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## redrawing the lines

### REDISTRICTING AND OTHER LEGISLATIVE PUZZLES

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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If you like an unpredictable parade or a band that marches to the beat of a different drummer, you're in luck.

The 160 legislators of Florida's Senate (40 members) and House of Representatives (120 members) — including 14 who represent together the 1.15 million residents of Southwest Florida — march into Tallahassee this week for at least 60 drum-banging days of politics not-as-usual.

When they emerge on the other end of the session and of the year itself, politics in Florida will have a new face and a new shape.



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An Aug. 31 hearing in Naples.

For one thing, the law requires legislators to redesign voting districts every decade, adding new districts when a growing population requires them.

That will happen by summer not only in the U.S. House, where 25 districts will become 27 to give

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These are just a few of the pets awaiting adoption at Humane Society Naples. **A34 ▶**

## Holiday sales bolster optimism

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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As the last remembered bits of confetti from some New Year's bashes still drifted down last week, Mario's Meat Market & Deli was still crunching its final sales figures through the holiday season. But Vince Pica said it was clear to him that both in the bustling market and online it had been the deli's best mid-November-through-New Year's Day out of the last three.

"To tell you the truth, this holiday season was actually better than what we expected — we were surprised," said Mr. Pica, one of the sons of the founder of this family-owned Italian deli in south Fort Myers.

Another strong point this holiday season, he added, was Mario's off-premise catering. And the pricier cuts of meat, say, filet mignon, were selling at a brisker pace.

"People were getting together again, they were having parties," he said, his

voice full of optimism and traces of an old-world lilt that seemed to carry in its consonants images of marinated olives and spicy sausage. "I think a lot of it has to do with the economy. People can only stay in the nutshell so long. They said, 'enough is enough. This is the time to enjoy family and good food, the things that matter.'"

That's a perception shared by Tony Backos, owner of the Old 41 Restaurant

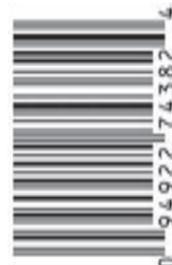
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## COMMENTARY

## What kind of conservative are you?

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When someone of good will wrote to accuse me of being a conservative the other day, I responded appropriately: I wailed in despair, gnashed my teeth, and tore out my hair — the last one on top. I even considered dressing in black from head to foot for 40 days. I prefer pink, of course.

A conservative, of all things.

Call me the devil, why don't you? Call me a "low-down Yankee liar" (Shane to the black-hat gunfighter Jack Wilson in the 1953 movie, "Shane"). Call me a miserable muck-raking SOB, a commie pinko, or even, if you have to, a Generation Xer or Yer or Zer. I'm not any of those things, but you can call me that.

Just don't call me a conservative.

The fact of the matter is, I'm an unrepentant, uninhibited, unaltered and frequently unintelligible liberal. Dyed in the wool. A lefty. A knock-kneed, flower-waving, open-minded pissant, as my football coach and my drill instructors used to say.

I've never been sure what a pissant is, or a conservative either, really — but it can't be good.

When some thin-lipped, square-jawed, crew-cut block of Chromosome Y calls you a pissant at the top of his lungs from a point six inches north of your nostrils, you feel bad. Even your gas-operated, air-cooled, lightweight, hand-held, shoulder-fired M-16 rifle that fires a 5.56 mm round at 3,100 feet-per-second — a creature not known for sen-

sitive feelings — probably feels bad.

But when an intelligent liberal calls you a conservative, that's even worse. It probably violates the Geneva Convention. It's a form of torture, in my book.

The thoughtful letter suggested first, that we should solve the problem of illegal immigrants with better laws to control immigration and a policy of amnesty for those already here; and second, that I should stick to writing about dogs (a previous column) and not politics.

Both solid suggestions.

The letter also forced me to think about those two work-horse terms: "Conservative" and "Liberal."

Conservative comes from the *Latin conservare* (*conservo, conservare, conservati, conservatium*): "To maintain existing views, marked by moderation or caution (and) traditional norms of taste, elegance, style or manners."

Could that define me or you?

If by those traditional norms you mean racism, sexism, religious intolerance, greed, self-righteous profiteering, and intolerance, then no. I could not be those things.

But if by "conservative" you mean the willingness to live with others who hold different opinions (that's a traditional American norm), or the willingness to defend our universal rights to freedom of speech, religion, lifestyle or equal treatment with arms, or the unrelenting determination to make our own way and help those who can't (remember the traditional parable of the good Samaritan?), then yes. I hope I'm a conservative, difficult as that is to admit.

Oddly enough, all of those terms describe traditional norms or values, both good and

bad. So the question becomes not, "Are you a conservative?" but "What kind of conservative are you?"

Which brings us to "liberal."

The word springs from the Latin, *liberalis*, defined as freedom, or "befitting the free."

Could we be defined as liberals — as people in favor of freedom, and things befitting the free, such as free speech, worship uncensored by government and equal opportunity?

Well, of course. You and I aren't interested in the freedom to abuse anybody we please anytime, or the freedom to compel our divine right to the exclusion of everybody else's, are we?

Maybe I am, I admit. But I know you aren't.

Which proves that whoever you are, you're a got-danged liberal, too, just like me. And here all this time you've been telling your friends and family you're a conservative.

But come to find out, you're a...a...a...a GD liberal.

And here I come to find out that I'm a...a...a GD conservative.

If there's a closet close by, maybe we should hide in it. On second thought, let's not. The people who traditionally hide in closets might be hiding in there as we speak. It could get ugly.

Nowadays, of course, the words "conservative" and "liberal" have slipped their halters and gotten out in the big pasture. Conservative, loosely applied, means a Republican. And liberal, just as loosely applied, means a Democrat.

At best it's sloppy. Is a conservative supposed to be against all government programs

and social regulation, for big capitalism and unrestrained markets, against the little guy or gal and for big weapons and armies in a hostile world?

I know some conservatives who refuse to be pigeon-holed like that.

And is a liberal supposed to be for all government programs and social regulation, against unrestrained markets, for the little guy and gal and against big weapons and armies, whether the world is hostile or not?

I know some liberals who refuse to be pigeon-holed, too.

Just so you know, a conservative is not supposed to like preserved wetlands, a clean environment and fair wages for workers if they get in the way of the American green-back and its prolific multiplication, along with flag waving. A liberal is not supposed to like a successful corporation, a strong army, fiscal discipline and a competitive market if they get in the way of kissing and hugging, along with flower waving.

Conservatives are not supposed to like liberals, either, and vice versa.

But you know what? Some of the finest human beings and most faithful friends I've ever known are GD conservatives, surprising as that is. And I hope some of them (perhaps the more foolish) could say that about a GD liberal like me.

What I conclude from all this is that dogs are probably far ahead of human beings — they don't worry about who's liberal or conservative. And my correspondent is probably far ahead of me.

Which is why I should probably stick to writing about dogs.

(Note: A version of this column first ran in *Florida Weekly* in 2010.) ■

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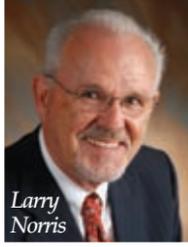
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## GUEST OPINION

### With more help from more people, Habitat for Humanity could help more people

BY BARBARA SILL

Imagine what it's like to live in an area where your children are fearful to walk to the bus stop by themselves, and where you as a parent are fearful to let them play outdoors. The windows in your home must be covered at all times, not just for privacy but also for safety. Your children have to share a bed, while you and your spouse share a twin bed in the same room. Your teenage daughter wakes up one morning only to find that a snake has shed its skin at the foot of her bed.

These are all true stories that local families have struggled with prior to building and purchasing their Habitat for Humanity homes. Their experiences reflect the horrendous conditions that too many families are living in due to lack of decent affordable housing in Collier County.

With a hand up, not a hand out, Habitat for Humanity is seeking to change these lives for the better.

Empowering families to become homeowners, Habitat for Humanity requires applicants to meet numerous requirements in order to purchase a home through Habitat. They must be legal residents with no criminal background, gainfully employed, provide a \$1,000 down payment and give 500 sweat equity hours to help build or

renovate their home. Habitat then sells the home with a no-interest loan.

The default rate in Naples is nearly zero. Why? Because the Habitat for Humanity of Collier County staff and volunteers do such a good job of staying connected to the families, mentoring them, teaching them English and providing help through hard times.

We receive 1,000 applications each year for the 100 homes our organization is able to build. With more help from the community, we could address even more of the need.

As the chair of the upcoming "Tool Belts & Shopping Bags" event, I hope many in our community will participate in this benefit for Habitat. Please join us for happy hour and shopping from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19. The event is sponsored by and will take place at Waterside Shops and Nordstrom. Other generous sponsors include Brio Tuscan Grille, Decanted Wine & Beer, Sunshine Ace Hardware, Norman Love Confec-



COURTESY PHOTO  
 Barbara Sill is surrounded by the Roasas family at their Habitat for Humanity home that was built in memory of Mrs. Sill's husband, Michael Sill.

tions and Naples Illustrated.

It's open to the public, and tickets are \$100 per person. All proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity of Collier County, helping to fund the land and materials required to build affordable homes for deserving local families. To purchase tickets, call Kara Kouloheras at 775-0036. ■

— Barbara Sill is a volunteer board member for Habitat for Humanity of Collier County.

## Republicans divided, citizens united



The Republican caucuses in Iowa, with its cliffhanger ending, confirmed two key political points and left a third virtually ignored. First, the Republicans are not enthusiastic about any of their candidates. Second, we have entered a new era in political campaigning in the United States post-Citizens United, the U.S. Supreme Court decision that unleashed a torrent of unreported corporate money into our electoral process. And third, because President Barack Obama is running in this primary season unchallenged, scant attention has been paid to the growing discontent among the very people who put him in office in 2008. As a result, the 2012 presidential election promises to be long, contentious, extremely expensive and perhaps more negative than any in history.

Mitt Romney technically prevailed in the Iowa caucuses, squeaking out an eight-vote margin over late-surging Rick Santorum. Libertarian Ron Paul garnered an impressive 21 percent of the vote in the crowded field. Note that the Republican Party does not allow a recount of the handwritten, hand-counted ballots, and that the final Romney edge was first reported on right-wing Fox News Channel by none other than its paid commentator Karl Rove, the architect of George W. Bush's two controversial presidential election wins.

So, the prevailing wisdom is that while Willard Mitt Romney retains the veneer of "electability," he cannot convince more than 25 percent of Republicans to vote for him. Santorum's surge was a late-breaking coalescence of the anti-Romney

vote, boosted by massive voter flight from Newt Gingrich that was inspired by a withering campaign of anti-Gingrich attack ads attributed to Romney.

While Romney's Iowa operation maintained a positive campaign strategy, a super PAC that supported him went on the offensive. Restore Our Future, according to NBC's Michael Isikoff, spent \$2.8 million in ads in Iowa, more than twice the amount spent by the Romney campaign itself, all attacking Gingrich. The super PAC is not limited in how much corporate or individual money it can take in, and does not have to disclose the identity of its donors. While super PACs are prevented by law from coordinating with campaigns, three of the founders of the pro-Romney Restore Our Future were campaign staffers on Romney's failed 2008 presidential bid: Carl Forti, Charlie Spies and Larry McCarthy.

The Iowa caucuses can be seen as the first instance in a presidential electoral race waged after the January 2010 U.S. Supreme Court's landmark Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission ruling. As summarized by the SCOTUSblog, the split court decided that "political spending is a form of protected speech under the First Amendment, and the government may not keep corporations or unions from spending money to support or denounce individual candidates in elections."

Election seasons are usually a boon for local TV stations, which sell airtime over the public airwaves. Iowa broadcasters were reporting a less-than-projected windfall, however, due to the record number of candidate debates, in which the candidates got to present themselves to the public, in essence, "for free." The last-minute onslaught of negative ads brought station revenues back up. Dale Woods, general manager of WHO TV in Des Moines, told

Broadcasting & Cable magazine: "It's normally never negative here, but that's one dynamic I've seen change with the PAC money involved. The candidate buys are positive, but the PAC money is negative. I think that's a dynamic you'll see all over the country."

The advertising industry is watching campaign spending closely, predicting up to \$4 billion in spending across all the campaigns, including those for president, Senate, House and governorships.

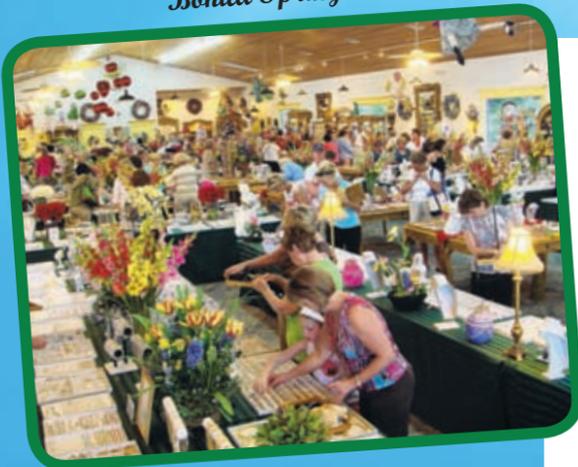
But there's hope. People are fighting back against this flood of secret money infecting U.S. elections. State legislators in California are calling for a constitutional amendment overturning Citizens United. The New York City Council is voting on a similar measure, following Los Angeles, Oakland, Calif., Albany, N.Y., and Boulder, Colo. Last week, Montana's Supreme Court restored a 100-year-old ban on corporate spending directed at political campaigns or candidates.

Harvard law professor Lawrence Lessig is calling for a constitutional convention. As defined in the U.S. Constitution, 34 state legislatures would need to call for a convention, which could allow an amendment banning corporate money from elections. Lessig, a favorite of progressives, is recruiting the right-wing tea party to help. He told me, "People can call for a convention for any purpose ... the only option we have for intervening to fix this corrupted system is the only option the framers gave us, which is outsiders organizing to fix the problem in Washington." ■

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



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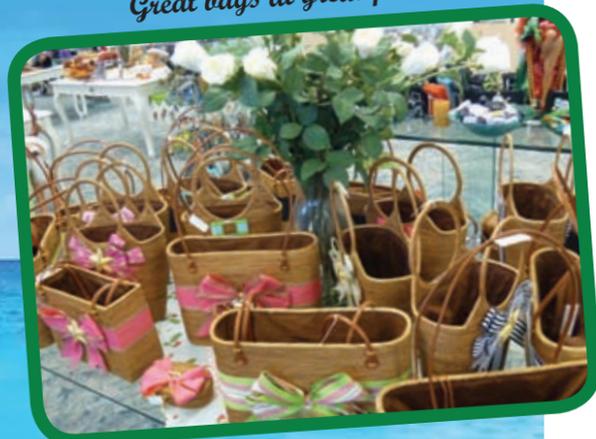


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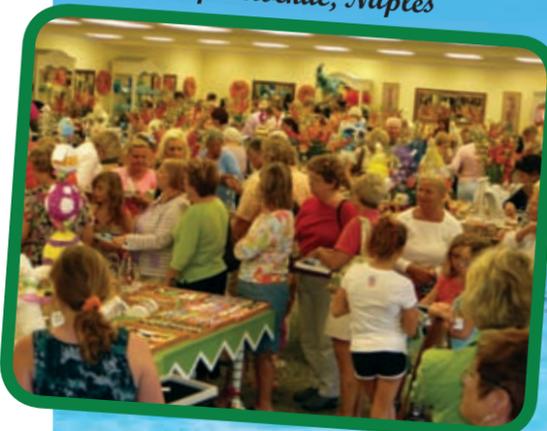


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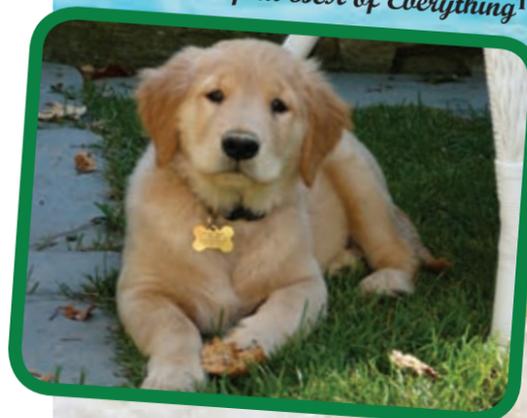
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## Embracing her role on the community's stage



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Kristen Coury, producing artistic director of Gulfshore Playhouse, combines great talent and skill with a healthy passion for excellence in every endeavor. Not only has she been a guest on my show many times, she's an outstanding stand-in as host in my absence.

I met Kristen seven years ago. When the daily paper featured her as founder of a fledgling professional theater, I contacted her and asked her to join me on my show to discuss the project. I mentioned that I had served on the board of the Huntington Theatre Company in Boston, and she asked me to get involved as a board member of Gulfshore Playhouse. Having recently retired, I was enjoying my newfound freedom and had no interest in taking on new responsibilities. Nevertheless,

Kristen persisted, and I agreed to attend a board meeting; I joined the board, and have gratefully served since 2005.

What attracted me to the project was Kristen's talent, character and commitment.

She had majored in theater in college and had a rich stage background in London and New York. Starting a new business, especially a nonprofit, professional regional theater, is no easy task. But I believed Kristen had what it would take to lead us and make it work.

Gulfshore Playhouse offers a variety of thought-provoking and entertaining productions, from the classics and Broadway hits to cutting-edge works. Presented exclusively at The Norris Center, each production is created in-house using a team of professional designers and technicians as well as Equity actors whose credits include Broadway and national television.

In the beginning, Gulfshore Playhouse had no theater space and no prospects. After producing plays in small venues in Fort Myers and at Florida Gulf Coast University, Kristen worked with the

leadership in Naples' city government to produce plays at The Norris Center. The city has made this community center a comfortable and functional venue for Gulfshore Playhouse's productions for the past four years. For 2012-13, the company's number of productions will go up from this year's four shows to six.

The Gulfshore Playhouse Theatre Education Project continues to serve in the community as well. In addition to after-school programs, and summer intensives for students of all ages, the crown jewel of the program is ART SMART, an in-school residency that makes learning fun using the tools created by the lively art of theater.

Kristen Coury and Gulfshore Playhouse have changed the cultural landscape of the Paradise Coast and will make an impact for generations to come. ■

— Bob Harden is the producer and host of "The Bob Harden Show," airing from 7-8 a.m. weekdays at [www.bobharden.com](http://www.bobharden.com). The show is archived for listeners' convenience.

### Talking points with Kristen Coury



**Something that's been on your mind:** Finalizing the 2012-13 season for Gulfshore Playhouse.

**What your father was always right about:** When someone tells you you can't

do it, send them a thank-you note, because it's one more person out of your way.

**Pet peeve:** When people say they'll do something and they don't.

**Something people would be surprised to find out about you:** I'm also a fitness instructor. I teach Nia, a fun cardio workout at Beyond Motion.

**High school job:** Selling shoes at Thom McAn.

**What the Paradise Coast really needs:** Less traffic!

**What I miss about the Paradise Coast when I'm away:** The weather.



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Florida two more House seats in Washington, but in state government, where new districts will be made permanent. Those will define elected representation in Florida until 2022.

For another thing, many legislators are facing the end of their terms. Some will be running for re-election. Others are terming out this year after serving the maximum time allowed by Florida law (eight years), so they may decide to run for another office. Thus, the face of Southwest Florida's delegation will change significantly by year's end.

"New young talent will be good for Southwest Florida," says Rep. Gary Aubuchon, an influential House Republican from Cape Coral. "But the eight-year term limit is probably too short — it takes half that time just to figure out how things work in Tallahassee. Twelve years would be better."

Rep. Aubuchon is terming out as the District 74 representative of parts of Charlotte and Lee Counties to enter the crowded race for the U.S. House seat now held by Rep. Connie Mack IV, who has announced his own candidacy as a Republican for the U.S. Senate.

But not until he completes the demanding work of the new session, he insists.

Among the potential competitors for Rep. Mack's seat in Washington is District 72 Rep. Paige Kreegel, also terming out of the Florida House in 2012 after eight years representing DeSoto and parts of Charlotte and Lee counties.

Both men will face off against each other and a handful of additional candidates in an August 14 Republican primary.

## Creating fair districts

Pinning down a "Fair Districts" map of distinct constituencies will make up the most puzzling work of the new session, legislators say.

This isn't the kind of puzzle produced by game-board puzzle designers.

In effect, legislators have to complete a huge peninsula-shaped map of more than 160 pieces (the current number of districts plus new ones to accommodate new Sunshine-state residents). But in this exercise, the pieces have to be reshaped and fit as they go.

The new map is a legal requirement based in part on population. In 2000, the U.S. Census counted about 16 million Floridians, but by 2010 the figure had jumped to 18.8 million, almost 3 million more. Florida's legislators have to find a way to represent all those people fairly and equally.

To complicate matters, Florida law now requires that districts be more compact and roughly equal in population. Also, legislators must preserve minority voting blocks where possible, creating what some call "majority-minority districts" — districts in which the majority of voters are defined as racial minorities.

To get on top of the job, the first thing legislators did in recent weeks and months was travel the state to seek the sometimes-contentious opinions of residents.

As the new session begins, that part of the job is over.

Rep. Jeanette Nuñez, a District 112 Republican representing not only parts of Broward and Miami-Dade but Collier Counties, sits on a subcommittee charged with shaping the new districts map. She suggests why this has become complicated even in Southwest Florida.

"Some people (in Collier and Lee) take umbrage at the fact that they have

in the know

## Southwest Florida Delegation

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to have representation on both the federal and state level from the east coast. The legislature had nothing to do with that. Collier is a county covered under more stringent (legal) requirements because of past discriminatory practices. So there will be a seat that spans the coasts."

Will that coast-spanning seat be hers? "I will be running for re-election," she replies, "but I have no idea yet what my district will look like."

## Balancing the budget

Legislators are also required by law to balance the budget — and this year they have to do it in the face of what could be more than a \$1 billion deficit.

That means a line-by-line analysis of what can be cut.

Surprisingly, there's still plenty of fat even after the recession-era budgets undertaken by legislators in the past, says Rep. Kreegel — especially in such outmoded and inflated programs as mosquito and hyacinth control.

"I think it's time to ask ourselves — have these things outgrown their usefulness and are they overgrown bureaucracies? It borders on absurdity when you have a taxing district with five elected board members to oversee one station."

In a state hard-pressed for money that supports 3,000 separate taxing districts, he says, that's too much bureaucracy. Cutting some of it would make it easier to balance the budget — and with no new taxes or fees, either.

"It's going to get done, but a lot of people aren't going to like it," Rep. Kreegel acknowledges.

"I'm a big believer in 'common sense-based budgeting,' says Rep. Denise Grimsley, who chairs the House Appropriations Committee. Her Dist. 77 includes parts of Collier and Highlands, along with Glades and Hendry Counties.

"That means spending only what you take in," she explains. "If we do that, I'll be more than satisfied."

That attitude might make it tough on some of her fellow Republicans traditionally known for employing the budget axe almost the way they employ a toothbrush — on a daily basis. Perhaps they're looking a little soft this year.

"The governor (Rick Scott) wants to give more money to education, which I support — if we can find the funds," says Rep. Ken Roberson, a District 71 Republican representing parts of Lee, Charlotte and Sarasota counties.

Gov. Scott also wants to give more — \$40 million is his proposal this year, up \$23 million from his proposed \$17 million last year — to help preserve the Everglades.

"It's a challenge," admits Rep. Roberson, who has supported Gov. Scott's mandates and suggestions right down the line, at least until now.

"It will be a challenge given the projected shortfall in revenue that could be well over \$1 billion," adds Rep. Grimsley.

"There's no bacon to bring home," concludes Rep. Roberson.

## Casino resorts

But according to many lobbyists who have crowded Tallahassee in recent weeks, there's plenty of bacon to be had high on a different hog: the casino-resort hog.

Legislators in the new session are facing a lobbyist-powered debate over a bill that would allow three multi-billion-dollar casino resorts to open off Indian lands in Broward and Miami-Dade counties (see "All Bets Are On," *Florida Weekly*, Nov. 16).

Passage of the bill would create fair gambling since others besides Indians could live high on that hog — creating tens of thousands of jobs and huge infusions of cash into South Florida, and by extension into the state, according to the bill's sponsors, Sen. Ellyn Bogdanoff of Fort Lauderdale and Miami's Rep. Erik Fresen.

In its current form, the bill would establish a seven-member regulatory body for all Florida gambling, and it would make life a lot harder for pari-mutuel businesses that offer betting on dogs, horses and jai alai, analysts say.

The new operators (now moving in from Las Vegas and Malaysia by buying east-coast property) would have to invest at least \$2 billion in each resort — but they would pay taxes only at a rate of 10 percent, while established gaming businesses in Florida would continue to pay at about 35 percent.

Not only that, but the bill would make it difficult for other casino-resort

destinations to open in other counties, including one proposed for central Lee County, many legislators point out.

Members of the Southwest Florida delegation oppose the bill for a variety of reasons.

"If we're looking for ways to improve our economy and create jobs, more casino gambling hardly seems like a sensible solution. The proposals are morphing daily, but I'm not sure that there is any form that would get my vote," says Rep. Grimsley.

"If I were the Seminoles and that bill passes, I don't think I'd have any incentive to pay \$250 million a year (in taxes). So I wouldn't," says Rep. Matt Caldwell of District 73 (Lee County).

The tribe agreed to pay roughly that much tax to the state — the amount is variable by year — for exclusive rights to the full range of casino-resort gambling.

Since the proposed east-coast casino resorts would not be up and fully running until about 2016, if the Seminoles stopped paying because the state ends their exclusivity agreement this year, the state could lose a billion dollars in four years, he adds.

There are other reasons for dispute, too.

"I can't see giving an economic benefit just to a few hundred Indians, but the bill as filed would just give away the benefits to some enterprises in Broward and Miami," says Rep. Kreegel.

"So I guess Miami is special — but how? I think we're special over here. We need to have options for other counties to do the same thing, without such formidable hurdles that it can never be done."

That's why "it will be much more difficult to pass an expansion of gambling in Florida then it will be to defeat the proposal," suggests Sen. Garrett Richter, whose District 37 includes parts of Collier and Lee Counties. "For starters, the taxing rate needs to be fair to all (and) currently it is not."

Which means little could change by the end of the session unless a lot changes in the bill — and even that might not be enough.

"I remain opposed to expanding gambling to areas in the state where it does not already exist," says Rep. Aubuchon.

"In the places where it exists today, on the Indian reservations or in pari-mutuel venues, there's a real nexus for it. But to let it out of those constraints is to lose your chance to constrain it at all. The risk is that eventually Florida could become a state where gambling is everything. And that's a very different state."

## PIP, oral chemo and more

Other tunes the band might strike up in the coming session include ending fraud in the no-fault, personal-injury insurance business, limiting phoning and texting while driving, and making oral chemotherapy taken by pill at home affordable.

In the car insurance business, according to Sen. Richter, lawyers are making huge sums and running up prices for consumers with irresponsible or fraudulent lawsuits spun from the no-fault insurance laws requiring personal-injury protection. He has vowed to try to stop the abuse.

Limiting cell-phone use while driving, meanwhile — a habit that (like drunk driving) has demonstrably led to personal injury or death on the roads — is a bill proposed by Sen. Nancy Detert, a District 23 Republican representing parts of Charlotte, Manatee and Sarasota counties.

She proposed the same thing last year, but it failed to reach the floor for consideration by the full Senate or House — a danger to this bill and most others in this session, as well.

Then, on behalf of many cancer patients, there is House Bill 623, sponsored by Rep. Nuñez.

HB 623 would require health insurance companies to cover oral (pill form) and intravenous (traditional) chemotherapy at the same rates, especially since oral chemotherapy can be more effective for many, much less painful, and is no more expensive to produce, doctors say.

But oral chemos remain much more costly because insurance companies classify them as pharmaceutical drugs rather than a cancer treatment, and thus they're subject to huge co-pay costs.

Consequently, some cancer patients have died or run through their life savings because they could not afford the high costs of oral chemo (see "Chemo Gets Easier," *Florida Weekly*, Sept. 28, 2011).

But legislators may get to only some of the bills proposed for the new session, they say. Many could be shelved while they balance the budget and solve the redistricting puzzle.

**The new 'Fair Districts' map**

The new map of Florida's House and Senate districts now has wings, by legal mandate.

Beginning this week, it must be designed in committees, sent to the floor of both the House and Senate to be debated, tweaked and approved by the full Legislature, then delivered for final approval both to the state attorney general and (in all likelihood) to the state supreme court — and all by summer, when the law requires a map signed, sealed and delivered.

That will give candidates in the August primaries and November's general elections time to throw their hats into the

official ring beforehand with new districts clearly drawn. As it stands now, Florida's politicians don't necessarily know who or where their voters are, or whose trust they have to win.

Consequently, the political parade this session may very well resemble a game of musical chairs instead, which isn't to everybody's liking.

"By Amendment 5 (created in 2010) we are required not to favor or disfavor anybody, and that sounds like a wonderful idea until you say that we also have to protect the number of minority seats in the House and Senate — but you can't protect them without gerrymandering voters," says Sen. Mike Bennett, a Republican from Bradenton.

"You have ask yourself: Is it truly fair we have a voting system like that? If people expect to be treated equally and fairly, then they should be treated equally and fairly in all aspects."

Sen. Bennett, now 68, will retire from District 21 and from politics altogether when his term ends this year, he says, likely taking not only his own face but the face of the district itself with him.

That's because District 21 currently resembles a Mexican jumping bean, hopping from parts of Sarasota to Charlotte, Manatee and Lee counties.

Rep. Trudi Williams, meanwhile, terming out in House Dist. 75 (Collier and Lee Counties), will seek to jump to the Florida Senate, likely challenging for a seat now held by Sen. Lizbeth Benacquisto, a fellow Republican and deputy majority leader of the House. Her sprawling District 27, in current form, is a seemingly bi-polar medley of constituencies stretched from the Atlantic to the Gulf of Mexico.

Sen. Benacquisto will stand as the incumbent, she says.

**Where the hammer meets the anvil of redistricting**

Senate District 27 is a case-in-point example of the logistical, political and personal complexities of map-making in the state legislature.

Since the 120-mile-long district extends literally from the Atlantic waterfront in Palm Beach County to the gulf waterfront in Lee and Charlotte, the district represents the antithesis of compact.

Thus, by law it must change — at the latest by summer, when Florida's Supreme Court could put the be-all and end-all stamp on a new map of Florida's districts.

Broad in its cultural sweep, District 27 encompasses such unlikely bedfellows as the Palm Beach Polo, Golf and Country Club near Wellington, where the district's Sen. Lizbeth Benacquisto locates her main office (one of her interests is golf, she reports); constituencies in rural Hendry County and even more rural Glades County where Seminoles can still be found who once hunted and killed hogs with knives by jumping on them from running horses; and residents of Punta Gorda and downtown Bonita Springs where tourists hunt only gift baubles and good restaurants.

All of that may be colorful, but it's clumsy and ineffective politically — and probably unfair to people who live in the district. Judging by map proposals on the table so far, Sen. Benacquisto's lean new redrawn district may be confined strictly to Southwest Florida.

That would pit District 75 Rep. Trudi Williams,

terming out after eight years, and Sen. Benacquisto in head-to-head competition for a senate district seat.

Tellingly, at her promotional website, www.votet-rudiwilliams.com, Rep. Williams appeals to voters to support her senate bid without being able to define a district she seeks to represent. At this point she calls it simply, "Southwest Florida."

Sen. Benacquisto (www.votelizabeth.com), meanwhile, is spending a lot more time in Southwest Florida, and probably not just because she recently married Bruce Strayhorn, a prominent Fort Myers attorney and former Democrat who headed Hillary Clinton's presidential bid in the Democratic primaries in Southwest Florida in 2008. He became an official Republican the day after the couple's Dec. 28 wedding in Delray Beach.

Late last week, Sen. Benacquisto offered this note on a Facebook page: "I had a great visit with the folks from the Punta Gorda Tea Party last night. I was amazed at how many involved citizens, who care so deeply about our country and our state, there were at the meeting."

