time to repair a misunderstanding with an honest explanation and a heartfelt apology. The sooner you do, the sooner you can get on with other matters.
 - **LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Expect a temporary setback as you progress toward your goal. Use this time to re-examine your plans and see where you might need to make some significant changes.
 - **SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Some missteps are revealed as the cause of current problems in a personal or professional partnership. Make the necessary adjustments and then move on.
 - **SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Jupiter's influence helps you work through a pesky problem, allowing your naturally jovial attitude to re-emerge stronger than ever. Enjoy your success.
- BORN THIS WEEK:** You embody a love for traditional values combined with an appreciation of what's new and challenging. ■

By Linda Thistle

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2011 was an overall solid year at the movies. It pushed boundaries, made us laugh, asked questions and, at its best, moved us to tears. I'll start my list of the Top 10 films of 2011 with the most satisfying conclusion to a saga since the "Lord of the Rings" ended in 2003.

10. "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2" - Incredibly entertaining, deeply moving and best of all, worthy of its excessive hype and fanfare. In short, this was the crowning achievement in an epic saga, the rare movie worthy of both critical acclaim and shattering box office records, both of which it accomplished in spades. Available on home video.

9. "Insidious" - Released last spring and forgotten by many, this film had a \$1.5 million budget and some of the best pure scares in quite some time. It was also rated PG-13, and was a nice break from the slasher movies and torture porn often considered horror nowadays. At its core, this is a good old-fashioned ghost story that needs to be seen by anyone who likes chills up and down their spine. Available on home video.

8. "The Guard" - Brendan Gleeson and Don Cheadle play unlikely partners investigating a drug ring in Ireland. The story is standard, but Gleeson is so incorrigibly delightful, racist, smart and cynical that he's a real treat to watch in every scene. His was my favorite performance of the year. Available on home video.

7. "Horrible Bosses" - The funniest movie of the year. The premise follows three day laborers (Jason Bateman, Jason Sudeikis and Charlie Day) as they conspire to kill their three bosses, "Throw Momma From The Train"-style. All three comedians are on top of their game, and Kevin Spacey, Jennifer Aniston and Colin Farrell are pitch perfect as the odious higher-ups. Available on home video.

6. "Drive" - No movie this year was more unique or stylish. Ryan Gosling stars as a stunt man and criminal getaway driver who gets caught up protecting his neighbor, played by Carey Mulligan. Gosling's performance is fearsome and cold, but it's director Nicholas Winding Refn's camera work, abrupt violence and quirky, almost ironic tone that you'll remember most. Available on home video Jan. 31.

5. "Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol" - Intense, exciting, perfectly executed — and wow, what a blast. From the opening sequence to the end, the film is a smart adrenaline rush that never lets up and is utterly captivating. It's the best pure action movie of the year. If you can, see it at an IMAX theater right now — it's spectacular.

4. "Moneyball" - Never would anyone expect a story about baseball mathematics to be this interesting, but there's an underdog and human element here that makes the movie a real winner. Kudos also to Brad Pitt's strong performance and Jonah Hill for delivering a nice turn as Pitt's right-hand man. Available on home video Jan. 10.

3. "X-Men: First Class" - This origin story for the "X-Men" franchise was done so well that I couldn't wait to see it again immediately after it ended. Some of the great things about it are the questions it asks about humanity, compassion and acceptance. Director Matthew Vaughn brilliantly combines these elements with rousing action and stirring drama. Available on home video.

2. "The Artist" - A French silent film that reminds us what beautiful filmmaking looks like, and of a bygone era in Hollywood. Think "Singin' in the Rain" meets "A Star is Born" and you'll have an idea of the story, but more importantly, you'll marvel at how beautifully shot and staged the film is, and how much you really enjoy the silent film characteristics. Many people thought writer/director Michael Hazanavicius was crazy to try to make a silent film — and let's face it, he was. But sometimes you have to be a little crazy and daring to be this brilliant. In theaters now.

1. "Warrior" - A heartbreaking drama about estranged brothers (Tom Hardy and Joel Edgerton) who are on a collision course to fight for a \$5 million grand prize at a mixed martial arts tournament. Nick Nolte plays their father, a recovering alcoholic who tore the family apart years ago and is now trying to make amends. I was enraptured by the pure emotional power of the story and performances to the point where I was rooting not for one of the brothers to win but for everyone to be ok. I did not see a film this year that was more moving or emotionally fulfilling. Available on home video.

