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- 75** Percent of Americans who admit to texting and driving.
- 4.6** The amount of seconds it takes you to receive a text message. Going 55 mph, you would have driven the length of a football field.
- 3,000** Deaths from distracted-driving-related crashes in the United States in 2010.

**DON'T TEXT JUST DRIVE**

**FLORIDA RESISTS BANNING TEXTING WHILE DRIVING.**

BY ATHENA PONUSHIS  
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TAYLOR FISCHER AND JOAN GRIFFITH are young women learning how to drive. They're scared to drive on the interstate. They're scared to pass big trucks. They're scared that every other driver at every other traffic light seems to be texting on his or her cell phone. But to be honest, these Palm Beach Gardens sophomores would have to say, more than texting drivers feeling frightening, they feel familiar. "You see someone swerving, then you pass them and see they're

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—Source: Insurance Institute for Highway Safety

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## Conservancy celebrates Dalton Discovery Center opening



COURTESY IMAGE

Young visitors to the Dalton Discovery Center enjoy a close look at a snake in the hands of staff naturalist Rachel Miner.

BY ROBIN DEMATTIA  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

The new Susan and William Dalton Discovery Center at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, which opened on Nov. 14, is being touted as an immersive, interactive multi-sensory experience. As visitors walk through six galleries in the 5,000-square-foot building, they figuratively follow a drop of water through the Southwest Florida ecosystem, from uplands, through the Everglades and mangroves, and out to the beaches and ocean.

"The Dalton Discovery Center lets us bring the Everglades, Gulf of Mexico and

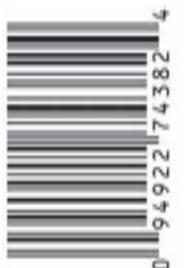
all the beauty of Southwest Florida to our visitors in one location to help them learn to love and preserve this unique place that we live in," says Andrew McElwaine, Conservancy of Southwest Florida president and CEO.

The center features more than 100 animals in life-like enclosures and aquaria. The Uplands Gallery houses four snake species, and an Everglades Gallery displays baby alligators. The 5,000-gallon saltwater tank has dozens of fish and the only loggerhead sea turtle on display in Southwest Florida. There is also a replica

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## COMMENTARY

## Thank you, John! Thank you, Rick! Thank you, Trey!



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Note to reader: As you know, columnists are frequently blessed with prophetic insights that allow them to divine changes in the hearts of others, as well as future events, without relying on empirical evidence. While applying that skill recently, I suddenly discovered that three of our most powerful political leaders will soon change their minds about affordable health care and taxes.

For that reason, I decided to write them thank you notes in advance. Let me share those with you, here.

**To John Boehner, Speaker of the House, Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.:**

Dear John,  
Thank you so much for the gifts of equality and justice American-style, which you will soon decide to bestow upon our nation by agreeing that rich people should pay taxes at the same rates as poorer people, and that everybody should be guaranteed a minimum level of affordable health care — rather than being held hostage by pharmaceutical and medical lobbies that support you and your fellow Republicans.

It's a remarkable change of heart, one that reminds us of your "working class" roots, which you have left so far, far, far behind.

Congratulations on finding a heart, John. You give me hope for the future, and belief in the past. Hope, because if men like you can consider the common good, rather than the

good of their rich cronies, it means American leaders can still be altruistic rather than narcissistic.

And belief, because in watching you do what's best for the country, and not just for your industry friends, I can vividly imagine our founding fathers, who were also a bunch of rich white guys, like you, and who did what was best for the country simply because they were altruists. And I can still believe in them.

Again, thanks for putting the country's interests ahead of your own by finding ways to work with our president.

Your dude in the subtropics,

**Roger**

**To Rick Scott, Governor, Florida Capitol, Tallahassee:**

Dear Rick,

I was so impressed right after you became governor, when you came out in favor of exposing concealed weapons, and when you supported blood tests for all state employees shortly after turning over ownership in a company that does those blood tests to your wife, and when you eviscerated programs to clean up the Everglades with as much skill and forethought as a Cracker gutting a hog. You skinned 'er out and dropped those entrails in the dirt before old Uncle Sam could yell, "Whoopie!" didn't you, boy?

So I was impressed. But not favorably.

I have to tell you, at the time you looked like — not a hog hunter — a guy who operated a doughnut shop in Kansas City run amok at the helm of state government. Can you imagine?

Now, though, you're coming around as a governor, and thinking about all the people,

not just your people (rich white guys. Hey, can I join the club?)

You're softening on affordable health care, I notice. Admit it, dude, you're liking it, right? Everybody should have it. Just like every doughnut should have a hole.

So Rick, congratulations on getting a heart. You and the Tin Man. Actually, you look like the Scarecrow, who got a brain.

And just so you know, way down here in the Sunshine State, almost 18 percent of us are 65 or older. These older folks still live under the rainbow, not somewhere way over it, like you. Many of them won't mind paying less for pharmaceuticals after you get behind affordable health care — because they know you care about them.

That's obvious just looking at you, pal.

Your friend from the peninsular proletariat,

**Roger**

**Mr. Trey Radel, Representative elect, House of Representatives, Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C.:**

Trey baby,

Dude, awesome! Fast-talking is the new currency! You're a U.S. Congressman now, which proves that people without money can still make the big time if they can just talk fast enough, right?

Remember the motto at Loyola, your Alma Mater? Ad majorem Dei gloriam — for the greater glory of God. It also happens to be the motto for the Society of Jesus, as you know. This is what I like about you, dude — you talk a lot and you say a lot of ridiculous things that Jesus never would have gone for, but in the end that motto has been beaten into you, if not at Loyola then maybe at the Vatican, where you studied and learned Italian.

Jesus, of course, didn't speak Italian or Spanish, like you, but he did speak Compassion, since it glorifies God. And I know that you will now begin to speak Compassion, too, as you get a heart and become the Hugo Black of the House of Representatives.

Remember Justice Black? Born in an Alabama farmhouse, he was appointed to the Supreme Court when everybody figured he'd be conservative (like you), and suddenly the man comes out swinging in favor of civil rights and all the little people. Turns into a fiery liberal — the kind who thinks everybody should be treated roughly equally, and the most vulnerable people in the country should not be allowed to crash and burn while the rest of us drive to the mall in our Humvees or Lexuses — would the plural form be Lexi in Latin, Trey?

Old man Black changed America for the better, which is un-f'ing-believable, you know? Just like you. First you support the Dream Act, and now you're about to come out strongly in favor of affordable health care for everybody.

A word of advice: Stay out of those Washington sin-houses where lobbyists for the pharmaceutical industry hang out, okay? Like Bullfeathers on First Street S.E., or Lounge 201 on Massachusetts Avenue, or the Town & Country Lounge in the Mayflower Hotel (definitely stay out of that hotel, Trey), or the Capitol Lounge, the Round Robin Bar (with a \$12 cocktail named for every president) and my own favorite, the Hawk 'n' Dove, where your new pal, President Barack Hussein Obama, held his first fundraiser when he ran for the Senate — all on Pennsylvania Avenue.

Just don't go there, dude.

Yours in palaver,

**Roger ■**

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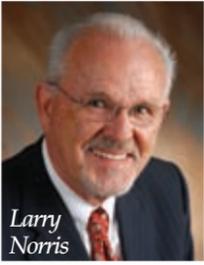
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## OPINION

### The GOP's cold comfort



No sooner had the electoral thundercloud arrived Nov. 6 than some Republicans began searching it for a silver lining. It is an understandable impulse after a defeat to want to minimize its magnitude and rationalize away its causes. But there are no comforting augurs for Republicans in President Barack Obama's victory. It was crushing and ominous, and it's pointless to try to deny it. Republicans are comforting themselves with a few arguments, none of which is persuasive.

It was a close election. Yes, but that doesn't quite capture it. A better way to think of it is as a narrow landslide. The president won by more than two points nationally, a big margin by contemporary standards. The Electoral College magnified it into a 332-206 stomping. While just 400,000 more votes in four key states would have won the election for Mitt Romney, two can play that game. John Kerry lost by about 120,000 votes in decisive Ohio in 2004, and Al

Gore by 500 votes in decisive Florida in 2000 (while he won the national popular vote). These, by the way, are the only two presidential elections Democrats have lost in the past six.

This year, Republicans only managed to take back Indiana and North Carolina from 2008. And Obama had coattails. Democrats picked up two Senate seats in a year when Republicans dreamed of taking back the majority because so many Democratic seats were up. They picked up about seven House seats despite re-districting that tilted the playing field in the GOP's direction. Republicans had better hope they don't suffer defeats in many more such close elections.

Mitt Romney was a weak candidate. Sure, Romney was flawed. He was never a natural politician, and his private-equity background amplified negative perceptions of Republicans. But Romney was clearly the strongest of the candidates in the primary field in the run-up to a winnable general election. What does that say about the party? *The Washington Post* points out that in almost every important Senate race, the Republican candidate actually underperformed Romney.

Romney was too moderate. No doubt,

Romney is ultimately a pragmatic problem-solver. But he ran on arguably the most conservative platform since Barry Goldwater. He won conservatives handily, 82 percent to 17 percent. But conservatives are only 35 percent of the electorate. He lost moderates, who were 41 percent of the electorate, by 56-41. Presumably, they weren't voting against him because they thought he wasn't conservative enough.

The GOP has a strong bench. True enough. The party has talented up-and-coming politicians, but no one can know if any of them will make a compelling presidential candidate. Or know that Democrats won't have a compelling new candidate of their own.

Republicans will benefit from a period of soul-searching. Well, they might. On the other hand, it could just as easily be a period of divisiveness, folly and self-delusion.

Denial is a natural stage of grief. It's a psychological mechanism that is of no use to a political party, though. Republican clarity must begin with a frank assessment of the Debacle of 2012.

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

### The growing global movement against austerity



Amaia Engana didn't wait to be evicted from her home. On Nov. 9, in the town of Barakaldo, a suburb of Bilbao in Spain's Basque Country, officials from the local judiciary were on their way to serve her eviction papers. Amaia stood on a chair and threw herself out of her fifth-floor apartment window, dying instantly on impact on the sidewalk below. She was the second person in two weeks in Spain to commit suicide as a result of an impending foreclosure action. Her suicide has added gravity to this week's general strike radiating from the streets of Madrid across all of Europe. As resistance to so-called austerity in Europe becomes increasingly transnational and coordinated, President Barack Obama and the House Republicans begin their debate to avert the "fiscal cliff." The fight is over fair tax rates, budget priorities and whether we as a society will sustain the social safety net built during the past 80 years.