Neither Rep. Williams nor Sen. Benacquisto responded to e-mail requests from Florida Weekly for comments on the upcoming session or the looming fight over a district senate seat, and Sen. Benacquisto did not reply to telephone messages left with two of her aides. ■

Elsewhere, Sen. Richter's District 37 (stretched from Cape Coral to Chokoloskee) and term-limited Rep. Matt Hudson's District 101 (from east Naples to west Broward County) are strong candidates for change, along with any district pushing into Charlotte County, which may well become a single district, says Rep. Roberson.

The novelty will wear well in Lee County, says Rep. Aubuchon. There, residents will likely see three districts become four, with a new coastal district stretching from Boca Grande to Bonita.

Wherever similar change occurs, representation is likely to be more focused, and perhaps more energetic for the next decade. ■

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## Intelligent design

If the male nursery web spider were a human, he would be sternly denounced as a vulgar cad. Researcher Maria Jose Albo of Denmark's Aarhus University told Live Science in November that the spiders typically obtain sex by making valuable "gifts" to females (usually, high-nutrition insects wrapped in silk), but if lacking resources, a male cleverly pack-

ages a fake gift (usually a piece of flower) also in silk but confoundingly wound so as to distract her as she unwraps it — and then mounts her before she discovers the hoax. Albo also found that the male is not above playing dead to coax the female into relaxing her guard as she approaches the "carcass" — only to be jumped from behind for sex. ■

## People with issues

Prominent Birmingham, Ala., politician Bill Johnson describes his wife as "the most beautiful woman in the world," but he revealed in December that, while on temporary duty recently as an earthquake relief specialist in New Zealand, he had clandestinely donated sperm to nine women (and that three were already pregnant). Becoming a

biological father is "a need that I have," he told a *New Zealand Herald* reporter, and his wife had been unable to accommodate him. Asked if his wife knew of the nine women, Johnson said, "She does now." Indeed, Alabama newspapers quickly picked up the story, and Mrs. Johnson told the *Mobile Press-Register* that there is "healing to do." ■

## Least-competent criminals

The unidentified eyeglass-wearing robber of an HSBC Bank in Long Island City, N.Y., in December fled empty-handed and was being sought. Armed with a pistol and impatient with a slow teller, the man fired a shot into the ceil-

ing to emphasize his seriousness. However, according to a police report, the gunshot seemed to panic him as much as it did the others in the bank, and he immediately ran out the door and jumped into a waiting vehicle. ■

## The continuing crisis

■ Son Theodore Zimmick and two other relatives filed a lawsuit in November against the St. Stanislaus cemetery in Pittsburgh for the unprofessional burial of Theodore's mother, Agnes, in 2009. Agnes had purchased an 11-foot-by-8-foot plot in 1945, but when she finally passed away, the graveyard had become so crowded that, according to the lawsuit, workers were forced to dig such a small hole that they had to jump up and down on the casket and whack it with poles to fit it into the space.

■ Managers of Prospect Park in Brooklyn, N.Y., decided recently to relocate the statue of Abraham Lincoln that since 1895 had occupied a seldom-visited site and whose advocates over the years had insisted be given more prominence. It turned out that the most viable option was to swap locations with a conspicuous 1906 statue of Dr. Alexander Skene. Lincoln is certainly universally revered,

but Dr. Skene has advocates, too, and some (according to a December Wall Street Journal report) are resisting the relocation because Dr. Skene (unlike Lincoln) was a Brooklynite, and Dr. Skene (unlike Lincoln) had a body part named after him ("Skene's glands," thought to be "vital" in understanding the "G spot").

■ A December New England Journal of Medicine report described a woman's "losing" her breast implant during a Pilates movement called the Valsalva (which involves breath-holding while "bearing down"). The woman said she felt no pain or shortness of breath but suddenly noticed that her implant was gone. Doctors at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore discovered that, because of the woman's recent heart surgery, the muscles between the ribs had loosened, and the implant had merely passed through a rib opening. (They returned it to its proper place.) ■

## Convoluting plans

■ A balaclava-wearing man "kidnapped" Julian Buchwald and his girlfriend in 2008 in Australia's Alpine National Park as they were picnicking. The man separated the couple, tore their clothes off and buried them, but Buchwald escaped and rescued the girlfriend, and they wandered around naked for days before being rescued. The balaclava-clad man, it turns out, was Buchwald, whose plan was to convince the woman by his heroism that she should marry him (and more immediately, to have sex even though they had both pledged to remain virgins until marriage). Buchwald was convicted in Victoria County Court and sentenced in December to more than seven years in prison.

■ Laurie Martinez, 36, was charged in December with filing a false police report in Sacramento, Calif., alleging that she was raped, beaten bloody and robbed in her home. It turns out that she had become frustrated trying to get

her husband to move them to a better neighborhood and that faking a rape was supposed to finally persuade him. Instead, he filed for divorce. Martinez is employed by the state as a psychologist.

■ After 12 almost intolerable months, Ms. Seemona Sumasar finally received justice in November from a New York City jury, which convicted Jerry Ramrattan of orchestrating a complex and ingenious scheme to convince police that Sumasar was a serial armed robber. Ramrattan, a private detective and "CSI" fan, had used his knowledge of police evidence gathering to pin various open cases on Sumasar as revenge for her having dumped him (and to negate her claim that Ramrattan had raped her in retaliation). Ramrattan was so creative in linking evidence to Sumasar that her bail had been set at \$1 million, causing her to spend seven months in jail. (Said one juror, "If I had seen this on TV, my reaction would be, 'How could this really happen?'" ) ■

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# Immokalee volunteer named Mentor of the Year in Florida by Take Stock in Children

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Naples resident John Henry, a mentor in The Immokalee Foundation's Take Stock in Children program and a TIF board member, has been named Mentor of the Year for the state of Florida by the Take Stock in Children program. He will be formally recognized during the program's state conference in Tallahassee in January.

"This is a wonderful testament to the profound impact John is having on the lives of our students," says Liz Allbritten, TIF executive director. "I can't think of a better person to have been chosen."

MR. Henry has been a TIF board member for three years and served as the Take Stock in Children liaison to the 18-member TIF board for two years. He currently mentors three Immokalee High School students — Elijah Arreaga, Kerby Henry and Elijah Basile — all of whom nominated him for the statewide honor.

TIF's mentor coordinator, Lois Gomez, says the designation comes as no surprise.

"We all love Mr. Henry," Ms. Gomez says. "He is a man who isn't just talk; he walks the walk and is an example that the young men he mentors very clearly see."

Kerby Henry first met John Henry in 2008 at his TSIC induction ceremony.

"After I took my pledge, Mr. Henry walked up and introduced himself. He told me he would be my mentor. Although I had asked a teacher of mine, something in my heart told me to go with Mr. Henry." And

he's glad he did.

Kerby describes Mr. Henry as a father figure who has loved and supported him for the past three years.

"To me, John Henry is the greatest mentor a guy could have," he says.

Elijah Basile couldn't agree more. "Mr. Henry has helped me through things no one else has ever done," he says. "He made me realize the importance of education in my life. I see him as my guardian angel, helping me to examine what the right choices are for me and helping me put what is important first."

Last summer, Mr. Henry helped Elijah Basile take a step toward his goal of becoming a plastic surgeon by setting up an internship for him at a local plastic surgeon's office. "It was the best thing that ever happened to me," Elijah says.

For Elijah Arreaga, Mr. Henry has become not only a role model, but a best friend. "He has always been there motivating me when things are hard. He cares about me and about my future," he says. "Knowing that Mr. Henry has high expectations helps me to press on toward my goals."

As for Mr. Henry, he was truly surprised and is incredibly grateful for the award.

"Every day that I drive out to see these boys, I think about how great it is that I have the opportunity to help them achieve their goals," he says. "I don't know what could be better than that."

In 2001, TIF brought Take Stock in Children to Immokalee. Since then, the pro-



Elijah Basile, mentor John Henry, Kerby Henry and Elijah Arreaga

gram has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships. Qualified seventh-grade students who successfully fulfill their required pledge to earn good grades, exhibit good behavior and meet weekly with a mentor are awarded a full college scholarship upon high school graduation.

Take Stock in Children is a statewide nonprofit organization with a 16-year history of providing mentors, educational scholarships and hope for Florida's low-income and at-risk youth. The organization has provided educational support and college scholarships to more than 17,000 students in partnership with more than 800 public schools throughout 67 counties in Florida.

The only scholarship/mentoring program with the mission of breaking the cycle of poverty through education, Take Stock has attained a high school graduation rate of 92 percent in Florida (as compared to Florida's average graduation rate of 76

percent). The program's multi-year commitment to students and its comprehensive services begin in middle school and continue through high school graduation and into college. Special emphasis is placed on student accountability and specific measurable outcomes. Students pledge to meet with their assigned mentor once a week, maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5 and remain drug and crime free. Upon graduation, as a fulfillment of their contractual agreement, they are awarded a scholarship to any college, university or vocational school in Florida.

TIF has a range of programs that focus on building pathways to success through college and vocational school, mentoring and tutoring, and opportunities for broadening experiences and life skills development. To learn more about volunteering as a mentor or for additional information, call 430-9122 or visit [www.immokaleefoundation.org](http://www.immokaleefoundation.org). ■



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Training by Judy Peter, certified Pet Partners instructor, will take place from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days. Cost is \$75 per person (\$100 for parent-child or a couple sharing a manual).

Participants do not bring their pets. Prerequisite skills required of pets will be outlined, and animal and handler team

evaluations will be scheduled after owners complete the course.

The Brody Project is a Naples-based non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing human health by providing animal assisted therapy programs to health and human services providers. Moorings Park Retirement Community and The Shelter for Abused Women & Children are the current recipients of its services.

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Not sure what the Renaissance Academy at FGCU is all about? Find out about the university's lifelong learning program during open house from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, at the Naples Center of FGCU, 1010 Fifth Ave. S. Meet instructors, peruse the winter/spring catalog and register for classes. Light refreshments will be served.

Registration is under way for one-time programs, lecture series and ongoing classes about a wide range of topics, from a foreign film series to "The Women of Saudi Arabia" (Jan.

22) and "A Closer Look at the Big Bang Theory" (Jan. 26). The academy also offers concierge-style travel adventures, with trips planned to China, Southern Italy and Sicily, Tuscany, Spain and Portugal, Turkey and Vietnam in 2012-13.

Same household couples or partners can become Renaissance Academy members for \$80 during the open house, a 20 percent savings off regular membership.

For more information, visit [www.fgcu.edu/racademy](http://www.fgcu.edu/racademy). ■

## 'Get Connected' with Covenant Church

Covenant Church of Naples/PCA invites everyone to "Get Connected Sunday," a ministry expo showcasing opportunities for service and education on Sunday morning, Jan. 15. The event will begin after the 9 a.m. worship ser-

vice and conclude at 12:30 p.m. Complimentary childcare will be provided.

The church is at 6926 Trail Blvd. off U.S. 41. For more information, call 597-3464 or visit [www.CovenantNaples.com](http://www.CovenantNaples.com). ■

## Women will lecture on 'Jews and Politics'

"Jews and Politics: Then and Now" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, at Beth Tikvah by Dr. June Sochen and Joyce Schragger.

Dr. Sochen is distinguished professor emerita of history from Northwestern Illinois University. Her many books include "Consecrate Every Day: The Public Lives of Jewish American Women (1880-1980)" and "From Mae to

Madonna." Ms. Schragger, a popular Chicago-area lecturer on politics, current events and literature, is also a renowned tour guide for group trips to points of Jewish interest in North American and Cuba.

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Saint Ann Catholic School will hold open house for families interested in learning more about attendance on Tuesday, Jan. 17. Two sessions are scheduled in the school library from 9-10:30 a.m. and 1-2:15 p.m. Tours will be conducted and refreshments served.

The school is at 542 Eighth Ave. S. For more information, call 262-4110 or visit [www.stann.net](http://www.stann.net).

## Marco schedules town hall forum

A town hall forum will take place as part of the Marco Island City Council meeting on Monday, Jan. 23. The forum will allow

council members to respond to issues and questions that are not normally addressed during the regular community forum portion of meetings. Questions from the public should be e-mailed no later than Jan. 20 to [publicforum@marcocitycouncil.com](mailto:publicforum@marcocitycouncil.com).

## Watch out for AARP safe driving class

An AARP safe driving class will be offered from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, at Homewood Residences, 770 Goodlette Road. Participants will learn new traffic laws and refresh their driving skills with the goal of reducing their risk for tickets and accidents. Those over age 55 may be eligible for a discount on auto insurance.

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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 continues at 11:45 a.m.

This year's theme 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.

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.

All are welcome to join the celebration. For more information, call Harold Weeks at 455-2586 or Rhonda Cummings at 537-1153. ■

## FGCU alumni weekend coming up

Alumni weekend at Florida Gulf Coast University takes place Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 9-11.

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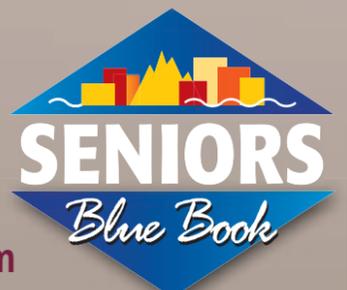
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in Bonita Springs. Larger groups and families drove his business up roughly 8 percent during this holiday season versus last year.

"The holidays can be a mixed bag for us because what happens is many times they're spending money on gifts and foods can be secondary," he said. "This year we didn't find that to be the case. We found a very vibrant tourism during the holiday season, atypical from prior years. We found people coming down in bigger groups, and families."

Many retailers rely on the holiday shopping season for as much as 40 percent of their yearly sales, especially up North. In Southwest Florida, where

"season" can push on into May, mid-November through early January isn't necessarily a time that makes or breaks the books. But for some, such as Mr. Pica and his family, it might indicate how consumers will spend through the rest of the year. Many local retailers say they take this year's holiday sales boost as portending good things to come.

"We were thrilled, despite all the skepticism (about the economy), to maintain our sales numbers," said Mr. Chris Bent (his wife is of the same name), owner of Best of Everything, a unique jewelry and gift store with five locations, including three in Naples, one in Bonita Springs and one in Kennebunkport, Maine.

And when it comes to imbibing, a nearly three-year-old Naples business found this year's clientele as festive as ever.

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owner of Decanted Wine. "Everyone likes a glass of wine with their holiday meal. This holiday season was our best yet."

That doesn't mean consumers were drinking any alcohol in site.

"What we were surprised with what was a switch for New Year's beverages — we saw a decline in champagne and bul- lies," she said. "We saw a large increase in white wines and heavy reds, the char- donnays and cabernets."

When it comes to fine art versus pho- tography or prints versus original oils, on the other hand, sales seemed more or less even at some Fifth Avenue South art galleries in Naples.

Susan Slater, gallery director of Shel- don Fine Art, said this year couldn't help but be better than the last two. "Hello!?" she said. "We've been in a depression for the last few years."

Lingering economic troubles were no

match for 15th century explorer Christo- pher Columbus' famous ships, for Fisher- men's Village, an open-air shopping mall on Charlotte Harbor in Punta Gorda. The Nina and Pinta, two exquisitely repli- cated vessels based on Columbus' own, were docked off the village for 10 days through Jan. 1. Ticket sales show more than 7,800 people toured the boats this season, bringing crowds to the myriad boutique shops and eateries at the vil- lage.

It was one great week that made a big bright spot this year for Dave Nicely of Sun Harvest Citrus in South Fort Myers, famous for its fresh juices, mail order holiday fruit and gift packages and a retail market with goodies galore.

"I tell you the holiday week between Christmas and New Year's was probably the best we've had in three years," Mr. Nicely said. "We were up 16 percent over those same weeks last year." ■



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## The United Way ready to welcome new president/CEO

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After a six-month, nationwide search, the United Way of Collier County has named Steve Sanderson its new president and CEO, effective Jan. 16. Mr. Sanderson leaves his post as vice president of a seven-state district for the American Cancer Society, where he



SANDERSON

helped increase individual contributions by 60 percent in the last year. At the United Way, he assumes the leadership role vacated by Ernie Bretzmann.

"Finding someone to replace Ernie wasn't an easy assignment," says Mike Dillon, board chairman. "Steve rose to the top because he has a long and strong background with United Way and the experience and aptitude to guide us to the next level."

Prior to his work with ACS, Mr. Sanderson was the chief development officer for a United Way chapter in Washington, D.C., where he helped achieve a \$35 million campaign goal. His involvement with United Way started in 1985 and includes 10 years with United Way Worldwide, where he led the creation of the National Philanthropic Council and established an annual forum for national volunteer development chairs from major market communities. His history with United Way also includes leadership positions at United Way chapters in five major markets.

He says his vision for United Way of Collier County is to "maximize volunteer achievements, streamline internal operations, expand public outreach, enhance volunteer satisfaction" and increase overall fundraising goals.

Given the difficult economic climate and the increasing need for services provided by the nonprofit community, Sanderson says he hopes to create "new and unique ways" to raise the money needed to support United Way's 30 partner agencies.

In 2011, the United Way of Collier County gave out more than \$2 million to groups ranging from shelters to counseling and emergency service providers. The 2011-12 fundraising goal is \$2.3 million. ■

## Couple says 'I do' in dream wedding with thanks to Operation Open Arms

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY



U.S. Army Sergeant Timothy Rodriguez, who recently returned from his fourth tour of duty in Iraq, and Neapolitan Jeannette Pantoja dreamed of having a beautiful beachfront wedding at sunset, but funds were tight. Enter Operation Open Arms, a charity that provides cost-free experiences in Southwest Florida to members of the U.S. military who are on leave or who have returned from foreign duty.

Operation Open Arms teamed up with The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club to make the young couple's dream come true late in the afternoon Dec. 30, on the resort lawn overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. The hotel donated the venue and the set-up for the ceremony; others who offered their services for a perfect wedding included: Sarah Cardenas, wedding coordinator; Floral Encores, flowers; Christine Vertin, photography; Kenny Graham of AVI, sound system; and harpist Laura Lou Roth.



The newlyweds will live in Killeen, Texas, while Sgt. Rodriguez is stationed at Fort Hood; they hope to be transferred back to Florida.

Operation Open Arms has provided charitable resources to members of the U.S. military and their families since 2005. Based in St. James City, Fla., the nationally acclaimed outreach program works with a network of local businesses, associations and individuals to provide tangible acts of kindness as a thank-you to service men and women. For more information, visit [www.OperationOpenArms.org](http://www.OperationOpenArms.org). ■

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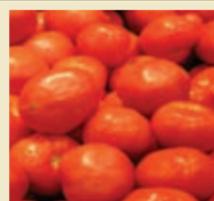
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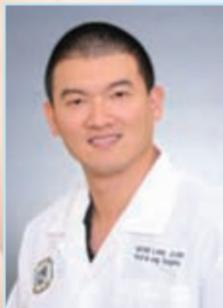
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Charity for Change is getting a "sweet" donation from Peace, Love & Little Donuts, and doughnut lovers also benefit.

Charity for Change will receive a percentage of all sales during the restaurant's grand opening celebration from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13. Peace, Love & Little Donuts is at 2201 Tamiami Trail N., inside the BP gas station at the corner of Mooring Line Drive. The café sells 32 varieties of mini-doughnuts "dressed" to order with toppings such as apple pie, banana split, pina colada and sweet chocolate coconut. Peace, Love & Little Donuts began in Pittsburgh in 2009. The Naples location is the first outlet outside of Pennsylvania.

On the Charity for Change benefit day, shoppers will get 13 doughnuts for the price of 12. The bakers are making a special "Giver" doughnut for the event to honor the rainforest habitat of the organization's orangutan mascot named "Giver." Along with Suzanne Todd representing the charity, "Giver" will join Peace, Love & Little Donuts

owner Mark Couch on a live broadcast by WINK television from 5 to 9 a.m.

Charity for Change presents its School "Giver" Program in five Collier County elementary schools to reinforce the school district's character traits with a curriculum that teaches children the value of charity, citizenship and philanthropy. The program has donated more than \$50,000 to dozens of charities since its inception in 2008. The participating schools are Calusa Park, Golden Terrace, Lake Park and Lely elementary schools and Royal Palm Academy. Learn more at [www.charityforchange.org](http://www.charityforchange.org).

**And for Make-A-Wish**

On Saturday, Jan. 14, Peace, Love & Little Donuts will donate 20 percent of sales to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida.

Make-A-Wish grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. For more information, to make a donation, volunteer or become a wish sponsor, call 992-9474 or visit [www.sfla.wish.org](http://www.sfla.wish.org). ■

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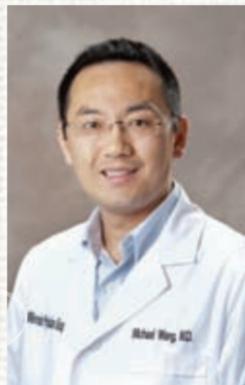
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With the popularity of the event outgrowing the venue, and with the club's desire to open it up to the public at large, it was decided that the 2011 event would be held at The Naples Zoo, a fun destination with sufficient space to accommodate several hundred attendees. The new venue would also benefit from the onsite operations of Wynn's at the Zoo and allow three musical acts to perform, each in its own location so as not to overlap with one another.

In its inaugural year, "Grapes and Apes"

surpassed expectations by raising \$115,000 and netting \$60,000 (the goal was to net \$20,000). All 750 tickets were sold, with an additional 50 tickets sold in the Zoo parking lot the evening of the event.

Expectations for this year are to accommodate 1,400 guests and to raise \$150,000. All proceeds will help fund Rotary scholarships and projects including Project Graduation, Gift of Life and Polio Plus.

Tickets for \$100 per person include admission, wine and food samplings throughout the Zoo, desserts by Mikkelson's Pastry Shop and Royal Palm Chocolates, informal wine presentations, animal encounters and talks by zoo staff and the opportunity to bid on silent auction items.

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## 'A Taste of China' will benefit Guadalupe Center of Immokalee

A private club in Port Royal is the setting for "A Taste of China" to benefit the Guadalupe Center on Thursday evening, Jan. 19. In addition to an array of Chinese treasures selected by a Guadalupe Center board member during travels to China, the live and silent auction throughout the evening will include:

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Lead sponsor for "A Taste of China" is Merrill Lynch Wealth Management. Tickets for \$350 per person are available by calling 657-7711 or visiting [www.guadalupecenter.org](http://www.guadalupecenter.org).

The Guadalupe Center has been serving the children and families of Immokalee for 29 years. Its mission is to break the cycle of poverty by providing educational and social support programs, from early childhood education and after-school tutoring to college scholarships and a community soup kitchen. ■

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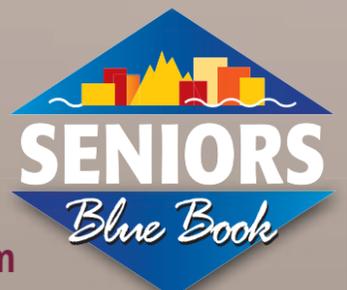
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The NEA funds are targeted to bring in Giwayen Mata, an all-female ensemble based in Atlanta, whose performances include dance, music and vocals, to present African-influenced performances and lead small-group workshops with students. The name Giwayen Mata is a term in the Hausa language of Africa, referring to women who are leaders.

The performances will be held in early May at six locations, including several at Immokalee schools that host the Miracle Plus after-school program. Miracle Plus is a free academic enrichment program that targets at-risk students.

The United Arts Council is designated by the state of Florida as the official local arts agency for Collier County. The council promotes art and culture throughout the area. Programs include grants for artists and art educators, arts education for at-risk children and public information on the arts.

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# \$1 million gift will help realize dream for a Habitat village



Habitat for Humanity of Collier County has received a \$1 million donation from award-winning investigative journalist and freelance writer Toni Stabile. The donation will fund the purchase of land to enable 120 new qualifying partner families to become homeowners.

The neighborhood, 17 acres at the corner of Market Road and Davis Boulevard in Naples, will be named Vincent's Acres in memory of Ms. Stabile's late brother.

Vincent Stabile was an engineer with a master's degree from Columbia University and an honorary doctorate from Pratt Institute. After serving as a naval officer in World War II, he founded Industrial Retaining Ring Co. His hands-on involvement and basic patent on the "Dispensing of Retaining Rings" simplified the handling and application of industrial fasteners used in innumerable applications from automobiles to household appliances.

In 1994, Mr. Stabile sold the busi-

ness and retired to devote his time and resources to numerous philanthropies. One of his earliest involvements was with Habitat for Humanity. He contributed enough for a village of houses, but without enough available land, the funds were distributed for individual homes.

Now, his sister has fulfilled Vincent's original wish to build a Habitat village in Vincent's Acres.

As children of the Depression, the Stabiles appreciated the unique model of Habitat for Humanity requiring homeowner investment of sweat equity. Ms. Stabile's generous gift will continue to provide funding for future construction, breaking the cycle of poverty for generations to come.

As a journalist, Ms. Stabile investigated cosmetics and grooming items used daily throughout the country. The *Los Angeles Times* called her first book, "Cosmetics: Trick or Treat?", the most chilling expose since Ralph Nader's "Unsafe at Any

Speed." It prompted U.S. Senate hearings, a TV award for Service to Consumers and, in 1977, mandatory disclosure and labeling of all cosmetic ingredients from toothpaste to foot powder.

## About Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity of Collier County is one of the oldest and most successful affiliates of the international ministry. With more than 1,400 homes in Collier County, the organization has been serving local families since 1978 and has built an average of 110 homes a year for the past 10 years. An average of 10 families apply for each Habitat home built in Collier County.

Volunteers are always welcome to join the Habitat ranks. Some volunteers pound nails or use a paintbrush, others participate in family selection or work in the agency's Home Store, and still others help with administrative duties in the office; all are vital to the Habitat for Humanity mission of eliminating poverty housing in Collier County.

For information about donating to or volunteering, call 775-0036 or visit [www.HabitatCollier.com](http://www.HabitatCollier.com). ■

# Shop 'til you drop at Waterside during Habitat for Humanity spree

"Tool Belts & Shopping Bags" for Habitat for Humanity takes place from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at Waterside Shops. The evening is open to the public for \$100 per person.

An auction and raffle will take place in the pavilion courtyard while guests enjoy food by Brio Tuscan Grille, beverages from Decanted Wine & Beer, chocolates from Norman Love Confections and entertainment by vocalist Wendy Renee.

Donning tool belts, hard hats and armed with shopping bags, volunteers from Habitat for Humanity will direct guests to Nordstrom for desserts and coffee and to begin their shopping. In the "Neighborhood of Dreams," donations can be made to fund the construction of a Habitat home or child's bedroom, a kitchen and more.

For tickets to "Tool Belts & Shopping Bags" or to learn more about donating or volunteering, call 775-0036 or visit [www.habitatcollier.org](http://www.habitatcollier.org). ■

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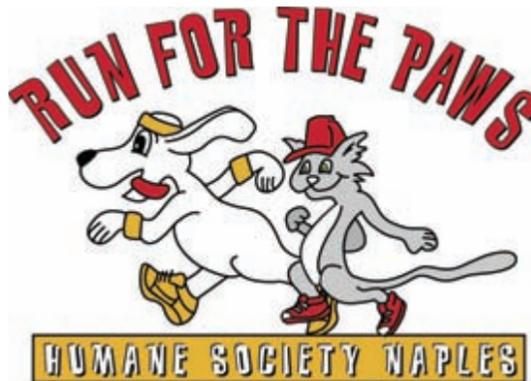
■ Individuals and teams can still sign up for the fourth annual **WINK News Feeds Families Hunger Walk** that sets out Saturday, Jan. 21, at Miromar Outlets. An important

fundraiser for the Harry Chapin Food Bank, the walk is \$100,000 short of this year's goal of \$250,000. The food bank helps feed the hungry throughout Southwest Florida by distributing groceries to more than 150 agencies in the five-county area.

Presenting sponsors of the 2012 walk are Panera Bread, Garden Street Iron & Metal Inc. and Jo Anna and Wilson Bradshaw. Gold Level sponsors are the FGCU Foundation, Smart Companies, Uncle Bob's Self Storage, SWFL Tech Group and The News-Press. Event co-chairs are Sandy Robinson of Northern Trust Bank and Dr. Brian Schwartz of 21st Century Oncology.

To sign up or for more information, call 334-7007, ext. 132, or e-mail Marta Hodson at [martahodson@harrychapin-foodbank.org](mailto:martahodson@harrychapin-foodbank.org).

■ Gulf Coast Runners and Humane Society Naples are warming up for the sixth annual **Run for the Paws 5K run/walk** to benefit HSN. Starting time is 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Naples Municipal Airport. 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).



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 cannot interfere with other participants or pets.

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.

For more information, call 643-1555 or visit [www.hsnaples.org](http://www.hsnaples.org).

■ The **Naples Pathways Coalition Bike Brunch** on Sunday, Jan. 29, promises a bike ride that can be as fun and



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relaxing or as challenging as participants want to make it. Everything starts and finishes at Lowdermilk Park. Along the way the event delivers breathtaking scenery and delicious freshly made treats from local cafes and ends up at the beach where participants and wind down with a stroll, a swim, beach volleyball and a sizzling buffet.

If walking is more your style, the Bike Brunch has a spot for you, too.

Continental breakfast and registration open at 6:30 a.m. The 100-mile ride sets out at 7 a.m., followed by the 62-mile ride at 8 a.m., the 30-mile trek at 8:30 a.m., the 20-miler at 9 a.m. and the 10-miler at 10 a.m. A 3-mile walk for those who prefer to hoof it also sets out at 10 a.m.

An all-you-care-to-eat brunch donated by Moe's Southwest Grill will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the beach, where music, volleyball, a hula-hoop contest and a scavenger hunt will also take place. Ride support ends at 3p.m.

Participation is limited to the first 600 registrants. For registration fees and forms and more information, visit [www.naplespathways.org](http://www.naplespathways.org).

The Naples Pathways Coalition is a nonprofit advocacy group working for a fully integrated transportation network of sidewalks, bike lanes and multi-use pathways for cyclists, pedestrians and other non-motorized users throughout Naples and Collier County.

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

ingston Road.

The third annual event include 100-km, 50-km and 25-km rides outside the park; a 2- to 10-mile ride inside the park; and a 1.5- to 6-mile walk inside the park. Bike rides outside the park begin at 7:45 a.m., and everything inside the park begins at 8:30 a.m.

Last year, despite unseasonably chilly and wet weather, more than 200 riders and walkers participated. Their efforts raised nearly \$26,000.

Baby Basics of Collier County was founded in 2004, and provides free diapers to some 300 babies. Families are screened by local church and social service agencies; in order to be eligible, one parent must be working and the family can receive no state or federal cash assistance.

Baby Basics is a 100 percent volunteer organization, and all donations, except those specifically earmarked for administrative costs, are used to purchase diapers.

The Biking and Walking Challenge is the organization's major fund raising event of the year. The Premier Sponsor for 2012 is The Johnson Meland Group at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. Honorary chairperson is Collier County Commissioner Jim Coletta. Breakfast will be provided by McDonald's and lunch by Wynn's Catering. Support for the biking events is being provided by Naples Cyclery, Big Momma's Bicycles and Trek Bicycle Store.

Sponsorships are available beginning at \$500. Entry fees for bicyclers and walkers range from \$10 to \$25. For more information, visit [www.babybasicscollier.org](http://www.babybasicscollier.org). ■

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## TO YOUR HEALTH

## Blood center in need of Type O, STAT

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

Donate at the following Community Blood Center locations:

■ **Naples:** 311 Ninth St. N., on the first floor of the NCH Medical Plaza. Complimentary valet parking for all blood donors. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday; and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday. Call 436-5455.

■ **Bonita Springs:** 9170 Bonita Beach Road, in Sunshine Plaza. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Thursdays and Fridays. Call 495-1138.

For a list of Community Blood Center bloodmobile locations and times, visit [www.givebloodcbc.org](http://www.givebloodcbc.org).