Honorable mention: "Margin Call," "My Week With Marilyn," "Cedar Rapids," "Thor," "A Better Life," "The Descendants" and "50/50." ■

CAPSULES

War Horse ★★★

(Jeremy Irvine, Emily Watson, David Thewlis) An English farm boy's (Irvine) horse is sold to the cavalry in the early days of World War I; director Steven Spielberg then follows the horse's experiences on both sides of the war. The movie is big, beautiful and impressive, but the story is stilted as the horse goes from one segment to the next. Rated PG-13.

The Artist ★★★★★

(Jean Dujardin, Berenice Bejo, John Goodman) Silent film star George Valentin (Dujardin) faces hard times during the transition to sound in the late 1920s, but the young starlet (Bejo) he helped get started is thriving. If you love movies, watch this. Rated PG-13.

We Bought A Zoo ★★★ ½

(Matt Damon, Scarlet Johansson, Patrick Fugit) A widower (Damon) moves his two kids to the countryside so they can start over by renovating an old zoo. There's undeniable sweetness and predictability here, but strong family values and a wide variety of animals ultimately make it enjoyable. Rated PG.

Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol ★★★★★

(Tom Cruise, Simon Pegg, Paula Patton) Ethan Hunt (Cruise) and his IMF team must stop a madman (Mikael Nyqvist) from starting nuclear war. The story is standard, but the action set pieces are out-of-this-world good. So good, in fact, that this is the year's best action movie. See it in IMAX if you can. Rated PG-13.

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The community's signature cocktail will be selected from among six cocktails created exclusively for Naples by celebrity mixologist David Ortiz, was tapped by Naples Originals, the group of 34 locally owned and operated restaurants, to develop the recipes.

The six contenders, all based on artisanal spirits, will be tasted at a Naples Originals Cocktail Party set for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, at Stoney's Steakhouse in Bayfront Place. The event is open to public for a \$10 cover charge, which can be applied toward dinner that evening at Stoney's.

Mr. Ortiz will describe each of the cocktails as they are served in 15-minute intervals. Guests will keep score on ballot sheets. At the event's culmination, votes will be tallied and the Naples Original cocktail will be revealed. It will be available at many Naples bars and restaurants soon in the New Year.

"Cocktails carry the flavor of their destination and are often an integral part of the dining experience," says Naples Originals President Lisa Boët. "David Ortiz's cocktails capture the flavor of Naples. Each has a hint of the tropics, European flair and elegant presentation."

The libations are based on artisanal spirits from the American Still Life Collection, a group of small, family-owned, independent distilleries using small-batch techniques that yield a pure, natural fla-

vor. The cocktails also contain fresh, local tropical fruits and vegetables.

Mr. Ortiz is president of the United States Bartenders' Guild, and "works the stick" at the Viceroy Hotel's Club 50 in Miami when not traveling the country for celebrity events, food festivals and industry competitions.

The Naples Originals cocktail party is sponsored by Naples Illustrated magazine, Stoney's Steakhouse and American Still Life Collection.

The contending cocktails are dubbed: Basil Lemonade in Naples; the Hummingbird in West Coast Florida; Naples Punch; the Americano Sour in Naples; the Naples Coconut Mojito; and Welcome to Naples. ■



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The Naples Original Cocktail Party

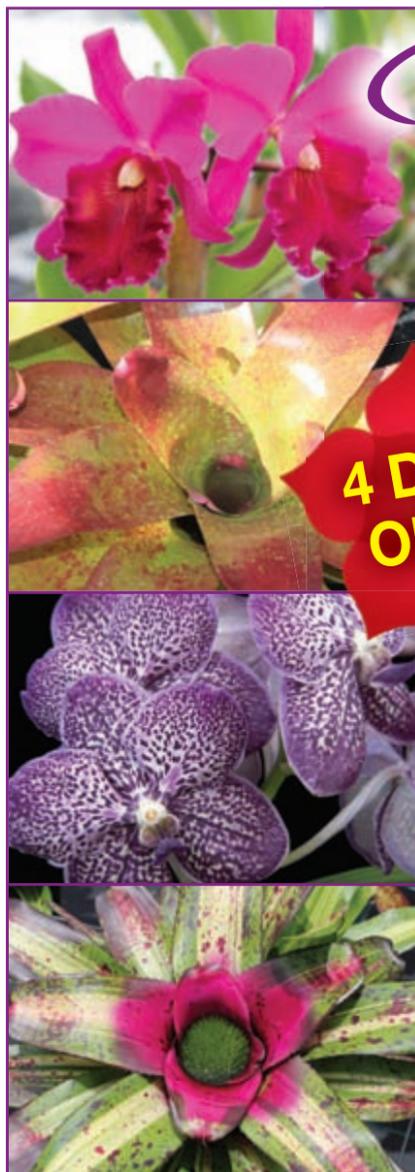
>> **What:** Guests vote for their favorite of six cocktails, with the winner being declared the first Naples Original