The general strike that swept across Europe Nov. 14 had its genesis in the deepening crisis in Spain, Portugal and Greece. As a result of the global economic collapse in 2008, Spain is in a deep financial crisis. Unemployment has surpassed 25 percent, and among young people is estimated at 50 percent. Large banks have enjoyed bailouts while they enforce mortgages that an increasing number of Spaniards are unable to meet, provoking increasing numbers of foreclosures and attempted evictions. "Attempted" because, in response to the epidemic of evictions in Spain, a direct-action movement has grown to prevent them. In city after city, individuals and

groups have networked, creating rapid-response teams that flood the street outside a threatened apartment. When officials arrive to deliver the eviction notice, they can't reach the building's main door, let alone the apartment in question.

The general strike across Europe ranged from mass rallies in Madrid, with participation from members of Parliament, to protests in London, to outside the European Commission headquarters in Brussels, to high atop the Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy, where protesters flew anti-austerity flags and banners. In calling for the first pan-national general strike in Europe in generations, the European Trade Union Confederation hoped to express "strong opposition to the austerity measures that are dragging Europe into economic stagnation, indeed recession, as well as the continuing dismantling of the European social model. These measures, far from re-establishing confidence, only serve to worsen imbalances and foster injustice."

Back in the U.S., a group from Occupy Wall Street, which itself was inspired in part by the Spanish M-15 movement against austerity that began on May 15, 2011, has taken a creative approach to the blight of debt that is afflicting millions. Calling itself "Rolling Jubilee," after the ancient practice of forgiving all debts every 50 years, the group is buying debt from lenders, for pennies on the dollar, and canceling it. This discounted debt market exists primarily because collection agencies and "vulture capitalists" acquire bad loans that people have stopped paying for 2 to 3 cents on a dollar, and still make a profit by hounding people to pay back some or all of that debt. Rolling Jubilee, according to its website, "believes people should not go into debt for basic necessities like education, healthcare and housing. Rolling Jubilee intervenes by buying debt, keeping it out of the

hands of collectors, and then abolishing it ... to help each other out and highlight how the predatory debt system affects our families and communities. Think of it as a bailout of the 99 percent by the 99 percent." To date, Rolling Jubilee has raised \$175,000, which it says will be used to abolish \$3.5 million in debt.

The amount may be symbolic, but an important message to President Obama and House Republicans as they wrangle over the future of the U.S. tax rates, deficit reduction and how to fund so-called entitlements. Sarah Anderson of the Institute for Policy Studies prefers to call Social Security and Medicare "earned benefit programs, because these are programs that American workers are paying into over their lives, and they have a right to that money, to have these basic social programs that have made us a much stronger society with a stronger middle class." Anderson told me, "The approach to the debt should be to look at the ways that we could raise revenues through ... taxing financial transactions ... cutting fossil-fuel subsidies and using carbon taxes, and cutting military spending. That kind of combination could raise trillions of dollars over the next decade."

Amaia Engana must have felt she had no safety net in Spain, as she jumped to her death. As the movement for that strong social safety net grows around the world, and locally here at home, the mandate is clear: Austerity is not the answer.

— Denis Moynihan contributed research to this column.

— Amy Goodman is the host of "Democracy Now!," a daily international TV/radio news hour airing on more than 1,000 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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## 'To whom much is given, much is expected'



that she was, indeed, "doctor material." She ultimately graduated with honors from Ross University School of Medicine in the British West Indies and completed her residency in internal medicine at the University of Florida-Shand's Hospital in Jacksonville, where she was named Resident of the Year.

Dr. Teresa Sievers teaches the weekly parenting class at Our Mother's Home and has been a guest on my show several times to discuss the home's mission to end generational poverty and to break the foster care cycle. The program provides a safe, loving home where eight young women, some of them victims of human trafficking, can learn to love themselves and their children while becoming self-sufficient, productive members of the community.

In her class, Dr. Sievers stresses to these mothers the importance of empathy and bonding with their babies in hopes of decreasing incidences of neglect and abuse.

Dr. Sievers' parents divorced when she was a child growing up in Connecticut. School, she says, was "the one thing I had control over." She thrived on earning good grades and graduated as valedictorian from Ansonia High School before going to Fairfield University to study pre-med.

She worked all through high school and college as a certified nurse's aide and also as a waitress. After college, she considered applying to medical school but didn't believe she would make it. Two years of working in the hospital where she was born, however, made her realize

Although her dream was to be a missionary doctor, she had accumulated a large amount of school debt and decided instead to go to work in the outpatient clinic at Tampa General Hospital, treating the working poor and immigrants who often did not qualify for Medicaid. She also ran a Hepatitis C clinic and served as an associate professor at USF.

She eventually worked in a private practice in St. Petersburg, Fla., before opening her own practice in Estero and began reading about and attending conferences on integrative medicines. Already a vegetarian for eight years (she has since become a vegan), she began doing yoga, exercising, taking supplements and exploring acupuncture and chiropractic medicine as modalities to offer comprehensive wellness to her patients.

In 2007, she earned board certification and completed an advanced fellowship in anti-aging, regenerative and functional medicine, and two years later opened the Restorative Health & Healing Center.

Earlier this year she obtained a medical master's degree in metabolic and nutritional medicine from USF. The discipline seeks to heal the root causes of illness rather than treating symptoms with prescription drugs only.

### Talking points with Dr. Teresa Sievers

**Mentors:** Many people have helped me along the way, but my mother was the "wind beneath my wings," and Dr. Dennis Botelho made me believe in myself that I could become a doctor.

**Something your mother was always right about:** "Somebody has it worse than you."

**As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?** I always wanted to be a doctor.

**What would you be doing if you weren't doing this?** Mission work in our country and abroad. I'd love to start my own organization for women and children that included a school, job training, recovery from trauma and more.

**Guilty pleasures:** Spa facials and massages, a good pizza and a lazy day on the beach.

**One thing on your bucket list:** I want to go to Africa to tour the slave trade route and experience a safari.

**Skill or talent you wish you had:** I wish I could speak Spanish fluently.

**Advice for your kids:** Integrity is more important than money; always be true to yourself. If you follow the Golden Rule, you can never go wrong.

**What makes you laugh:** Watching my kids do imaginative play, especially when they imitate me.

**Last book you read:** "All that is Bitter and Sweet" by Ashley Judd.

**Something you'll never understand:** The pain that parents can inflict on their children.

**Pet peeve:** People who want to be healthy and lose weight but don't want to do or change anything to make that happen, especially simple things like giving up soda.

**Something people might be surprised to find out about you:** I love all kinds of music, and one of my idols is Mary J. Blige. I've been to three of her concerts.

**First jobs:** Babysitting at age 11, and working in a bakery shop when I was 14.

**What the Paradise Coast really needs:** More ethnic and cultural diversity.

**Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast:** The weather, by far.

**What I miss about the Paradise Coast when I'm away:** The comfort of my home.



Dr. Sievers says she and her husband strive to raise their daughters, ages 8 and 5, to be socially aware, tolerant people who understand that, "To whom much is given, much is expected." ■

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# JUST DRIVE

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texting on their cell phone," says 15-year-old Taylor. "You think, 'Oh, that's why,'" as if such a scenario makes sense to her, more than surprises her.

The teenagers confess they text all day, every day. But when it comes to driving, they say even looking at their speedometer too long messes them up. So when they are licensed drivers, Taylor and Joan will put their cell phones away. They've seen the commercials: "This was my sister. This was the text ...."

Their driving instructor, Peter Duva, has been teaching teenagers to drive for 10 years through the Palm Beach County Safety Council. Mr. Duva does not text, describing himself as "old school." When he sees someone driving and texting, he rolls down his window and tells them: "Drive."

Mr. Duva does this in front of his students, trying to embarrass their own temptation to text right out of them. He knows Taylor and Joan are smart enough not to, he just hopes they have enough self-discipline, as one of the girls admits, "My Mom texts and stuff. Even though it's not good, she still does

An e-mail was sent to Gov. Scott asking: Where does he stand on texting and driving? Has he been personally affected? Was he looking to the study to pressure legislation? His press office replied, "The DHSMV is looking into this." The governor awaits their findings.

"We just implement policy. We don't have an opinion," says Ms. Olsen-Doolan, speaking on behalf of the Highway Safety department and the governor. "When you're involved in policy, you don't speculate; you need some evidence."

No date has been set for further action by the state. All the while, the Department of Transportation continues to endorse texting bans as the foundation to highway safety. Police officers who respond to traffic fatalities continue to ask for a law before they see more bodies. And mothers continue to tour high school gymnasiums, pleading, "Please don't text and drive. My daughter died a preventable death."

Jay Anderson has spent his life savings fighting for cell-phone-free driving. When he thinks of the inaction of the state, he says, "I hate to call our governor an idiot, but I will. Forty states have banned texting and driving. Ten states have outlawed handheld devices. What study do you need?"

A U.S. Army veteran and retired EMS



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**Above: A deadly crash where a driver was texting. There is no clear data to show how many accidents in Florida result from texting. At left: Chelsey Murphy's mom Kris with Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood.**

takes an average of 4.6 seconds. In that amount of time, if you are traveling 55 mph, you have driven the length of a football field.

■ 90 percent of Americans find distracted driving to be a problem, though 75 percent admit to using their cell phones while they drive.

He then tells the stories, putting faces and families to these numbers. Faces like five young brunettes who had just graduated from high school and were riding down a rural highway when they hit a semi-tractor trailer head on. Phone records indicate a text had been sent from the driver's cell phone 38 seconds before the first 911 call. "These five beautiful young ladies will never graduate college," Mr. Anderson says. "Their

"What happened to us ... how much my life changed in that moment ... I don't want that to happen to anybody else as innocent as Hannah. Just looking down at your phone to text somebody ... you're being really hurtful."

— Shannon Grant

dads will never have the opportunity to walk them down the aisle. They will never have grandbabies for grandpa and grandma to spoil."

He clicks to the image of a Volkswagen smashed against a semi-truck. A 17-year-old boy was texting his girlfriend, telling her he was going to be late, when he crossed over the center line and ran into the semi. "His body was cut in two," Mr. Anderson says. "First they removed his upper torso, then his lower torso."

Click to the story of Heather Hurd, a young woman who left work at Walt Disney World to meet her parents and plan her wedding. Ms. Hurd was killed in a nine-car pileup. The truck driver responsible was texting his driver's log to his boss. "Her parents were no longer planning her wedding," Mr. Anderson says. "They were planning her funeral."

But the story that chokes him up the most would be the story of a girl who's still alive.

Hannah Grant sits in her wheelchair, unable to speak, as her mother recalls "when this all happened." Lynn Grant brushes her daughter's teeth, puts sneakers on her daughter's feet, applies ChapStick to her daughter's lips, preparing Hannah for her daily physical therapy. Lynn's role as mother has moved beyond that of nurturer to caregiver.