## Pregnancy centers announce new name

Collier Pregnancy Centers Inc. has changed its name to Community Pregnancy Clinics as of Jan. 1. Celebrating its 10th anniversary in operation as a medical facility, the clinic has locations in Naples and Fort Myers. All services are free to clients thanks to generous donors and financial partners.

For more information, call 262-6381 or visit [www.Community4Life.com](http://www.Community4Life.com).

## Beth Tikvah to host infertility specialist

Dr. Neri Laufer of Jerusalem's Hadasah Hospital will discuss in-vitro fertilization at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 20, at Beth Tikvah in Naples. Dr. Laufer is a world-renowned pioneer in the field of reproductive biology and specializes in issues of infertility. He has founded in-vitro fertilization centers at Yale University, Mount Sinai Hospital in New York and at both Hadassah campuses in Israel. He is known for his work in pre-implantation genetic diagnosis for cystic fibrosis and dysautonomia.

Beth Tikvah is at 1459 Pine Ridge Road. Refreshments will be served. A donation of \$18 is suggested. RSVP to 354-1998.

## Free classes in yoga, meditation offered for vets

Instructor Dina Radcliffe offers 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. ■

## Pull up a chair and get into yoga

BY KATHY PRUTOS

Special to Florida Weekly

BACK to Yoga, a therapeutic "chair-mat" class especially for beginners and those with specific physical needs and concerns, is a new class offered by Grace Ballenger at her Flowing with Grace Yoga & Meditation Studio in North Naples 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

"This is a very nurturing class that focuses upon movement, flexibility and back strengthening exercises to support the spine," Ms. Ballenger says.

Some of poses are done while sitting in a chair, so the pelvis and hips are stabilized, enabling easier movement of the torso and arms. From this stable seat, modifications of many common yoga poses can be done without fear of injury or strain. The poses can bring mobility to all parts of the body in a safe and gentle way, help to clear the mind, and relax the body, she explains.

"Yoga can be practiced as a mild form of physical activity that can help in strengthening back muscles and the skeletal system," she says.

While some of the most common treatments for back pain include medication, exercise and a change in lifestyle — and sometimes surgery for

severe back ailments — yoga can help control and prevent the occurrence and re-occurrence of back that can lead to chronic or acute back ailments.

New research by the University of Washington reported in the Archives

of Internal Medicine suggests that yoga instruction is good at relieving discomfort from chronic moderate lower-back pain. That study found that sufferers of chronic lower-back pain could get pain relief by participating in instructor-led yoga classes or stretching classes.

At Ms. Ballenger's studio, loaner mats, blankets, blocks and straps are provided. Participants should dress comfortably in clothes that move and breathe.

In addition to BACK to Yoga, other classes at the studio include:

■ After-Hours Yoga & Meditation Flow, 5:45 p.m. Monday;

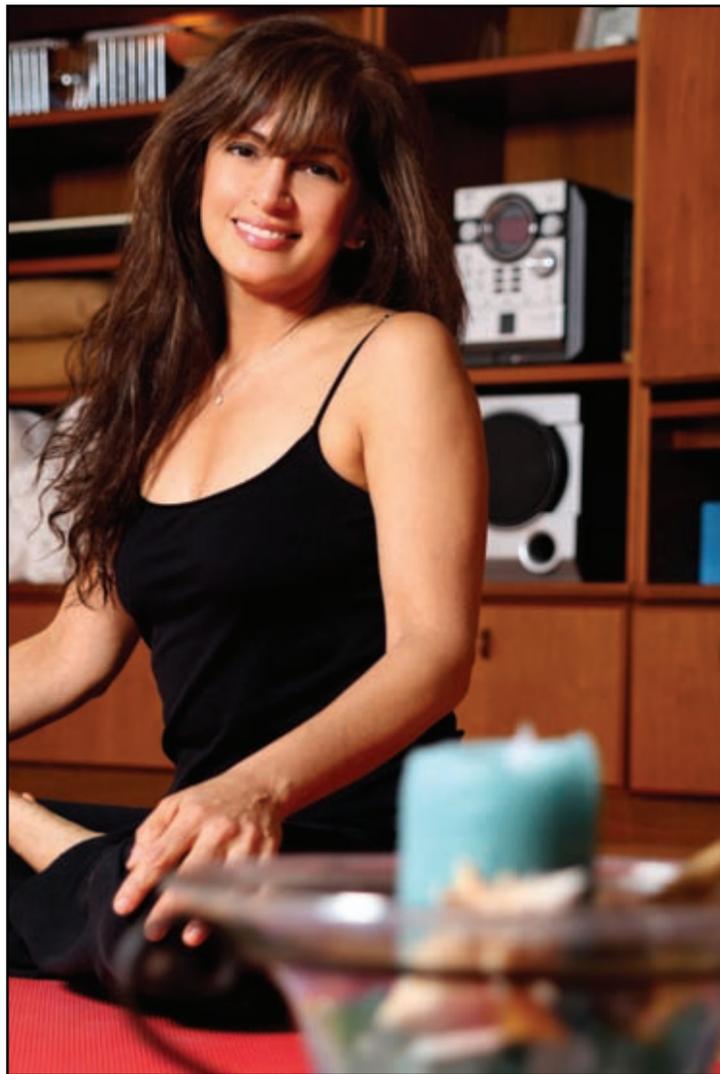
■ Brand New Day Morning Yoga Glow, 8:14 a.m. Tuesday;

■ After-Hours Release Into Peace Yoga, 6:15 p.m. Thursday; and

■ Teen Yoga, 3:45 p.m. Friday.

Although drop-ins are welcome, reservations are advised as class size is limited to 12. Private classes are also available.

For more information, call 821-8400 or e-mail [flowingwithgrace@earthlink.net](mailto:flowingwithgrace@earthlink.net). ■



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Yoga instructor  
Grace Ballenger

## STRAIGHT TALK

## Three predictions for NCH's continued success in the new year



It has been our custom to begin the New Year with predictions of what we might encounter in the year about to unfold. Here are three that can't miss in 2012.

■ **First, NCH will grow as a medical destination and economic engine**

— Slowly but surely, NCH is becoming a medical destination, where one in eight patients comes from outside our five-county region for cardiac care, total joint replacements and general medical care. These people seek out NCH because of its reputation for compassionate care and clinical excellence. For example, people come here because we rank in the top 10 percent for cardiac surgery, according to the Society of Thoracic Surgery.

This trend has enormous potential impact for our state and local economies, which, as we all know, have suffered during our nation's economic downturn.

Health care in Southwest Florida in general and at NCH in particular must

serve as an economic engine powering vigorous and sustainable growth. The faster we grow our reputation as a "destination hospital," the better it will be — not only for all of us who provide care, but also for the broader community. Being busier year-round will also improve our quality and access, by enhancing efficiency and more effectively using our capacity.

I predict that in 2012, the push to extend our national reputation as a medical attraction will yield significant related benefits.

■ **Second, NCH will create a system of health information exchange for all to use**

— Consistent with growing our health-care economy is constructing a network to facilitate the exchange of electronic medical records so that NCH medical practitioners and their patients — regardless of whether they're local or out-of-state or even overseas — have seamless access to their records. This will improve the value of the health care we deliver, as it means better quality care at a lower cost for everyone.

We can all look forward to the day when "scavenger hunting" for old test results and x-rays and "memory games"

about prior medications are a thing of the past. At NCH, we are well on the way to making electronic record-keeping a reality.

■ **And third, NCH will continue to add value through growth**

— We recently grew to 715 beds with the opening of sixth floor of the Baker Tower at our North Naples campus. In the year ahead, we will continue to add services that will keep us at the leading edge of health-care delivery, including growing outside our four walls to address our community's health-care needs.

The hard reality for Floridians is that we no longer can count on the prior engines of economic growth — tourism, construction, real estate, etc. — to provide the growth we need. Rather, we must turn to areas such as health care as a source of local economic growth, improved standard of living for our residents and sustainability and expansion of the entire region.

So this year, look for NCH to further establish itself as a medical destination, to create a health information exchange for everyone to utilize and to continue growing as a vital economic engine for Southwest Florida. ■

# TO YOUR HEALTH

## 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.

Classes take place at Lighthouse of Collier headquarters, 424 Bayfront Place. For more information, call 430-3934 or visit [www.lighthouseofcollier.org](http://www.lighthouseofcollier.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@ahaswfl.org](mailto:mescott@ahaswfl.org). Ms. Escott can also provide information about the association's other services.

## Free seminar at Physicians Regional

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

■ "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, call 348-4180 or visit [www.physiciansregional.com/events](http://www.physiciansregional.com/events).

## 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.

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# PET TALES

## Better vet visits

### Simple steps to become a VIP with your veterinarian

BY DR. MARTY BECKER  
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Let me tell you an insider secret from the world of veterinary medicine. There are certain people we can't wait to see come in with their pets. While as health professionals we certainly don't offer them better medical care than people we don't like as much, I do admit that these folks are shown the red carpet.

What makes these clients VIPs, how do you become one, and what will you receive in return for your efforts? The more items you tick off this list, the higher your ranking as a veterinary VIP:

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- You've trained your pet to welcome, not fear, a veterinary visit, and you've gone through gentling techniques with your pet, so we can easily examine everything.
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- We don't watch the clock as closely when it's your turn in the exam room.
- Perhaps most important, you can call

us after hours for help (VIPs often have their veterinarian's personal cell number!), and we'll either pick up the phone to talk you through it, race to the practice to meet you, or refer you to someone else and tell them to take extra-special care of you.

Little things mean a lot, and they all add up. With respect and a positive attitude on both sides, your relationship with your veterinarian will mean the best experience possible for all.

Video bonus: Watch Pet Connection's Mikkel Becker teach a dog how to sit for the food dish (vetstreet.com/teach-your-dog-to-wait-for-the-food-bowl). ■

#### Pets of the Week



>>Giblet is a sweet 1-year-old who loves to cuddle in her perch or your lap. Her adoption fee is \$55.



>>Gumby is a 2-year old Chihuahua mix who's ready to spice up your home and family. His adoption fee is \$150.



>>Owen, a 6-year old golden Chihuahua, needs special treatment for a disease and comes with our Cider House benefits.



>>Quincy is a 7-month old hound mix. She has a beautiful coat and would love to make herself at home in a new loving home. Her adoption fee is \$75.



>>Teko, a 10-year old German shepherd/chow mix, came to the shelter facing a certain demise if not taken care of. He's ready for a forever home.

#### To adopt or foster a pet

•All dogs and cats adopted from **Humane Society Naples** come with a medical exam, vaccinations, sterilization surgery, ID microchip and 30 days of pet health insurance. Visit the animals ready for adoption at the main shelter at 370 Airport-Pulling Road N. (11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday), or at the new satellite adoption center at Coastland Center during regular mall hours. Call 643-1555 or visit HSNaples.org for more information.

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# MUSINGS

## Salty Dog



"...How far can sailors fly?...We fired the gun and burnt the mast, and rowed from ship to shore.

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— Gary Brooker/Keith Reid, Procol Harum

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owns.

one taste, she  
preserves.

no compounded interests  
nor going back to salt mines or i's  
or me's.

salt away; salt down  
with salty wit taken with a grain  
distilled and fermented.

smelling the salts  
awakening with salty lust

in the all ways unhealed wound  
that is worthy portal.

spicy mother,

immortal buoyancy,

hold me afloat and hallow me out.

let this salty dog child

come home in you.

not feigning madness, tilling the  
tides salt sowed,

yoked beasts unnecessary:

all is purified and consecrated

liminal and uninsulated

uncursed and unconquered.

how can one rebuild a dream?

in random bits and passing words

let this salty dog child

come home in you. ■

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

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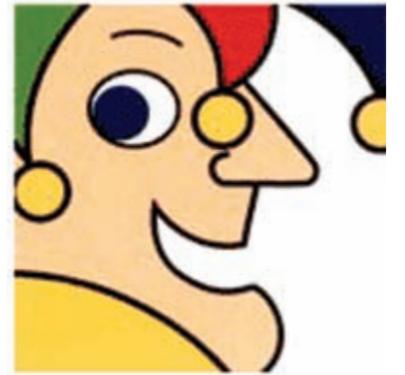


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# Business networking

*The art and agony of the meet and greet*

BY NANCI THEORET  
Special to Florida Weekly

WALKING INTO A CROWDED ROOM FACED with the potential of not knowing anyone can be as awkward as a blind date. But networking with prospective clients, just like breaking the ice during that first date, is a necessity in today's business climate, according to local business leaders.

"I don't think I've met anyone who enjoys net etworking," says Renee Kennedy-Edwards, an executive coach and president of Coaching 4 Success in Bonita Springs, whose work with local and national business clients includes networking strategies. "It takes energy. You have to be on. Sometimes it seems people are talking to everybody except you."

The face-to-face contact is important not just for cultivating business

leads but developing allies and getting your name — and your business — known. Local chambers of commerce, trade organizations and professional groups host numerous monthly functions that give businesses the opportunity to connect.

The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce provides more than 100 networking functions annually — everything from education-based programs and topical guest speakers to informal "pocketful of business card" events, "speed networking," and Southwest Florida's largest trade show, says Brenda O'Connor, senior vice president.

"These programs give our members access to 1,800 member companies, which collectively employ 60,000 people here in Collier County," says

SEE NETWORKING, B7 ▶

## Inn on Fifth adding rooms, meeting and retail space

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Work is well under way on a \$15 million expansion project at The Inn on Fifth in downtown Naples. The plan is for new suites and meeting space for guests as well as more retail locations on Fifth Avenue South.

The largest redevelopment effort on the avenue since the start of the 2008 financial crisis, the project involves construction of a three-story, 40,000-square-foot building directly across Fifth Avenue from the inn's landmark location. The building will include 32 Club Level suites (the

first new hotel rooms in Naples since 2008) plus an 800-square-foot executive boardroom and 12,000 square feet of ground-floor retail space. Completion is targeted for November 2012.

"We're on the other side of a serious recession, the economy is growing, and our hotel is experiencing record occupancy. This is the right time for this expansion," says owner Phil McCabe. "The demand is certainly here," he says, adding Chase Bank has signed on as an anchor tenant in the new building.

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# MONEY & INVESTING

## The value investor's proposition



ful investing is due to his capacity to show up in times of systemic crises (or a particular corporation's crisis) with a bundle of billions. He has the ability to strike a deal within hours and close it within days; always making sure that he has been well paid.

Beyond excellent stewardship demonstrated by Warren for his shareholders, he has given the investing public — money managers and the individual investor alike — the inspiration to seek undervalued or valuable companies and proof that consistent out performance is feasible.

Warren's successful value investing (i.e. beating the averages) has broken the back of the argument that the equity market is efficient (all available information is known and reflected in the prices of the stocks) as his out performance was not the luck of a good year or a few good years; it was rain or shine good performance. Yes, all information that is publicly available might be knowable (i.e. information dispersion might approximate "efficiency") but it is also absolutely true that not all money managers pay attention to all information or process it correctly. As a result, there are under-followed or misunderstood companies and sectors; opportunities to buy "on the cheap" exist.

You might be thinking, "Well, isn't this what every equity manager does?" and my answer is, "No... not at all." Many professional investors are attempting to forecast the overall equity market and sector rotation; equity selection might

be driven based on those forecasts and have little to do with value analytics.

But market forecasting is a daunting task and most managers do a miserable job of it. If market timing is wrong for just a few days that have big moves, then they might really get poor performance.

Sector allocation can be akin to jumping from one fast horse to another, ultimately to be in the winner's circle... unless the rider falls off the horse.

The value investor's proposition is not to forecast the market or figure sector rotations; rather, it is to fully research a company, determine if its price represents its value, and decide whether to own it, possibly for a long time. Dividends (or a stream of distributions) deemed reliable figure importantly in the analytic process. In online forums (such as Value Forum), the investors collaborate and share information along these lines; the goal is identifying sources of income (far above market norms) and seriously undervalued equities.

If value investors get really good at their research and have comfort in their investment decisions, then they concentrate their portfolio in the companies they really like. The goal is not to heighten risk but to make sure that they have not diluted the value of their skill and hard work. Such portfolio concentration was a critical element behind Warren's early success; before he entered the mega billions arena, 10 stocks was a full portfolio limit for him.

So, bottom line, 1.) Value investing is still alive and well and a viable pur-

suit by the average investor; 2.) If you pursue this venture, consider joining an online forum to help you in the heavy lifting of all the research and as a way to get feedback (other than talking to your dog); and 3.) If you are already a value investor and really wanting to follow in all of Warren's footsteps, then consider the merits of greater concentration in your portfolio's equity positions. But remember that when markets are tanking, all equities, even value stocks, go lower and it is only asset classes non-correlated or negatively correlated to equities that can buffer such down drafts.

As I always recommend, talk to your adviser. Also, consider the merit of having multiple advisers and retaining advisers having expertise in specific investment areas outside the traditional portfolio of stocks and bonds. None of the aforementioned should be construed as investment advice. ■

— Jeannette Showalter, CFA is a commodities broker with Worldwide Futures Systems, 571-8896. For mid-week commentaries, e-mail showalter@wwfscsystems.com.

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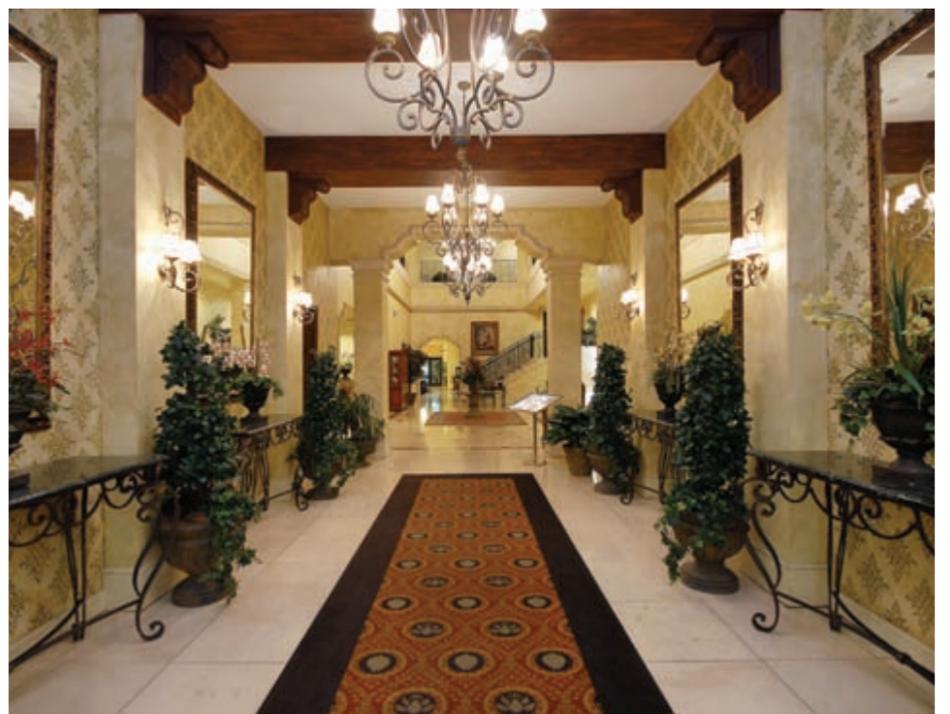
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Probate is the legal process of administering an estate. It involves demonstrating that a will is valid, cataloging the belongings of the deceased, getting the belongings appraised, distributing the property, paying debts and taxes, transferring titles and more.

Probate can be a hassle, sometimes costing between 5 percent and 10 percent of an estate's value. Also, property remains in limbo while in probate, which can last months or even years. Although probate has some good points, such as being a fairly unbiased system, it can be avoided if you plan ahead.

One way to avoid probate is through a living trust or a life estate trust, where you formally transfer the title of various properties to your heirs before you die. You retain control over them while you're alive, but they technically belong

to the trust. When you die, a trustee passes the property on to your specified heirs.

Other options include "payable on death" designations on bank accounts (where the contents of the account pass immediately to the designated beneficiary on your death) and retirement accounts such as IRAs and 401(k)s (where you also specify beneficiaries). Most states permit securities held by brokerages and others to pass to beneficiaries without going through probate.

Many states permit a certain amount of property to be inherited without going through probate, too.

Don't die "intestate" — without leaving behind a will or trust. In such cases, the government takes over and follows strict procedures, dividing your property according to formulas. You don't want your estate tied up in probate for years.

Consult a professional, and visit [www.aarp.org/money/estate-planning](http://www.aarp.org/money/estate-planning) or [www.smartmoney.com/retirement/estate-planning](http://www.smartmoney.com/retirement/estate-planning), or read "Plan Your Estate" by Denis Clifford (NOLO, \$45). ■

## My Dumbest Investment

### A Slow Revolution

I read an article years ago, saying that LED light fixtures provide significant energy savings over compact fluorescent bulbs, with a nice white spectrum. With a minimum of research, I dropped \$700 on Cree, a dominant player in the technology, and ended up losing money.

— Chris, London

The Fool Responds: A compelling product is rarely enough. LED bulbs are indeed very efficient, requiring relatively little power to put out strong light. But for now, they remain rather costly, and that's keeping many people from buying them, even if the long-term economic argument makes sense. Such bulbs are selling for around \$20 to \$30 apiece these days. That doesn't mean they're doomed, though. As long as their manufacturers have staying power, as demand grows and production scales up, costs will come down.

But as with any investment, you need to be sure the company is healthy, well-managed and in a good competitive position. You don't want it to run out of money or have a rival eat its lunch. Cree has other lines of business, too, such as LED chips for video screens and gaming displays. ■



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## Last week's trivia answer

Two entrepreneurs from Germany founded me in Brooklyn in 1849. My first product was an antiparasitic to treat the then-common problem of intestinal worms. During the Civil War, I supplied painkillers, disinfectants and more. By the 1880s, citric acid, used in newfangled soft drinks, become my main product. I later offered vitamins and penicillin. I merged with Warner-Lambert in 2000 and bought Wyeth in 2009. Today, focusing on human and animal health, I rake in nearly \$70 billion annually. You might use some of my offerings, such as Aricept, Celebrex, Chantix, Lipitor, Lyrica, Norvasc, Spiriva, Viagra and Zolof. Who am I? (Answer: Pfizer) ■



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### LEAPs of Faith

Q What are LEAPs? — H.H., Decatur, Ill.

A They're long-term options, ones that expire after more than a year from their issue date.

Standard options let you purchase the right to buy (via "call" options) or sell (via "put" options) a fixed number of shares of a stock at a fixed price within a fixed time period, typically a few months.

Here's an example: If you think that Tattoo Advertising Co. (Ticker: YOWCH), trading at \$40 today, will soon be at \$60, you might buy call options for \$6 per share that let you buy the shares at \$45. That will ultimately cost you \$51 per share, netting you a \$9 profit — but only if the stock hits your target before the expiration date. Options such as these often end up expiring worthless.

That's why LEAPs, with their longer time frames, can be more attractive, despite costing more. They give the underlying stock more time to move.

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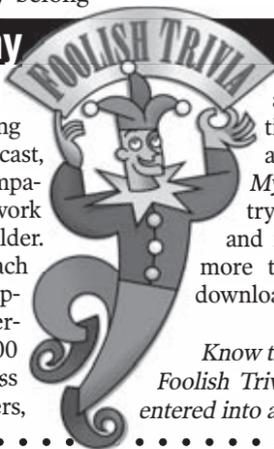
A It suggests that all available information about a stock is known and factored into its price. Thus, an investor shouldn't be able to find undervalued or overvalued stocks.

There are strong and weak forms of this theory, and it's not embraced by all. We Fools tend to see the market as generally efficient, but there are still occasional inefficiencies that alert investors can take advantage of. A well-regarded book on the topic is Burton Malkiel's "A Random Walk Down Wall Street" (WW Norton, \$30). ■

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Here's a litmus test for stocks, via Warren Buffett: Say you knew that the day after you bought a stock, the market would close for five years, so no matter what happens, you're stuck. Would you still invest?

The best companies have sustainable competitive advantages — or moats. Consider Procter & Gamble, with its dividend yield recently at 3.2 percent. Its success stems from its portfolio of strong brand names (think Tide, Crest, Pampers) and its cost advantages, such as being able to inexpensively produce new varieties of best-sellers. Here are a few more:

- Diageo, recently yielding 3.1 percent, sports a massive brand portfolio including Jose Cuervo, Smirnoff and Guinness.

- Johnson & Johnson recently yielded 3.6 percent, with brand names such as Tylenol and Band-Aid, a collection of pharmaceutical and medical device patents, and a robust research pipeline.

- Philip Morris International, recently yielding 4.1 percent, owns seven of the top-selling international cigarette brands, including Marlboro.

- PepsiCo, with a recent yield of 3.2 percent, dominates the salty snack category with its Frito-Lay collection of brands. Its direct-to-store delivery system keeps competitors off the shelves, too.

Any of these massive-moat dividends would make a solid addition to your portfolio. (The Motley Fool's newsletter services have recommended shares or options on all five companies.) ■

# BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ **Job Search Support Group** meets from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Contact Karen Klukiewicz at [kluk77@comcast.net](mailto:kluk77@comcast.net) or visit [www.napleschamber.org](http://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](http://www.partner4performance.com).

■ **Young Professional Naples** meets for networking from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday,

Jan. 12, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. RSVP by e-mailing [Kellybridwell@gmail.com](mailto:Kellybridwell@gmail.com).

■ A networking breakfast and "Dress for Success" program sponsored by the O'Dell Group begins at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Presenters are Tamra Nashman of Extra-Ordinary Image and Joe Genta of Gulfshore Clothier. Sign up at [www.napleschamber.org/events](http://www.napleschamber.org/events).

■ **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.

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■ **The PC Business Users Group** will hear about "The Latest in Technology" from a representative of Best Buy from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. For more information, visit [www.PCBUG.com](http://www.PCBUG.com).

■ **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](http://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](http://www.napleschamber.org/events).

■ **The East Naples Merchants Association** meets for Business After Business at 5:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month. For location and more information, call 435-9410 or 643-3600. ■

# NETWORKING

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Ms. O'Connor. "There is a real art to networking, and periodically the chamber offers seminars from local experts to teach our members effective techniques."

Like many area chambers, Punta Gorda's offers a mixed schedule of breakfast, lunch and after-hours networking opportunities that attract anywhere from 60 to 100 guests. Breakfast and after-hour programs are free and hosted by member businesses; lunches are at area restaurants. There's currently a two-year waiting list to host breakfast, says John Wright, president.

"We're very event focused, and networking is a fundamental part of what we do," he says.

To help break the ice, after-hour events are often light-hearted and entertaining. A team of diplomats sweeps the room to ensure there are no wallflowers, "no one's left on the shelf," says Mr. Wright. "We don't want anyone saying, 'No one spoke to me.'"

New members are also assigned mentors responsible for introducing them to all the benefits the chamber has to offer. "They know if a new member hasn't been to a networking event and will offer to pick them up and take them," he says.

The Collier Building Industry Association also assigns mentors to new or prospective members, says executive vice president Kathy Curatolo. The mentor "spends the networking portion of the evening introducing them to folks and talking about the organization so they're not left on their own."

"Relationship building, which we identify networking as, is a critical aspect or benefit of belonging to the CBIA," she adds. "The nuclei of our group are builders but we have events that allow them to interact with tradesfolk, interior designers, bankers, insurance companies and an eclectic array of services these types of organizations use. A lot of our members have developed business relationships through the CBIA. There's a sense of trust that comes through interacting at our events."

Networking is so important, the Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce offers four professional networking groups that meet twice a month, says executive director Colleen DePasquale, the former general manager of the Courtyard by Marriott in Estero. "Some have as many as 30 members with just one person from every industry. You get to know the other businesses in these groups so you can recommend them.



O'CONNOR

Networking is very important to business, especially in this area, because it's so relationship driven. I attended a lot of chamber events and was on the board so when they were looking for a new executive

director, I was a candidate. And it wasn't because I sat in my office at the Courtyard."

Getting out there is important, says Ms. O'Connor of the Naples chamber. "The reason the chamber places such a high value on our networking programs is that besides the contacts you meet that may become or refer customers, you can learn about what is happening in the business community, and how those issues can affect your business," she says. "We can help attain that competitive edge that may be harder to achieve if you stay within the four walls of your business everyday."

Emerging from that shell can be difficult; not everyone is a natural social butterfly, says Ms. Kennedy-Edwards, who works with clients to determine their networking comfort level. "If someone is nervous, I help them break out of the mold and feel more confident. But for some people, talking person to person may be better than trying to work a huge room."

Even those who can overcome their fears, shouldn't expect immediate success. You're not likely to become the life of the party or make the deal of a lifetime after just one event.

"People join the chamber and expect leads to fall in their laps but you really have to work on it," says Ms. Kennedy-Edwards. "Just like dating, it takes time to develop a business relationship, trust and interest."

And remember, it's OK to be nervous; even pros like Ms. Kennedy-Edwards get a touch of stage fright upon stepping into the unknown.

"I remember when I was new to the area and didn't know anyone. I would get sick to my stomach walking into some of these events," she says. "What I do, and what I have my clients do, is take one day at a time. I paid to belong to a group so I told myself I would go to an event every week and if I didn't like it at the end of the month, I would think about quitting. After a month I was more comfortable and decided I'd reassess the situation after one more month. After two months, I started knowing people and by the third month, I was looking forward to going to the events because I knew people."

For businesspeople of a certain age,

young professionals groups can be beneficial not just for business but expanding one's circle of friends. Stacy Calvino, special events director and a founding member of the Charlotte County Young Professionals, says the 120-member organization of 21- to 40-year olds combines networking and social opportunities — everything from beer and wine tastings, dodgeball tournaments and camping to its signature cardboard boat race. Most events have a charitable component.

"We offer something a little bit different than the chamber of commerce," says the community activist. "We're like a stepping stone to getting on other boards or getting involved in the chamber."

Networking opportunities can be a study — sometimes laughable — in psychology and human nature. And proper body language and voice tone are among the key factors to success, says Ms. Kennedy-Edwards. An introvert's slumped stance, hands in pocket or arms folded across the chest give off an unapproachable vibe

"It's easy when you're nervous to roll up into a ball," she says. "Always have an open stance with your shoulders back, never put your hands in your pocket and always have one hand available to shake. Make direct eye contact."

Approaching a group engrossed in a conversation can be advantageous — if your 2 cents are applicable. Again, study the body language. Avoid interjecting your thoughts if a group is closely spaced and engaged in direct eye contact.

Networking is indeed an art, one that takes practice to perfect. Punta Gorda businesswoman Kay Hill credits the success of her upscale ladies consignment shop, to her membership in the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce. She joined in October 2010, the same month she opened Kay's Closet, a finalist for business of the year and a recent best of winner.

"When you join the Punta Gorda chamber, you become a family member, if that's what you choose to do," she says. "Some people join just for the plaque to hang on their wall. For me, I got involved and made myself available and I can't tell you just how much I've gotten back. It's unbelievable."

Ms. Hill is parlaying that positive experience to help other business owners. She's mentored several new members. "It's hard to put yourself out there," she says. "You have to work at it and make contacts but getting your name and your business name out there is the whole ball of wax. I encourage my new members to get involved and attend different functions. I hold their hand for a couple of weeks until they get comfortable." ■

# Tips for successful networking

• **Know Your Target Audience:** It makes no sense to stick with an organization if, after a few events, its members have no need for your services. "I had one client, a man, who joined a women's group because that was his audience," says Ms. Kennedy-Edwards. "He was a big hit and it was easy for him to network."

• **Power Up:** Wearing an outfit that makes you confident can boost your comfort level.

• **Keep One Hand Free:** The bar and buffet table offer the chance to look busy instead of just standing there. But a drink in one hand and plate in the other often requires a juggling act to complete a proper handshake. That greeting, she says, should be a "strong confident shake, not a wimpy wet noodle one. Gender makes no difference here. You should always shake hands when introducing yourself and you should shake both women and men's hands."