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39 x 49" Framed "Morning Serenity" \$15,000

Todd Reifers (American, born 1951) is an emerging artist from Indianapolis, Indiana. Best known for his beautiful landscapes, seascapes and quaint villages, the artist has traveled the world to capture some of the most idyllic images available. This work was painted in Vermont and captures the tranquility of an aging church within a beautiful fall landscape filled with all of nature's magnificent splendor and glory.



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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 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.

The original Broadway production was nominated for a record-setting 14 Tony Awards and won six, including Best Musical. The first of seven collaborations between Mr. Sondheim and director/producer Harold Prince, it was “a revolutionary musical, substituting relationships for plot,” says Mark Danni, TheatreZone artistic director. “Together they built a reputation for works that challenged audiences and redefined what a Broadway musical could be.”

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

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'Les Miz,' 25 years later

A classic returns to the boards with new staging and scenery

Tickets for Cameron Mackintosh's 25th anniversary production of "Les Misérables" are on sale now for performances Jan. 24-28 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. The production features new staging and scenery inspired by the paintings of Victor Hugo. See a video sneak peek at 222.les-mis.com/watch.

Based on Mr. Hugo's classic novel, "Les Misérables" is an epic story about survival of the human spirit. The score includes the songs "I Dreamed a Dream," "On My Own," "Stars," "Bring Him Home," "Empty Chairs at Empty Tables," "Master of the House" and many more.

J. Mark McVey portrays the fugitive Jean Valjean and is joined by Andrew Varela as Javert, Richard Vida as Thénardier, Shawna Hamic as Madame Thénardier, Betsy Morgan as Fantine, Jeremy Hays as Enjolras, Chasten Harmon as Éponine, Max Quinlan as Marius and Jenny Latimer as Cosette. Kylie McVey and Juliana Simone alternate in the role of Little Cosette/Young Éponine. Anthony Pierini and Sam Poon alternate in the role of Gavroche.

"Les Misérables" originally opened in London at the Barbican Theatre in October 1985. It transferred to the Palace Theatre that December and in April

2004 moved to the Queen's Theatre, where it continues to play to packed houses. When it celebrated its 21st London birthday on Oct. 8, 2006, it became the world's longest-running musical, surpassing the record previously held by "Cats" in London's West End.

In New York, "Les Misérables" originally opened at the Broadway Theatre in March 1987 and transferred to the Imperial Theatre in October 1990, running for 6,680 performances. The U.S. National Tour began in November 1987 and visited more than 150 cities before closing in St. Louis, Missouri, in 2006. Broadway audiences welcomed its return in November 2006, where the show played the Broadhurst Theatre until its final performance on Jan. 6, 2008.

To date, "Les Misérables" remains the third longest-running Broadway production of all time. ■



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■ **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!"

■ 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. Tickets start at \$69.

■ Jazz guitarist and singer **John Pizzarelli** performs at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11. Mr. Pizzarelli 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.

■ Six classic doo-wop groups — The Contours featuring Sylvester Potts, The Vogues with Bill Burkette, The Mystics, Barbara Lewis, Cathy Jean & The Roommates and Blue Suede Orchestra — present "Ultimate Doo-Wop No. 1" at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12.

The Contours, among the earliest Motown groups, made the charts with "First I Look at the Purse" and "Do You Love Me?" The Vogues' hits include "You're the One" and "Five O'Clock World." The Mystics are best known for "Hush-A-Bye." Among Barbara Lewis' silky hits are "Hello Stranger" and "Baby, I'm Yours," and Cathy Jean & The Roommates had a Top 10 hit in 1961 with "Please Love Me Forever."