Five years ago, Mrs. Grant was driving her daughters to a birthday party in Fort Myers when a woman ran a red light and hit them. Hannah took the brunt of the crash. She was 6 years old.

"I couldn't turn around," Mrs. Grant remembers. "I couldn't reach my kids. I could see Shannon (her oldest daughter) breathing, but I could not see Hannah's chest."

Hannah was in a coma, on a ventilator for 22 days before she opened



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**Instructor Peter Duva with students Joan Griffith (front) and Taylor Fischer.**

it, even though it's wrong."

Texting while driving has been banned in 39 states and Washington, D.C. Not Florida. Ten states, the Virgin Islands and Washington, D.C., prohibit all drivers from using handheld devices. Not Florida. To date, texting and driving carries no penalty in the Sunshine State.

"It's not surprising Florida lags behind the country," Mr. Duva says. "We still have no helmet law. Obviously, safety's not important. They just don't get it up there in Tallahassee."

Recent figures show Florida traffic fatalities are up by 4 percent. Looking at numbers through the end of October, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles reports 1,958 people have died in traffic accidents this year, up from 1,866 people at this same time last year.

Upon learning of the rise in fatalities, Gov. Rick Scott initially asked state highway officials to conduct a texting-while-driving study to see if the state should act on the issue. The study has since been dismissed.

"We don't have a citation for texting and driving," says Kirsten Olsen-Doolan, FDHSMV spokesperson. "The governor asked if we thought it was an issue. We can't say it's an issue. We have no statistics on it. We're trying to get information from other states, to see what is going on out there."

captain, Mr. Anderson now serves as the executive director of the safe-driving nonprofit he founded, "Stay Alive ... Just Drive!" He also serves as the chair of the 2012 Florida Strategic Highway Safety distracted driving team. Rather than have teenagers sign promises to "Just Say No," he has teenagers sign promises to "Just Drive."

To Mr. Anderson, anyone checking their e-mail, posting on Facebook, texting or Googling while driving takes the "accident" out of the accident, because they pick up their cell phone by conscious choice. So he travels Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties, trying to impress upon young drivers and high-risk drivers alike, "Please think of all the reasons you have to make it home," before you reach for your cell phone.

Mr. Anderson says he has probably given the same PowerPoint presentation 500 times to more than 25,000 people. Slide by slide, he shows the statistics:

■ You are four times more likely to crash while you are talking on your cell phone.

■ You are 23 times more likely to crash while you are texting.

■ Every 45 seconds, a distracted driver makes someone else eligible to park in a handicap parking spot.

Then he moves on to insurance studies and national data:

■ To send and receive a text message



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Administrator Strickland and Department of Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood are encouraging states to enforce tough cell phone laws, but they are also encouraging drivers to "Take responsibility. Put the phone down."

More than implementing some enforcement regime, they are trying to change driving culture, change driving behavior. "You make an individual decision to handle a text while you're driving 55 mph down the express-

way,” Administrator Strickland says. “Research shows people are not OK with other people (texting) around them,” yet he continues to see drivers texting egregiously.

Kris Murphy knows the danger goes beyond texting. Ms. Murphy lost her daughter to a driver talking on his phone. Crossing U.S. 41 in Naples, Chelsey Murphy was run over. She was 19.

Driving home from work, Ms. Murphy saw the police cars and the ambulance. In the pit of her stomach she knew it was Chelsey. Then she saw her daughter’s shoes, her daughter’s purse, lying in the road.

Ms. Murphy shares these memories looking at pictures of Chelsey on her computer, as if to speak she needs to look at who she doing it for, look at who she’s living for. “My daughter died a preventable death,” she says. “All her dreams — being a Marine, being a mom — a preventable death took it all away.” Chelsey was four weeks pregnant when she died.

When Ms. Murphy thinks of cell phones, she feels more than progress; she feels pain. She shares Chelsey’s story with high school students and Allstate insurance classes as her way of working through it. “I want people to know who Chelsey was,” she says. “I want people to know what I lost.”

On a YouTube public service announcement filmed by the DOT, “Faces of Distracted Driving,” Ms. Murphy says, “If people would just put their cell phones down and say, ‘You know, I learned this from Chelsey Murphy,’ that would be great.”

She supports a texting ban in Florida and does not understand the lethargy of the state. “They want studies,” she says. “While you’re doing your studies, more people die.”



The crash that killed Heather Hurd on U.S. Route 27. The truck driver was texting his boss.

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With all the stories she’s heard and the story she’s told, Ms. Murphy feels passing a law should be simple for legislators. But she has resigned herself to the notion, it’s going to take one of their own stories, the heartbreaking loss of one of their own children, to pass a law.

State Rep. Irv Slosberg did lose a daughter to the road. He says her death was the culmination of speed, music, not paying attention and not wearing seatbelts.

Florida’s seat belt law has since been passed in honor of his daughter — the Dori Slosberg and Katie Marchetti Safety Belt Law — allowing police officers to pull someone over for not wearing their seatbelt.

The Democrat representing Boca Raton now has his sights set on texting

and driving, saying, “It’s totally out of control.” He intends to reintroduce a bill where minors will not be allowed the use of their cell phones — no texting, no talking while driving — but revert back to what he believes to be the original purpose of cell phones, to be used in emergency situations when they have pulled off the road. He will also co-sponsor another bill, one aimed at hands-free driving for everyone.

“Road safety legislation takes a long time. I don’t know why,” Rep. Slosberg says. “All I know, this business is just like every other business: it’s all about relationships. So I’m making relationships with other representatives and senators and being persistent, yet understanding it’s going to take time to get them to see things my way.”

Truth be told, just as many lives as legislators could save by signing their names, drivers could save by not picking up their phones. ■

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**Traffic fatalities by county**  
(Accumulated deaths through Nov. 14)

|                   | 2012 | 2011 |
|-------------------|------|------|
| <b>Lee</b>        | 51   | 62   |
| <b>Charlotte</b>  | 15   | 20   |
| <b>Collier</b>    | 31   | 28   |
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Right now there are more than 250 children in Collier County who have been abandoned or are alleged to have been abused or neglected. Volunteers

with the Guardian ad Litem program advocate for these children in the courts, the child welfare system and the community. Children in the program range from infant to 17 years in age.

Participating in "Celebrate With A Star" is easy. If you'd like to provide a gift for a child, just send an e-mail to [pio@colliersheriff.org](mailto:pio@colliersheriff.org) and someone will reply with a child's age and his or her holiday wish.

Or you can stop by and select an ornament from the tree in the human

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Gifts can be delivered, wrapped or unwrapped but with the wish star securely attached, to CCSO headquarters, to Del's 24-Hour Food Store on Thomasson Drive in East Naples, or to any of the following CCSO substations:

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Gifts must be dropped off by Wednesday, Dec. 5. For more information, call the CCSO public affairs bureau at 252-0604 or e-mail [pio@colliersheriff.org](mailto:pio@colliersheriff.org). ■



Take a teddy bear or two to the rink and toss them onto the ice when the Florida Everblades score their first goal on Saturday, Dec. 1, at Germain Arena. For the third annual Iberiabank Teddy Bear

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## Make a lunch date for Empty Bowls

The United Arts Council of Collier County and the art program at Florida Gulf Coast University hold the annual pottery sale and Empty Bowls lunch on Friday, Nov. 30, in the arts complex at FGCU. Soup will be served from 11:30 a.m. until supplies run out; the pottery sale will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For the past 12 years, UAC and the university's art program have partnered to produce an annual pottery sale that features work by potters from across Southwest Florida. Shoppers can purchase beautiful, functional, handmade pottery while also benefiting UAC arts education programs in Immokalee. A portion of the proceeds from every sale will go toward the purchase of art supplies and equipment and will help pay for teachers in after-school programs.

This year's sale will feature pottery by Annabelle Johnson, Rinny Ryan, Angela Aradia, Barb Darling, Diane Roberts, David Hammel, Alys Baer, Ron Kowalyk, Patricia Fay and FGCU art students.

Empty Bowls is a national phenomenon that unites potters, students, restaurants and food banks to address the needs of the hungry in local communities. The formula for fundraising is simple and sincere: Potters and students make bowls, area restaurants donate soup and bread, and hunger assistance organizations provide education.

For a \$15 donation, guests can pick out the bowl they like best and fill it with the soup of their choice. After enjoying a "soup kitchen" style meal, the bowl is washed to be taken home for use with the knowledge

of having assisted needy members of the immediate community.

Participating restaurants and the soup they will serve are: Hemingway's Island Grill (butternut squash), the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point (beef and barley), Ted's Montana Grill (bison chili), Naples Flatbread (chicken vegetable), Miller's Ale House (black bean), Carrabba's (lentil sausage), Outback Steakhouse (creamy potato) and PF Chang's (egg drop and hot and sour). In addition, private chef Art Nicoletti will serve Zuppe di Napoli, and the FGCU Science of Cooking class will contribute a vegan soup developed as a class project.

The Artisan Bread Company will provide ciabatta bread.