• **Glass Half Full:** A near empty glass or plate provides the perfect excuse to exit a conversation that's going no where. "It gives you an easy out."

• **Keep Business Cards Accessible:** Skip awkward moments like fumbling through the purse or wallet by stashing business cards in an easy-to-reach pocket.

• **Treat Business Cards as Valuable Commodities:** It's not a game to see how many business cards you can hand out during an event. "Your card is valuable," says Ms. Kennedy-Edwards. "If you're talking to someone who understands your needs and interests, they will likely indicate they want to stay in contact or ask you for a card."

• **Hello, My Name Is:** New acquaintances are more likely to see your name if the ubiquitous name tag is on the right side and printed in a 24-point font size. "People shake with their right arm so the name tag is more visible on the right," says Ms. Kennedy-Edwards.

• **Ask Open-Ended Questions:** Having an arsenal of questions to ask can help lessen anxiety. "People love to talk about themselves," says Ms. Kennedy-Edwards. Ask how the person became interested in his or her career, what he likes about the business, how he differs from the competition and the type of client you might be able to connect him with. "It's important to remember you're there to help their business, too."

• **Follow Up:** Whittle the pile of newly acquired business cards to just the contacts you're truly interested in, but just like dating, wait a couple of days to reach out. "Calling right away can be aggressive or intimidating," says Ms. Kennedy-Edwards. ■

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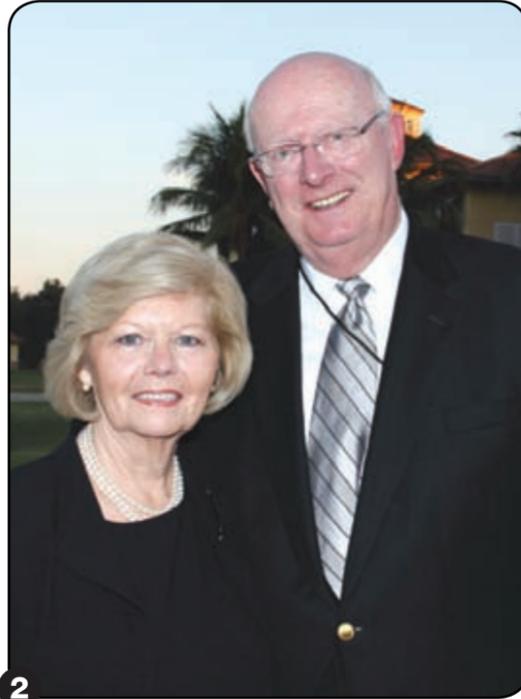


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The residence is framed by beautifully manicured grounds and features an open-air swimming pool that glistens on the sunlit deck. A screened porch with fireplace looks out to the pool, Jacuzzi and lawn.

Antique wood beams accentuate the ceilings in the family room and adjoining kitchen. Dark wood flooring contrasts beautifully with the white kitchen cabinetry and light tones of the family room. The formal living room boasts an 11-foot ceiling and a two-story

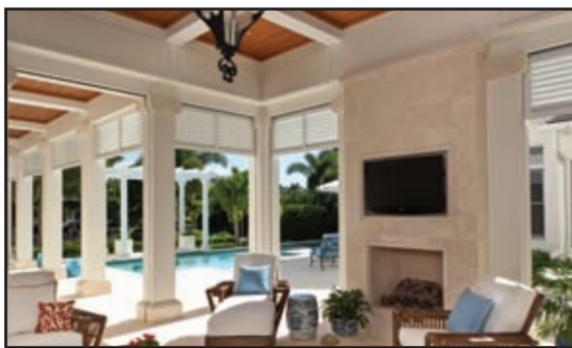
fireplace that is bordered by custom bookcases.

A gallery leads to the master quarters replete with his-and-her baths and walk-in closets, an exercise room and separate office.

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Karen Van Arsdale of Premier Sotheby's International Realty is the listing agent. For more information, call 860-0894. ■



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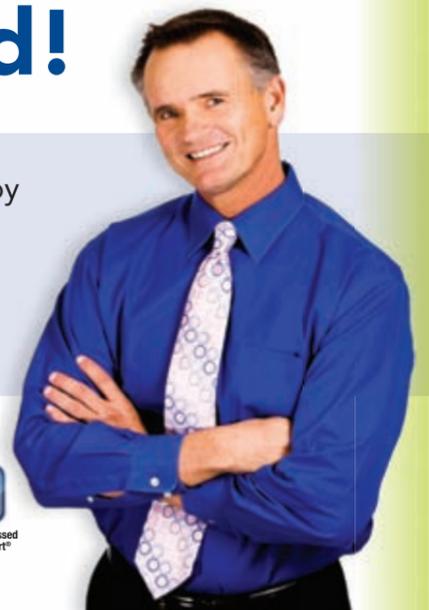
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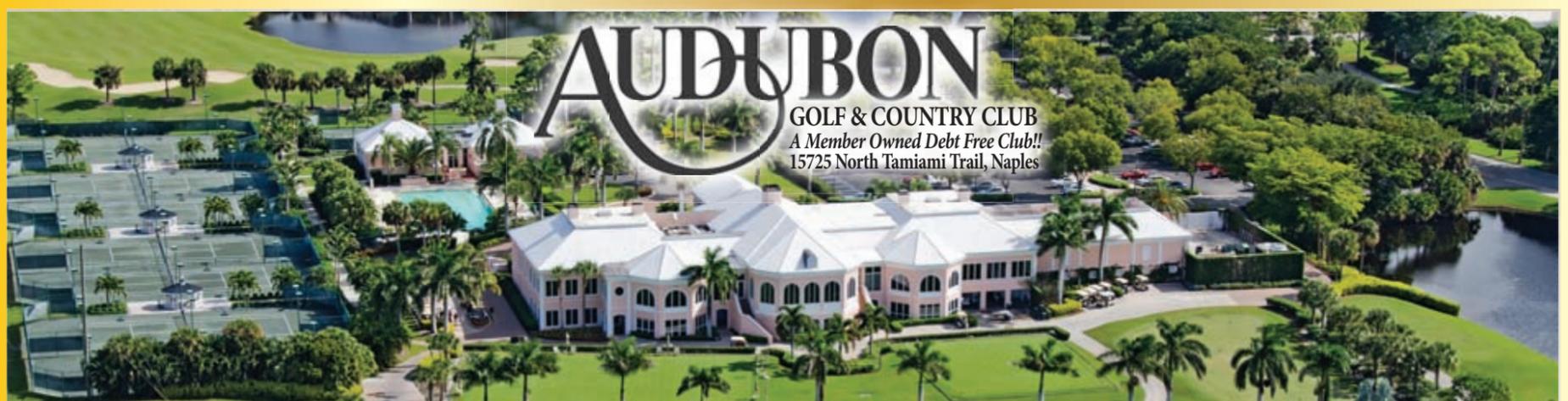
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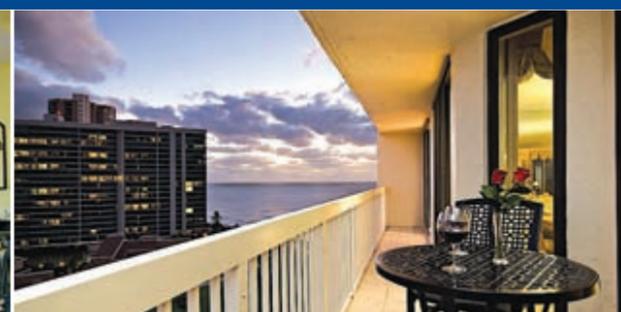
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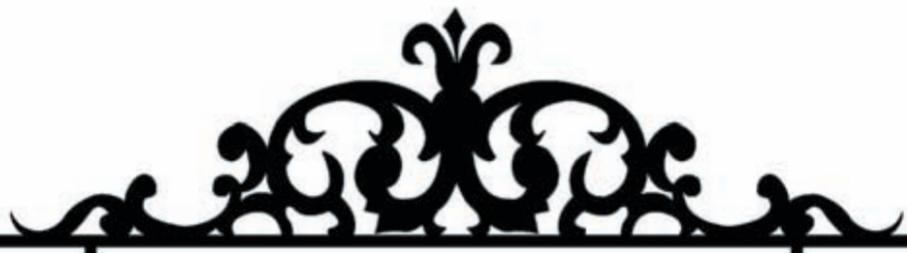
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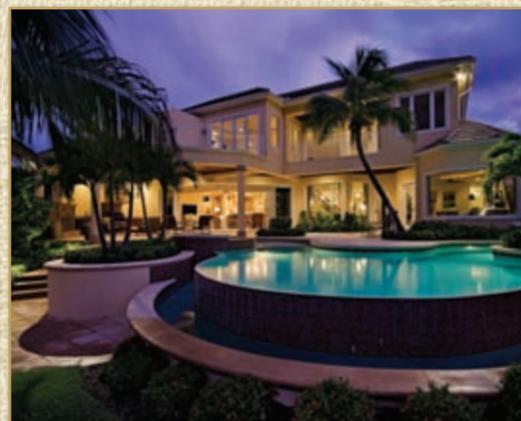
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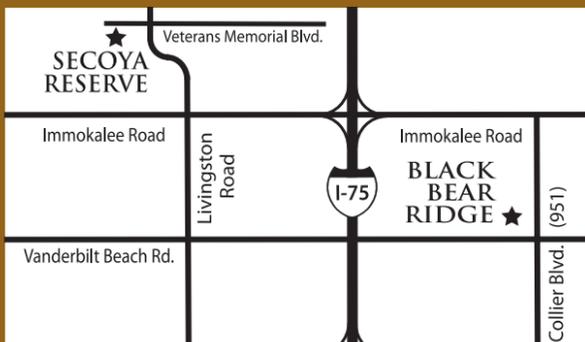
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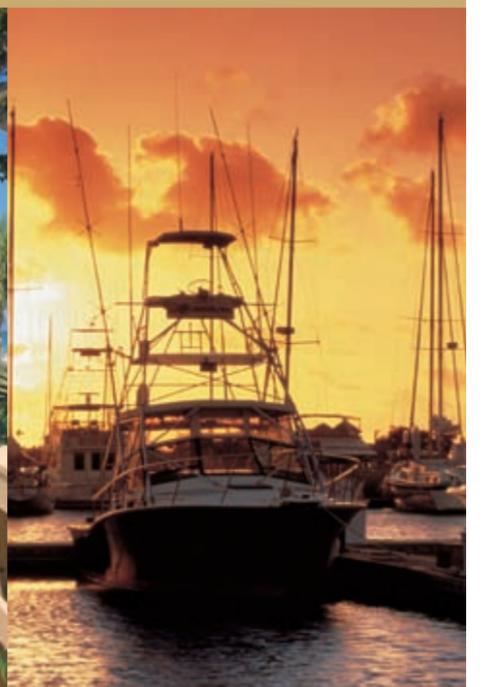


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# REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

■ **Chris Adkins** was named Salesperson of the Month for December at WCI Communities' Manchester Square in Naples. A long-time Naples resident with more than 22 years experience in the Southwest Florida real estate market, Mr. Adkins was named National Builder Salesperson of the Year for 11 years and Salesperson of the Year by the Collier Building Industry Association for five years.



ADKINS

■ **Mary Manganiello** has been named Salesperson of the Month for December at Tiburón in North Naples. She has held new homes sales positions in various WCI Communities over the past 12 years and rejoins the Tiburón sales team from her most recent position as a Realtor with Prudential Florida Realty in Naples. A University of Florida graduate and licensed real estate professional since 1986, she has achieved several top sales awards throughout her career.



MANGANIELLO

■ **Lauren Maxwell** has joined American Eagle Mortgage Company as vice president to open the company's office in on Trade Center Way in Naples. A



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VIP Realty Group collected and stuffed 65 stockings that were sent to troops overseas for the holidays. Denise Novak with Mortgage Group Services helped coordinate the donations from the five main VIP offices across Southwest Florida.

Naples resident who moved from Boston in 1988, Ms. Maxwell has worked with CTX Mortgage, Pulte Homes Mortgage, Market Street Mortgage and Charter Funding in capacities including processor, loan officer, operations manager, closing manager and loan coordinator.

■ **Moraya Bay**, the luxury beachfront condominium project developed by Signature Communities/Soave Real Estate, has earned five awards from the National Association of Home Builders' Sales and Marketing Council. The project won silver awards in the categories of Best Display of Community Branding, Best Custom Home Interior Design, Best

Brochure, Best Color Advertisement and Best Multi-Family Product Design.

■ **LB Mediterra LLC** has extended the services of Mediterra Realty LLC to serve the resale needs of homeowners in Mediterra. Mediterra Realty operates out of the community's sales center off Livingston Road. Real estate veteran Joni Albert, who most recently was a Broker Associate with Premier Sotheby's International Realty in Naples, will manage the activities of the new company. Mediterra Realty's home sales team of Amy Nease and Lawrence Middleton will be available to show resales within Mediterra and will continue to represent

Mediterra's Preferred Builders.

■ **The Women's Council of Realtors-Bonita Springs Estero Chapter**, meets for networking, lunch and a program about "Negotiating Strategies" by Kim Dickey beginning at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 27, at Pelican Sound. The afternoon's sponsor is Bill Delayo Jr, general manager of Wildcat Run Golf & Country Club. RSVP by calling 948-4331. ■



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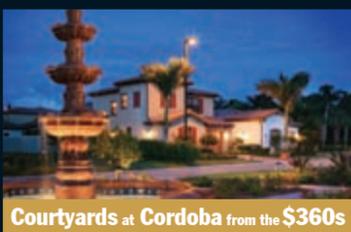


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**PELICAN MARSH - BAY LAUREL ESTATES** Southern exposure adds light to this 2-story 4BR/4.5BA home + 4,000 sq. ft. outdoor space with pool, spa, kitchen. \$2,325,000  
Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887



**PELICAN BAY - ST. RAPHAEL** #1005 - Stunning 4BR/4BA residence with amazing views to the Gulf & golf course. Private cabana & 2 prime parking spaces. \$2,000,000  
Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544



**PELICAN MARSH - BAY LAUREL ESTATES** Lakefront estate with endless lake/golf views in a gated neighborhood. Pristine 5BR/6.5BA+den home with pool & spa. \$1,975,000 | Richard/Susie Culp | 290-2200



**PELICAN MARSH - BAY LAUREL ESTATES** Pool, spa, and waterfall on quiet preserve. Lovely main home, 2-story 5 room cabana. Large outdoor living area. \$1,899,900  
Larry/Mary Catherine White | 287-2818



**PELICAN MARSH - BAY LAUREL ESTATES** Casually elegant 4BR/5.5BA + den courtyard residence with separate 2-story guest cabana. Lake & golf course views. \$1,899,000  
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**PELICAN MARSH - MARSH LINKS** Exceptional 4BR/4.5BA plus den home features golf views, granite countertops & spacious lanai. Membership included. \$1,800,000  
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**PELICAN MARSH - MARSH LINKS** Amazingly priced 4BR/6.5BA estate home. Gated community, screened lanai with infinity edge pool/spa & 4-car garage. \$1,790,000  
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**PELICAN BAY - ST. RAPHAEL** 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd #901 - Ninth floor 3BR/3BA luxury tower residence with 2,500 SF under air, extensive upgrades and fabulous view of Gulf. \$1,595,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544



**PELICAN BAY - ST. RAPHAEL** 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd #501 - Understated elegance, gorgeous polished marble flooring, electric shutters, impact glass & 9' ceilings throughout. \$1,425,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544



**PELICAN BAY - ST. RAPHAEL** 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd #1203 - Stunning, immaculate 3BR/3BA luxury tower residence. Incredible enhancements throughout. Spectacular Gulf views. \$1,425,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544



**PELICAN BAY - ST. RAPHAEL** 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd #401 - Immaculate 3 bedroom residence has marble flooring throughout, additional upgrades & view of sun sinking into Gulf. \$1,295,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544



**PELICAN MARSH - MUIRFIELD** Expansive and serene SW lake views! Impeccably maintained and updated 4BR/3BA+den home. Family room opens to pool. \$1,195,000  
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**PELICAN BAY - ST. RAPHAEL** #602 - Lives Large. Professionally remodeled, stunning Gulf views, 6th floor 2BR/2BA+den in a premier, luxury high-rise. \$895,000 | Linda Piatt | 269-2322



**PELICAN MARSH - IVY POINTE** Impeccable expanded courtyard home with preferred S exposure. Beautiful lakefront setting. Pool and guest cabana. \$815,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678



**PELICAN BAY - ST. RAPHAEL** 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd #608 - This bright, cheerful, nicely upgraded 2 bedroom home has a Gulf view from living, dining, kitchen and bedrooms. \$765,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544



**PELICAN BAY - ST. PIERRE** #2104 - Wow - sparkling 2BR/2BA with Gulf panorama & golf views. Updated kitchen & baths. Tennis, pool, spa & beach tram. \$759,900 | Kelli Boehm | 273-8453



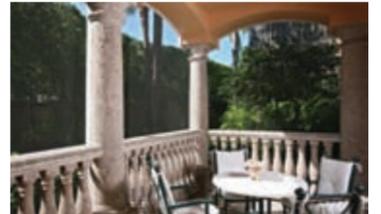
**PELICAN BAY - CLARIDGE** #15B - Highly desirable 2BR + den residence. City, golf course & Gulf views. Move-in condition. Near beach tram access. \$749,000  
Larry Roorda | 860-2534



**PELICAN BAY - ST. MARISSA** #2003 - Breathtaking unobstructive Gulf views! Completely renovated, professionally furnished. Private beach & tennis clubs. \$725,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



**PELICAN MARSH - OSPREY POINTE** #201 - View the lake & golf course scenery from this immaculate 2nd floor coach home. Upgraded 3BR/3BA, den plus office. \$699,000 | Kathy Morris | 777-8654



**PELICAN BAY - POINTE I** Beautifully updated. Freshly painted interior, granite & SS kitchen, plantation shutters, upgraded tile/carpeting. \$695,000  
Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741



**PELICAN BAY - ST. KITTS** #805 - An immaculate 3BR high-rise condominium with a gorgeous Gulf view. Neutral backgrounds, upgraded living space. \$676,500 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544



**PELICAN MARSH - MONT CLAIRE** #201 - Absolutely striking lake & golf course vistas. Second floor 3BR/3BA + den coach home. Golf club, turnkey furnished. \$620,000  
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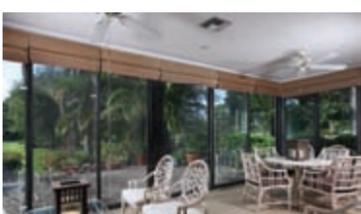
**PELICAN BAY - ST. MAARTEN** #904 - Southwest corner 2BR/2BA + den with direct Gulf views! Screened lanai, neutral tile, updated kitchen. Furnished. \$599,900 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741



**PELICAN BAY - CHATEAUMERE ROYALE** 6000 pelican Bay Blvd #504 - Rarely available '04' end residence provides panoramic Gulf views. Well-maintained 2BR/2BA, amenity-rich building. \$595,000 | Sandra McCarthy-Meeks | 287-7921



**PELICAN MARSH - ISLAND COVE** 2271 Island Cove Cir - Elegant 2BR/2.5BA with lake views, privacy, optional den/3rd bedroom suite, fine finishes and extended lanai. \$575,000 | Linda Perry/Judy Perry & Penny/Bob Lyle | 261-6161



**PELICAN BAY - VILLAS OF PELICAN BAY** Wonderful bright 1-story 2BR/2BA+den villa with spectacular golf views. Walk to beach, country club, tennis & pool. \$575,000 | Phyllis O'Donnell/Patrick O'Donnell | 269-6161



**PELICAN MARSH - ISLAND COVE** Stunning SE lake view! Beautifully maintained 2BR/2.5BA+den detached villa. Tile floors, newer A/C, 2-car garage. \$550,000  
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**PELICAN BAY - ST. MARISSA** #1402 - Stunning 14th floor 2BR + den with SW views. Updated kitchen. Pool, private beach access, fitness & tennis centers. \$549,000 | Ann Marie Shimer | 825-9020



**PELICAN MARSH - ISLAND COVE** 2276 Island Cove Cir - Gorgeous sunset views from expanded lakeside lanai. Furnished 3BR/3BA detached villa. Social/golf club memberships. \$549,000  
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**PELICAN BAY - ST. MARISSA** #802 - Panoramic views of the Gulf & private beach access just steps away. This 2BR/2BA+den home has been nicely updated. \$524,000 | Craig Jones | 403-4510



**PELICAN BAY - ST. LUCIA** #105 - Lovely 3BR+den condominium lives like a single-family home. Walk to private beach. Heated pool/spa, fitness center. \$449,000 | Richard/Susie Culp | 290-2200



**PELICAN MARSH - CLERMONT** #202 - Open, colorful tree-top 3BR/2BA corner coach home. New features, garden views. Tennis, golf membership available. \$389,900  
Tess McCarthy/Tom McCarthy | 207-0118



**PELICAN MARSH - CLERMONT** #102 - Meticulously maintained 3BR/2BA has 2-car garage. Picturesque lake/golf views. Golf & social memberships available. \$369,900  
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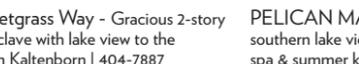
**PELICAN MARSH - CLERMONT** #202 - Intimate gated enclave, this coach home lives like a single-family home, attached garage. Steps to community pool. \$335,000  
Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



**PELICAN MARSH - ARIELLE** #1301 - Long lake views & sunsets from this 3BR plus den, 2,661 total SF upstairs corner residence with 2-car garage. \$299,000  
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**PELICAN MARSH - SWEET BAY** 9328 Sweetgrass Way - Gracious 2-story 5BR/6.5BA estate pool home in a small tree-lined enclave with lake view to the signature 5th hole. \$2,395,000 | Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887



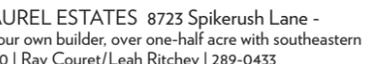
**PELICAN MARSH - TERRABELLA** 9033 Terranova Drive - Large, private lake-front property. Separate guest cabana, 4BR+den, open-air courtyard, pool, spa and 3-car garage. \$1,825,000 | Rod/Trish Soars | 290-2448



**PELICAN MARSH - PORTOFINO** 1481 Via Portofino - Amazing lake & golf views. Uniquely private, oversized lanai & side yard. Immaculate 5BR/4.5BA + den. S. exposure. \$1,285,000 | Leah Ritchey/Ray Couret | 289-0433



**PELICAN MARSH - TERRABELLA** 9120 Terrabella Court - Tranquil southern lake views. An elegant & finely crafted 3BR/3.5BA+den home. Aqualink pool, spa & summer kitchen. \$1,295,000 | Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887



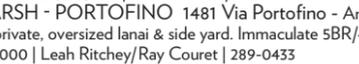
**PELICAN MARSH - VENTURA** 8816 Ventura Way - Expansive great room & kitchen. "Spinnaker" floor plan, 3 BR plus loft/den, lanai with pool. Attached 2-car garage. \$375,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980



**PELICAN BAY - PELICAN BAY WOODS** 701 Tamarind Ct. - Prime location, very large 4BR/4BA+den home. Lovely lake view. Expansive storage, 3-car garage, cul-de-sac setting. \$1,695,000 | John Hamilton/Carol Gilman/Dorcas Briscoe | 641-3270



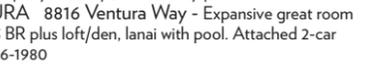
**PELICAN MARSH - TERRABELLA** 9057 Terranova Drive - In a neighborhood of 58 estate villas, this home has stunning lake/golf views. Large lanai has pool, spa & kitchen. \$1,650,000 | Sharon Kaltenborn/Terri Moellers | 248-1964



**PELICAN BAY - VILLAS AT PELICAN BAY** 561 Gulf Park Drive #4 - Upgraded 2-story attached villa. Main level master, 2nd floor master overlooks golf. Owner financing available. \$749,000 | Kathy Morris | 777-8654



**PELICAN MARSH - BAY LAUREL ESTATES** 8723 Spikerush Lane - Privately gated enclave. Choose your own builder, over one-half acre with southeastern exposure on a cul-de-sac. \$499,000 | Ray Couret/Leah Ritchey | 289-0433



**PELICAN MARSH - RAVENNA** 2449 Ravenna Blvd #102 - This darling, upgraded coach home has it all! Easy maintenance lifestyle. Private end residence. Golf/lake views. \$375,000 | Janet Rathbun | 860-0012



**PELICAN MARSH - RAVENNA** 2433 Ravenna Blvd. #101 - Breathtaking lake & golf course views from this 2BR + den carriage home. Great space & light-filled rooms, garage. \$315,000 | Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn | 404-7887



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**COCOBAY**  
 7853 Cocobay Dr - Courtyard home has a separate guest cabana with full bath and main house with flexible plan. Heated pool, spa.  
 \$1,399,999 | Cathy Owen | 269-3118



**GLENVIEW**  
 #PH3 - Welcoming beautiful Gulf/city views, 3BR/3BA Penthouse. Lifetime health care component, 24-hour security & more! \$1,365,000  
 Marlene Suarez/V.K. Melhado | 290-0585



**CHATEAUMERE ROYALE**  
 #PH2 - Two-story 4BR Penthouse, S. views of Gulf, golf, lakes/city. Renovated, latest codes, walk to beach/tennis, Phil. \$1,199,000  
 Larry/Mary Catherine White | 287-2818



**CLARIDGE #PH-A** - Fabulous views rear-round from SW corner 3BR/2BA Penthouse. Grand architectural detail, 2,026 SF A/C, terraces.  
 \$1,199,000 | Carol Gilman/John Hamilton/Dorcas Briscoe | 404-3253



**L'AMBIANCE**  
 Exceptional large, tropical aqua-scape view! Very spacious, gorgeous 3BR/3BA+den coach home. Incredible amenities. \$895,000  
 Ellen Egglund | 571-7192



**GROSVENOR**  
 #1206 - Outstanding Gulf views, spacious 3BR/3BA condominium, over 2,500 SF living area. Updated building, beach access. \$879,000  
 Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



**GROSVENOR**  
 #302 - Rare direct 3BR/3BA front residence with western Gulf views. In perfect condition. Pool, fitness room, beach tram. \$799,000  
 Pat Duggan | 216-1980



**CHANTECLAIR**  
 Very spacious, well-maintained 3BR/3BA single-family/detached villa with 2-car garage. Pool, 1 block to beach tram. \$784,900  
 Heidi Deen | 370-5388



**MARBELLA**  
 #1603 - Spectacular views, bright 2BR/2.5BA+den, 16th floor residence. Over 2,100 SF, 2 large terraces & SieMatic kitchen. \$749,900 | John Hamilton/Dorcas Briscoe/Carol Gilman | 641-3270



**MARBELLA**  
 #1105 - Wonderful Gulf views from this 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath with approx. 2,000 total SF. Full service building. \$749,500  
 Linda Perry/Judy Perry | 261-6161



**GROSVENOR**  
 6001 Pelican Bay Blvd #1705 - Spectacular views, 17th floor sky-high living! Granite & marble in updated kitchen. Extra-large two bedroom.  
 \$749,000 | Jeri Richey | 269-2203



**CRESCENT**  
 #2021 - Top floor 3BR plus family room, 2.5BA coach home, private elevator, 2-car garage. Private beach access, tennis.  
 \$645,000 | Chris Wortman | 273-2072



**CRESCENT**  
 #A-35 - Open 3rd floor 2BR overlooks treetops, lake & golf course. Close to community pool, spa & clubhouse. Beach tram.  
 \$639,000 | Beth McNichols | 821-3304



**INTERLACHEN**  
 #114 - Expansive views of golf course from this 3BR/2BA 1st floor end residence. Featuring upgraded kitchen, & new A/C. \$595,000  
 Jane Darling | 290-3112



**CALAIS**  
 #102 - Not one element has been missed in this 1st floor condominium! Lives like a villa with fairway views, beach tram. \$585,000  
 Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars | 216-1973



**GROSVENOR**  
 #202 - This 2,500+ A/C SF residence occupies the West/Northwest corner. Two master suites + 3rd BR/den. Large balcony. \$575,000  
 Linda Perry/Judy Perry | 261-6161



**CHATEAUMERE ROYALE**  
 #901 - Panoramic scenes of the Gulf, golf course, lakes & city night lights. Walk to beach, tennis & upscale shops/dining. \$549,000  
 Larry/Mary Catherine White | 287-2818



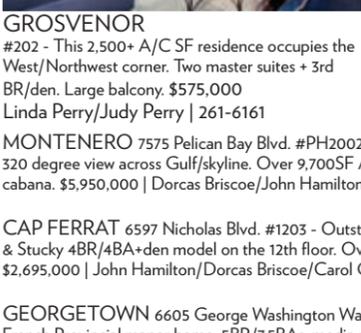
**CHATEAUMERE**  
 #401 - Beautiful 4th floor 3BR/3BA end residence. Lake, golf/Gulf views. Golf course (membership required), beach access. \$499,900  
 Sue Black/Kristin Mikler | 250-5611



**MARBELLA** #302 - Priced to sell, large 2BR/2.5BA, 3rd floor residence with preserve views. Substantial west facing screened terrace.  
 \$485,000 | John Hamilton/Carol Gilman/Dorcas Briscoe | 641-3270



**DORCHESTER**  
 #206 - Open and spacious 3BR/3BA with tranquil preserve and landscaped views from the 3 lanais. Walk to private beach.  
 \$485,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980



**MONTENERO** 7575 Pelican Bay Blvd. #PH2002 - True top floor Penthouse, 320 degree view across Gulf/skyline. Over 9,700SF A/C. Roof-top terrace, poolside cabana. \$5,950,000 | Dorcas Briscoe/John Hamilton/Carol Gilman | 860-6985



**OAKMONT** 712 Shadow Lake Lane - Exceptionally furnished & completely renovated 3BR. Top-of-the-line kitchen, new baths, pool/spa & summer kitchen.  
 \$1,479,000 | Carol Gilman/Dorcas Briscoe/John Hamilton | 404-3253



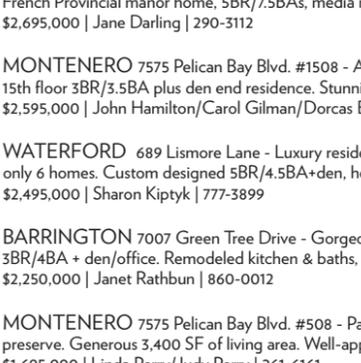
**MARBELLA** 7425 Pelican Bay Blvd. #1203 - This large 3BR + den 12th floor residence offers numerous upgrades, 2 spacious terraces & outstanding Gulf views.  
 \$950,000 | John Hamilton/Dorcas Briscoe/Carol Gilman | 641-3270



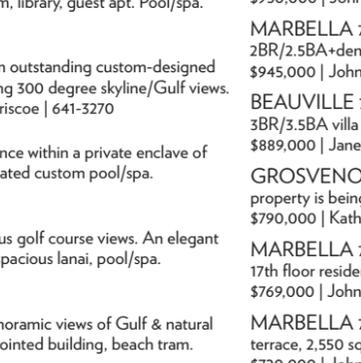
**ST. TROPEZ** 5501 Heron Point Drive #504 - Panoramic Gulf/Clam Pass views! Spacious corner, 2BR+den with 1,420 A/C SF. Granite kitchen & steps to beach tram!  
 \$622,000 | Dave/Ann Renner 784-5552



**ST. TROPEZ** 5501 Heron Point Drive #602 - Spectacular Gulf view by day, sunsets and skyline at night! Beautifully remodeled 2BR+den condominium. Beach club.  
 \$599,000 | Jean Tarkenton | 595-0544



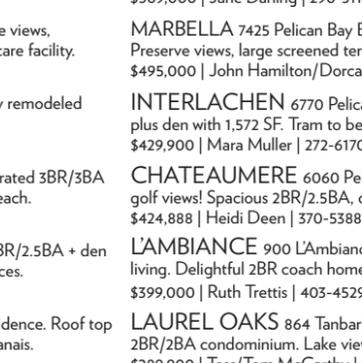
**GEORGETOWN** 6605 George Washington Way - Very private golf course setting, French Provincial manor home, 5BR/7.5BAs, media rm, library, guest apt. Pool/spa.  
 \$2,695,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112