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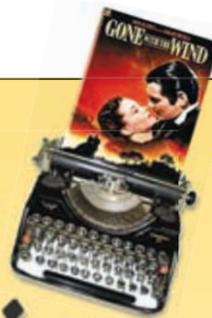
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'Beyond Our Means: Why America Spends While the World Saves'

by Sheldon Garon
(Princeton University Press, \$29.95)

REVIEWED BY LARRY COX

Americans are spendthrifts when compared with many other parts of the world. We save little, even though the United States has weaker social safety nets and a relatively youthful population. Europeans, on the other hand, save at much higher rates despite generous welfare programs, higher taxes and aging populations.

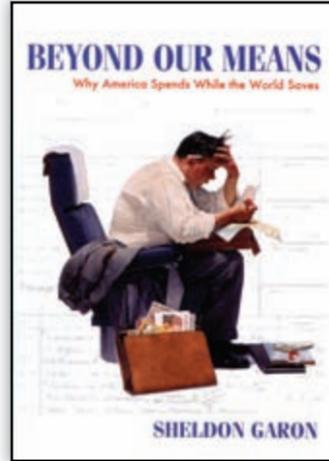
In a fascinating new book, professor Sheldon Garon of Princeton University traces the development of saving money across three continents from the 19th century through today. He found that Americans were fairly good savers during and immediately after World War II, but attributes it to the public's expanded access to savings institutions. U.S. savings bonds and stamps could be purchased, for example, at work, school and even the local post office.

It's no secret that saving money in the United States has dropped since the 1950s. Commercial banks are less willing to maintain and encourage savings

accounts from people of modest means, while the opposite is true in Europe and East Asia. There, many of the 19th-century institutions welcome even small accounts, including Germany's Sparkassen (savings banks), France's special accounts in savings and postal banks, Japan's massive postal savings system and China's highly accessible state banks and postal savings system.

The Chinese save 26 percent of disposable income, and the Japanese about 23 percent. In continental Europe, Germans, French, Swedes and others save more than 10 percent of household disposable income, while Americans save only a small fraction of that amount.

Why the difference between the United States and other countries, and can saving money become sexy again in our post-global-financial-meltdown economy? Will the Occupy Wall Street demonstrations become a wakeup call for Americans to take a sobering look at their personal finances? Professor Garon believes the tide can turn, and offers some levelheaded policy suggestions for how America can restore a lasting balance between spending and saving. ■



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KOVELS: ANTIQUES & COLLECTING

The tensions between real and recreated cabinets



drawers and four doors. Some experts say cabinets like this were made to resemble imaginary buildings. The cabinet sold for \$7,200. A new cabinet similar to this would cost well over \$10,000, and a 15th-century piece probably couldn't be found for sale. The collector's rule is: Study the best there is in museums and buy the best you can afford.

Some furniture styles are so popular that they are copied by cabinetmakers for hundreds of years. Some copies are easy to recognize as copies because their construction is modern — new nails, machine-made mortise-and-tenon joints holding drawer parts together, telltale marks made by modern saws rather than the marks left by antique hand tools. Well-made used copies, sometimes more than 100 years old, are selling for almost as much as similar brand-new pieces. Decorators want the "look." Serious collectors would like to have an authentic of-the-period antique cabinet to display antique porcelains, but it can be very expensive. They save money by buying a newer cabinet so they can spend money on antique porcelains. A 2011 Neal Auction Co. sale in New Orleans offered a mid-19th-century cabinet in the Renaissance (1460-1600) style made of expensive Circassian walnut with ebony and ivory trim. Today's endangered-species laws have banned the use of most types of ebony and elephant ivory. The cabinet was a good copy, heavy and rectangular. It had a base, columns, moldings, finials, carvings, paneled doors, elaborate decorations and about 15

Q: My hand-painted red-and-gold Limoges plate has two green marks on the back. One is "Limoges" with a line under it and the word "France" under the line. The other is a round green mark with "Limoges, France" on the circumference of the circle and "B. & H." across the diameter. What can you tell me about its age and maker?

A: The first mark was applied under the glaze by the company in Limoges, France, that manufactured and decorated your plate. So far, researchers have been unable to identify the company that used the mark, or perhaps more than one company used it. The "B. & H." mark, applied over the glaze, was used in the early 1900s by Blakeman & Henderson, a French exporting company with a reputation for selling high-quality porcelain. Depending on decoration and condition, Blakeman & Henderson plates sell for \$100 to \$200.

Q: I've been collecting beer mugs, old beer trays, beer advertising clocks and beer playing cards for my brother for years. All the items are old, and some of the brands

THE END OF THE CANAANS AT SHAAR HAGAI?