For more information, call Patricia Fay at 590-7229 or e-mail pfay@fgcu.edu. ■

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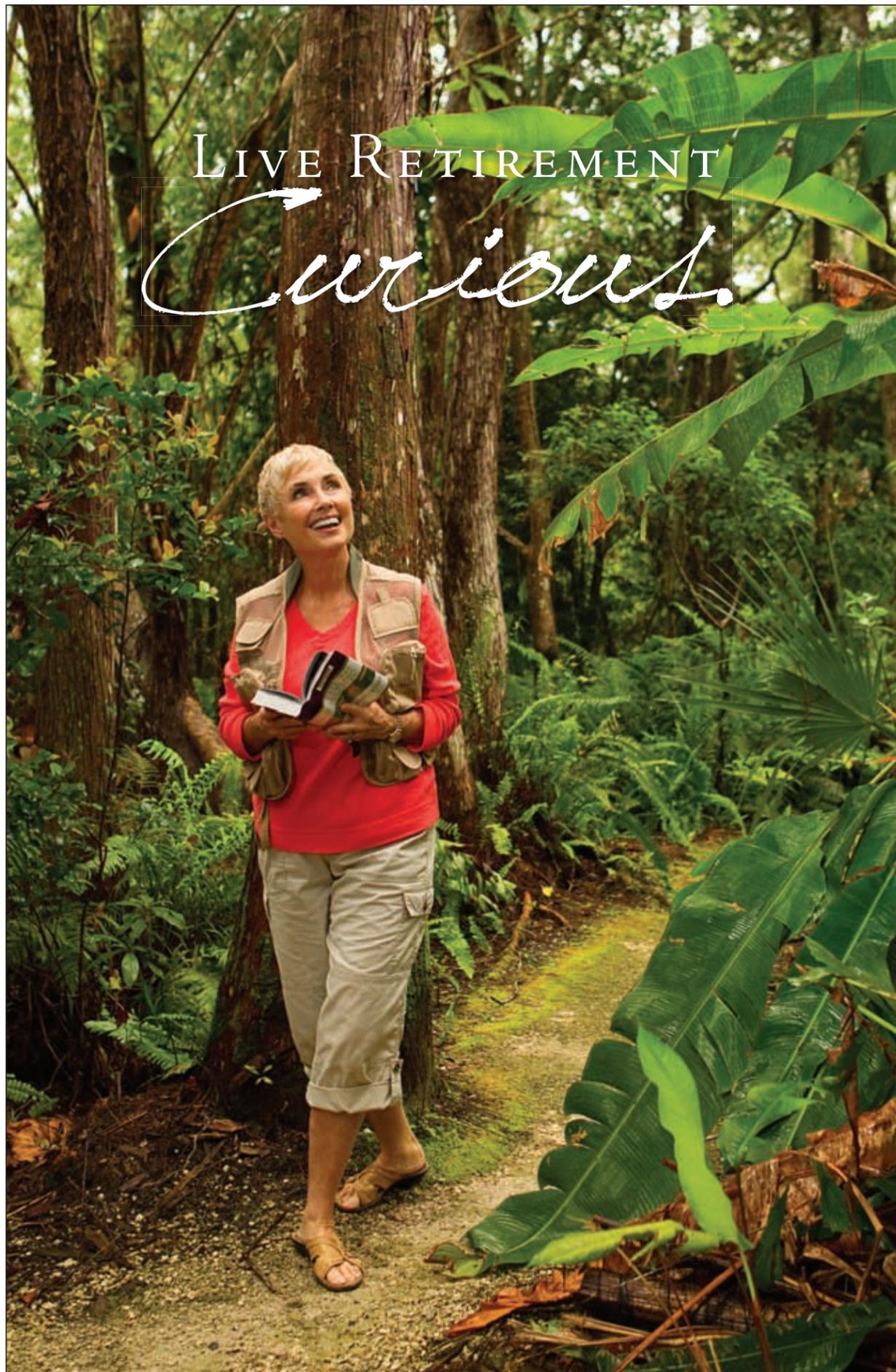
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# UNDERCOVER HISTORIAN

## Questers on a mission to promote historical preservation



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I usually pen this column about the history of people, places and events in Collier County; this week, however, my focus is on antiques and collecting. The inspiration came when I attended a recent Questers meeting.

Most of us began some sort of collecting as children, gathering up baseball cards, dolls, books, comics, etc. Not only did we play with our prized possessions, we traded them for similar items, often in hopes of completing a collection.

I'm told, however, that "completing" collections never really happens. I once read in Country Home magazine about a study that revealed the average person has 5.6 different collections in his possession. That's a few more than I actually have — which should please my husband.

The Questers is an international organization whose mission is to not only study antiques but to also promote and develop knowledge of preservation of historical landmarks. Jessie Elizabeth Bardens, of Fort Washington, Penn., founded the group in 1944 and its motto has always been: "It's fun to search and a joy to find."

With more than 13,000 members in 900 chapters throughout the United States and in two Canadian provinces, Questers remains very much alive today. Florida alone has more than 30 chapters, including Neapolitan Questers #936, which was founded in the late 1970s.

All of the Florida chapters joined efforts to become a state organization back in early 1976, according to an article posted in the St. Petersburg Times. Monies collected from dues continue to support scholarships at Columbia University on behalf of reconstructive architecture and at University of Delaware for the Winterthur Museum.

Questers' interest in historical preser-



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Rose Somoghy, seated, is a charter member of the Neapolitan Questers Chapter #936, which was founded in the late 1970s. Here she is surrounded by current members, all of whom share her love of antiques and history.

vation is evidenced by contributions to these historical landmarks: Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts; The White House and the Andrew Mellon Building in Washington, D.C.; and Independence Hall in

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the two chapters were established, Everglades members met in the evening, while the Neapolitan Questers met during the day. A few years ago the two chapters merged forces and members.

In 1999, the former Everglades Chapter underwrote the cost of plaque restoration at the renovated Old Laundry Building (the current site of the Museum of the Everglades). And back in 1986, 13 members of the Neapolitan Chapter oversaw the creation of a quilt with 30 squares depicting local historical sites as a fundraiser for Palm Cottage, home of the Naples Historical Society.

Naples resident Polly Crews has been a Quester since the late 1980s and invites anyone with an interest in the past to join. "You don't even need to have your own antiques — only an interest in learning from the past," she says.

If you enjoy learning about the history of people, places and things, if you've ever looked at an old item and wondered where it came from or what it was used for, then you are already a Quester at heart.

For information about Questers meetings, call Ms. Crews at 262-4408. Membership is by invitation only, and there is currently a waiting list. ■

— *Maureen Sullivan-Hartung arrived in Naples in 1981. Following a yearlong stint as a reporter for the former weekly Everglades Echo newspaper, she began freelance writing. The History Press in South Carolina published her first book, "Hidden History of Everglades City & Points Nearby," in 2010. Look for her Undercover Historian column every other week in Florida Weekly.*

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### Cal Ripken Jr. helps Boys & Girls Club celebrate it new youth sports complex

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Baker Field, a multipurpose youth sports complex named for its major donors, Patty and Jay Baker, has opened at the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County. The facility was made possible with the Bakers' gift through The Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation.

The Bakers and Cal Ripken Jr. were on hand to celebrate the grand opening earlier this month.

"When we started the foundation 11 years ago, we wanted to help kids and pay tribute to our dad," Mr. Ripken, an MLB hall of famer and co-founder of the foundation, says. "However, we never imagined we would be able to do so much for youth across the country."

"Without people like Jay and Patty Baker, this would not be possible," he adds. "Because of their support, hundreds of kids in Naples will benefit from this marvelous field."

Mr. Baker has served as a board member of the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation since 2008 and was named chairman of the board in June. Last February, the Bakers received the Cal Ripken Sr. Award at the eighth annual Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation Aspire Gala in honor of their philanthropic efforts.

The \$1.5 million Baker Field will support not only the Ripken Foundation's baseball and softball programs but also other youth sports programs such as soccer and flag football.

"Our youth will come to Baker Field not only to learn and enjoy the great games of baseball, softball and Quickball but they will also achieve good character and citizenship through the Badges for Baseball program," Theresa Shaw, presi-



Cal Ripken Jr. and Theresa Shaw, president and CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County.



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Patty Baker cheers and Jay Baker heartily approves as Cal Ripken Jr. cuts the ribbon at Baker Field.



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**Cal Ripken Jr. pitches to Persia Cooper on opening day of Baker Field at the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County.**

dent and CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County, says.

A grant from the Naples Children & Education Foundation will help fund Baker Field programs. The new complex is designed for Boys & Girls Club of Collier County daily activities and for weekend or special community activities. It will also serve youth in the foster care system, children with special needs and young people at the county's emergency shelter.

"NCEF is pleased to support the sports and developmental programs taking place on Baker Field," says John Jordan, an NCEF trustee. "These programs shape young lives and contribute to the well being of the whole child. They even the playing field for youth who have had a tough start in life."

The development of Baker Field is part of the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation's "Swing for the Future" campaign, which was developed to provide at-risk youth in select neighborhoods safe places to play and learn. The goal of the campaign

is to develop multipurpose, low-maintenance fields that will provide a cohesive recreational and educational experience for underserved young people across the United States. In addition to Baker Field, parks are operating in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Texas. AstroTurf has provided synthetic turf for all of the projects.

The Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation uses baseball- and softball-themed programs to help build character and teach critical life lessons to at-risk youth in America's most distressed communities. Founded in 2001 by members of the Ripken family in memory of their patriarch Cal Ripken Sr., the foundation works to create programs that positively impact disadvantaged youth through active community partnerships with America's most successful youth service organizations.

For more information about the programs offered at the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County, including volunteer opportunities and other ways to help, visit [www.bgccc.com](http://www.bgccc.com). ■



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# CONSERVANCY

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of a Fakahatchee Strand fishing shack and a video of scientists discussing their field work. Panoramic photographic banners fill the building with green hues and the feeling of being outdoors and weaving through mangrove tunnels.

Sure to be one of the most popular spots, the expanded touch tank was built to allow toddlers to see in from their vantage point and with room for more volunteers to assist guests with exploring critters such as horseshoe crabs and sea urchins.

The center was made possible by donations from donors to the Conservancy's capital campaign, including the couple for whom the building is named.

"Bill and I are delighted the Discovery Center is open," says Sue Dalton, secretary of the Conservancy's board of directors and a former chair of Magic Under the Mangroves, its signature annual event. "We feel strongly about the work being done at the Conservancy and the preservation of Southwest Florida's ecosystem. This hands-on center provides a place for families to learn about the important issues and to be engaged in so many wonderful ways. We just love it and hope all the visitors will, too."

Several entities declared Nov. 14 as "Sue and Bill Dalton Discovery Center Day," including the state of Florida, Collier County and the city of Naples, with the proclamations read during the opening ceremony on Nov. 14. County Commissioner Georgia Hiller and Commissioner-Elect Tim Nance participated in the opening, as did about 100 Conser-



Andrew McElwaine, David Webb, Kathleen Peck, Sue Dalton, Georgia Hiller, Jack Wert and Tim Nance celebrate the opening of the Dalton Discovery Center.

COURTESY PHOTO

vancy board members, staff, volunteers and other supporters.

"We always envisioned the Dalton Discovery Center to be one of the linchpins of the new campus," says Rob Moher, vice president of marketing and development for the Conservancy. "To see it open is thrilling. It's going to give people a unique perspective of Southwest Florida environmental issues and what they can do to help in a fun, refreshing, interactive way."

Updating the Discovery Center was not part of the Conservancy's original capital campaign plan, but, Mr. Moher says, "We added more projects because donors felt this was vital. Sue and Bill's leadership gift for this building gave us the confidence to push forward."

Education Manager David Webb says school groups will benefit from the

updated building, constructed on the same footprint as the old Discovery Center, because there are more exhibits to discuss and more areas for hands-on exploration. He adds docents will be key to welcoming visitors to the building, talking about the exhibits and taking out animals for visitors to touch. "This will be an interactive experience," he emphasizes.

Carole Talkowski, a Conservancy volunteer for five years and coordinator of the Discovery Center volunteers, is actively looking for more help.

"You have to be a person who is interested in Southwest Florida, has a love of nature and is interested in preserving and protecting what we have here," she says. Volunteers receive training about the exhibits and how to communicate key points to guests. "We want our visi-

tors to take away at least one thing that amazes them and excites them."