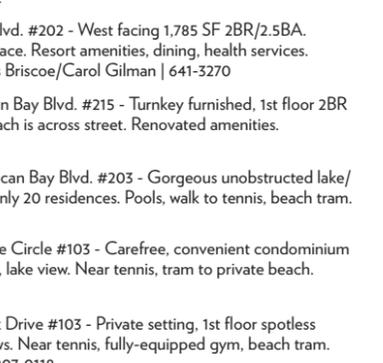
**MARBELLA** 7425 Pelican Bay Blvd. #1904 - Spectacular Gulf/skyline views, 2BR/2.5BA+den 19th flr. Dining, room services, concierge & attached care facility.  
 \$945,000 | John Hamilton/Dorcas Briscoe/Carol Gilman | 641-3270



**BEAUVILLE** 7009 Rue de Marquis - Move right in to this beautifully remodeled 3BR/3.5BA villa with SW views over pool to golf course. Beach tram.  
 \$889,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112



**GROSVENOR** 6001 Pelican Bay Blvd. #1005 - This tastefully decorated 3BR/3BA property is being sold furnished. Glorious golf & Gulf views, tram to beach.  
 \$790,000 | Kathryn Hurvitz | 659-5126



**PEBBLE CREEK** 7638 Pebble Creek Circle #201 - Light 3BR end residence, S. exposure & lake views. Beach tram, 2 tennis centers, fitness center. Turnkey furnished.  
 \$509,000 | Jane Darling | 290-3112

**THE VILLAGE** 239.261.6161  
**THE PROMENADE** 239.948.4000

**THE GALLERY** 239.659.0099  
**MARCO ISLAND** 239.642.2222

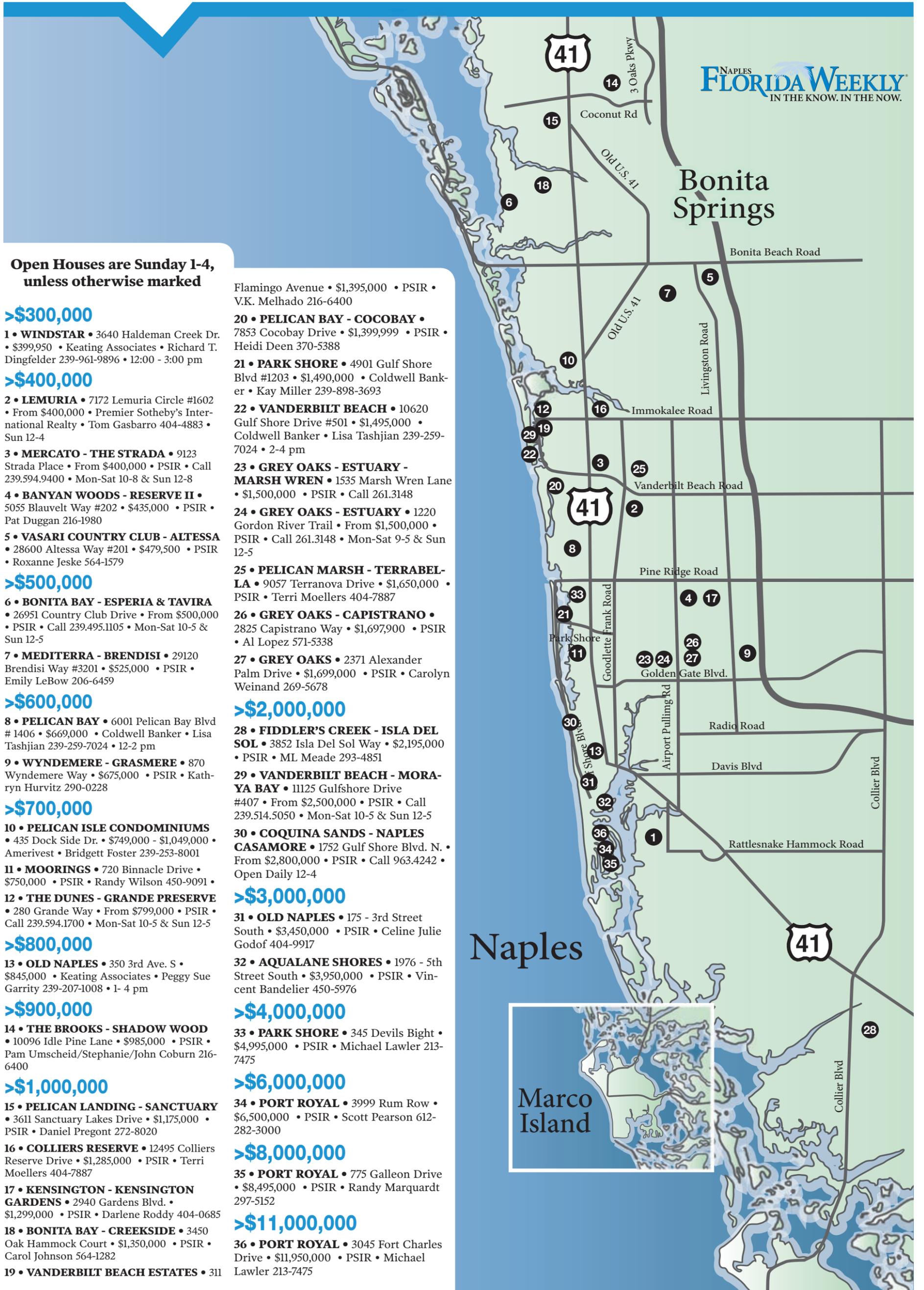
**NORTH NAPLES** 239.594.9494  
**COMMERCIAL** 239.947.6800

**FIFTH AVENUE** 239.434.8770  
**RENTAL DIVISION** 239.262.4242

**OLD NAPLES** 239.434.2424  
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# Florida Weekly's Open Houses

NAPLES  
**FLORIDA WEEKLY**  
IN THE KNOW. IN THE NOW.



- Open Houses are Sunday 1-4, unless otherwise marked**
- >\$300,000**
- 1 • WINDSTAR** • 3640 Haldeman Creek Dr. • \$399,950 • Keating Associates • Richard T. Dingfelder 239-961-9896 • 12:00 - 3:00 pm
  - >\$400,000**
  - 2 • LEMURIA** • 7172 Lemuria Circle #1602 • From \$400,000 • Premier Sotheby's International Realty • Tom Gasbarro 404-4883 • Sun 12-4
  - 3 • MERCATO - THE STRADA** • 9123 Strada Place • From \$400,000 • PSIR • Call 239.594.9400 • Mon-Sat 10-8 & Sun 12-8
  - 4 • BANYAN WOODS - RESERVE II** • 5055 Blauvelt Way #202 • \$435,000 • PSIR • Pat Duggan 216-1980
  - 5 • VASARI COUNTRY CLUB - ALTESSA** • 28600 Altessa Way #201 • \$479,500 • PSIR • Roxanne Jeske 564-1579
  - >\$500,000**
  - 6 • BONITA BAY - ESPERIA & TAVIRA** • 26951 Country Club Drive • From \$500,000 • PSIR • Call 239.495.1105 • Mon-Sat 10-5 & Sun 12-5
  - 7 • MEDITERRA - BRENDISI** • 29120 Brendisi Way #3201 • \$525,000 • PSIR • Emily LeBow 206-6459
  - >\$600,000**
  - 8 • PELICAN BAY** • 6001 Pelican Bay Blvd # 1406 • \$669,000 • Coldwell Banker • Lisa Tashjian 239-259-7024 • 12-2 pm
  - 9 • WYNDEMERE - GRASMERE** • 870 Wyndemere Way • \$675,000 • PSIR • Kathryn Hurvitz 290-0228
  - >\$700,000**
  - 10 • PELICAN ISLE CONDOMINIUMS** • 435 Dock Side Dr. • \$749,000 - \$1,049,000 • Amerivest • Bridgett Foster 239-253-8001
  - 11 • MOORINGS** • 720 Binnacle Drive • \$750,000 • PSIR • Randy Wilson 450-9091
  - 12 • THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE** • 280 Grande Way • From \$799,000 • PSIR • Call 239.594.1700 • Mon-Sat 10-5 & Sun 12-5
  - >\$800,000**
  - 13 • OLD NAPLES** • 350 3rd Ave. S • \$845,000 • Keating Associates • Peggy Sue Garrity 239-207-1008 • 1- 4 pm
  - >\$900,000**
  - 14 • THE BROOKS - SHADOW WOOD** • 10096 Idle Pine Lane • \$985,000 • PSIR • Pam Umscheid/Stephanie/John Coburn 216-6400
  - >\$1,000,000**
  - 15 • PELICAN LANDING - SANCTUARY** • 3611 Sanctuary Lakes Drive • \$1,175,000 • PSIR • Daniel Pregont 272-8020
  - 16 • COLLIERS RESERVE** • 12495 Colliers Reserve Drive • \$1,285,000 • PSIR • Terri Moellers 404-7887
  - 17 • KENSINGTON - KENSINGTON GARDENS** • 2940 Gardens Blvd. • \$1,299,000 • PSIR • Darlene Roddy 404-0685
  - 18 • BONITA BAY - CREEKSIDE** • 3450 Oak Hammock Court • \$1,350,000 • PSIR • Carol Johnson 564-1282
  - 19 • VANDERBILT BEACH ESTATES** • 311

- Flamingo Avenue • \$1,395,000 • PSIR • V.K. Melhado 216-6400
- 20 • PELICAN BAY - COCOBAY** • 7853 Cocobay Drive • \$1,399,999 • PSIR • Heidi Deen 370-5388
- 21 • PARK SHORE** • 4901 Gulf Shore Blvd #1203 • \$1,490,000 • Coldwell Banker • Kay Miller 239-898-3693
- 22 • VANDERBILT BEACH** • 10620 Gulf Shore Drive #501 • \$1,495,000 • Coldwell Banker • Lisa Tashjian 239-259-7024 • 2-4 pm
- 23 • GREY OAKS - ESTUARY - MARSH WREN** • 1535 Marsh Wren Lane • \$1,500,000 • PSIR • Call 261.3148
- 24 • GREY OAKS - ESTUARY** • 1220 Gordon River Trail • From \$1,500,000 • PSIR • Call 261.3148 • Mon-Sat 9-5 & Sun 12-5
- 25 • PELICAN MARSH - TERRABELLA** • 9057 Terranova Drive • \$1,650,000 • PSIR • Terri Moellers 404-7887
- 26 • GREY OAKS - CAPISTRANO** • 2825 Capistrano Way • \$1,697,900 • PSIR • Al Lopez 571-5338
- 27 • GREY OAKS** • 2371 Alexander Palm Drive • \$1,699,000 • PSIR • Carolyn Weinand 269-5678
- >\$2,000,000**
- 28 • FIDDLER'S CREEK - ISLA DEL SOL** • 3852 Isla Del Sol Way • \$2,195,000 • PSIR • ML Meade 293-4851
- 29 • VANDERBILT BEACH - MORAYA BAY** • 11125 Gulfshore Drive #407 • From \$2,500,000 • PSIR • Call 239.514.5050 • Mon-Sat 10-5 & Sun 12-5
- 30 • COQUINA SANDS - NAPLES CASAMORE** • 1752 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. • From \$2,800,000 • PSIR • Call 963.4242 • Open Daily 12-4
- >\$3,000,000**
- 31 • OLD NAPLES** • 175 - 3rd Street South • \$3,450,000 • PSIR • Celine Julie Godof 404-9917
- 32 • AQUALANE SHORES** • 1976 - 5th Street South • \$3,950,000 • PSIR • Vincent Bandelier 450-5976
- >\$4,000,000**
- 33 • PARK SHORE** • 345 Devils Bight • \$4,995,000 • PSIR • Michael Lawler 213-7475
- >\$6,000,000**
- 34 • PORT ROYAL** • 3999 Rum Row • \$6,500,000 • PSIR • Scott Pearson 612-282-3000
- >\$8,000,000**
- 35 • PORT ROYAL** • 775 Galleon Drive • \$8,495,000 • PSIR • Randy Marquardt 297-5152
- >\$11,000,000**
- 36 • PORT ROYAL** • 3045 Fort Charles Drive • \$11,950,000 • PSIR • Michael Lawler 213-7475



**PINE RIDGE**  
Resort-style home with tropical pool & spa area. Prime location with over an acre in an equestrian friendly area. \$6,950,000  
Larry/Mary Catherine White | 287-2818



**PINE RIDGE**  
A country estate on 1.38 acres of tropical grounds. Over 9,600 sq. ft. A/C. 2BR guest quarters. Lagoon style pool. \$3,195,000  
Patrick D. O'Connor/Amy Becker | 293-9411



**PINE RIDGE**  
Beautiful home minutes from the beach. Warm & comfortable 5BR/4.5BA+den estate home on over an acre. Pool & spa. \$2,150,000  
Michael Lawler | 571-3939



**MERCATO - THE STRADA**  
"Capture the Extraordinary!" Over 2,200SF, 3BR with SW glimpse of the Gulf! Dining & shops outside your front door! \$1,370,000  
Barbi Lowe /Trish Lowe Soars | 216-1973



**PINE RIDGE**  
Private, 2.09 acres, 5BR/2.5BA main home with upgraded kitchen & pool. New 2BR/2BA guest house. Horses are allowed. \$1,295,000  
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



**PINE RIDGE**  
Private & secluded 1.29 acres on lake. Over 3,000 SF main residence, separate 2BR/1.5BA guest house, sold 'As Is'.  
\$1,250,000 | Sue Black | 250-5611



**PINE RIDGE**  
Charming older home on 1.65 acres on beautiful Mockingbird Lake. Southern exposure. Near beach. Being sold 'AS IS'. \$1,249,000  
Sue Black | 250-5611



**THE DUNES - THE GRANDE PRESERVE - GRANDE DOMINICA**  
Unsurpassed views of the Bay & Gulf. Model perfect residence. Private membership beach and on-site clubs, gated.  
\$1,199,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



**PINE RIDGE**  
Close-in, yet private neighborhood. Picturesque home overlooks lakeside dock. Separate 2BR guesthouse, 1 acre+.  
\$1,199,000 | Sue Black | 250-5611



**VILLAGES OF MONTEREY**  
Stunning 5BR home on a quiet cul-de-sac, panoramic lake views & SW exposure. Spa, rock waterfall & gas heated pool.  
\$1,195,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



**THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE - GRANDE GENEVA**  
Enchanting 3BR+den model residence, magnificent Gulf views. Private Beach Club, state-of-the-art amenities on-site.  
\$1,150,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



**THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE - GRANDE PHOENICIAN**  
Enchanting Luxurious 3BR/3BA garden residence has private terrace with a spa & private gate to pool. Live a resort-style life. \$1,125,000  
Jennifer/Dave Urness/Gayle Fawkes/ Adrienne Young | 594-9494



**THE CROSSINGS - STONEGATE**  
Mint condition, updated 4BR+den home on .67 acre lot. Spacious, bright, large lanai with solar heated lap pool/spa.  
\$999,900 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



**VILLAGES OF MONTEREY**  
Sprawling 5BR/4BA+den pool home, S. exposure lakefront lot. Clubhouse, 24-hr guarded gate, 3 Har-Tru tennis courts.  
\$949,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



**PELICAN ISLE YACHT CLUB III**  
Island living! Condominium convenience, 3BR/3BA lives like a home. Yacht Club equity membership included. Turnkey.  
\$939,000 | Suzanne Ring | 821-7550



**PELICAN ISLE YACHT CLUB II**  
Breath-taking Gulf views! Spacious 3BR/3BA. Member owned Club - tennis, pool/spa, fitness center & beach shuttle!  
\$925,000 | Suzanne Ring | 821-7550



**VILLAGES OF MONTEREY**  
Spectacular one-of-a-kind stylish contemporary on lake lot. Extensive outdoor entertaining spaces. Heated pool/spa.  
\$925,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



**BANYAN WOODS**  
Spectacular custom designed S. exposure courtyard home with large backyard. Lap pool, highest quality finishes.  
\$775,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



**VILLAGES OF MONTEREY**  
Sparkling 2-story, immaculately cared for home. Large heated pool/spa, cul-de-sac street, guarded-gated community.  
\$669,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



**THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE**  
280 Grande Way - Magnificent views over Gulf, preserve and golf! Very spacious 3BR+family room, 3BA floor plans. Membership to private Floridian Beach Club and the Plantation Club. Grande Phoenician from \$690,000. Grande Geneva from \$649,000 | Call 239-594-1700



**THE DUNES - BARBADOS**  
Water, Water, Water! Fabulous Views! Numerous upgrades, beautifully decorated 3BR/2BA. Resort amenities, gated.  
\$689,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731



**THE CROSSINGS - MILL RUN**  
6941 Mill Run Circle - Sunny & spacious 4BR/3BA + den pool home on large southern exposure lot. Freshly painted, meticulously maintained.  
\$644,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



**EDEN ON THE BAY**  
Overlooking lake, 3 bedrooms + den, 3 full baths. Granite countertops in kitchen, heated pool/spa. Outdoor kitchen. \$599,900  
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



**VILLAGES OF MONTEREY**  
Absolutely meticulous, immaculate lakefront home has private lanai with large pool/spa. Updated kitchen & baths.  
\$595,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



**VILLAGES OF MONTEREY**  
Fabulous 3BR/3BA + family room home with stunning west lake views. Large lot with mature tropical landscaping.  
\$589,000 | Chris Wortman | 273-2007



**WILSHIRE LAKES**  
Private, natural wooded views. Four bedroom + den home. Large heated pool with cascading spa. Near beach & shops.  
\$575,000 | Patrick D. O'Connor | 293-9411



**LEMURIA**  
New, never lived in! Over 3,000 SF open plan with lake views! Quality features, 4BR/3BA and 2-car attached garage.  
\$499,000 | Kristin Mikler | 370-6292



**MERCATO - THE STRADA**  
Stunning, professionally decorated 1 bedroom plus den with 1,476 A/C SF. 52' pool with clubhouse, fitness center. \$499,000  
David Milner | 594-9400



**MERCATO - THE STRADA**  
Sophisticated, brand new, elegantly furnished condominium just 1 mile from beach. Upscale shops/dining downstairs. \$449,900  
Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



**AUTUMN WOODS**  
Meticulous, neutral, sunny and spacious lakefront two-story 4BR. Completely neutral colors and 2,453 A/C SF.  
\$465,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552



**THE CROSSINGS - MILL RUN**  
A great value in a wonderful neighborhood, 3BR +den home offers many new features. Gated, pool, tennis & clubhouse. \$447,000  
Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231



**BANYAN WOODS - RESERVE II**  
Peaceful lakefront setting, incredible 2nd floor coach home. Private elevator, upgrades, 2-car attached garage.  
\$435,000 | Pat Duggan | 216-1980



**LEMURIA** 7172 Lemuria Circle  
New luxury community of 3 or 4 bedrooms, 3 bath condominiums with open floor plans, high ceilings and attached 2-car garages. Prices from the mid \$400s. Thomas Gasbarro | 404-4883



**THE STRADA AT MERCATO**  
Located just North of Vanderbilt Beach Rd. on U.S. 41. Mercato features residential, retail, Whole Foods Market, restaurants and more. Upscale contemporary living from the \$400s Call 239-594-9400



**WILSHIRE LAKES**  
Beautifully maintained Great Room 3BR+den plan, 3-car garage detached villa. Heated pool/spa, 24/7 gated community. \$375,000  
Patrick D. O'Connor | 293-9411

**THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE - GRANDE EXCELSIOR #1401** -  
Luxury 3BR/3.5BA+den residence in a gated enclave. Gulf views, upscale amenities, no pet restrictions. Beach Club. \$1,470,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731

**THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE - GRANDE PHOENICIAN**  
Magnificent water/golf course view! Tastefully furnished 3BR/3BA. World-class amenities, guest cabanas, near beach. \$989,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness/Gayle Fawkes | 594-9494

**THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE - GRANDE PHOENICIAN**  
Lovely 4th floor residence in move-in condition. Beautifully appointed 3BR/2BA. Preserve, water & golf course view! \$690,000 | Gayle Fawkes and Jennifer/Dave Urness | 594-9494

**AUTUMN WOODS** An attractively priced home in a friendly community. High vaulted ceilings, 3BR/2BA+den split-plan, pool, spa, fire pit.  
\$389,900 | Phyllis O'Donnell & Patrick O'Donnell | 269-6161

**CARLTON LAKES - NORTHRIDGE VILLAS**  
5856 Northridge Dr #A-6 - Fantastic lake view enhances this wonderful 3BR/2BA villa. Freshly painted interior, crown moulding, tile, new carpet. Private end residence with beautiful landscaping. Clubhouse, tennis, pool/spa. \$279,900 | Gail Wynns | 269-0600

**COLLIERS RESERVE** Outstanding home featuring ceramic tile, granite countertops, SS appliances, screened-in pool/spa & 3-car garage.  
\$1,285,000 | Terri Moellers/Sharon Kaltenborn 404-7887

**THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE - GRANDE GENEVA**  
Gated enclave. Private elevator, spacious 3BR with gourmet kitchen. State-of-the-art amenities, Concierge Center. \$649,000 | Philip Mareschal | 269-6033

**GLEN EDEN** Sunset views, close to beach, shops & restaurants, this beautifully decorated 3BR/2BA home has it all. Numerous upgrades, heated pool/spa overlook a lake. Clubhouse, exercise room. Turnkey furnished. \$475,000 | Harriet Harnar | 273-5443

**BRIDGEWATER BAY - TURTLE BAY**  
Bright & airy 2nd floor end residence with gorgeous lake views and a quiet location near clubhouse. Soaring ceilings, 3BR/2.5BA, 1-car attached garage. Community pool/spa, tennis, exercise facility. \$235,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552

**BRIDGEWATER BAY - TURTLE BAY**  
Bright & airy 2nd floor end residence with gorgeous lake views and a quiet location near clubhouse. Soaring ceilings, 3BR/2.5BA, 1-car attached garage. Community pool/spa, tennis, exercise facility. \$235,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552

**THE DUNES - GRANDE PRESERVE - GRANDE PHOENICIAN**  
Magnificent Gulf views! Enjoy wonderful penthouse living in this 3BR/3BA. Gas cooktop, wine cooler, granite. \$1,100,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness and Gayle Fawkes | 273-7731



**Aqualane Shores**, 1825 6th St S - Exceptional waterfront with zero edge pool/spa, pool level bonus great room, 2nd kitchen, pool bath, fire-pit and outdoor cooking area. 60' dock, 16,000 lb lift. 4+Den/4.5 (H6191) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$3,995,000**



**Royal Harbor**, 2651 Tarpon Rd - Panoramic view of Naples Bay. 4 bedroom, pool/spa, 80' of dock with lifts, just under 6,000 sq. ft. of Naples finest. For more info Text MHG1 To: 97063. 4/5.5 (H5516) Michele Harrison, 580-9889 **\$2,875,000**



**Seagate**, 5241 & 5215 Seashell Ave - Waterfront Compound! 2 move-in ready homes, 2 pools, spa, 2 docks & gorgeous views of Clam Bay. Walk/bike to beach, shops, dining. www.SeaShellAveNaples.com 8+Den/5.5 (H5803) Jim Scartz, 877-9726 **\$2,349,000**



**Admiralty Point At Moorings**, 1 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #402 - 10 acre Gated Luxury Beach Resort. One of a kind, facing beach & Gulf. 4th floor. Owner pd \$1.6, then renovated/furnished. Turnkey. 3 pools, boating. Stunning. 3/3 (C7666) The Hutchison-Carmony Team, 272-7000 **\$1,399,000**



**Golden Gate Estates**, 2225 23rd St SW - Elegant 5-acre gated estate-7,000sf, high-end finishes, travertine floors, cherry-stained kitchen-granite/stainless steel, game/media rms. www.222523rdstsw.com. 5+Den/4.5 (H6053) Jim Scartz, 877-9726, Robyn Pfister Griffin, 404-8222 **\$1,250,000**



**Pelican Bay**, 806 Slash Pine Ct - On quiet cul de sac, 5870 T.Sq Ft Pool Home boasts Total Renovation. Granite Kitchen & BAs, Marble, Tile, Fireplace, Cathedral Ceilings, New Roof & Pool. 3/2.5 (H4744) The Hutchison-Carmony Team, 272-7000 **\$1,229,000**



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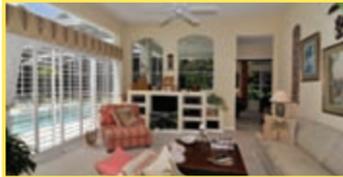
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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

— *Paying tribute to* —  
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DANIELS**

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Myra Janco Daniels built all this in a sleepy Gulf Coast town known more for its beaches and golf courses than its arts.  
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The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, the Philharmonic Center for the Arts and Daniels Pavilion, the Patty and Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art and the Toni Stabile Education Building have all contributed immeasurably to the cultural life of Southwest Florida.

Though she's quick to credit the community and claims, "Together, we built this," it is impossible to conceive that any of it would have come into being without Mrs. Daniels' vision and leadership — and persistence.

The Phil is a unique venue, having both the performing and visual arts under one umbrella.

After creating this multi-faceted institution and guiding the Phil for 28 years, Mrs. Daniels retired in September 2011.

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## 'Assisted Living: The Musical' settles in at Mongello's for season

### SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

"Assisted Living: The Musical" takes up seasonal residency every Thursday at Mongello's Italian Restaurant on the East Trail. Performed by the authors, the show takes audiences on a hilarious tour of a fictional retirement community called Pelican Roost.

"It's a lot like a cruise," quips one of the residents, "except the final destination is not the Bahamas."

Among others, the audience meets a not-quite-legal indoor gardener, a retired Catskills comedian who has a problem with airport security and a senior real estate agent who's sure she inspires carnal desire in each of



her clients.

The show opened to rave reviews in San Francisco last June with a professional West Coast cast. The authors, longtime Neapolitans Rick Compton and Betsy Bennett, have performed their show in Newark, Delaware and in

Palm Beach. Their last weekly dinner show run, near The Villages south of Ocala, sold out nearly every week for 18 months.

Over the past 15 years, Mr. Compton and Ms. Bennett have entertained regional audiences with a dozen or so original stage shows skewering local politicians, developers and snowbirds.

"Assisted Living: The Musical" attracted international attention two years ago during its first few weeks in Naples. Due in part to the Associated Press, BBC, BBC Scotland and ABC World News, the show was picked up by a producer, has undergone two New

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# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## Casting a wider net



I'm pulling my hair. I'm rending my clothes. I'm raising an angry fist to the sky. But what I really want to do is grab the lonely hearts out there and give them a good shake. If people saw how they're hurting their own opportunities in love, the world would be a much less lonely place.

I went out to dinner recently with two male friends, men I adore who are handsome, funny and smart but chronically single.

"If I meet a woman and she tells me she went to Harvard and she has a good job," one of them said, "then I know we'd be a good fit."

I cocked an eyebrow. This man writes poetry and talks to his cat. He wears his hair in a mop that falls over his face. When he speaks about the future, he speaks of a wife and children and a house in the country. He's kind, compassionate and nurturing, and I was surprised to hear none of these qualities topped his list. Instead, he's looking for bullet points on a resume.

The problem with this kind of preconceived list of qualities is that it often acts as blinders. We narrow in on specific attributes so much that we miss a range of possibilities.

"You never know who your soul mate is going to be," my friend Susie says.

Like my male friends I was dining with, Susie is a great catch who is inexplicably — and perpetually — single. She and I talk endlessly about relationships and trade old boyfriend stories like baseball cards. We read the same books on dating and dissect tips over cocktails.

John T. Molloy's "Why Men Marry Some Women and Not Others" is in heavy rotation these days. In it, Mr. Molloy presents statistical evidence gathered from interviews with just-married women. His findings are telling. The women who get married, he says, are the women who put a concentrated effort into finding men. They skip the art museum and head for the sports bar instead. Married women are also willing to give a wide range of bachelors a shot, he tells us. In fact, the women who are most successful in the mating game are the ones willing to date a spectrum of men.

Which makes sense. There's no formula for the precise blend of physical and mental chemistry needed to spark romance. Love involves a mysterious, complicated alchemy. When we cast a wide net, we open

ourselves to the possibility of partners we never considered, some with qualities we didn't even know we were seeking.

Which is why I was so disappointed to overhear Susie on the phone with another single friend this week.

"He's an assistant manager at Home Depot?" she said, laughing into the phone. "You can totally do better than that."

I've spent so much time preaching to this particular

choir that her words felt like a sudden betrayal. Isn't that exactly what we've been talking about all along: trying new people, casting a wider net?

I gnashed my teeth. I thought about shaking her. I wanted her to know that true love doesn't wear blinders. And it might be wearing a tool belt. ■



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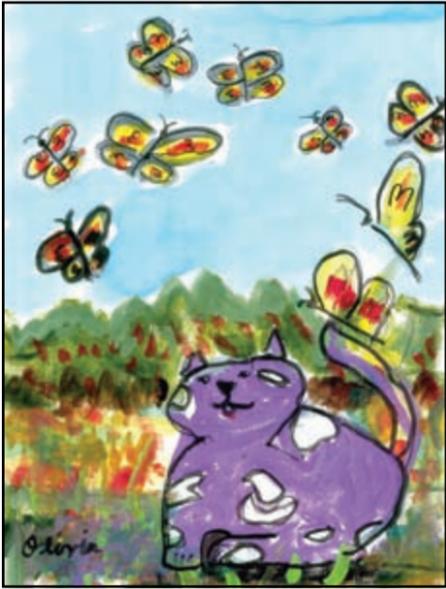


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# 7-year-old creates artwork for SWF Wine & Food Fest

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Butterflies and a bright purple kitten brighten this year's signature painting created by Olivia Ramsey of Fort Myers for the 2012 Wine & Food Fest. The painting will be auctioned at the grand tasting and auction Saturday, Feb. 25, at Miromar Lakes.



Seven-year-old "Liv" was diagnosed with leukemia in December 2010 and is a patient at The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

"Her first six months of treatment were the hardest, but she always handled everything with a smile. If you met her, you wouldn't know she was battling cancer except for having shorter hair," says her mom, Michelle Ramsey, adding Liv is in the maintenance phase of her 2.5-year treatment program.

The Ramseys considered moving north for Liv's treatment — but that was before they met Dr. Emad Salman of The Children's Hospital. "We didn't know what we had in our own back yard," Ms. Ramsey says. "The facility is phenomenal. The nurses and physicians have made us feel comfortable the whole way through, and it's scary ride."

The doctors and nurses at The Children's Hospital have become heroes to Liv. "They've done so much for me," she says. "I don't have to worry. I know I'm going to be fine."

The young patient is giving back something of her own as well. Through Olivia's Wagon of Wonder, she's gathering donations of arts and crafts items and donating them in turn to other pediatric oncology patients at The Children's Hospital. Craft projects helped her pass the time when she was hospitalized, she explains, and now she wants to help other children do the same thing.

## About the festival

Steve Machiz, chairman of the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, says, the original festival poster artwork, which is always created by a patient from The Children's Hospital, is typically one of the highest-bid lots at the auction, and he expects Liv's watercolor and acrylic painting to continue that tradition.

The signature event of SWFL Children's Charities Inc., the festival begins Friday, Feb. 24, with chef/vintner dinners in private homes showcases wines by featured vintners and culinary offerings from Southwest Florida's finest chefs.

The chefs, vintners, dinner guests and others come together again Feb. 25 at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club for the grand tasting and auction.

All proceeds from the auction and ticket sales will benefit three causes benefiting children's health care in Southwest Florida: The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, the pediatric nursing program at Edison State College and an endowment to Florida Gulf Coast University to establish a pre-med student scholarship.