Shaar Hagai Kennels is facing a serious legal suit by the Israel Government Lands Authority who intend to evict us and the dogs from the place where we have been living for nearly 42 years. To anyone who is not familiar with the history here, when I immigrated to Israel I chose to live in an isolated and derelict spot, with a few buildings that were built by the British during the mandate years, and were abandoned from the time they left. This was my form of Zionism to breed and preserve the Canaan Dog, the national and natural breed of Israel, and one of the few original breeds still existing in the world, in a place that was also worth preserving

We chose to live here, in an isolated place that was in a condition of near total ruin when we moved here, without electricity or phone for 17 years, because it was a place where we could breed dogs, the Canaan Dogs, without bothering anyone. We entered with a contract, and only after a number of years did we discover that the authority that we signed with had no rights over the place. For all the years we have been here, we have attempted to resolve the problem and legalize our position, with continued contact with the authorities "to no effect, in fact we have been ignored. And now they have decided, after total refusal to even enter into mediation, to evict us. Their only plans are to demolish the place.

The Canaan Dog has great importance as one of the last representatives of the natural dog, as it was when it first became associated with man. In most places these dogs have disappeared, but here in Israel there are still dogs living in nature and with the Bedouin that can be brought in to strengthen the gene pool. This can not be done anywhere else.

Eviction will be a huge and disastrous blow to the breeding and preservation of the Canaan Dog, both here and in the world. I have dedicated all my resources to the breeding of the dogs and their care. My daughter was born here, and my grandchildren have been born here, and the family is united in their love for what we are doing here and the need to continue. We do not have the resources and financial possibility of buying new land and building new kennels. Just the legal costs of trying to defend ourselves is a huge burden.

We are turning to our friends and those that are aware of what we have been doing and the significance of it, to try to gain support that may help influence the decision makers. Please support us by signing our petition page <http://canaandogs.info/>, by sending us a note of support, by passing the word on to anyone who may have some influence, and help us to continue with the Canaan Dogs at Shaar Hagai Kennels.

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don't exist anymore. My sister-in-law says it's all junk. Is this true, or are the items collectible?

A: What's "junk" to some is collectible to others. Breweriana collectibles, which include anything relating to beer, are very collectible and easy to sell. Trays and clocks can sell for hundreds of dollars, but even labels, beer mats, playing cards and other paper items are collectible. Price depends on age, brand, rarity and condition. There are several clubs for collectors, including the Antique Advertising Association of America (www.pas-times.org), Brewery Collectibles Club of America (www.bcca.com) and National Association of Breweriana Advertising (www.nababrew.com).

Q: I am trying to help my grandmother figure out the value of a vintage Willie the Clown doll. Can you help?

A: Emmett Kelly (1898-1979) created his "Weary Willie" hobo clown character during the Depression. The sad-sack clown was a big attraction of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus throughout most of the 1940s and '50s. Kelly played the same character in Cecil B. DeMille's 1952 movie, "The Greatest Show on Earth." Check any tags you can find on your grandmother's doll. The best-known Willie the Clown doll was made in the 1950s by Baby Barry Toy Co. of New York. The doll was made in a few different sizes. We have seen the 21-inch version, wearing his original clothing, offered online for \$75 to \$100.

Q: We inherited an unusual liquor decanter when my parents died, and we would like



This Renaissance Revival cabinet, made in the mid-19th century, couldn't be made today because of rules about endangered species. And most homes are not built with high enough ceilings for a cabinet that's more than 9 feet tall. This walnut, ebony and ivory cabinet sold for \$7,200 at a Neal Auction Co. sale in New Orleans.

to know more about it. It's shaped like a knight's helmet and is covered with leather. The leather is decorated with gold-colored lion's-head fobs and gold-colored studs. It has a screw-type top and is 12 1/2 inches tall. The only mark or signature on it is the inscription on the bottom, "Brevettato, Made in Italy." Can you tell us anything about this?

A: Your leather-covered decanter often shows up for sale on Internet sites. It evidently is one of a pair of decanters. The other one is a knight's raised gloved hand holding a mace. A quick search turns up all kinds of things listed under "Brevettato," including toys, lamps, pocket watches and clocks. "Brevettato" is the Italian word for "patented." The maker of your decanter is unknown.