While some new campus elements, including the Smith Preserve Way entrance and the von Arx Wildlife Hospital, are open, work continues on the Environmental Planning Center, learning lab and other facilities.

A grand reopening celebration for the entire Conservancy Nature Center is being planned for April 20-21. ■

## in the know

### The Dalton Discovery Center

>> **Where:** The Conservancy of Southwest Florida, entrance at Smith Preserve Way off Goodlette-Frank Road just south of the entrance to The Naples Zoo

>> **Hours:** 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday

>> **Cost:** Adults, \$12.95; ages 4-12, \$8.95; free for ages 3 and younger. Conservancy members are admitted free.

>> **On exhibit:** More than 100 animals, marine life, plants and ecosystems are represented in the Discovery Center's exhibits and interpretive graphics. Among the live animals, the juvenile loggerhead turtle is the showcase. Other highlights include:

- Alligators
- Horseshoe crabs
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- Diamondback terrapin
- Eastern indigo snake
- Red rat snake
- Pine snake
- Lionfish
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## Veterinarians to receive Eagle Award in honor of their volunteer services

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Six volunteer veterinarians have been named to receive Conservancy of Southwest Florida's Eagle Award at the ninth annual Magic Under the Mangroves fundraiser. The announcement was made earlier this month at the "First Magic of the Season," kick-off celebration for the event.

never any animal or case that was too insignificant for these vets to care for. They were always there when we needed their help, and we will continue to consult with them."

Jeannie Smith is chairing Magic Under the Mangroves for 2013, and Northern Trust is the presenting sponsor. As of Nov. 9, other sponsors include Betty Maclean Travel, Gulfshore Life,



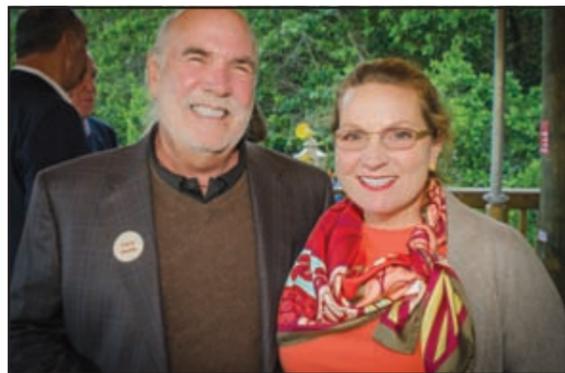
**Joanna Fitzgerald, director of the von Arx Wildlife Hospital, center, is surrounded by veterinarians and 2013 Eagle Award winners Drs. Damien Lin, Jeffery Noble, Frank Ogden, Christi Warren and Tonya Loreman. Dr. Erik Madison is not pictured.**

The Conservancy's highest honor, the Eagle Award is presented to the individual or group whose work and actions demonstrate their commitment to pro-

NBC-2, *Florida Weekly* and Comcast.

Over the past eight years, Magic has raised more than \$3.4 million to support the Conservancy mission. In addition to the main event Thursday evening, March 7, at the Conservancy, Magic patrons will be invited to an afternoon party Sunday, Feb. 10, at Keewaydin Club on Keewaydin Island. The patron party is co-sponsored by Sabadell Bank & Trust and Michael G. Lawler of Premier/Sotheby's International Realty.

Members of the Magic Under the Mangroves committee include: Edith Andrew, Kellie Burns, Jennie Cheng, Donna Comstock, Ginger Cornog, Elizabeth



**Christopher B. Smith and Jeannie M. Smith, chair of the 2012 and 2013 Magic Under the Mangroves events.**

tecting our natural environment and quality of life in Southwest Florida. The veterinarians who have donated their time, expertise and facilities to care for critically injured wildlife admitted to the Conservancy Wildlife Clinic (now the new von Arx Wildlife Hospital) who will be honored on March 7 are: Dr. Damien Lin, St. Francis Animal Hospital; Dr. Tonya Loreman, Sabal Palm Animal Hospital; Dr. Erik Madison, Emergency Pet Hospital of Collier County; Dr. Jeffrey Noble, St. Francis Animal Hospital; Dr. Frank Ogden, Bonita Veterinary Hospital; and Dr. Christi Warren, Animal Eye Doctors.

Cottingham, Susan Dalton, Linda Diaz, Carol Dinardo, Kerry Edwards, Barbara Everist, Carol Farmer, Gloria Ferreri, Cynthia Fiber, Ellin Goetz, Donna Hall, Nancy Hamill, Robin Hamilton,

Raynelle Heidrick, Shelley Lund Hobbs, Judith Hushon, Sabrina Kelly, Lin Klein, Steven Leonard, Maureen Lerner, Jinx Liggett, Cassie McMillion, Jane Pearsall, Susan Regenstein, Sue Schulte, Lynne Shotwell, Mary Smith, Vicky Smith, Roz Travis, Sharon Treiser, Sharon von Arx, Marilyn Waud, Lesley Webster, Nancy White, Pamela Williams, Barbara Wilson and Sheelah Windfeldt. ■



**The 2013 Magic Under the Mangroves committee.**

"These caring veterinarians assisted us before we had the ability to hire a full-time veterinarian," Conservancy President and CEO Andrew McElwaine says. "They well deserve the honor of receiving the 2013 Eagle Award."

Joanna Fitzgerald, director of the von Arx Wildlife Hospital, adds, "There was

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# Experience Corkscrew Swamp under a full moon

Audubon Florida's Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts its second monthly After Hours on Wednesday, Nov. 28.

In honor of the arrival of Florida's winter birds — the painted buntings, yellow-bellied sapsuckers, belted kingfishers, gray catbirds and eastern Phoebes that fly south to warmer climate — Jerry Jackson of Florida Gulf Coast University will lead a discussion on "Mysteries of Bird Migration" starting at 3:30 p.m., followed by a guided sunset bird walk on the boardwalk from 5-6:30 p.m.

The Corkscrew boardwalk is especially scenic this time of year, with needles falling from the deciduous cypress trees and their bare branches creating stark shadows against the starlit night sky. With the full moon lighting the 2.25-mile boardwalk, "After Hours" visitors on can easily navigate it after dark, independently or guided by Corkscrew's staff.

Guitar player/songwriter Alan Bradford, who has toured with Harry Chapin and James Taylor, will entertain from 5-7 p.m. in the Blair Audubon Center. Beginning at 5:30 p.m., Rick Piper from the Everglades Astronomical Society will offer visitors planetary views through



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## Evening at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary

his powerful telescope. Children's interpretive stations and activities will also be available in the Blair Audubon Center beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The Landmark Trees Project that debuted during the first After Hours in October continues Nov. 28 with the designation of Landmark Tree 2.

The project identifies unique bald cypress trees within the ancient swamp forest where the oldest residents are more than 500 years old. Visitors learn

about each tree's history and role within the active and thriving preserve. All Landmark Trees will be designated for visitors through the year.

Through July, Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary's monthly After Hours events will highlight a variety of nature experiences and educational themes. There is no additional charge beyond the regular admission of \$12 per adult, \$6 for college students with ID; \$4 for ages 6-18 years old and free for children under 6.

Upcoming After Hours dates and educational themes are:

- Friday, Dec. 21:** Winter solstice
- Wednesday, Jan. 23:** Stars and planets
- Wednesday, Feb. 20:** Stars and planets
- Wednesday, March 20:** Stars and planets
- Wednesday, April 17:** Bird migration
- Wednesday, May 22:** Reptiles and frogs
- Friday, June 21:** Summer solstice
- Friday, July 12:** Moths, fireflies and ghost orchids

## About Corkscrew

Audubon Florida's Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary comprises nearly 13,000 acres of fragile land owned and protected by the National Audubon Society since 1954. In addition to the meandering boardwalk traversing three major habitats, there is a visitor center with a nature store, a tearoom and a theater with a running show about the region's environmental history and challenges.

Corkscrew is in the heart of the western Everglades, just northeast of Naples, 15 miles from I-75 on Immokalee Road. Hours are 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. year-round. For more information, call 348-9151 or visit [www.corkscrew.audubon.org](http://www.corkscrew.audubon.org). ■



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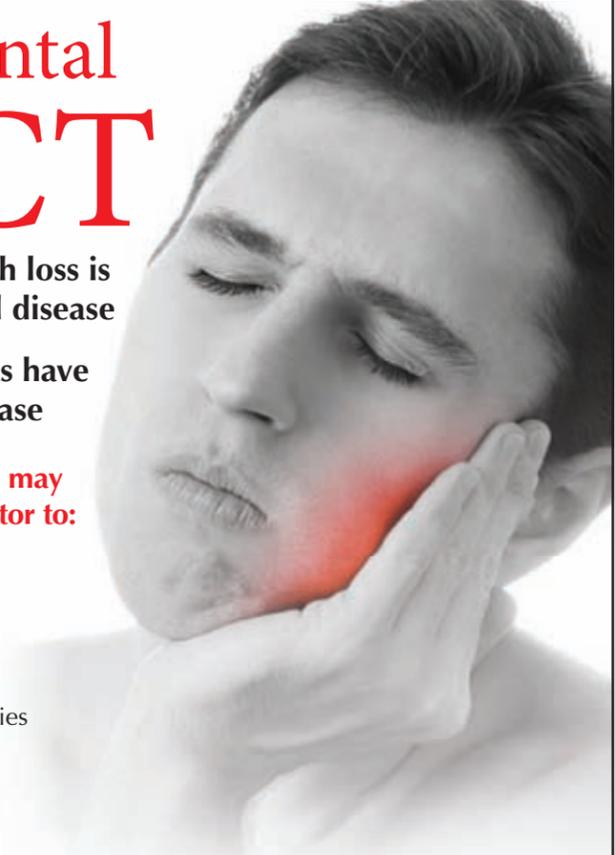
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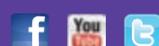
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■ **The Greater Naples AAUW** meets at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Naples, 6340 Napa Woods Way off Pine Ridge Road east of I-75. New and old members are invited for coffee and a program about companion care and home health aids. For more information, call 597-0712.

■ **The Naples Golden Links Club** holds its Christmas Charity Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Bayside Seafood Grill in Venetian Village. Members are asked to bring an unwrapped toy for donation to local children in need over the holidays.

Golden Links is a social club of African American women who meet monthly to cultivate friendship, support one another and help local charities.

For more information Go To: Golden.links@live.com

■ **The Naples Music Club** holds its holiday dinner at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Bonita Bay Club. Among the entertainers will be 16-year-old soprano Toni-Ann Singh, winner of the club's 2012 voice award/senior division. The club welcomes new members who support music education and performance. For more information and an application for membership, visit [www.naplesmusicclub.org](http://www.naplesmusicclub.org).