Last year's event netted \$1.6 million and resulted in a \$1.25 million donation to The Children's Hospital and \$100,000 to both Edison State College and FGCU

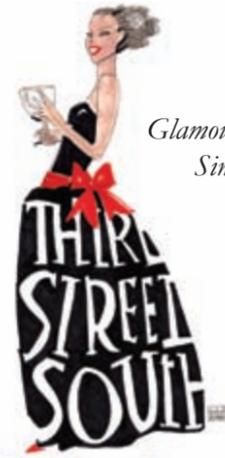


Olivia Ramsey, right, with her little sister Emma Grace

for their respective pediatric nursing and pre-medical education programs.

To view a video about Olivia and an interview with her mother, or for more information about the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest or ticket sales, call 278-3900 or visit [www.swflwinefest.org](http://www.swflwinefest.org).

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# MYRA

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She has a street, an orchid and a gallery at the museum named after her. As a final tribute, Thank You Myra Days take place Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 14-15. (See sidebar for details.)

The reputation and influence of the Phil ripple out far beyond Southwest Florida.

Florida Weekly spoke to a number of luminaries in the arts about Mrs. Daniels and her accomplishments. In their own words, here's what they had to say:



## KEITH LOCKHART

Conductor of the Boston Pops, principal conductor of the BBC Concert Orchestra (and former guest conductor for the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra)

The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, the hall itself, the art museum, the presenter series... (The list) goes on and on (of all Myra Daniels has accomplished).



LOCKHART

I probably did as many as 100 concerts with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra and have been down a couple times since, to perform in the hall with the Boston Pops.

Myra's influence was so keenly felt in everything on a day-to-day basis, and her legacy is going to be felt for generations to come. I don't think I've ever met any person who was more singularly responsible for the artistic life of a community, just through sheer persistence, will power and business acumen.

She simply decided Naples needed a world-class orchestra, art museum and performing venue, and she went to the people who could make it happen and got them to make it happen.

It's that simple.

It took several decades of hard work on her part.

She is an amazing person.

Myra is a force of nature.

It's unusual that a retiring CEO will get their own gala, but Myra is not the usual CEO.



## EDWARD VILLELLA

Founding artistic director of the Miami City Ballet, which has performed every season at the Phil since 1989

I feel it's been a mutually beneficial relationship in art and culture between the Phil and the Miami City Ballet.

I think Myra is a pathfinder. She has done such a remarkable job in sleepy old Naples... she has made Naples a cultural destination, and that is a very complicated thing to do in South Florida.

I am here 26 years, and can tell you that Miami is not the cultural destination that Naples is. Miami considers itself sometimes beyond its achievements, but I think Miami has a long way to go.

Naples is a smaller city, but even that in itself suggests a very positive circumstance. For a smaller place to



VILLELLA  
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## in the know

### Thank You Myra Days

The Philharmonic Center for the Arts is thanking founder and former CEO Myra Janco Daniels for all she's accomplished in the arts with a two-day grand celebration Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 14-15.



#### Saturday night

The Saturday evening gala, a black-tie optional event, begins at 8 p.m. and features Broadway stars Kelli O'Hara and Brian Stokes Mitchell and Metropolitan Opera soprano Harolyn Blackwell. Boston Pops conductor Keith Lockhart will lead the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra. The Phil also promises special unannounced guests and surprises. All proceeds will benefit the Myra Janco Daniels Legacy Fund.

Mr. Mitchell received a Tony Award for Best Actor in a Musical for his performance in "Kiss Me Kate" and Tony nominations for shows including "Man of La Mancha," "King Hedley II," "Ragtime." He recently appeared on Broadway in "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown."

Ms. O'Hara received Tony nominations for her roles in "South Pacific," "The Light in the Piazza" and "The Pajama Game."

Ms. Blackwell has appeared at Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center and sang at the Vatican for Pope John Paul II's 80th birthday and at the White House for President George W. Bush.

Mr. Lockhart has conducted the Boston Pops since 1995 and was a frequent guest conductor for the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra from 1993 to 1996.

A champagne and dessert reception will follow the Thank You Myra Days gala.

#### Sunday afternoon

Visitors to Community Day at the Phil from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday will enjoy strolling musicians, backstage tours, a jewelry trunk show and jewelry-making demonstrations, an instrument petting zoo, balloon artists, face painting and portrait sketch artists. Representatives from Humane Society Naples will have adoptable cats on hand. Admission to the Patty and Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art is also part of the free event. Everyone will also be able to "Sign a Star for Myra" in the lobby.

In addition, "Box 23: The Myra Janco Daniels Story," a full-length documentary created by Blue Sky Media, will be screened as part of Community Day. The film follows Mrs. Daniels's life and career from her days as a pioneer in advertising to her retirement in Naples, where she built the Philharmonic Center for the Arts and the Naples Museum of Art. The title of the documentary refers to her designated box at the Phil.

Here's the schedule of events and entertainment:

- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Jazz trio in front of the Phil
- Noon-12:30 p.m. — Opening ceremony in Hayes Hall
- 12:35-1:30 p.m. — "Box 23: The Myra Janco Daniels Story" in Hayes Hall
- 1 and 2 p.m. — Docent-guided tours of the Naples Museum of Art
- 2 and 3 p.m. — Storytelling in the Lyons Room

draw upon fewer patrons and supporters is again a statement unto itself.

Myra's an achiever. She certainly achieved making the orchestra.

She achieved in making the theater.

She achieved in making the museum, and all of her educational programs and reach outs.

So it's not just an orchestra, not just the theater itself, but all of the circumstances that support these kinds of things.

And that comes from a singular mind. She certainly has that. And you can see her determination, her energy in all of this.

And all of that guided by brilliant taste. She is an artful person. She is a musical person. She's a theater person. She has the complete package.

I met her on television. I was over in Naples... to give a talk. I was sitting in the hotel room, I saw a television commercial come on, and the face of Myra Daniels. She said, "We will be building a hall." I was just starting the Miami City Ballet at that time. One of the reasons I chose Miami, I looked at the map. Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach were all close to each other, but far enough away that they didn't distract from each other.

Naples, that would give us such a wonderful four-county circuit.

One of the things about dance is that a dancer improves on stage. You can

do as much as you want in classrooms, in rehearsal and coaching, but it's really when the curtain goes up that that kind of focus arrives. And then you build on that. It's different than dancing in a rehearsal room than when the curtain is up, the lights are on and the music is playing.

It gave us further opportunity for our dancers to have additional performing experience. And what it did for us was, instead of being in a single city, I now had four of these places that I could run our programming through.

It's really helped the company to evolve... It became an additional tool for us to further and quicken the maturity of our company.

One of the great things about performing in Naples is the orchestra. And Myra provided us with that. It's a wonderful, wonderful orchestra. We can't afford an orchestra everywhere all the time, but we always had that all the time at the Phil. One needs live music when dealing with a classical art form as mine. One needs that large sound to support what's going on onstage.

I've never met anyone quite like Myra. She's unique unto herself. She has the courage of her convictions.



## MILTON ESTEROW

Editor and publisher of ARTnews

She's a remarkable woman. I can't think of anybody who has done more for her community in the U.S. or anywhere, than Myra Daniels. What she did with the Phil and the museum, and to do it single-handedly, is just extraordinary.

I first met her at least 25 years ago, at a seminar in Salzburg, Austria, a city where you go around, you feel like you want to sing "Edelweiss" from "The Sound of Music."

We were on a panel to talk about the future of the arts, museums, etc. I had no idea who she was. Here was this dynamo, talking about the arts in Naples, Florida. I'm



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listening, fascinated by it. She won me over. I fell in love with Myra Daniels... even though I'm a married man!

I have followed her career since then.

In fact, she invited me to give a lecture at the Phil some years ago, on "How to Look at Art Without Feeling Inferior." I touched on a lot of bases: art collecting, art journalism, art criticism... No one threw any rotten tomatoes at me.

She is a brilliant marketer.

If she'd gone into politics, she would've been governor. And I would've campaigned for her.

For somebody from New York, the art capital of the world, it's remarkable how she has brought to life the performing and the visual arts in Naples, Florida. Prior to Myra, with all due respect, what did you have down there? She's brought some of the foremost opera singers and musicians and performers (to the Phil). The institution has an enormous reputation. If it didn't, they wouldn't have gone down there in the first place.

Where she got all this energy I don't know. They should bottle it and patent it.

What's needed in the arts is more people like Myra Daniels. There are not enough brilliant administrators who have the vision she has.

In Japan, they anoint people as national treasures. We don't have that in the United States... Myra is a national treasure. Really, you can't go into too many cities in this country and find people who have done what Myra has done.



## JONATHAN GREEN

Internationally known painter and former Naples resident (the Phil's galleries hosted an exhibition of Mr. Green's work in the mid-90s, and selections from the Richard Weedman and Jonathan Green art collection was on exhibit at the Naples Museum of Art during the 2001-2002 season)



GREEN

Myra taught me a long time ago never to ask for anything, simply to present the situation. And then the people do the rest.

Don't ask. Just tell the story.

There should be more people like her. She is a driving force in the community, and not only for the arts and humanities. She has a vision and always will have a vision, no matter what she does or where she goes. She's a visionary in helping the community sustain itself in the arts and culture.

I knew her before the Phil was built, at least 25 years ago.

She has a way of helping you under-



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**Myra Janco Daniels in her office at the Phil, above, and in front of the Louise Nevelson installation at the Naples Museum of Art, right.**

stand that you're a part of it all. She's always made people very included in any and everything she wanted to do.

For someone to be in a place physically, welcoming you, enjoying seeing you... it's incredible. I know of very few people like that.

Richard and I both enjoyed having receptions at our home in conjunction with the Phil and with Friends of Art (the fundraising arm of the Patty and Jay Baker Naples Museum of Art), and we enjoyed having our collection at the museum.

Once you've been inspired by the likes of a Myra Daniels, you continue to be inspired. I am now in Charleston, S.C., building the International African-American Museum. I'm on the board. When we were leaving Naples, Myra made artichokes for Richard and me and tried to get us to stay. After telling her my story about change, she agreed with me that it would be a good thing for me to move on and reinvent myself.

Change is inevitable. It's going to happen whether you want it or not. To me, change is running out into the open field with both arms wide open. Change is moving on and incorporating what you've learned from the past into the present. It's forever a movement.

When you find the level of change you are making, you have to adapt to it. Once you do, the change becomes a joy.

Myra was a big believer in that you keep going and you never look back. You just keep moving forward.



**OLGA HIRSHHORN**

*Noted art collector, widow of Joseph Hirshhorn, founding donor of the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden in Washington, D.C.*



**HIRSHHORN**

I've known Myra since the very beginning of her idea of raising money for the Philharmonic Orchestra. I met her in the early '80s, the day she invited me for lunch. At that lun-



cheon, she told me of her dream.

It was fascinating to see how quickly she was able to raise money. She organized it so well. In no time, she had the money to build the Phil, and then 10 years ago to build the art museum.

How quickly and how efficiently she proceeded with every step up to her dream! It is wonderful she lived long enough to see it be such a wonderful organization.

The only advice I've ever given Myra was in the very beginning... She lived in Marco when she started, and my advice was that she should get a post office box number in Naples (because) no one's going to give a lot

money to Marco. She did, and she raised a lot of money.

There was nothing here when she started... It's amazing to see how step by step by step Naples has developed into a really wonderful community of the arts, visual and performing.

She has the both under the umbrella of the Phil. It's unique.

And it's nice little museum. I have my Mouse House there (a reproduction of her art-filled, 500-square-foot house in Washington, D.C.) They've done a terrific job reproducing the Mouse House.

I've had lunch and dinner with her, and at times she's done all the cooking.

She's a delicious cook. She does amazing things with food. I wish her well in her retirement.

It's going to be hard, she's been so busy these last 30 years of her life. But she'll blossom out, doing something that will benefit the community.

She's a people person and a builder of ideas. She still has a young mind.

She made the Phil and the museum happen, single-handedly, really.

She has an orchid and a street named after her, and a gallery at the museum named after her. She deserves it all.



**PETER ENTIN**

*Vice president of theater operations at the New York-based Shubert Organization*

She was a one-woman show that put (Naples) on the map. We all know that. She's created something that is so cross-cultural, multi-disciplinary. The art museum is something to behold.

She's indomitable. Indefatigable.



**HAROLYN BLACKWELL**

*Metropolitan Opera soprano, who has performed at the Phil numerous times*

Myra had this incredible vision to see that the community needed an arts center and that it would not only be about a performance hall and orchestra, but would include a museum.

I've been performing there since the '90s and I remember the first time, with Erich Kunzel conducting the orchestra, I thought, "Wow, this is amazing. This is a well-kept secret. I have to find the administrator who's running the show."



**BLACKWELL**

I met Myra and instantly fell in love with her... It was so amazing to me that this dynamo of a woman had a vision... and could build it into a first-rate arts institution... I was just bowled over.

When we finally had the opportunity to have lunch together, I just said to her, "I want to be like you when I grow up." I love her tenacity... with such style and class.

To me, she's never going to retire. For Myra, I think there will always be a new and exciting chapter to add to the book of her life. There'll be some new, brilliant project that no one else has thought of, that Myra will go, "Aha! That's what has to be done next."



**NICK SCANDALIOS**

*Chairman of the Broadway League and executive vice president of the Nederlander Organization*

The first thing I would say, is what Myra has done is truly herculean. You'd be hard pressed to find any individual in the whole country who has done what she has, in an individual city. It's amazing the complex she has built and created in her city.

I can pay her no higher compliment. I don't know anyone else in the country who has done what she's done, to the quality that she's done it. She's an extraordinary woman.

I've known her for about 10 years, I'd say. I've enjoyed an extraordinary relationship with her. I cherish it. I wish her well. I wish she were still going to be (working) with all of us.

She really is an extraordinary lady.

People should do in a lifetime what she did in her retirement. ■

# WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

## Theater

■ **Company** – By TheatreZone through Jan. 15 in the G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples. (888) 966-3352 or [www.theatrezone-florida.com](http://www.theatrezone-florida.com).

■ **12 Angry Jurors** – By The Marco Players through Jan. 29. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or [www.themarcoplayers.com](http://www.themarcoplayers.com).

■ **Moonlight & Magnolias** – By The Naples Players through Feb. 4 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org/tickets](http://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](http://www.broadwaypalm.com).

■ **Walt Whitman** – Written and performed by Will Stutts at 8 p.m. through Jan. 21 and at 2 p.m. Jan. 15 at Theatre Conspiracy at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers. 936-3239 or [www.theatreon-spiracy.org](http://www.theatreon-spiracy.org).

■ **Rock of Ages** – At the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers, through Jan. 15. 481-4849 or [www.bbannpah.com](http://www.bbannpah.com).

■ **The Year of Magical Thinking** – By Florida Repertory Theatre, Fort Myers, through Feb. 4. 332-4488 or [www.floridarep.org](http://www.floridarep.org). See story on page C17.

■ **God of Carnage** – By Florida Repertory Theatre through Jan. 31. 332-4488 or [www.floridarep.org](http://www.floridarep.org).

■ **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest** – By Laboratory Theater of Florida Jan. 13-28 at 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. 218-0481 or [www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com](http://www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com).

■ **Lunch & a Show** – The Marco Players' Box Lunch Series presents "From 42nd Street to Hollywood & Vine" at noon Jan. 14. \$25. 642-7270.

## Thursday, Jan. 12

■ **Trunk Show** – Marissa Collections presents a trunk show of spring fashions by Rena Lange today and Friday. 1167 Third St. S. 687-1148 or [www.MarissaCollections.com](http://www.MarissaCollections.com).

■ **Art Lecture** – Richard Geary, of Geary Studio/Art & Interiors, speaks on "Designing Your Environment Around



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The YMCA of the Palms 2012 Sneaker Ball is set for Jan. 21 at the Greater Naples YMCA. Enjoy a meal from Ridgway Bar & Grill and sweets and wines from Tony's Off Third wine and pastry shop, plus entertainment by The Robert Williamson Band and live and silent auctions. [www.ymcapalms.org](http://www.ymcapalms.org) or 598-5178.



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"Nice Jewish Girls Gone Bad" returns to Naples to "schtick it to the man" in a one-time performance at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits on Jan. 14. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and show time is 8 p.m. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

Art" at 6 p.m. at The von Liebig Art Center. 851-5284 or [kathleen.taylor@naplesart.org](mailto:kathleen.taylor@naplesart.org).

■ **Jazz Tunes** – The Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra presents the third concert the "All That Jazz" series at 6 and 8:30 p.m. 597-1900 or [www.ThePhil.org](http://www.ThePhil.org).

■ **Doo-Wop Sounds** – Six classic doo-wop groups perform "Ultimate Doo-Wop No. 1" at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or [www.ThePhil.org](http://www.ThePhil.org).

■ **Come to the Cabaret** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs hosts "Live at the Promenade!... It's De-Lyrical," a cabaret show by Carole Fenstermacher,



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Numerous works by E.J. Paprocki, including *Clair de lune*, the artist's oil-on-canvas interpretation of a favorite piece of music, are on exhibit at DeBruyne Fine Art, 275 Broad Ave. S. 262-4551.

at 7 p.m. at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

## Friday, Jan. 13

■ **Art Opening** – The Southwest Florida Pastel Society hosts the opening reception for its exhibit at the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs from 6-8 p.m. The exhibition runs through Jan. 26. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

■ **Free Music** – Gulf Coast Town Center presents classic oldies by The Hat Boys from 7-9 p.m. under the stars in Market Plaza. 267-0783 or [www.gulfcoast-towncenter.com](http://www.gulfcoast-towncenter.com).

## Saturday, Jan. 14

■ **Medieval Times** – The Riverdale Kiwanis Medieval Faire runs from 9 a.m.-

6 p.m. today through Sunday and Jan. 21-22 at Lakes Regional Park, Fort Myers. 369-6881.

■ **Art Event** – The Naples Artcrafters hosts an outdoor art show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Cambier Park. 250-0804 or [www.facebook.com/naplesartcrafters](http://www.facebook.com/naplesartcrafters).

■ **Wild Art** – The 14th annual Wildlife and Wildlands Art Show is set for 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. The show features 20 artists who use natural materials. 398-7687 or [www.DelnorWiggins.org](http://www.DelnorWiggins.org).

■ **Bonita Art Fest** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents the Bonita Springs National Art Festivals from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today and Sunday at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

■ **Art After Dark** – Studios and galleries in Crayton Cove offer refreshments and entertainment from 6-8 p.m. 403-8393.

■ **Neapolitan Opry** – "Cluster Pluck-in" beginning at 8 p.m. at The Norris Center features The Laws, The Bugtussle Ramblers, Scott Ritter & The Bean Pickers, The Crying and Screaming Blues Band and more. 213-3049.

## Sunday, Jan. 15

■ **Jazz in the Park** – Chill out under the sun to the sounds of Bob Zottola and the Expandable Jazz Band from 2-4 p.m. at Sugden Regional Park. \$5. [www.naples-jazzlovers.com](http://www.naples-jazzlovers.com).

■ **Jewelry Trunk Show** – Marissa Collections hosts a Lucifer vir Honestus jewelry trunk show today through Tuesday. 1167 Third Street S. 687-1148 or [www.MarissaCollections.com](http://www.MarissaCollections.com).

■ **Naples Concert Band** – Bring a lawn chair and sit back to listen to the Naples Concert Band from 2-4 p.m. in the band shell at Cambier Park. 213-3058.

## Monday, Jan. 16

■ **Art Show** – The Estero Art League's Winter Show opens at 4 p.m. on the second floor of the Bonita Health Center. The show continues through March.

■ **MLK Parade** – A parade in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. sets out at 11 a.m. along Fifth Avenue South and is followed by a celebration at Cambier Park until 3 p.m. 537-1153.

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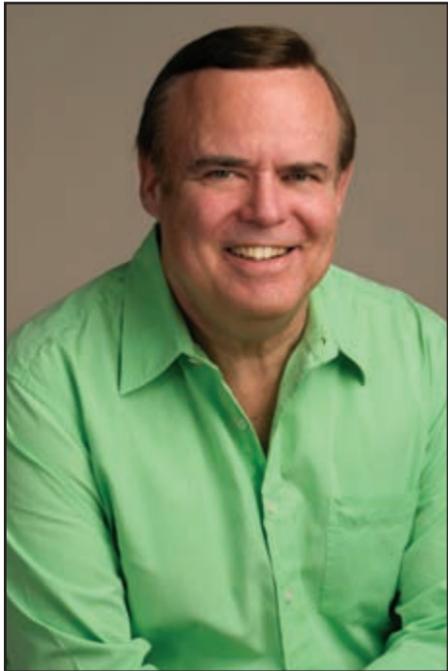
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**Tim Walkoe is a veteran headliner at more than 100 comedy clubs nationwide, including the Comedy Stop in Las Vegas and Atlantic City, Zanies, Funny Bones, Comedy Store and many more. He has also been a featured performer at the Chicago Comedy Festival for the past 4 years. He performs at the Norris Center Theater at Cambier Park Friday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$25.**

■ **Chamber Music** – Classic Chamber Concerts presents “The ‘B’ Identity I (Quintets)” at the Sugden Community Theatre. \$55. 263-7990 or www.ClassicChamberConcerts.org.

■ **Play Your Cards Right** – It’s Bingo night at the Jewish Congregation of Marco Island. The doors at 991 Winterberry Drive open at 5:30 p.m. for a free kosher hot dog supper, and the first game is called at 7 p.m. 642-0800.

## Tuesday, Jan. 17

■ **Ave Marie Tours** – Trolley tours through the Town of Ave Maria take place from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. 352-3903 or www.avemaria.com.

■ **Old Favorites** – Vocalist Nevada Wilkens and Stu Shelton on keyboard perform jazz and standards from 6:30-9:30 p.m. tonight and Jan. 31 at Handsome Harry’s, 1205 Third St. S. 434-6400.

■ **Foreign Film** – The Italian Cultural Society presents “Malena” at 6:45 p.m. at The Norris Center. \$5. www.italiancultural-society.com.

■ **Rock & Blues** – The Gregg Allman Low Country Blues Tour takes the stage at 7:30 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 481-4849 or www.bbmannpah.com.

■ **Marco Concert** – The Box Cars perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Marco Island Lutheran Church. www.theboxcars.com.

## Wednesday, Jan. 18

■ **Dinner & a Show** – The Box Cars perform at 7 p.m. at The Stage in Bonita Springs. \$35 for dinner and the show. 405-8566 or www.thestagebonita.com for reservations.

■ **Open Mic** – Fred’s Food, Fun & Spirits hosts open mic night for singers, songwriters and musicians from 7-10 p.m. 2700 Immokalee Rd. 431-7928.

## Coming up

■ **Remembering the King** – “Chris MacDonald: Memories of Elvis” comes to the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19. 481-4849 or www.bbmannpah.com.

■ **Garden Art** – “Give your Garden Personality with Uncommon Art” is presented by Brittany Patterson-Weber and Master Gardener Leah Ray from 10-11:30 a.m. Jan. 19 at Unity of Naples Church. \$7; a series card for 10 classes is \$25. 353-4244 or collier.ifas.ufl.edu.

■ **Opera Naples** – Mozart’s “Don Giovanni,” performed in Italian with English subtitles, is presented by Opera Naples Jan. 20 and 22 at Gulf Coast High School. 963-9050 or www.operanaples.org

■ **Tribute Band** – A Fleetwood Mac tribute band performs 6-9 p.m. Jan. 20 at the Naples Botanical Garden.

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

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

■ **Big Band** – The SW Florida Big Band performs runs from 2-4 p.m. Jan. 21 in the band shell at Cambier Park. 213-3058.

■ **Cars & More** – A Chili Cook-off and Beer Fest/Car Show takes place from noon-6 p.m. Jan. 21 at Bayfront Place & Marina. 649-8700.

■ **Ad Libbing** – Naples City Improv takes the stage at 8 p.m. Jan. 21 at The Norris Center. 213-3049.

■ **Marco Concert** – The first of Marco Presbyterian Church’s Music for the Soul concert series starts at 6 p.m. Jan. 22. 394-8186 or www.marcochurch.com.

■ **Talk-Show Host** – Larry King appears at 8 p.m. Jan 22 as part of the Speaker Series at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Memorial Concert** – The Voices of Naples perform Jan. 22 during Holocaust Remembrance Day services at Naples United Church of Christ. www.voicesofnaples.org.



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**Them Looking at Us** by Roxanne Buscemi is among the works by 12 local artists in *Fabulous Florida: Artists’ Insider Views of What Makes Florida Tick*, the newest exhibit at ArtGallery OldNaples2. The opening reception is from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 14, and the show will be up through Jan. 28. 1187 Eighth St. S. in Crayton Cove. 560-9569.

■ **Les Misérables** – Cameron Mackintosh’s 25th anniversary production of “Les Misérables” comes to the Philharmonic Center for the Arts Jan. 24-29. 597-1900, www.LesMis.com or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **Mozart’s Best** – The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra hits the road with Mozart’s “The Great” at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 26 at the First Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs and at 8 p.m. Jan. 27 at Wesley United Methodist Church on Marco Island. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

■ **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 the 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](mailto: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.

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# THEATER REVIEW

## 'God of Carnage' victorious at Florida Rep



firmation, to be backed up in their arguments or statements. They speak in glances, in subtle signs and cues. They realize when they've misspoken and try to backtrack, or jump in and explain their partner's comment.

### A highly complex quartet

To these four actors' credit, we believe they've been long married to each other, that their little verbal dances have been going on for years before we meet them.

This is a superlative cast, a small ensemble that works together like a chamber group, their dialogue a concerto of changing moods and recurring themes.

Mr. Clavelli plays lawyer Alan with chilling efficiency. Brisk, curt and blunt, he has little patience or time for small talk or politeness. If it's a dog-eat-dog world, Alan definitely sees himself as top dog.

Mr. Bockhorn, on the other hand, is a self-made man. He's a doughy, affable guy we feel for when he's forced to make small talk with the other couple; his awkwardness and discomfort is palpable.

Ms. Delaney plays her character as someone who's overly polite and tightly wound. Eventually, aided by rum, she snaps.

Ms. Lund's character initially seems to be the voice of reason in the play, but there's a touch of overbearing self-righteousness there too.

All four characters are highly complex, and this quartet's intense, one-act performance is nothing short of stunning, an awe-inspiring tour de force. Emotions run the gamut as the action careens along like an out-of-control car, alliances changing from one minute to the next.

### Wonderfully unpredictable

In many ways, "God of Carnage" is similar in tone to Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" While the dialogue and events are horrifying, they're also humorous.

The playwright has called her work "a theater of nerves" and told the *Los Angeles Times* that, "Above all, my plays are about people who are well-raised



**GOD OF CARNAGE**  
BY YASMINA REZA

but who lose control of themselves."

It is difficult to discuss the play's plot in any detail without giving anything away. Suffice it to say, the couples' meeting quickly deteriorates and as social masks drop, the four reveal themselves to be no better behaved than their sons. By the end of the evening, they've regressed into Neanderthals. They show their true selves: unethical, uncaring, misogynistic, homophobic, racist. One character cheerfully admits that his son is a savage. Another cop to having willfully murdered their child's pet hamster, and shows absolutely no remorse.

"Children consume our lives and then destroy them," one declares.

This play, which was so popular on Broadway, is now being produced by regional theaters across the country. It's easy to see why: There are only four characters, and just one set. Guest director Dennis Lee Delaney does well within these constraints, especially with his staging. And his choice of music at the play's opening and close is especially inspired.

But "God of Carnage" is also popular because it's so wonderfully layered and about so many things: It examines whether having responsibility for others

has any limits, from not holding loud personal conversations on cell phones to doing something about the genocide in Darfur. It's about the textures of relationships in a marriage. It examines the degrees of caring for our children, and questions when healthy parental love turns into obsession or over-protection.

And above all, it's just an intriguing, dramatic, unpredictable play that grabs your brain and your gut. It hits you viscerally, but also leaves you thinking about it in the days to follow.

Robert Wolfen's set is spectacular: a mid-50s décor, with animal prints scattered throughout, reflecting not only Veronica's interest in and travels to Africa, but the playwright's assertion that life is a jungle. There are carved animal heads on the bookcase, zebra and giraffe patterns on the couch pillows, leopard prints on the chairs and ottomans.

The walls themselves have repetitive cutout patterns in the shape of old-fashioned TV screens or windows. It's a modern, minimalist set.

Costume designer Roberta Malcolm has dressed the Novaks in earth tones and casual clothes, while the Raleighs are both in tailored gray suits.

This is an adult play with mature language and themes, not really appropriate for — or comprehensible by — children, though some did attend on opening night.

Powerful and emotionally charged, it left me exhausted, but exhilarated.

Like Florida Rep's productions of "Doubt" and "August: Osage County" in previous seasons, "God of Carnage" is sure to leave audiences talking about it long after the final bows. ■

It's a jungle out there.

But that's OK, playwright Yasmina Reza seems to say, because underneath our Armani suits, we're all savages at heart.

Her Tony Award-winning play, "God of Carnage" (at the Florida Repertory Theatre through Jan. 22), starts out calmly enough: Two couples, the Raleighs and the Novaks, meet to discuss an altercation their 11-year-old sons had on the playground. The Raleighs' son hit the Novaks' son with a stick, knocking out two teeth.

Initially, there's nervous laughter, polite smiles, awkward silences, as the parents try to come to a consensus about what should happen next. Should the boys meet? Will the attacker apologize to his victim? Does he understand the seriousness of his actions? Is he truly sorry?

But soon, social niceties are stripped away and raw emotions spew out like raw sewage.

Veronica (Carrie Lund) and Michael (Craig Bockhorn) politely press for an apology, and Alan (Chris Clavelli) and Annette (Shelley Delaney) are initially contrite about their son's actions.

But gradually, the tenor of the meeting changes.

Alan, a lawyer, keeps answering his cell phone instead of engaging in the discussion at hand. Veronica and Michael are dismayed by his rudeness, and Annette grows increasingly agitated over her husband's actions and what is obviously his chronic disregard of her and her feelings.

The playwright hits the bull's eye in using this device as an example of crumbling civility in our society.

Alan's constant phone calls are an escalating irritant, yet he feels he's the one who's been wronged when he realizes they've heard every word of his loud conversations.

We begin to see tiny cracks, then large fissures, in the marriages of both couples who initially presented united fronts.

Like long-married partners do, they look to each other for support, for con-

**in the know**

**"God of Carnage"**

- >> **When:** Through Jan. 22
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## Two roles open for Players' 'A Picasso'

Open auditions for The Naples Players' production of "A Picasso" are set for 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Sugden Community Theatre. No appointments are necessary.

Open roles are for a man about 60 years old and a woman age 35-50.