Tip: Dry good glassware with a towel that has not been washed with fabric softener. The chemicals in the softener will leave a film. ■

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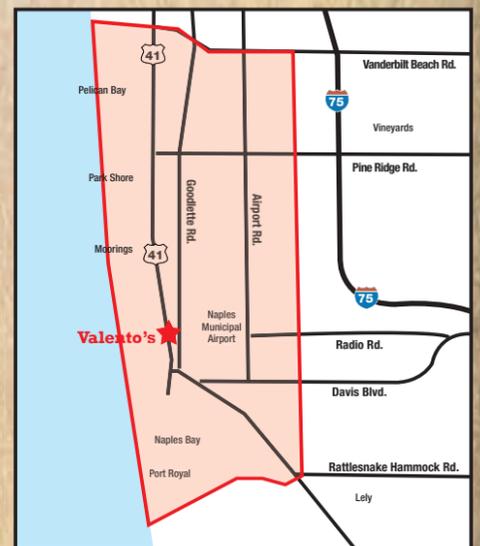
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Tickets are \$50, and a raffle will help generate more money for the cause. Reservations are required and can be made by e-mailing Becky Kimberly at docbeckyk@aol.com.

guests will enjoy a performance of a Chinese dragon dance.

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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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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.

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Tickets are \$250 per person. Proceeds will provide tuition assistance for the children of low-income working families. For reservations or more information, call 261-8284.

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.

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

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

'Meet me in Maui' for CAC

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. Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information, call Tina Streeter at 263-8383, ext. 232, or e-mail TStreeter@CACCollier.org.

10th annual luncheon

Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support Inc., an organization run solely by volunteers who are breast cancer survivors, holds its 10th annual "Caring Women Bond to Beat Breast Cancer" luncheon on Wednesday, Feb. 1, at The Ritz-Carlton-Naples. This year's theme is "Love, Laughter and All That Jazz."

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VINO

Friends don't let friends drink white zinfandel

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At one time or another, we all drank wine we'd never touch today. Mateus, Blue Nun, Boone's Farm or some other sweet, simple fermented juice provided our entry to the world of wine drinking. Unfortunately, there are those among us who have never progressed.

I move that we make it a New Year's resolution to help them move on to bigger and better wines.

White zinfandel, although mercifully past its heyday, remains extremely popular. According to the December edition of Wine Business Monthly, retail sales of white zin for the 12 months ending Aug. 20 totaled \$400 million — almost double the sales of red zinfandel.

Why persuade friends to aim higher? Would you not urge them to try freshly picked, expertly cooked vegetables if all they'd ever had was the canned variety? Treat them to fresh-squeezed orange juice if they'd spent a lifetime drinking reconstituted? It's only logical then to wean them from the cloyingly sweet, flat beverage that is white zin, a wine that came about somewhat by accident.

Sutter Home Winery in Napa developed white zin. It started out as an experiment, said Bob Trinchero, owner of Trinchero Family Estates and Sutter Home, in an interview in the June 2011

issue of Restaurant Management. The winery took its free-run juices from the red zinfandel crush and made 220 cases of off-color white in 1972, dubbing it white zinfandel. In 1975, the fermentation of a batch of it inexplicably stopped before all the sugar was fermented out, leaving it very sweet and pink.

It became so popular in the tasting room that consumers wanted to buy it by the case.

In 1985, Red Lobster restaurants — which previously had had simply listed the generic names of wines (cabernet, chardonnay, chablis, etc.) on its menus — made Sutter Home White Zinfandel the first brand name listed on their menus nationwide, according to Bill Barry, Trinchero's vice-president of hospitality and food service. Two years later, he adds, it was the most popular premium domestic wine in the country.

"A lot of people weren't drinking wine then. This was soft, fruity and easy to drink," Mr. Barry noted in Restaurant Management. "You have to start somewhere. This is a good entry-level



Enjoy a refreshing glass of Chateau du Galoupet Rosé or Zeller Schwartz Katz.

wine. The rule of thumb is the more people we can introduce to the wine category, the better. White zinfandel attracted a lot of people into drinking wine."

More than two decades later, white zinfandel as a category now sells about 17 million cases a year, and is in decline.

Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to contribute to that decline by gradually educating the palates of any friends who drink white zin. With patience and gentle instruction, you can expose them to a wider range of wine choices. The goal is to get them to the point that they start ordering something that doesn't make you cringe when you're out at a restaurant together.

If you want to stay with pink wines, there are plenty of great choices available.