■ **Kappa Kappa Gamma** members and guests will celebrate the holidays from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, at the Imperial Golf Club. Wine and appetizers will be served. Cost is \$20. For reservations, call Jeanne Feight at 403-3012.

■ **The Naples chapter of Ikebana International** will meet at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, at Moorings Pres-

byterian Church for a program about holiday floral designs focusing on the Sogetsu school of ikebana. The instructor will be sensei Carol Brocklesby. A light lunch will be served after the program.

Attendance is free. Non-members are welcome but are asked to make reservations by e-mailing [ikebananaples@me.com](mailto:ikebananaples@me.com). For more information, visit [www.IkebanaNaples.com](http://www.IkebanaNaples.com).

■ **The Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club** of Naples holds its holiday party from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at Marbella Lakes Clubhouse, 6678 Marbella Lane. All Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island alumnae of Pi Beta Phi collegiate chapters are welcome. Spouses and significant others are welcome. Members bring hors d'oeuvres to share; beverages are provided.

Cost is \$10 per person. Reservations are required and can be made by calling Connie Kindsvater at 597-7878 or e-mailing [conskind@aol.com](mailto:conskind@aol.com).

■ **The Ohio State Alumni Club** of Naples holds its holiday social from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, in the clubhouse at The Strand, 5840 Strand Blvd, Naples. Members will welcome students from the OSU Buck-I-Serv program who volunteer their time and talents in Immokalee and surrounding communities to help less fortunate families. Buck-I-Serve founders Cal and Donna Wible will also attend.

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■ **Friends and alumni of the University of Iowa** gather at Big Al's Sports Grill, 8004 Trail Blvd., every Saturday to watch football and socialize over food and drink. For more information, contact Mike Eovino by calling 263-1422 or e-mailing [naplesiowaclub@gmail.com](mailto:naplesiowaclub@gmail.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).

■ **Toastmasters International** teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. Guests are always welcome. Local Toastmasters chapters, meeting times and locations include:

**Bonita Toastmasters Club:** 7 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday at

the Bonita Springs Fire Station, 27701 Bonita Grande Drive. For more information, call Scott Vail at 777-3642.

**Collier Communicate Club:** 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Books-A-Million in Mercato. Call Robert Rizzo at (407) 493-8584.

**Naples Sunrise Bay Toastmasters Club:** 7:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday in Moss Hall at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. Call Steve McCann at 777-8851.

**Naples Toastmasters Club:** 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday at Naples General Aviation Center, 200 Aviation Drive N. Call Steve Jallad at 776-5398.

**Toast of the Coast Toastmasters Club:** Noon on the second and fourth Friday at Stantec (previously Wilson Miller), 3200 Bailey Lane, Naples. Call Gwen Greenglass at 431-0931.

**Naples Advanced Toastmasters:** 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday at the North Collier Government Center, 2335 Orange Blossom Drive. Call Linda Valentine at (954) 780-6683. This club has prerequisites for membership.

**Toastmaster Academy:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday at the North Collier Government Center, 2335 Orange Blossom Drive. Call R. Sunde at 594-3828.

For more about the organization, visit [www.toastmasters.org](http://www.toastmasters.org).

■ Membership in the **Social Butterflies**, a new group for women, is open to all who want to cultivate friendships, support one another's career and personal efforts and also help local charities. For more information, call Nicole Forbis at 784-7987 or look for Social Butterflies Naples on Facebook. ■

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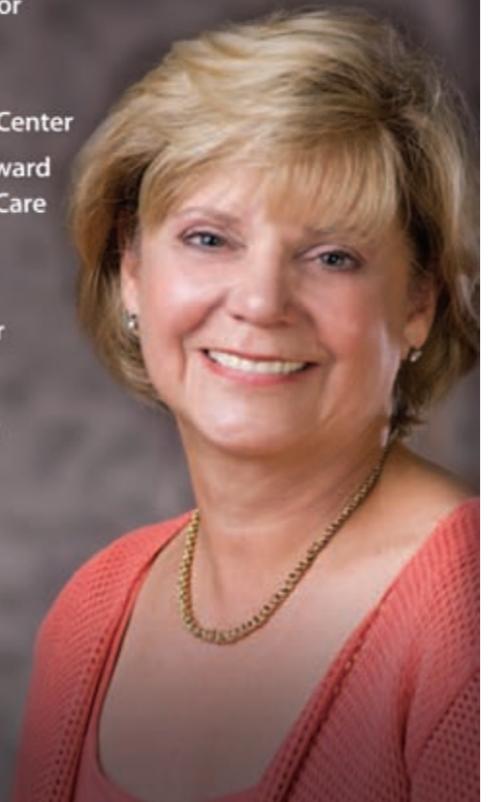
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### MHASWF plans 55th annual meeting

The Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida holds its 55th annual meeting Friday, Dec. 14, at Hodges University. Guest speaker Dr. Robert Albanese will discuss "New Mental Health Care Laws and their Impact on our Diverse Culture."

Gail Williams, chief diversity officer at Hodges U., will host the meeting.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. at the university's the Science and Technology Building, 2647 Northbrooke Drive.

Registration is \$25 and is open to all. Scholarships are available, and professionals can earn one CEU. For more information, call Brian Follweiler at 261-5405 or e-mail [bfollweiler@mhaswfl.org](mailto:bfollweiler@mhaswfl.org).

### Free classes can empower parents

David Lawrence Center offers free parenting courses starting in January to empower parents and provide them with communication skills and other tools to help them meet challenges associated with raising children. Classes will meet from 6-8 p.m. once a week for six weeks, with several starting dates available for sessions in both English and Spanish. Space is limited, and registration is open now.

"Making Parenting a Pleasure" is designed for busy, stressed-out parents of children ages 5-12.

"Parenting a Problematic Teen" is for parents of older children who are strong-willed or even out of control.

For registration or more information, call 263-4013 or visit [www.davidlawrencecenter.org](http://www.davidlawrencecenter.org).

### University seeks Parkinson's patients for research study

Florida Gulf Coast University seeks volunteers who have been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease to participate in a research study about the relationship between severity of the disease and physical activity level. Volunteers are needed to complete three short surveys and a few skills after the support group meeting held at Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc. headquarters in Naples on Thursday, Nov. 29.

Several members of PASFi already have signed up, and more are welcome.

PASFi headquarters are at 1048 Goodlette-Frank Road. To sign up for the FGCU study or for information about PASFi programs including voice and movement classes, support groups, medical equipment for loan and a lending library of books, VHS tapes and DVDs pertaining to PD, call 417-3645 or visit [www.pasfi.org](http://www.pasfi.org). ■

## Controversial HPV vaccine may benefit HIV-infected women

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Women with HIV may benefit from a vaccine for human papillomavirus, despite having already been exposed to HPV, a study finds. Although many may have been exposed to less serious forms of HPV, more than 45 percent of sexually active young women who have acquired HIV appear never to have been exposed to the most common high-risk forms of HPV, according to the study from a National Institutes of Health research network.

HPV is the most common sexually transmitted infection in the world. The virus can infect the anal and genital areas, mouth and throat of males and females. High-risk forms of the virus can cause cancer, including cancer of the cervix.

The researchers noted that earlier studies had found many women with HIV were more likely than were women who did not have HIV to have conditions associated with HPV, such as precancerous conditions of the cervix, as well as for cervical cancer.

"Health care providers may hesitate to recommend HPV vaccines after a girl starts having sex," said study first author Jessica Kahn, M.D., M.P.H. of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. "However, our results show that for a significant number of young women, HPV vaccine can still offer benefits. This is especially important in light of their HIV status, which can make them even more vulnerable to HPV's effects."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends HPV vaccination for girls ages 11-26. If an individ-

ual has not been exposed to the virus, approved HPV vaccines can protect against four types of the virus. Two HPV types, HPV-16 and HPV-18, cause 70 percent of cervical cancers. Two others, HPV-6 and HPV-11, cause 90 percent of genital warts.



Socially conservative groups have decried — concerned that making the vaccine available to girls might encourage promiscuity.

At the time the women in the study received their first HPV vaccination, the researchers found that 12 percent had an existing HPV-16 infection and 5 percent had an HPV-18 infection. Because of their HIV status, these women may be more likely to develop cervical cancer or to develop a cancer that is hard to treat, the researchers said.

"Cervical cancer screening for sexually active young women is an important clinical priority, but our findings suggest it is especially so for women at risk of HIV," said study co-author Bill G. Kapogiannis, M.D., of the pediatric, adolescent and maternal AIDS branch of the Eunice Ken-

nedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, one of six NIH institutes supporting the study.

The researchers analyzed blood and tissue samples from 99 HIV-positive women between 16 and 23 years old who were given an initial vaccination for HPV. The researchers examined the samples for evidence of an existing HPV infection as well as previous exposure to the virus.

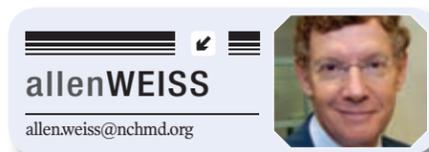
The researchers tested for the presence of 41 of more than 100 existing types of HPV virus, including 13 high-risk types. They found that 75 percent of the women had an existing HPV infection with at least one type, with 54 percent testing positive for a high-risk type. However, when examining the two types that cause 70 percent of cervical cancers (HPV-16 and HPV-18), the researchers found that nearly half of the women had no existing infection with either type and showed no evidence of exposure to them.

When the researchers tested for each type of HPV individually, they found that nearly 75 percent of the women had no current HPV-18 infection and no evidence of previous exposure. For HPV-16, 56 percent did not have a current infection or previous exposure.

"Even among women who test positive for one type of HPV, the vaccine may effectively prevent infection with others — especially high-risk forms that cause cancer," Dr. Kahn said. "It's important that doctors don't withhold the vaccine in these cases, thinking that it's too late for a vaccine to be effective."

The findings of the study appear in the *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*. ■

## Giving thanks for volunteers, doctors and medical professionals



Let me give thanks this Thanksgiving season to some of those who make NCH the unique institution it is.

■ **Volunteers:** Our 1,200 volunteers have helped to raise \$95,000 through NCH Auxiliary events. Those funds have been granted to various departments for things that enhance patient satisfaction. Downtown recipients include the ER, and palliative care, infection prevention, oncology and orthopedics. North Naples recipients include the ER and NICU and our breast health navigator position. The Marco Island Auxiliary has donated \$15,000 to enhance the urgent care facility on Marco.

In addition, our three auxiliaries have awarded a total of \$13,500 in important scholarships.

Thanks to the efforts of Diane Van Parys, Marianne Kaldany and Bill Murdy, an auxiliary golf tournament and wine tasting raised \$7,000 to enhance quality of care for OPIS. patients.