The play by Jeffery Hatcher takes place in 1941 in an underground bunker in war-torn Paris. An enigmatic female officer from the Nazi Ministry of Culture interrogates the world famous painter, Pablo Picasso, who has been summoned to authenticate three paintings confiscated from their enemy owners. With his work and possibly his life at stake, Picasso must

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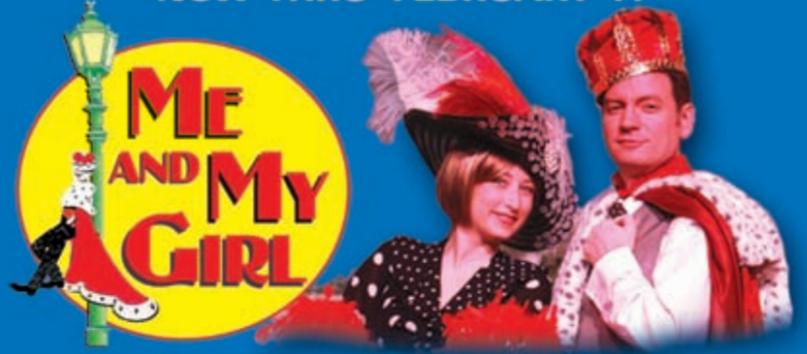
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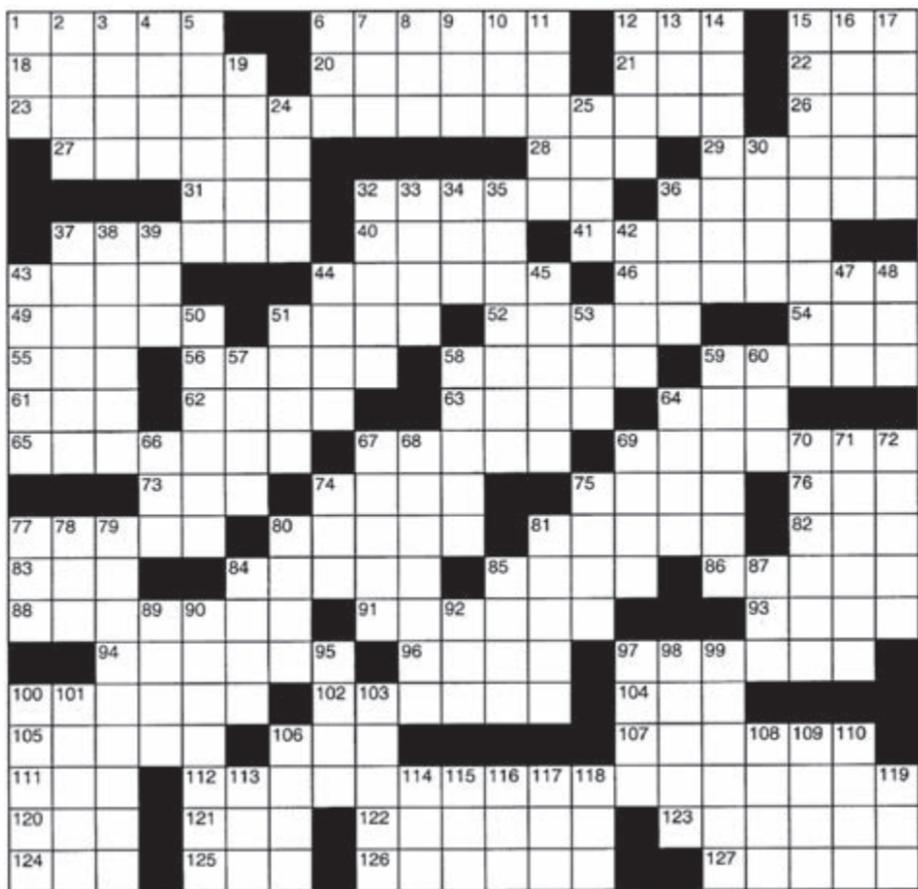
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  - 23 Mitch Miller hit
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  - 27 Throw a line to
  - 28 She's a sheep date
  - 29 Bakery display
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  - 36 Most mammoth
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  - 43 Black and white
  - 44 Bing Crosby hit
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  - 49 Tilden's opponent
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  - 52 Slip of the tongue
  - 54 Tax shelter
  - 55 Animated Olive
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  - 58 Word with tea or pepper
  - 59 Get more magazines
  - 61 Jack of "Flower Drum Song"
  - 62 Be — unto oneself
  - 63 Tear to bits
  - 64 Marry
  - 65 Patti Page hit
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  - 73 Tenor Slezak
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  - 82 Winter hazard
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  - 11 Look like Hook?
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  - 15 Mamas & Papas hit
  - 16 "Golden Boy" dramatist
  - 17 Dress part
  - 19 Turns about
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  - 30 Taj town
  - 32 G-sharp's keymate
  - 33 Chow
  - 34 Creepy Christopher
  - 35 Stuck fast
  - 36 Munich mister
  - 37 Kindergarten item
  - 38 Defeat
  - 39 Affirmative vote
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  - 43 That's the spirit
  - 44 Make tea
  - 45 Worth or Papas
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  - 48 Damp and chilly
  - 50 Cleaned a carp
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  - 53 Cabernet color
  - 57 Voice type
  - 58 It's run of the mill?
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  - 66 Wayfarer's whistle wetter
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  - 69 Propel with a pole
  - 70 Entertainer Kazan
  - 71 Played soccer
  - 72 Zones
  - 74 Third degree?
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  - 77 SHAEF commander
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  - 79 Johnny Horton hit
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  - 90 Nocturnal visitor
  - 92 Subway unit
  - 95 Merit
  - 97 It's a long story
  - 98 Caustic
  - 99 Conversation pieces?
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  - 101 Clerical title
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## HOROSCOPES

■ **CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Your need to succeed might overwhelm obligations to your loved ones. Ease up on that workload and into some well-deserved time with family and friends.

■ **AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Love rules for amorous Aquarians who can make good use of their ability to communicate feelings. Don't be surprised if they're reciprocated in kind.

■ **PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Fishing for compliments? No doubt, you probably earned them. But it's best to let others believe they were the ones who uncovered the treasure you really are.

■ **ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Guess what, Lamb? You're about to experience a new perspective on a situation you long regarded quite differently. What you learn could open more opportunities later.

■ **TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The Bold Bovine is tempted to charge into a new venture. But it might be best to take things one step at a time, so that you know just where you are at any given point.

■ **GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to go on that fun getaway you've been planning. You'll return refreshed, ready and, yes, even eager to tackle the new challenge that awaits you.

■ **CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child loves to fantasize about

magical happenings in the early part of the week. But the sensible Crab gets down to serious business by week's end.

■ **LEO** (July 23 to August 22) What goes around comes around for those lucky Leos and Leonas whose acts of generosity could be repaid with opportunities to expand into new and exciting areas of interest.

■ **VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your concern about your job responsibilities is commendable. But you need to take some quiet time to share with someone who has really missed being with you.

■ **LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Aspects favor getting out and meeting new people. And as a bonus, you might find that some of your newly made friends could offer important business contacts.

■ **SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You might take pride in wanting to do everything yourself. But now's a good time to ask family members to help with a demanding personal situation.

■ **SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Pay more attention to the possibilities in that workplace change. It could show the way to make that long-sought turn on your career path.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** Your good works flow from an open, generous heart. Nothing makes you happier than to see others happy as well. ■

By Linda Thistle

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# LATEST FILMS

## Worst of 2011



It is both a blessing and a curse that in 2011 (more so than in any prior year but no doubt establishing a trend that will continue) studios screened a lot less of their awful content for critics. What this means is that I was not invited to see certain movies — and in some cases, I was uninvited.

This is why I did not see the generally reviled “In Time,” “The Darkest Hour,” “Shark Night 3D,” “The Three Musketeers,” “Drive Angry” or “Apollo 18,” among others.

That said, I did see plenty of dreck. Here are my picks for the worst of 2011.

■ **“Red Riding Hood”** – A red cloak, a talking wolf, terrible performances and a large metal elephant. Sounds like an awful porno flick, but it actually describes “Red Riding Hood,” one of the worst fairy tale adaptations you’ll ever see. The story was illogical, the production design was drab, and those hoping Amanda Seyfried’s hotness would make it worthwhile were disappointed by her baggy clothes and sulking.

■ **“Arthur”** – Now if the werewolf would’ve eaten Russell Brand in “Arthur,” then we’d be on to something. Too bad it didn’t, because this would-be comedy wasn’t at all funny, and Brand played the title role as an unlikeable louse we never give a damn about. And is it just me, or does Brand always look like he smells?

■ **“Scream 4”** – To prove how important an ending is, the last 10 minutes of “Scream 4” have the dumbest, most insanely idiotic ending I’ve ever seen. If it stopped after the first ending, however, with Sidney (Neve Campbell) dying and a new killer on the loose, it would have been a brilliant way to continue the franchise. Instead, it opted for tacked-on formulaic nonsense that didn’t work, never could have worked and ruined the entire movie.

■ **“Green Lantern”** – On one hand, I appreciate Ryan Reynolds’ handsomeness and charm. On the other, there’s just no way his skin-tight suit was enough for me to enjoy “Green Lantern,” a movie so overladen with visual effects it made my head spin. Then the 3D (and Blake Lively) made everything worse.

■ **“Cowboys & Aliens”** – The biggest disappointment of the year, however, came with “Cowboys & Aliens.” Harrison Ford

and Daniel Craig have played the most iconic action heroes of the last 40 years (Han Solo/Indiana Jones and James Bond, respectively), but at no point do they give this movie hope of being anything more than insipid trash. Worse, Jon Favreau (Iron Man) directed it like a straight drama, meaning it was zero fun. What a sad misfire.

■ **“Spy Kids: All The Time In The World”** – It wasn’t just that the story, visual effects and 3D were terrible in “Spy Kids: All The Time In The World,” it was the Aromascope that made this a real disaster. The idea was to scratch a number on the Aromascope card every time that number appeared on screen, but I kid you not, every number smelled the same. This is a good thing, though, because otherwise we would’ve smelled vomit for 90 minutes.

■ **“Johnny English Reborn”** – Americans will just never find Rowan Atkinson funny. He’s a silent comedian in the sound era, and his impish little expressions, coy faux innocence and overall inability to make us laugh is tiring. Stay home in Britain where subtle humor is most appreciated, Mr. Atkinson — and for the love of mercy, stop exporting crap like “Johnny English Reborn” onto American movie screens.

■ **“The Sitter”** – Fat Jonah Hill usually means good Jonah Hill, but there was nothing good about “The Sitter.” The story, about an unwilling babysitter who takes bratty kids into New York City so he can buy drugs for the girl who uses him, was full of predictable jokes and unfunny scenarios. Usually Hill’s one-liners and I-don’t-give-a-damn demeanor are enough for a few laughs, but nothing worked here.

■ **“The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part One”** — And finally, the worst of the year — and the movie that literally made me angry to watch — “The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn, Part One.” Ever wish you could un-see something? The slow pace, hideously stupid characters and illogical plot were bad enough, but even worse was this: I’ve been waiting for four movies for that whiny bitch Bella to die, and as a cruel joke in this one, she dies but then is undead. Of course, she did have full makeup and eyeliner on when she was born again, so that was realistic. I don’t hate many movies, but I HATED this.

So here’s to a better 2012, one in which movie stars continue to flourish, new talent bursts onto the scene and somehow, we are spared “Breaking Dawn, Part 2” come November. Please? ■



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# FLORIDA WRITERS

## A taut thriller conjures huge neo-Nazi threat



■ **“Hitler’s Silver Box,”** by Allen Malnak. Two Harbors Press. 328 pages. \$16.95.

“Every family has a secret, but Uncle Max’s could wreak havoc on the world.” Such is the official product description for this exciting thriller. Indeed, everything is at stake. What can an over-worked young physician do about it?

Dr. Bruce Starkman’s responsibilities as chief ER resident at Chicago’s Cook County Hospital are interrupted by the news of his uncle’s mysterious death. Uncle Max, the owner of a small bookstore, would seem to have died of natural causes, but there are some suggestions of foul play. Who would wish to murder this seemingly innocuous senior citizen?

Readers know what’s up long before Bruce finds out, as the first chapter of the book lays out a situation in which Max is threatened and tortured by neo-Nazis who ask him for a special box. Max’s refusal to give them what they want or tell them where it is leads to his death.

What arouses Bruce’s suspicion? Well, that his Orthodox uncle is cremated (against Jewish law) and that something is not right about the funeral home paperwork. As Bruce attempts to settle

his uncle’s affairs, more questions come up and there is always a difficult path to partial answers.

Is it a coincidence that Bruce’s ex-girlfriend, a woman who might be considered Max’s confidante and someone who shared his suspicions, dies suddenly? And who is the mysterious man who seems to have unsuccessfully attempted to save her — a man who suggested to Bruce that it would be best not to involve the police? And why was Bruce’s friend on the police force suddenly called away and replaced by a subordinate?

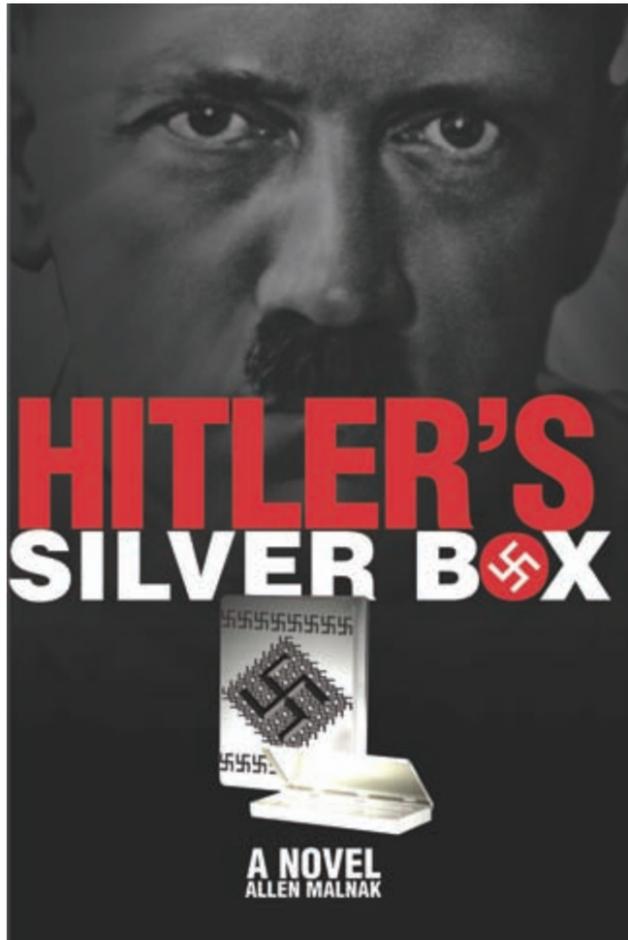
And how does Bruce himself become a suspect?

The answers, as one might expect from the title, have to do with events from Max’s life as a teenager during the Holocaust.

More specifically, the answers involve records from the Theresianstadt concentration camp and the mind-blowing contents of the silver box that, we discover, was crafted under duress by a young prisoner, Bruce’s Uncle Max, who later escaped hid the box.

Bruce discovers Max’s journal and with that discovery he commits himself to following through on foiling the neo-Nazi plot that demands retrieval of the box and its contents —detailed plans for the resurgence of Nazi power and worldwide domination.

Along the way, Bruce meets an Israel-



younger Angelina Jolie in the movie. They join forces in an attempt to find the box ahead of the neo-Nazi leaders and their thugs.

The plot moves from Chicago to Paris to the Czech Republic with heart-pounding energy and tantalizing danger. Allen Malnak’s descriptions of place, so vividly detailed, help make the story credible. The settings — whether interior or exterior, old or new, day or night — draw the reader in. So, too, does the evolving character of Dr. Bruce Starkman, who shifts from one kind of life-saving commitment to another.

In addition, Mr. Malnak, a retired physician living in Bonita Springs, has summoned up a cast of villains to die for.

“Hitler’s Silver Box” is one of those first novels that should have found a major trade publisher. The advanced reading copy that I was given to review suffers a bit from ineffective page design, which detracts from the reading experience. The suspenseful, gripping narrative is worth the effort, however, and the nightmarish premise is made frighteningly plausible. ■

li security official, Miriam, who is perhaps a bit too much of a brazen, brainy, martial and sexually magnetic stereotype Israeli babe. I imagine a somewhat

frightingly plausible. ■

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# FLORIDA WRITERS

## The author's story behind 'Hitler's Silver Box'

BY DR. ALLEN MALNAK

Special to Florida Weekly

When my father came to America in 1906 at age 16, he had only one distant relative in this country. He left behind in Kovno, Lithuania, a large family, including his parents, eight brothers and sisters, cousins, aunts and uncles. They ranged in age from the elderly to babies.

Dad died of natural causes during World War II, and immediately following the war, my late brother Lewis and I began to try to track down our father's European family. I was just 16 when the war ended. We wrote letters to everyone we could think of, and after about a year received a detailed reply from the International Red Cross. Nazi records as well as witness reports indicated that all members of dad's family had been murdered either in or near Kovno or after transfer to a death camp. Every man, woman and child.

So, one entire side of my family was destroyed by the Nazis.

Of course, I became interested in the Holocaust and began reading articles about it even during my high school and college years.

During my internship at Chicago's Cook County Hospital, I read a short book, "Doctors of Infamy," which covered many



MALNAK

horrendous medical experiments performed on concentration camp prisoners by Nazi physicians. The book was so disturbing that after reading it, I tossed it into a garbage can.

My next book on the subject was Elie Weisel's "Night." I then became occupied with my professional career as well as with my growing family for many years.

When I reached the age of 40, I decided I owed it to my dead family members to engage in a real study of that terrible time. I then spent perhaps two or three years of my limited free time reading every book I could find on the Holocaust.

Years later, I retired from the practice and teaching of internal medicine, and my wife and I moved to Bonita Springs. I noticed in the local paper an article describing a course in writing fiction being held at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts in Naples. The teacher was Hollis Alpert, a well-known novelist, biographer and short story editor as well as a movie critic.

I took classes with Mr. Alpert for a couple of years. He would give us assignments, often listing several subjects that we should use as the basis of a short story. He would critique each story and at the next weekly session read some of them to the class.

One topic I picked was titled "A Silver Box." For some reason, I decided to write it about a concentration camp prisoner at the Theresienstadt who was forced by a Nazi colonel to make a silver box that would be a present for Adolph Hitler.

After reading the story in class, Mr. Alpert suggested it could be expanded into a novel, and that started the process that eventually led to "Hitler's Silver Box."

Having put the novel aside for a number of years, the reason I decided to finish it had to do with comments on the website of a local newspaper from two self-admitted neo-Nazis who literally bragged about their admiration for Hitler and the murderous Waffen SS. Their comments were racist and anti-Semitic to the extreme.

While "Hitler's Silver Box" is a work of fiction, it's loosely based on the fact that during the Second World War, Nazi scientists worked up to the war's end on a multitude of secret weapons on which Hitler pinned his hopes for a last ditch victory. These weapon systems ranged from very long range rockets that could be fired from underground bases to alternative physics, robotic warriors, new energy sources, radical germ warfare and, of course, nuclear weapons.

In the novel, the facts were modified to suggest that many objects that were later called UFOs were also developed by Nazi scientists in concealed locations, and various secret laboratories were set up around the world, including in areas of both Arctic and Antarctic wastes where explorers had never trekked.

"Hitler's Silver Box" further develops this to suggest that as Allied Armies closed in on Germany from east and west, it became apparent to his top generals that the war would be lost. With Hitler's reluctant approval, a group of high-

ranking Nazi officials decided it would be prudent to plan for a Fourth Reich. This would require keeping these scientists funded and working for many years. All knowledge about them including their exact locations as well as their discoveries would have to be kept secret until the time was right.

Thus the vital importance of the sole document containing this information placed inside the silver box made especially for Hitler. The box was taken from the Nazis in 1945 and hidden in a forest in what is now the Czech Republic.

Writing the novel required considerable research. Having worked during my training and military service in a number of emergency rooms as well as having been medical director of a large ER department in Chicago's Mount Sinai Hospital, I was familiar with that aspect of the story. I studied articles and books on life in Theresienstadt concentration camp and had to learn a great deal about silver-smithing. ■

in the know

### Meet the author

- >> **Who:** Bonita Springs resident Dr. Allen Malnak
- >> **What:** "Hitler's Silver Box" book discussion and signing
- >> **When:** 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27
- >> **Where:** Beth Tikvah of Naples, 1459 Pine Ridge Road
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Tickets start at \$49.

■ Art educator and lecturer Joan Jacobs presents **“What Makes a Vermeer Special?”** the second class in the Lifelong Learning “Art Talk” series, at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17. Ms. Jacobs’ presentations reflect her extensive travels throughout the United States and Europe and are complemented by her wealth of museum-quality images that enrich the lectures and enhance students’ learning experience.

Tickets are \$40. The “Art Talk” series continues with “An Artistic Walk around Florence, Italy” on Feb. 14; “Renoir Part I: Impressionist,” Feb. 28; “Renoir Part II: Road to Success,” March 6; and “Renoir Part III: Official Recognition.” March 20.

■ The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra opens a new Pops Series with **“Music of the Baby Boomers: The Beat Goes On”** at 8 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, Jan. 17-20, and at 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21. Six singers will join

maestro Jack Everly and the orchestra to turn back the clock to the 1960s, when the “Fab Four” took the world by storm, the Beach Boys made summer “endless” and the Supremes put Motown on the map.

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■ Legendary talk-show host **Larry King** appears as part of the Phil’s Speaker Series at 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22. For more than 25 years, CNN’s “Larry King Live” provided a forum for some of the most topical, intelligent and entertaining talk on television. Prior to “Larry King Live,” Mr. King hosted a nationally syndicated radio show. Throughout his half century in broadcasting, he has conducted more than 40,000 interviews, from Marlon Brando to Michael Jordan to Mikhail Gorbachev.

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

Tickets start at \$119.

■ **The Bronx Wanderers** bring their harmonies and musicianship to the Daniels Pavilion for performances at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. The ensemble includes Vinny Adinolfi, who worked with Dion, and Jimmy Fracassi, original lead guitarist with the Earls.

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**“Scarlett Premiere”** at 8 p.m. Tuesday-Wednesday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, with the NPO, led by conductor Gary Sheldon. A dance preview with Miami City Ballet Founding Artistic Director/CEO Edward Villella begins one hour prior to each performance.

Naples audiences will be treated to a historic premiere “Viscera,” the new dance by Liam Scarlett, the Royal Ballet’s most successful young choreographer. Commissioned by MCB, this work is Mr. Scarlett’s first dance created for an American company.

Tickets start at \$69.

Grab your dark glasses and porkpie hat for **“Blues Brothers, The Original Tribute,”** which takes the stage at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3. Jake and Elwood Blues are joined by the sassy Bluettes in this acclaimed concert that pays tribute to the coolest act in the land. Selections include Blues Brothers staples such as “Soul Man,” “Everybody,” “Green Onions” and “Respect,” among many others.

Tickets start at \$49.

Sarasota Opera, accompanied by the **Sarasota Opera Orchestra, presents “Carmen”** at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7. Complete with passion, jealousy, tragedy and unforgettable music, Bizet’s timeless masterpiece has everything that makes for great opera as it tells the fiery story of two men’s love for the beguiling gypsy Carmen. Performed in French with English super-titles.

Tickets start at \$129.

Rock on when Foreigner makes its Philharmonic Center debut at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8. Foreigner has sold more than 70 million albums and charted 14 hit singles, among them “Hot Blooded,” “Cold as Ice,” “Waiting for a Girl Like You,” “Jukebox Hero” and “Double Vision.”

Tickets start at \$62.

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

Tickets start at \$49.

**The Hit Men**, made up of five rock veterans including members of the Four Seasons, Tommy James and the Shondells and band members with Elton John, Cat Stevens and Jim Croce perform at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 11-12.

The Hit Men are Gerry Polci, Lee Shapiro and Don Ciccone, all of whom were members of Frankie Valli & the Four Seasons, along with Jim Ryan, who played with Carly Simon and Rod Stewart, and Larry Gates, whose credits include Carole King and Bon Jovi.

Tickets start at \$42.

— *The Philharmonic Center for the Arts is at 5833 Pelican Bay Blvd., Naples. For more information or to order tickets, call 597-1900 or visit [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).*

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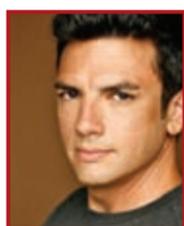


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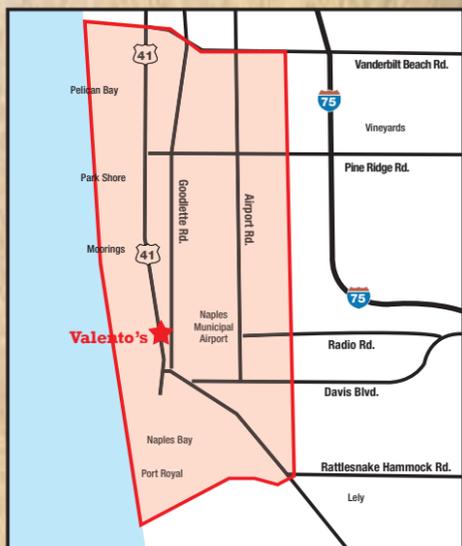
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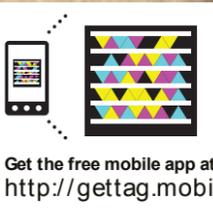
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## ETC... Readers' Theatre returns to the stage

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

Tickets for \$10 go on sale Jan. 19 and will be available at the box office as well as 30 minutes before curtain time (if available).

The plays are:

■ "Fourteen," a comedy of manners by Alice Gerstenberg - Society hostess Mrs. Pringle throws a dinner party to which she has invited the cream of society, including the most eligible bachelor in town, who is to be impressed both by her status as a hostess and by the charm of her only daughter, Elaine.

■ "The Ryan Interview," a drama of change by Arthur Miller - This is a moving portrait of a man who has lived through a century of change and an illuminating sketch of a modern woman who expects little more than a visit to an old guy who will be a curio for her readers. It turns out that his humanity is what really begins to attach itself to her, and she begins to see what might have been missing in her own life: a useable past.

■ "Airfield," a light-hearted jaunt by Bob Tucker - Fred and Lucy seem to have stumbled onto a real fly-by-night

outfit when they sign up with Young Yettie Airways to fly to Barcelona. No hospitality, no departure lounge, not even any seats. And now there are delays and they might have to fly via Dublin... or is there something else afoot?

■ "4 a.m.: Open All Night," a comic playlet by Bob Krakower - Jim (the cook) talks with a customer while a third man drinks coffee a few stools away.

The talkative guy feels constricted by his girlfriend, who doesn't understand why he'd get up, get dressed and head for the diner in the middle of the night. As he talks, a woman walks in, and they exchange glances. Will he say hi? Will she smile in response? With the others urging him to speak to the woman, he screws up his courage to the sticking point as the clock ticks.

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

For more information, call 263-7990. ■



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### "Sex, Lies and Audio Tapes"

- >>Who: ETC... Readers' Theatre
- >>When: 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 19
- >>Where: The Sugden Community Theatre
- >>Tickets: \$10 available beginning Jan. 19
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# 'Magical Thinking'

Studio Theatre at Florida Rep presents Joan Didion adaptation

"The Year of Magical Thinking," adapted from Joan Didion's best-selling memoir and starring Sara Morsey, runs through Feb. 4 at Florida Repertory Theatre's intimate 90-seat Studio Theatre in downtown Fort Myers.

Published as a memoir in 2005, "The Year of Magical Thinking" became an instant best seller and won the National Book Award for nonfiction. Ms. Didion adapted it for the stage in 2007. The play chronicles the year she spent coping with her daughter's grave illness and the sudden loss of her husband of 40 years.

Starring Vanessa Redgrave, the play was an instant Broadway sensation and ran for more than 144 performances.

At Florida Rep, Ms. Morsey was seen most recently as the acid-tongued, pill-addicted matriarch, Violet Weston, in last season's electrifying "August: Osage County." Her other Florida Rep roles include Carol in "The Last Romance" and the iconic Amanda Wingfield in "The Glass Menagerie."

Director Maureen Heffernan is another regular guest artist with Florida Rep. Her work with the company includes "All my Sons," "Master Class," "Art," "Rabbit Hole," "Doubt," "Opus" and Florida Rep's recent nationally acclaimed productions of "Sylvia" and "Dancing at Lughnasa." A New Jersey resident, Ms. Heffernan is an award-winning director who's worked extensively

in the Northeast with some of America's top regional companies.

"I cannot imagine a better team than Sara Morsey and Maureen Heffernan working on this play," Robert Cacioppo, proucing artistic director, says. "Artists of the highest caliber, they treat this very delicate subject matter with the utmost care and respect."

Ms. Morsey and Ms. Heffernan are joined by a creative team including set designer Christopher Simpson ("The Santaland Diaries"), lighting and sound designer Kate Smith ("It's a Wonderful Life"), production stage manager Julie Richardson ("King o' the Moon") and costume designer Judith Skyles.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and at 2 p.m. Wednesdays, Sundays and select Saturdays. The run also features a 7 p.m. twilight performance on Sunday, Jan. 15.

Tickets for \$40 are available by calling 332-4488 or visiting [www.floridarep.org](http://www.floridarep.org). ■



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40x30" Image "Gathering Seashells" \$9,500

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**Saturday, January 21 – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

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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](mailto:RSVP@naplespressclub.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.

Cost is \$10. For more information and reservations, call 262-2259 or e-mail [conskind@aol.com](mailto:conskind@aol.com).

■ **The Ohio State Alumni Club of Naples** holds its monthly happy hour social from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, in the Parrot Room at Harold's Place. Everyone is welcome. RSVP by calling 248-7408 or e-mailing [jimdebs@comcast.net](mailto:jimdebs@comcast.net).

■ **Keshers SWFL**, a new social group for Jewish young professionals, kicks off with "Schmooze and Brews" from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at Doc's Beach House in Bonita Springs. All are welcome. For more information, e-mail [outreach@kesherswfl.org](mailto:outreach@kesherswfl.org).

■ **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 or 992-

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# 'Cold-painted bronze' popular Art Deco era metal treatment



What is "cold-painted bronze?" The term is used online to describe colorful bronze or spelter figures, but almost no one explains what it means. One online forum offers dozens of answers, all wrong, because the bloggers are contemporary artists familiar with a modern process called "cold patina." The artist covers the metal with chemicals like cupric chloride and ammonium chloride to create a bluish green patina. The finish will wear off unless you cover it with a fixative and then maybe wax. Cold-painting was a technique popular during the Art Deco period, which started in the 1920s. Bronze figures, most of them made in Vienna, were actually covered with enamel paint. The result is a very colorful figure or lamp. Small Viennese animals and other figures, often under 2 inches tall, were especially popular and sell today for \$100 to \$200. Art Deco figurines of women, often dancing, were made of bronze or spelter (white metal) for the main part, ivory for the hands and faces. Again, the metal part was colored with a special paint. Another group of cold-painted bronzes were scenes depicting Arabs in tents or on camels. Many had a small light bulb inside and were used as night-lights or lamps. The best known of these figures were made by "Namgreb," the mark used by Franz Bergman (1861-1936), who reversed his name to make it sound more exotic.

Signed pieces sell for hundreds of dollars today. If you have a cold-painted bronze or spelter figure, be careful. The paint chips easily. Do not use metal polish or any chemical cleaner on them. Just dust or wipe with a damp cloth.

Q: I was given an original invitation to the inauguration of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy and Vice President Lyndon Baines Johnson dated Jan. 20, 1961. I would

like to know if it's worth anything and who might want it.

A: The inauguration of President Kennedy and Vice President Johnson was held on the East Portico of the U.S. Capitol. Since 1981, most inaugurations have been held on the West Front of the Capitol. The 1961 inauguration included several "firsts," including the first Catholic president-elect, the first time both parents of the president-elect attended their son's inauguration and the first time a poet (Robert Frost) participated in the ceremony. It was also the first time the parade was televised in color and the first time Army flame-throwers were used to clear snow from the path of the parade. Kennedy was the last president to wear a stovepipe hat to his inauguration.

Some invitations include the words "Please present the enclosed card of admission," but many more were issued to the public as souvenirs. Invitations to the 1961 inauguration have sold for \$60 to \$150 or more.

Those with the original mailer are worth more than those without it.

Q: We have a 10-piece walnut dining room set made by the Phoenix Furniture Co. of Grand Rapids, Mich. The heavy Victorian-style set includes a table with three leaves and six chairs, buffet, server and china closet. Each piece has either m a c h i n e carvings or applied decorations. Is the set antique?

A: The Phoenix Furniture Co. was founded in Grand Rapids in 1872. The company was acquired by Robert Irwin in 1911. He merged Phoenix with another furniture company in 1919 to form the Robert W. Irwin Co. But the Phoenix Furniture Co. name continued to be used on its original lines until at least 1926. A set made before 1912 is "antique." Pieces in various revival styles were manufactured by Phoenix or Irwin from about 1890 until the late 1910s.