France makes many roses that range from fruity to off-dry. Look for selections from Provence, mostly made from the grenache grape. If you make progress here, you can try moving on to drier selections from the Loire Valley, such as Rose d'Anjou, made from mostly cabernet franc grapes.

For white wines on the sweeter side, try a riesling or gewurztraminer from Germany. These wines have a higher residual sugar content than their cousins from California or Washington, but better acid balance to remain crisp and fresh tasting.

If you have a friend who refuses to put the white zin down, buy him a glass of Riesling or gewurztraminer, or give her a sip of yours to try.

The trick is to go slowly, gradually moving them from the super-sweet zin to something less sweet but with other interesting characteristics. Over time, you are likely to awaken some wine-loving souls. Keep in mind, however, that you can only help those who are willing to be helped.

Here are a few of my suggestions for starting the process.

Weekly wine picks:

■ Chateau du Galoupet 2010 Cru Classé Cotes du Provence Rosé, \$15 – Nice aromatic fragrances of fruit and spice, and good berry flavors lead to a soft hint of lime on the finish.

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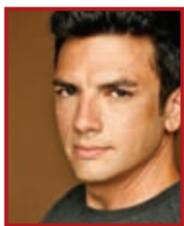
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CUISINE

Tarpon Bay has a winning way with fresh seafood

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THERE'S A FLEET OF LOCAL ESTABLISHMENTS that boast about their bounty of fresh fish. A precious few, however, live up to the hype. High up on that list sits Tarpon Bay, the stylish bayfront restaurant at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa.

Chief among the qualities that separate it from the rest is its ceviche bar, with eight varieties of seafood marinated in citrus juice combined with a variety of fresh vegetables and seasonings. Tarpon Bay also offers a dozen or more types of oysters on the half shell and an equal number of fish and shellfish, prepared in a multitude of ways and available with several sauces.

Although seafood most definitely reigns here, meat lovers can order filet mignon, pork chops or a roasted jerk half chicken if they desire.

Back to the ceviche. Samples of each type are appetizingly displayed along with the day's assortment of raw oysters in a well-iced case just inside the entrance to the restaurant. Choose one, two, three or a sampler of all eight varieties. Prices range from \$4.50 for one to \$23 for eight. We opted for all eight, sharing them for an appetizer. We weren't sorry.

Our server delivered two racks, each holding four glass cones, with about 2 ounces of ceviche in each. It was a colorful display, accompanied by an assortment of flatbreads, plantains and tortilla chips for scooping. We worked our way through the lobster with its mild orangey marinade, tender conch and red bell pepper, grouper with mango, snapper with jalapeno and tuna with sesame sambal and cucumber. My favorites were the Peruvian, a mix of scallops and mahi in a spicy marinade and the shrimp with roasted corn, tequila, coriander, cumin and cayenne.

This could be a meal in itself.

We also shared a good-looking Caesar salad (\$11), served with a slice of dried prosciutto, a well-peppered cookie-shaped crostini and a delicious white anchovy. The romaine was fresh, but the dressing cried out for more garlic, mustard and lemon.

Tarpon Bay's entree selections are divided between signature items — such as the crispy whole snapper and bacon-wrapped grouper — and 10 seafood options available grilled, pan seared, blackened, fried or baked, accompanied



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The raw bar at the restaurant's entrance showcases the various types of ceviche as well as oysters and seafood specials of the day.

Tarpon Bay's lobster pot contains a Florida lobster tail, clams, mussels, potatoes, tomatoes and corn in a seafood broth.



by a choice of up to three sauces. It's an appealing mix of chef-driven dishes and selections customers can customize to suit their tastes.

We tried the lobster pot (\$32) and grilled red snapper (\$29).

The former contained a split Florida lobster tail, clams, mussels, fingerling potatoes, roasted tomato and corn on the cob in a flavorful seafood broth. Among the add-ons available is homemade seafood sausage (\$6), which was tender and possessed the fresh briny flavor of the sea. Served in a black pot, it was an attractive and tasty dish, although the lobster tail was somewhat overcooked and dry, making it hard to remove from the shell. On the plus side, the broth gave it some much-needed moisture.

The snapper was tender and flaky, properly grilled and tasty on its own. We both liked the young soy white miso sauce and the slightly sweet ponzu sauce with it. The tropical fruit salsa was very spicy, too powerful for the delicately flavored snapper. An organic vegetable medley — broccolini, zucchini, asparagus, roasted tomatoes and yellow peppers — was tender-crisp and lightly seasoned, pairing well with the fish.