In the NCH gift shops and at our

White Elephant shop, approximately 120 volunteers have raised almost \$200,000 for this fiscal year, all to purchase equipment for NCH. K. Sloane, White Elephant volunteer, started a "Go Green" campaign to reuse clear plastic hospital bags, while Carol Vega in central supply established a method to share clean supply bags.

■ **Physicians:** Bill Shirkey, our echocardiography technical director, singles out two of our outstanding cardiologists. Mr. Shirkey called on pediatric cardiologist Tankut Onal to consult on a particularly vexing congenital heart abnormality in an adult patient. Dr. Onal not only helped resolve the diagnosis for this very complicated and rare anomaly, he also took time to carefully explain to the patient and her husband the extent of her condition. Mr. Shirkey adds that Dr. Onal and his partner, Dr. Levi Novero, are extremely valued as consultants for the emerging section of adult congenital heart defect patients we area seeing at NCH.

Mr. Shirkey also wrote about Dr. Bruce Gelinas, who dropped what he was doing to assist in helping an elderly, obese gentleman to the bathroom. The patient was very weak, and it took both Mr. Shirkey and the doctor to assist him.

Mr. Shirkey says he found it most reassuring to work with someone like Dr. Gelinas, "who truly understands teamwork and has a genuine, caring attitude toward our patients and staff."

■ **Respiratory therapists:** As part of Respiratory Care Week, we recognized two therapists as "RT of the Year." Tishia Reisinger of the Downtown campus and Julio Mendez at our North Naples hospital exemplify the very best of the men and women representing us as respiratory therapists.

■ **Radiology staff:** This department recently celebrated the work of Dr. Yashodeep Jadhav, radiology technologist Carrie Knapp, her student Jamie Kempen and recovery room RNs Stella Gyimah and David Schulze, all of whom worked tirelessly with a family whose child required a lumbar puncture to assess for an infectious disease. The child improved, and the parents were effusive in their thanks.

And so am I incredibly thankful — for the diverse team of medical professionals and volunteers whose shared goal of improving our community's wellness reverberates every day throughout NCH. ■

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

## Hazelden offers four free programs focused on recovery

Hazelden in Naples presents "Inspiration to Strengthen Recovery," a series of four free programs starting Tuesday, Dec. 11, and continuing from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 8, Feb. 12 and March 12, at First United Methodist Church, 388 First Ave. S.

Guest speaker for the December session is Heather Burton. Ms. Burton holds a master's degree in addiction studies and began her clinical work at the Hazelden Foundation in Center City, Minn. She helped open the Naples facility in 2010 and is now director of clinical services here. Her topic of discussion will be complacency or "resting on our laurels" as it affects those in



Burton



Moyers

recovery for alcohol or substance abuse. The series continues with:

■ "The Blessings of a Thorough 11th Step" on Jan. 8, by author Karen Casey, Ph.D.

■ "Now What? For the Whole Family" on Feb. 12, by William Cope Moyers, vice president of public affairs and community relations for Hazelden.

■ "Transitions: Coping with Change" on March 12, by Elene Loecher, who retired after 25 years as spiritual care and program coordinator at Hazelden's Dan Anderson Renewal Center in Minnesota.

For more information, call Hazelden's Theresa Fuller at 659-2367. ■



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# PET TALES

## Hidden illness

Fast reaction to early symptoms is a life-or-death matter for pet birds

BY DR. MARTY BECKER  
AND GINA SPADAFORI

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A sick bird too often means a dead bird. That's because by the time their illness is noticed, birds are usually very ill indeed, and sometimes too far gone to be helped even by the best veterinarian.

Birds hide their illness, and that makes sense for wild birds. If you look sick in the wild, you'll attract the attention of a predator and will soon be someone's lunch. If you're lucky, you'll get better without your illness ever being spotted.

That's a good strategy for survival in the wild, but it doesn't work as well for pet birds. That's why some birds who seem fine one day are found dead the next. They were likely ill for a long time, but had managed to hide the symptoms.

The best way to catch an illness before your bird gets too sick to be helped is to have your pet see a veterinarian regularly. Your bird will be better off with a board-certified avian specialist, if there's one available in your area, or with a veterinarian who is comfortable treating birds and who keeps up with the latest available health information on these pets.

An avian veterinarian will go over your bird carefully, and will ask you questions meant to reveal any problems in your bird's health or behavior and in how you care for your pet. The veterinarian may suggest a couple of basic diagnostic tests. The idea is



Parrots and other pet birds are good at hiding illnesses, which makes preventive care and prompt reaction to symptoms of illness critical to their survival.

to correct any current problems and change anything that could become a risk in the long term, such as an improper diet.

If you suspect your bird is sick, call your veterinarian. Remember that a bird who appears ill may be in mortal danger, even if he seemed fine just the day before. Never try to treat your bird yourself. You may be misreading the symptoms and making matters worse.

It's sometimes difficult to judge what needs immediate attention and what can wait until tomorrow. Here are some guidelines in determining how best to respond to your bird's illness:

■ **Life-threatening emergencies.** These need to be dealt with immediately by a veterinarian. They include bites or deep

cuts, bleeding that can't be stopped, burns, poisoning, difficulty breathing, collapse or pass an egg. In these situations, you can't get help fast enough. If it's after hours and your regular avian veterinarian cannot be reached, you'll need to visit an emergency clinic. Not all of these treat birds, so take time now to explore your options so you'll know where to go in an emergency.

■ **Urgent situations.** Problems that should be seen by a veterinarian within a few hours of your noticing them include eye injuries or a lack of interest in eating, especially if your bird also seems "puffed up."

Sudden swellings also demand relatively fast care, as do broken bones and diarrhea. Direct contact with dog or cat saliva, regardless of whether or not the skin was broken, is also an urgent matter — your bird will likely need to be started on antibiotics right away.

■ **See your veterinarian.** Everything else falls into the not-so-urgent category, but even then, don't get complacent. If there's a problem, your pet should see his veterinarian the next day. And if any of the more urgent symptoms pop up, get help sooner.

No matter what, bear in mind that a "wait and see" attitude is not appropriate for a sick bird. When in doubt, you should at the very least call your veterinarian. Your bird's life may well depend on your prompt attention. ■

### Pets of the Week



>> **Addie** is a spayed 2-year-old American Staffordshire terrier mix. She has a great temperament around people and other dogs.



>> **Daisy Duke** is a spayed 2-year-old beagle/coonhound mix who is about 45 pounds of sweetness.



>> **Fia** is a spayed 2-year-old Australian shepherd/border collie mix with pretty brindle coloring and a bit of a mohawk going on. Her fur just stands up on her back. She loves people and other dogs.



>> **Kitchi** is a neutered 2-year-old Tibetan spaniel mix who weighs about 15 pounds.

### To adopt or foster a pet

—This week's adoptable pets are from **Brooke's Legacy Animal Rescue**, an all-volunteer, foster home rescue organization. For more information, call 434-7480, e-mail [Admin@BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.org](mailto:Admin@BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.org) or visit [www.BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.com](http://www.BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.com).

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# MUSINGS

## Uncanny



“I had worked hard for two years for the sole purpose of infusing life into an inanimate body.”

— Mary Shelley, “Frankenstein”

“Among its different shades of meaning the word heimlich exhibits one which is identical with its opposite. What is heimlich (familiar) comes to be unheimlich (concealed)...

— Sigmund Freud, “The Uncanny”

“The human desire for the intellectual mastery of one’s environment is a strong one. Intellectual certainty provides psychological shelter in the struggle for existence.”

— Ernst Jentsch,

“On the Psychology of the Uncanny”

“An automaton is supposed to run on some given sequence of inputs in discrete time steps. At each time step, an automaton gets one input that is picked up from a set of symbols or letters, which is called an alphabet. At any time, the symbols so far fed to the automaton as input form a finite sequence of symbols, which is called a word. An automaton contains a finite set of states. At each instance in time of some run, the automaton is in one of

its states. At each time step when the automaton reads a symbol, it jumps or transits to a next state that is decided by a function that takes current state and the symbol currently read as parameters. This function is called transition function. The automaton reads the symbols of the input word one after another and transits from state to state according to the transition function, until the word is read completely. Once the input word has been read, the automaton is said to have been stopped and the state at which automaton has stopped is called final state. Depending on the final state, it’s said that the automaton either accepts or rejects an input word. There is a subset of states of the automaton, which is defined as the set of accepting states. If the final state is an accepting state, then the automaton accepts the word. Otherwise, the word is rejected. The set of all the words accepted by an automaton is called the language recognized by the automaton.”

— Wikipedia, Automata Theory

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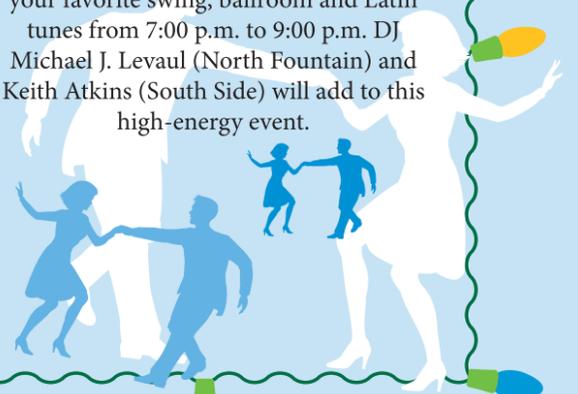
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# SOUNDS OF RECOVERY

*New home building is back*



**BY NANCI THEORET**  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Shh. Do you hear it? It's not quite the deafening cacophony of six years ago but the chug-chug of construction machinery and the thunk-thunk of hammers are returning to a neighborhood near you. Virtually silenced during the lingering recession years, homebuilders are starting to, well, build homes again as foreclosure deals and rock-bottom pricing for existing homes become a thing of the past. A dwindling supply of resale homes, an uptick in prices and prolonged bidding wars are proving advantageous to builders. Buyers who held off purchasing that Southwest Florida home can now build a home of

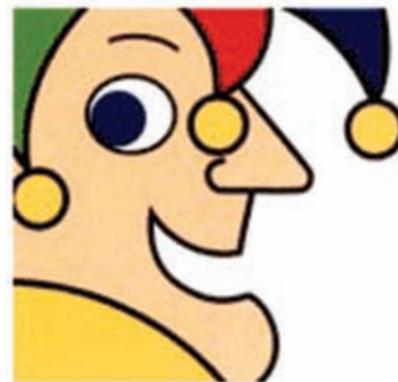
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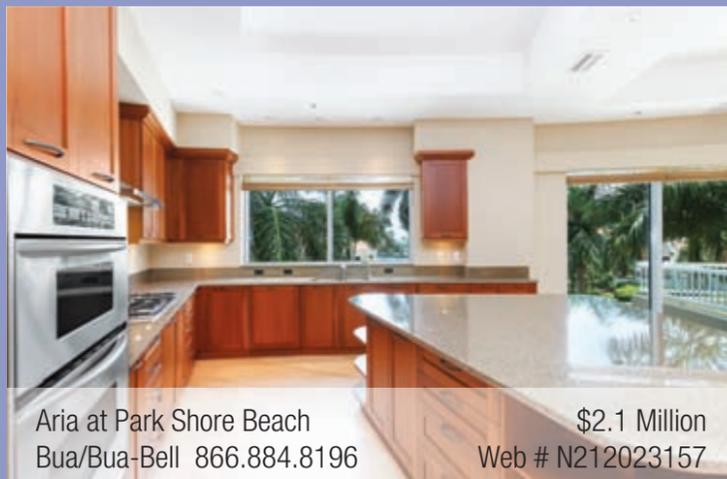
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## The process is as important as the information



who offer their mountaintop perspective, but the discerning person wants to understand what trees are in this forest. They want their view to be a bottom's up, genuine understanding of the parts and how it all fits together.