This cold-painted figure depicts an Arab man with a pipe seated in front of a rug and a lit tower. The lamp is 13 inches high and 6 inches wide. It's unmarked but still sold in October 2011 for \$763 at Cowan's Auctions in Cincinnati.

Q: I have a Star Trek classic brass belt buckle that reads "Star Trek Lives!" on the top and pictures the USS Enterprise in the middle of a star field. On the bottom right it reads, "These are the voyages. . ." The back reads "Tiffany Studio, New York." Can you give me some information on this?

A: Brass buckles marked "Tiffany" have been around since the 1960s, but Tiffany did not make them. Star Trek buckles like yours show up for sale online for high prices and very low prices, but they usually sell for \$5 or \$10. Other common buckles supposedly made by Tiffany include Wells Fargo buckles and Civil War uniform buckles. They were made to look old but date from no earlier than the 1960s. The original "Star Trek" TV series ran from 1966 through 1969. It was followed by an animated TV series, three TV sequels and a TV prequel. The first "Star Trek" movie was released in 1979, and 10 others followed, the most recent in 2009. Production will begin on another sequel in 2012. Value of your buckle: under \$20.

Q: I inherited eight life-size copper figures of insects, lobsters, shrimp, crabs and crayfish. They were all made in Japan years ago and have Japanese signatures on them. Their arms, legs and other body parts move on hinges. Can you tell me something about them and if they're valuable?

A: You may have a group of valuable ornamental figurines called "jizai okimono." They are realistic metal figures of animals. Experts believe they were first made by armor craftsmen in Japan in the 18th century. They are still being made. Depending on condition, artistry and age, a single figure can sell for more than \$1,000.

Tip: If your old ivory-beaded necklace is becoming yellow, do not clean it. Yellowing is just a sign of age. ■

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■ **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.

■ **The Naples Orchid Society** celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2012 and has chosen the ghost orchid, an orchid native to Southwest Florida that only exists in the wild, as its golden anniversary logo. All funds raised this year will benefit Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary's education program.

Society meetings and events take place at Moorings Presbyterian Church.

The celebratory season kicks off with a buffet dinner and silent auction beginning at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2. Wynn's Catering will provide the meal, and guest speaker Michael Coronado of R.F. Orchids in Homestead, Fla., will discuss the recent World Orchid Conference and his orchid trip to Indonesia.

Cost is \$25 for NOS members and \$35 for others. Sign up at [www.naplesorchid-society.org](http://www.naplesorchid-society.org). For more information, e-mail [info@naplesorchidsociety.org](mailto:info@naplesorchidsociety.org).

■ **Women's Cultural Alliance**, an affinity group of the Jewish Federation of Collier County, has 700 members and more than 250 courses, events and trips planned for the new season. Annual membership is \$60.

For more information, call Jane Hersch

at 948-0003 or visit [www.womensculturalalliance.com](http://www.womensculturalalliance.com).

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

Tickets are \$85. For more information, visit [www.naplesgardenclub.org](http://www.naplesgardenclub.org) or e-mail [info@naplesgardenclub.org](mailto:info@naplesgardenclub.org).

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

The program will be by Jennie Sterling, recipient of the Sogetsu school of Ikebana Riji degree, the highest degree for students in Sogetsu. Ms. Sterling has belonged to Ikebana chapters in Florida, Georgia, South Africa, Australia and 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](http://www.ikebananaples.com).

■ **The Naples Newcomers Club** welcomes women who have been permanent residents of Naples for no more than five years and who want to meet others who are new to the area.

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

Prospective members are invited to coffee at 10 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month. For meeting locations and more information, call 298-4083 or visit [www.naplesnewcomers.com](http://www.naplesnewcomers.com).

■ Save the date for the **Zonta Club of Naples'** seventh annual "Make A Difference" fashion show, auction and luncheon set for Friday, March 30, at The Club at the Strand. Proceeds will benefit the PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee and Naples Teenage Parenting Program (TAPP), the Sally Sitta Awards for Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology in Health Sciences, Zonta International Amelia Earhart Fellowships and Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarships.

To donate silent auction items or become a sponsor, call Bernie Garabed at 571-2466.

To purchase tickets, call Jane Kolczun at 245-8173 or visit [www.zonta-naples.org](http://www.zonta-naples.org).

■ **The Naples-Pelican Bay Rotary Club** invites artists to hit the pavement for Chalk Art 2012 on Saturday, Jan. 28, along Fifth Avenue South. Thousands of spectators will "walk the chalk" as individuals and teams of amateur and professional



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

For more information or to sign up as a business sponsor or a participating artist,

visit [www.pelicanbayrotary.com](http://www.pelicanbayrotary.com), e-mail [cathynaples@aol.com](mailto:cathynaples@aol.com) or call Jim Richardson at 272-3645.

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

Members must attend five luncheons a year and pay annual dues of \$40. For more information, e-mail [bonitanewcomers@gmail.com](mailto:bonitanewcomers@gmail.com) or visit [www.bonitaspringnewcomersclub.com](http://www.bonitaspringnewcomersclub.com). ■

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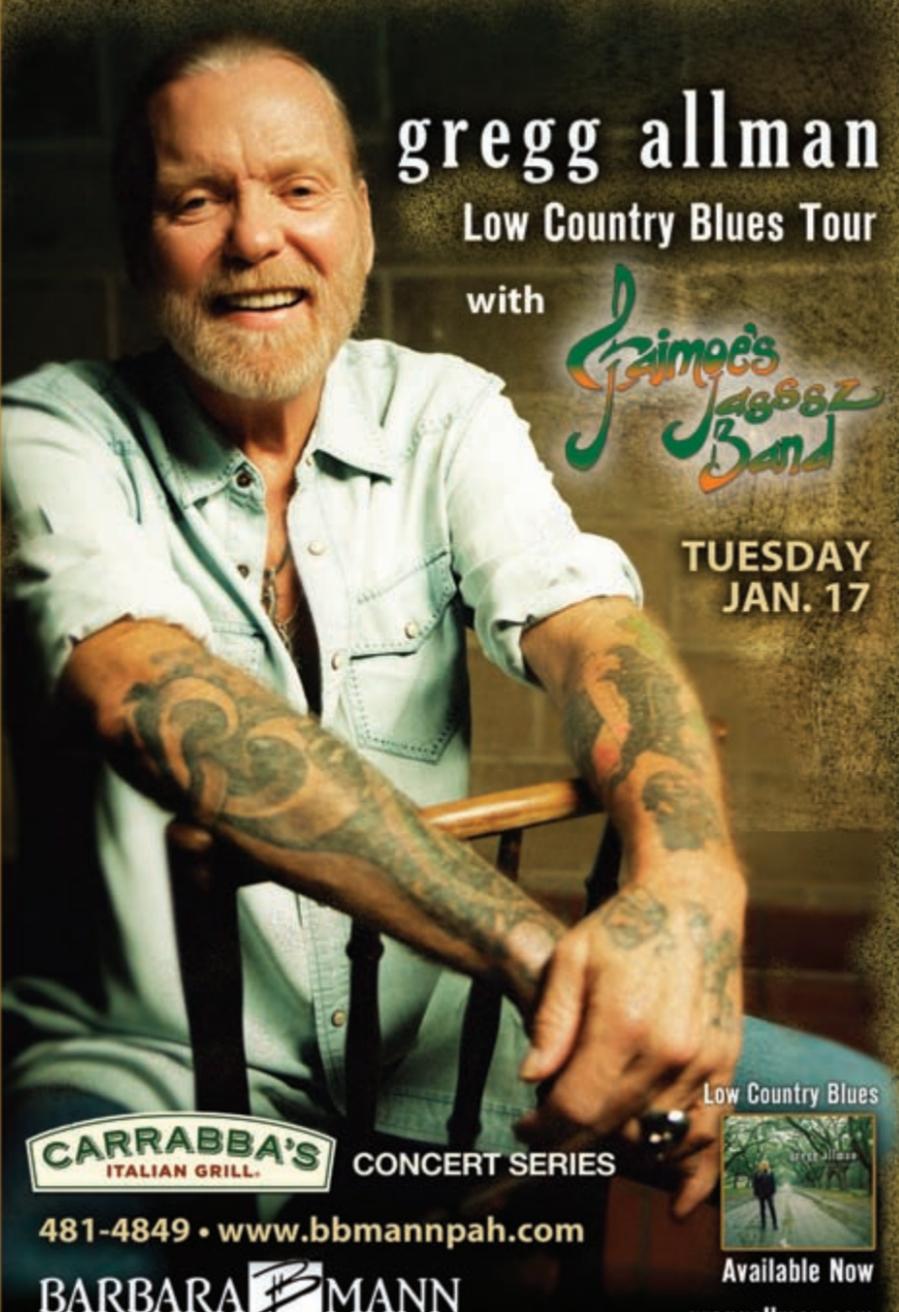
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## Intellectualization Mondays: TGIM

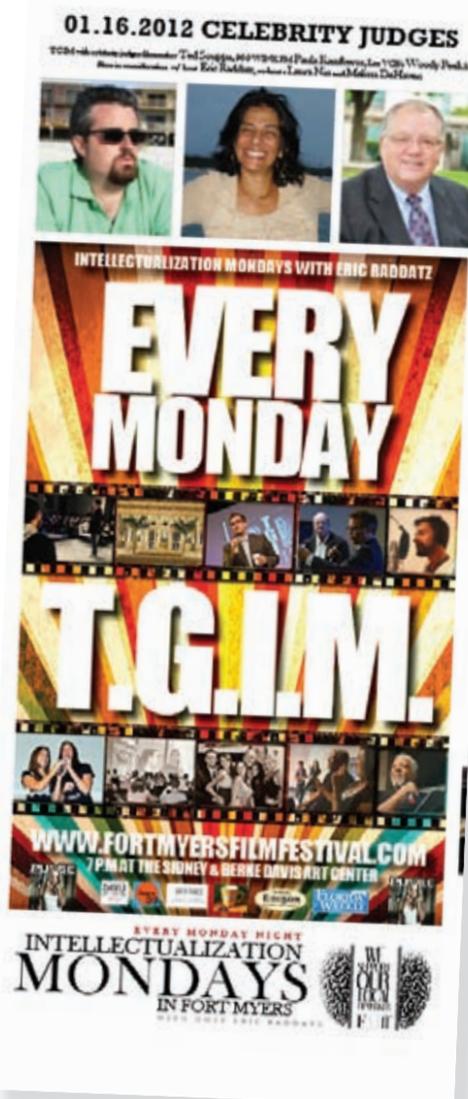
Independent film junkies craving intellectual satisfaction have an outlet for their addiction and a place to congregate. The Fort Myers Film Festival offers glimpses of the process of judging local and international films every Monday through March. The Fort Myers Film Festival's Intellectualization Mondays with host Eric Raddatz start at 6:30 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, 2301 First Street, Fort Myers. The evening features a full bar, snacks and coffee, lively conversations about films, entertainment, music and comedy. The cost is \$5. The Fort Myers Film Festival will take place March 21-25. For more information, visit [www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com](http://www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com).

■ **Jan. 16:** Judges include 96.9 WINK FM Paula Kamberos, filmmaker Ted Souppa and the Lee VCB's Woody Peek. Films in consideration for the 2012 Fort Myers Film Festival will be shown.

■ **Jan. 23:** Judges include Lane Elder, ABC7 morning anchor Chad Oliver and FMff's Cowboy Mark. Come get a transparent view of how the festival selects its official programming.

■ **Jan. 30:** Judges include "Dexter" author and creator Jeff Lindsay, News-Press writer Amy Bennett Williams and Naples photographer Keith Isaac.

■ **Feb. 6:** Judges include Jason Teeters, corporate education manager at Rasmussen College, filmmaker Tim Ritter and Daniel Linehan. ■



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# BEACH READING

## 'MWF Seeking BFF'

by Rachel Bertsche  
(Ballantine Books, \$15)

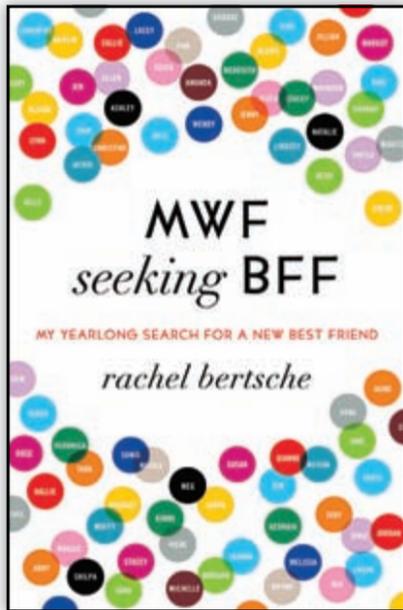
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When Rachel Bertsche moves to Chicago to be closer to her boyfriend, she discovers over time that it is not easy making new friends. When she gets married, it becomes even harder. While she gained a husband and a new adopted hometown, she desperately misses the best friends she left behind in New York and the sense of belonging she once took for granted.

After one too many Friday nights at home on the sofa, Bertsche decides to chart a course in unfamiliar waters and dive into the world of serial friend dating. The result is "MWF Seeking BFF," an inspirational memoir about one woman's yearlong journey to make new friends as an adult.

Brimming with friendly energy with nowhere to channel it, Bertsche develops a plan: She will go on 52 friend-dates, one per week for one full year, with the end goal of meeting her new BFF (Best Friend Forever).

She bravely puts herself out there and reaches far outside her comfort zone to get the ball rolling. Bertsche asks co-workers and acquaintances to set her up with their friends. She signs up for mixers, enrolls in a yoga class, joins an improv group, participates in a flash mob, does a dietary cleanse (!), starts a book club and takes out a want ad. She even "rents" a friend — yes, she actually



pays a girl to hang out with her. From hilariously awkward to downright humbling, Bertsche meticulously documents her yearlong search and shares her innermost thoughts on the highs and lows of serial friend dating. Through persistence, openness and sheer tenacity, she becomes more independent and adventurous. She discovers things she never knew about herself. But does she find her "weekend goes-without-saying brunch date" who she is so optimistically seeking? You'll have to read "MWF Seeking BFF" to find out. ■

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# CONTRACT BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

## Famous Hand

This hand was played by Sam Fry Jr. of New York way back in 1934. It seems impossible to make four hearts against proper defense by East-West, but the fact is that Fry not only made the contract, but there was also no way of stopping him.

West led the ace of diamonds, East signaling for a continuation by playing the eight. But West shifted to a spade at trick two, from which Fry concluded that East must have started with an eight-card diamond suit because it would have made no sense for West to shift to a spade if he had another diamond to lead.

Taking full advantage of this knowledge, Fry won the spade shift with the king, led a trump to the ace, played a spade to dummy's ace, then led the jack of trumps from dummy and ducked it to West's queen!

This deliberate concession of a trump trick that did not have to be lost was certainly extraordinary, but it was the only way to make four hearts. West stewed for a long time, trying to find a suitable reply to the Greek gift he had received, but there was no escape.

In practice, West tried the ace and another club. This allowed Fry to score three club tricks and dispose of his remaining diamond loser, so the contract was made.

Observe that it would not have helped West to lead a spade after taking his

West dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ A K  
 ♥ J 10 9 6 4  
 ♦ J 9  
 ♣ Q 8 7 4

**WEST**  
 ♠ Q 10 7 5 4 3 2  
 ♥ Q 7  
 ♦ A  
 ♣ A 9 3

**EAST**  
 ♠ 8 6  
 ♥ —  
 ♦ K 8 7 6 5 4 3 2  
 ♣ J 10 2

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ J 9  
 ♥ A K 8 5 3 2  
 ♦ Q 10  
 ♣ K 6 5

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♦	2 ♥
2 ♠	4 ♥		

Opening lead — ace of diamonds.

queen of hearts. In that case, South ruffs the spade in dummy, discarding a club from his hand, and leads a club to the king. West takes the king with the ace and returns a club to dummy's queen. Declarer then ruffs a club, establishing dummy's fourth club as a trick, and crosses to dummy with a trump to discard his diamond loser on the good club. ■



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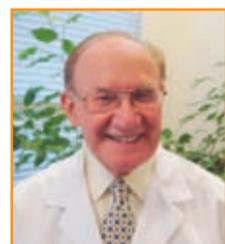
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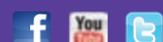
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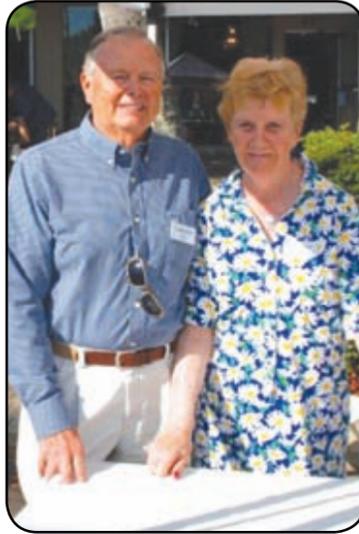


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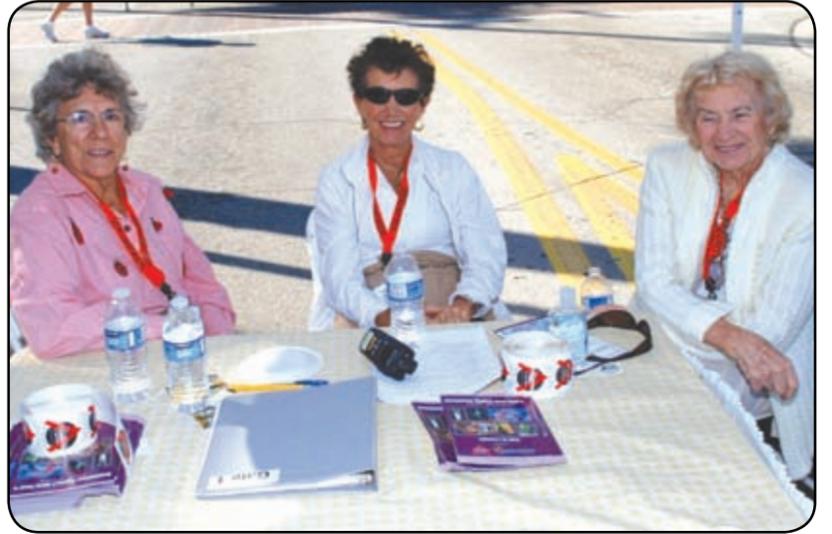
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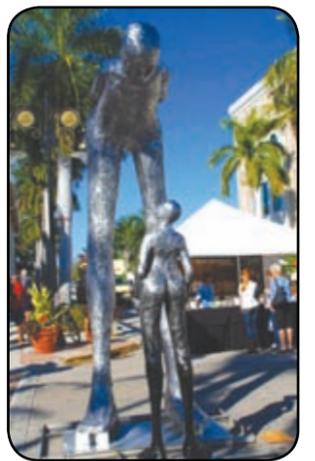
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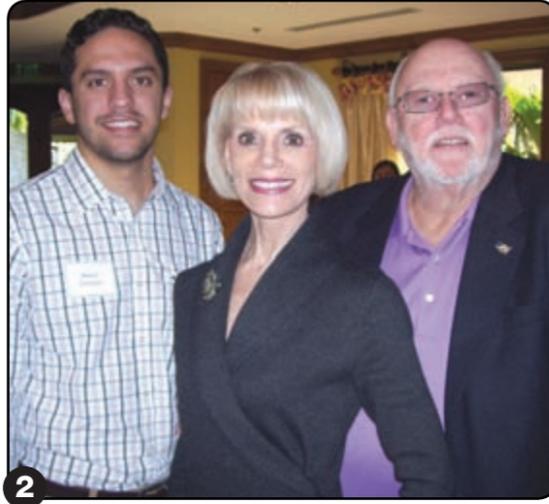
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# PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

➤ **Grouper & Chips**, 338 Ninth St. N., Naples; 643-4577

In an older strip plaza across U.S. 41 from NCH Hospital, Grouper & Chips is a self-described “small unpretentious hole-in-the-wall restaurant.” It is indeed so small that you might find yourself rubbing elbows with other parties or waiting an hour for table (reservations not accepted). Takeout and delivery are options, but then you’d miss out on the warm hospitality of the staff. Besides, once you order, food is quickly delivered. The menu is heavy on fried foods, but the conch fritters and grouper did not suffer from greasy excess; the fried shrimp, however, were overwhelmed by batter. You wouldn’t expect to find it in a place like this, but the bouillabaisse is loaded with lobster, sea scallops, mussels, shrimp and chunks of grouper and is worth trying. Dessert shooters — petite servings of Key lime pie and chocolate mousse — are the perfect way to end a meal here.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ½  
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ½  
Reviewed October 2011

➤ **Margarita’s Mexican Restaurant**, 8971 U.S. 41, Naples; 431-6206

Margarita’s is an offshoot of a Mexican restaurant by the same name that’s been on Marco Island since 2005. Succulent hand-pulled meats and fresh seafood are tucked into tender tortillas, served with brightly flavored house-made salsas and sauces. Bracing margaritas in fruit fla-

vors such as watermelon and pomegranate are served on the rocks or frozen, headlining a tequila-heavy cocktail list that goes on for days. The rustic charro beans, whole pintos laced with oregano and chunks of pork, are a revelation — and they’re just a side dish. The taco trio — miniature corn tortillas overflowing with shredded beef, chicken and pork — is a good way to start, as is the ridiculously sumptuous queso fundido, a fondue of warm, silky white cheese garnished with diced scallions, jalapenos and chorizo that just might send your eyes rolling back in your head. Available with three stuffings, the tamales are exemplary. A seafood-packed Cancun burrito was big enough for two. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ½  
Service: ★ ★ ★  
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★  
Reviewed December 2011

➤ **Pate’s House of Prime Rib**, Coastland Center, 2048 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 263-1850

The Pate family has been serving high-quality steaks and seafood in Southwest Florida for three decades and recently opened Pate’s House of Prime Rib. (The old Pate’s farther south on U.S. 41 has changed to a more casual pub setting.) This location used to be Ted’s Montana Grill, and the basic bones of that concept are still there: dark wood paneling, tile floors, pressed-tin ceiling. It’s sort of an Old World-meets-New World vibe, but with a decidedly old-school approach to food and service: tableside preparation of tossed salads and flaming desserts, really big hunks of expensive beef served with creamed spinach and house-label

steak sauce, and waiters decked out in red Eton jackets and black tuxedo pants. The signature prime rib — available in five sizes — was flavorfully aged, perfectly cooked and accompanied by very good Yorkshire pudding. A filet mignon was tender but not as hot as it should have been. Also on the downside: Side-dish offerings were limited, appetizers were expensive and service can lag.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ½  
Service: ★ ★ ★  
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ½  
Reviewed December 2011

➤ **Steamers**, 5317 Airport Pulling Road; 593-3388

Simply prepared seafood served without fuss is the specialty of the house at Steamers. The emphasis is on New England-style classics, such as lobster rolls, clam chowder, whole Maine lobsters and a New England clambake for hearty eaters. Try the seafood chowder, full of shellfish and just creamy enough. The steamers are cooked just right, leaving them sweet and juicy even without dipping them in the accompanying cups of clam broth and butter. If it’s fried fish you crave, Steamers does a good job of it, offering all sorts of options, from which you can pick two, along with fries or onion rings (I recommend the rings) and cole slaw. An entrée of grilled scallops and shrimp in beurre blanc proves the kitchen can do more than fry. Service was pleasant but a bit harried on a busy evening. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ½  
Service: ★ ★ ★ ½  
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★  
Reviewed July 2010

➤ **Seasons 52**, 8930 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 594-8852

This small chain, new to Southwest Florida, has a lot going for it. Start with the regularly changing menu that features seasonal ingredients at their peak of flavor in dishes that forswear indulgence without sacrificing flavor (nothing contains more than 475 calories). Consider the globe-spanning wine list, which includes more than 100 selections — 52 or more by the glass. Start with one of the flatbreads, cracker-thin pizzas carpeted with precisely arranged toppings and baked in a super-hot brick oven. The menu achieves a good balance of seafood and meats. An artichoke-stuffed shrimp dish was succulent and redolent of sage, while wood-grilled T-bone lamb chops were perfectly cooked and remarkably tender. Save room for dessert without guilt: Seasons 52’s “Mini Indulgences” are tiny treats — red velvet cake, pumpkin mousse and much more — served in large shot glasses. They’re the perfect way to end a meal without going over the edge.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
Service: ★ ★ ★  
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★  
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# CUISINE

## Naples Beach Hotel offers traditional Sunday brunch by the sea



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It wasn't that long ago that there was a buffet of Sunday brunches from which to choose around town. That's no longer the case.

Perhaps it was the economic downturn, or the rise in food costs or a reluctance by clientele to belly up to the all-you-can-eat style of dining, but something has caused a serious thinning out of the region's Sunday buffet brunch options.

One of the few traditional buffets remaining is that served in the gracious Everglades Room at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Just about every table in the large dining room affords a prime view of the beach and the sparkling gulf waters beyond. Each table is swathed in crisp white linen topped with small vases of cream-colored carnations. Pianist Gordon Banks provides mood music with audible, but not overpowering, renditions of jazz-infused classics.

The buffet occupies the end of the room most distant from the windows, its tables dressed in white linens laden with handsome silver chafing dishes and



Left to right: A sampling of dishes from the buffet includes eggs Benedict, chicken salad, vegetable terrine, a blintz with raspberry sauce and bacon.

Omelettes are made to order and are among the best dishes served.

A slice of Key lime pie and a creme brulee create a satisfying finish to brunch.

artfully arranged trays. Accommodating kitchen staff stand ready to carve meats at one end and craft made-to-

order omelettes at the other.

I made several forays around the buffet during the course of our meal and in each case found everything neat and fresh looking. I saw no messy drips on the tablecloths or aged items in the dishes. Kitchen workers came through regularly to refresh the offerings.

Everything looked appetizing, but some of the dishes didn't measure up when it came to flavor and texture.

Among the noteworthy offerings were the crisp bacon, tender blintzes accompanied by a just-sweet-enough raspberry sauce, eggs Benedict, a medley of fresh fruit and lemon poppy seed muffins.

The prime rib — which was on the carving station along with lamb — was slightly dry but tasted fine when eaten with the zesty horseradish sauce that accompanied it.

Not surprisingly, the best item on the buffet was the omelette, which was made while we watched. We added onions, tomatoes, mushrooms and cheddar cheese, all of which were properly cooked and incorporated into the tender, lightly seasoned eggs.

There were as many misses as successes, such as soggy seafood crepes, overly salty chicken salad, vegetables that were supposed to be sautéed but verged on raw and a gorgeous terrine filled with layer upon layer of intricately arranged vegetables that lacked flavor.

There were similar inconsistencies with the desserts, which were nicely arranged on their own table. The creme brulee was delicate and tasty; the pecan pie was gelatinous and bland. A dark chocolate tart had a deep, soulful chocolate flavor, while the Key



lime pie looked great but barely had any lime flavor. Unlike the breakfast and lunch offerings, each of which had a card bearing the name of the dish, there were none on the dessert table, leaving guests to guess what was what.

And then there was the glass of champagne that's included in the price of the brunch (another option is a mimosa).

When a brunch includes a glass of complimentary champagne, I don't expect to receive Dom Perignon. Given the number of economical pro-seccos, cavas and domestic sparklers available these days, there are plenty of reasonably priced options besides traditional French champagne. However, what we were served was Yellow Tail, a bargain-basement sparkling wine from Australia that retails for about \$7 a bottle and tastes like it. My advice would be to choose the mimosa unless the management opts to upgrade what it's pouring.

You wouldn't think service would be an issue at a buffet, since diners require little more than dish clearing and an occasional beverage, but we hit some snags on both.

First, I had to flag down the server to request coffee. More unsettling was returning to our table and finding that while my plate had been cleared, my Hollandaise-laden fork had been left on the table for further use. Ick.

Most of what ails this brunch are details, but there are also some basic concepts that contribute to the success of a buffet. One is either to present items with some shelf life or to prepare highly perishable dishes in small batches and replenish them regularly. Seafood crepes and waffles, for example, just don't stand up to sitting around in chafing dishes.

The management has done a great job of creating a lovely setting and an



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The array of desserts is attractively presented at the Naples Beach Hotel's Sunday brunch.

appetizing looking buffet line. Fine-tuning the flavors of the dishes served and the caliber of the service rendered would make this the kind of experience customers would return for again and again. ■

### If you go

#### Everglades Room

Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club, 851 Gulf Shore Blvd.; 435-4348.

**Ratings:**  
Food: ★★½  
Service: ★★★½  
Atmosphere: ★★★★★

- >> **Hours:** 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays through May 27
- >> **Reservations:** Accepted
- >> **Credit cards:** Accepted
- >> **Price range:** Brunch is \$34 for adults, \$16 for children 6-12 and free for younger children.
- >> **Beverages:** A glass of sparkling wine or a mimosa plus soft drinks are included in the price.
- >> **Seating:** Indoor tables overlooking the beach and gulf
- >> **Specialties of the house:** carved meats, seafood entrée, vegetarian pasta dish, omelet station, cheese blintzes, pastries, waffles or pancakes, desserts
- >> **Volume:** Low to moderate
- >> **Parking:** Parking lot with complimentary valet service

★★★★★ Superb  
★★★★ Noteworthy  
★★★ Good  
★★ Fair  
★ Poor

### food & wine CALENDAR

> **Thursday, Jan. 12, 5:30-7:30 p.m.,** Stoney's Steakhouse: Mixologist David Ortiz has developed six cocktails, all based on artisanal spirits, that will face off to be named the Naples Original signature cocktail; \$10 (with credit applied to dinner at Stoney's that evening), 403 Bayfront Place.

> **Friday, Jan. 13, 6-9 p.m.,** The von Liebig Art Center: Artichoke and Company hosts a wine tasting with heavy hors d'oeuvres; \$25 plus tax and gratuity, 585 Park St.; 263-6979 or kmurano@artichokeandcompany.com for reservations.

> **Friday, Jan. 13, 6-8 p.m.,** The Good Life of Naples: Shelly Con-

nors hosts the "I'm Nuts for You" date-night dinner, featuring warm pear, pistachio and goat cheese salad; pecan-rosemary crusted beef tenderloin; and apple-walnut rum tart; \$60, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663.

> **Saturday, Jan. 14, 12:30-1 p.m.,** The Good Life of Naples: Bobbie Thompson demonstrates almond-lemon pound cake; free, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663.

> **Tuesday, Jan. 17, 6-8 p.m.,** Whole Foods: Raw foods chef and educator Bethany Tait demonstrates a green detox smoothie, zucchini pasta, collard green wraps and chocolate avocado pudding; \$10, Mercato, 9101 Strada Place; 552-5100. Register

online at [www.acteva.com/go/lifestylecenter](http://www.acteva.com/go/lifestylecenter).

#### Farmers markets

> **Wednesday, 1:30-5:30 p.m.,** St. Monica's Episcopal Church, 7070 Immokalee Road; 591-4550.

> **Wednesday, 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.,** the Marco Island Farmers Market, Veterans Community Park, Marco Island.

> **Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.,** the Government Complex farmers market, 3335 U.S. 41 E.

> **Saturday, 7:30-11:30 a.m.,** Third Street South, behind Tommy Bahama's between Third Street and Gordon Drive.

> **Saturday, 7 a.m.-noon,** the Bonita Springs Lions Club farm market, The Promenade, Bonita Springs.

> **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.

> **Sunday, 8 a.m.-noon,** Freedom Park farmers market, 151 Golden Gate Parkway. ■

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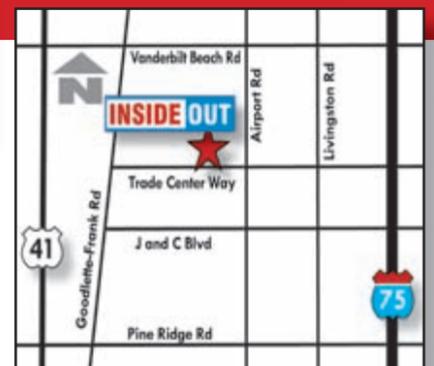
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