For dessert, we split a flight of house-made ice creams (\$10). At our server's suggestion, we tried the kahlua coffee flavor and the peaches and mascarpone cobbler flavor, adding spiced banana to complete the trio. The kahlua coffee had a rich coffee flavor, accented by chocolate-covered

espresso beans. The peaches and mascarpone had a lush, creamy consistency with chunks of fresh peach. The spiced banana had more than enough spice, which overwhelmed the banana. Neither my dining companion nor I cared for this one, but we were more than satisfied with the other two varieties.

Service had its ups and downs. Our server was pleasant and helpful when he was at the table, but there were long periods when he was out of sight. It was a good 15 minutes between the time he greeted us and when he returned to take our order. The same thing happened after he delivered the dessert menus and when we were finished with dessert and wanted the check. Water glasses went unfilled until just before dessert. And our table, with drips from the ceviche and lobster pot, was never wiped.

On the plus side, our wine came properly chilled in sidecars. The server had the kitchen split our salad. Each course was properly timed. As we made our way through the ceviche, he inquired if we might like to revise our entree order and split one entree. (If I hadn't been reviewing, we'd likely have done that.) When he learned we didn't like the spiced banana ice cream, he offered to bring us another flavor. (Again, we declined. There's only so much I can consume, even in the interest of research.)



Ceviche is a house specialty at Tarpon Bay. These are the eight varieties available. Top row, from left: salmon, Peruvian, shrimp and lobster. Bottom: tuna, grouper, snapper and conch.

The prolonged absences were due, I believe, to the restaurant's system of assigning tables. Instead of establishing stations with several tables in them and a server to handle each cluster, servers are assigned tables throughout the restaurant on a rotating basis. Our server had a table near us and at least two in two other rooms. I've yet to see this method work well in any establishment. When things get busy, it's impossible for the server keep an eye on everyone.

Overall, however, this is a lovely restaurant with an inventive menu and eager-to-please staff, all of which makes it a keeper. ■

If you go

Tarpon Bay

Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa, 5001 Coconut Road, Bonita Springs; 390-4295

Ratings:

Food: ★★★★★

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Atmosphere: ★★★★★

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★★★ Good
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food & wine CALENDAR

> **Thursday, Jan. 5,** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Whole Foods: The celiac disease support group meets monthly on the first Thursday through April. To join, contact Brooke or Lisa at Naples FLCeliac@gmail.com; Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100.

> **Friday, Jan. 6,** 6-8 p.m., Whole Foods: Spend some time on the patio tasting more than 25 wines and listening to live music. Proceeds benefit the Bonita Springs chapter of Shoes That Fit; \$10, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100.

> **Saturday, Jan. 7,** 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., The Good Life of Naples: Learn

how to make ribollita, a lush Tuscan soup, and panzanella bread salad, \$25, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663.

> **Wednesday, Jan. 11,** 5:30-7 p.m., Alexander's: The restaurant teams up with Decanted Wines for a wine tasting paired with appetizers; \$10, 4077 Tamiami Trail; 434-1814. Reservations required.

> **Thursday, Jan. 12,** 5:30-7 p.m., Decanted Wines: Learn how to recognize the many aromas in wine using an aroma kit. The evening includes tasting wines with appetizers; \$25, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations required.

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.

> **Saturday,** 7 a.m.-noon, Bonita Springs Lions Club farm market, The

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> **Saturday,** 8 a.m.-noon, St. Paul's Episcopal Church farm market, 3901 Davis Blvd., Naples.

> **Saturday,** 8 a.m.-1 p.m., North Naples Green Market at the Galleria Shoppes at Vanderbilt, off Airport Pulling and Vanderbilt Beach roads.

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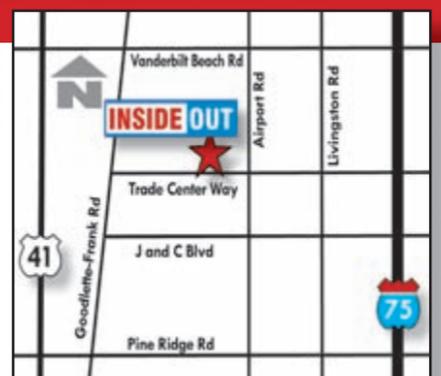
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