So the process becomes a zigzag approach — mastering some of the money, economic and financial details, followed by trying to put the mosaic together, then reading and viewing more. It's a never ceasing back and forth. It's all good but frustrating as a settled and defined understanding of the world just "ain't gonna happen" in the post 2008, post-crisis era. The old textbooks and rulebooks have been thrown out. Central bankers and governments are trying to rewrite the rules of business cycle contractions and debt deflations as they go along. At best, any picture of the forest will include a lot of shadows and blurry images in between some clearly defined trees.

Most recently, I was asked to share the sources I use when formulating my column. The request came from a college professor who saw merit in the column, which understood that the column covers finance, money and investing across many domains, and who felt that her college's students should consider reading the same sources. As happens so many times, a reader's e-mail to me has generated a topic for this column.

Square one, which may be different for each reader: The more financially sophisticated might just want to skip this prelude and jump to the specific list of content sources.

Most readers are trying to piece together this seemingly crazy financial world so they can create an investment plan (in any of several asset classes), a plan for retirement (whatever that used to mean and whatever it currently means), a plan for a career after college (or successive adult career), or possibly plan for their children and grandchildren. People often want a coherent view of the world.

And creating that view of the world is a genuine problem for everyone, including central bankers, market pros, 401k investors, etc., as all are trying to "see the forest from the trees." Sure, they can read topical columns or view cable pundits

the information as they look at price as the summation of all information.

Where you get your detailed information is no more important than the process that you go through. Without a disciplined, consistent undertaking of whatever process you choose you will be very lost.

Here are some ideas:

Weekly, preferably at the end of each week, consider looking at a broad array of charts of every major asset class (even those in which you do not invest), across every major country, and across short and long term time dimensions (daily and weekly, or weekly and monthly). Do you need to create the list yourself? You could but there are free online sources that offer a large number of such charts. I use an online free source that posts 200 plus charts (Tony Caldero at caldaro.wordpress.com). For customization of charts (e.g., stocks that I follow), I use INO Market Club, a pay service. (As a disclaimer, I do not get compensated and I have no business ties to these sources.)

Initially some of the charts will mean nothing; over time, the pictures tell a story... a leading, lagging, boring, nail-biting story. But start with the reality of market action before you read the words. Words can be persuasive, limiting and create emotions. Charts are hard, cold facts.

Consider reading a major business newspaper every day. I personally do not spend much time listening to info-tainment; for me, much is distorted — the guests are "talking book" and the content is intended to heighten fear or greed.

Spend time watching some of the best-known worldwide investors on video clips. (Search their names and chances are good that a video will appear.) A lot of major (and expensive) conferences will have segments posted. You will capture a lot more of what is going on in the heads of these legendary investors than through a cable news interview. You will glean some of their process.

Read books, and then read more books. And whatever you do, read content that is contrary to your inclinations, which allows you to see alternative possibilities. Often people buy a newsletter because they liked someone's opinion in that letter, then they are mired in a single viewpoint of a person who primarily makes money by selling that entrenched viewpoint.

All of this information is of little use unless it is amassed, synthesized and articulated. I find that a local coffee shop group (an open table filled with successful entrepreneurs, former corporate titans, local trades people, policemen, nurses, etc.) forces me to articulate my thinking, measure their thinking and embrace new information and perspectives. There is always an opportunity to learn from everyone. Also consider the anonymous exchange available on Value Forum.

Discuss the suitability of these ideas with your advisor. ■

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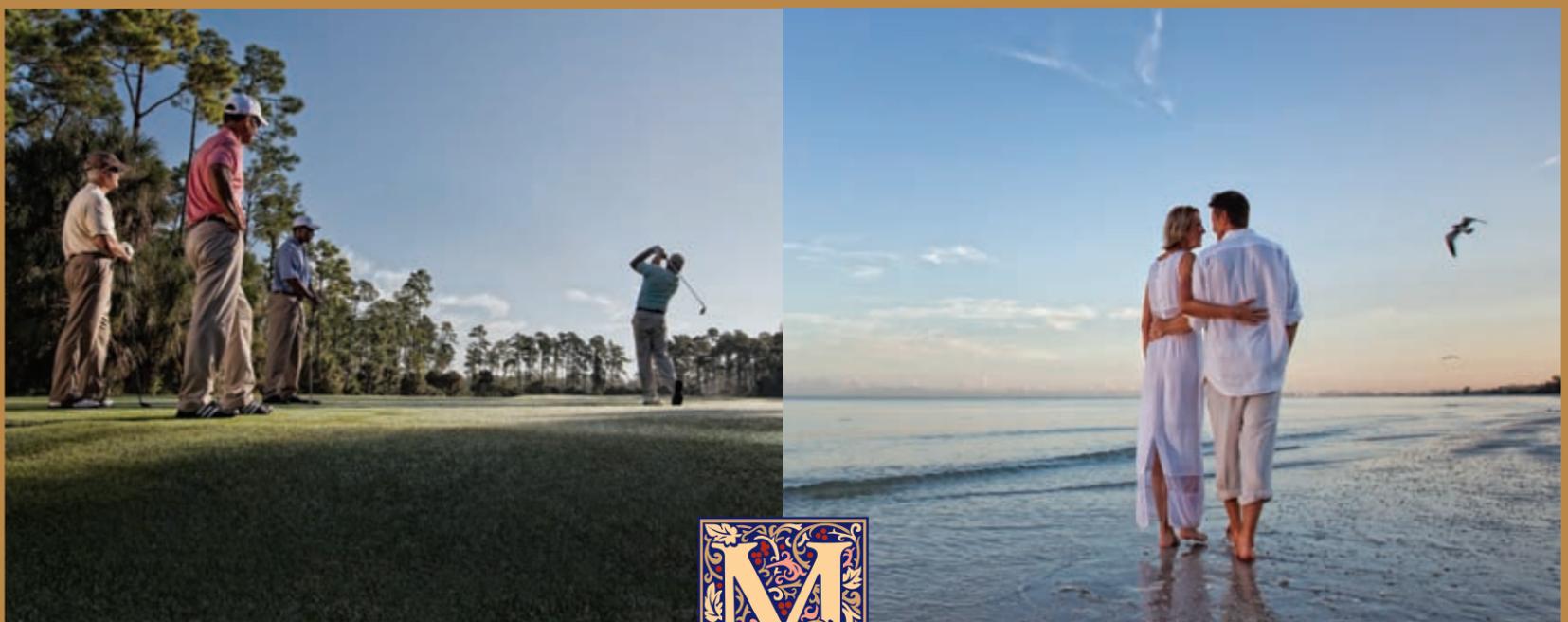


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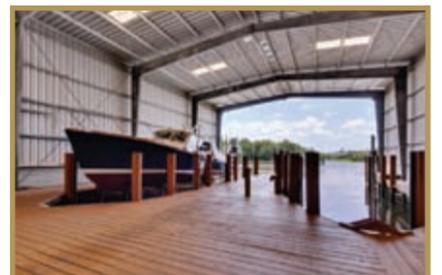
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# RECOVERY

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"Days on the market and inventory are down while prices are beginning to rise," says Mark Wilson, president of London Bay Homes in Naples, who recently attended a two-day conference of the country's top 12 private builders. "We're starting to see some urgency. It's not just in Naples but across the country. All of the builders at the meeting, the best in their markets, are seeing increasing sales and demand. Housing starts are expected to triple by the end of 2015."

## Trend setting

Nationally, new-home construction starts increased 15 percent in September — the largest jump in four years — while second-quarter prices for existing homes posted their largest gain in seven years. In Naples and Collier County, pending third-quarter sales posted a 12 percent increase compared to 2011 and in September alone rose to 22 percent, according to the Naples Area Board of Realtors. Third-quarter inventory declined 12 percent and the median closed price rose 10 percent, indicating the pendulum is beginning to swing to a seller's market.

"Buyers have been sitting on the sidelines concerned about the economy and where it's going. Now they're making that investment," says Cammie Longenecker, vice president of sales and marketing for Taylor Morrison's west Florida division. "Prices are still affordable in the state of Florida and interest rates are at record lows. Some buyers have made an offer on a home with multiple bids only to be unsuccessful and realize they could have built a home instead of waiting."

Sales of newly built single-family homes rose 5.7 percent in September — the fastest pace since April 2010, according to the National Association of Home Builders. Despite a small increase in new-home inventory on the market in September, the total number of completed new homes hit an all-time low. September's supply was the tightest since October 2005.

The build-or-buy, now-or-never mentality fueling new construction helps with unemployment rates, creating three new jobs for each new home built.

"It's good news: Everyone is getting back to work," says Leslie Weed, executive officer for the Charlotte DeSoto Building Industry Association. "Builders are getting exciting and their attitude is positive."

Ronald Oskey is one of those builders. During the association's recent expo his Punta Gorda-based Harbor Home Builders landed two contracts — one for an existing spec home and another on-your-own-lot job. Mr. Oskey and his two business part-

ners launched the company a year ago.

"We were noticing as the foreclosure market died off, people were still buying if the home was priced right," he says. "We figured if we could build the right home at the right price it would sell. The homes that were selling in Punta Gorda before the market fell all had the same thing — three bedrooms, two or three baths, a three-car garage, granite counters, wood cabinets, crown molding and 8-foot doors. It took us six months to pull it together at a price that would compete with the used market."

The formula, so far, has proven a success. The company has several homes under construction or in the works in Cape Coral, Punta Gorda and Port Charlotte. The most popular floor plan has three bedrooms, three baths, a den and is priced at \$285,000. Prices are slightly higher in Cape Coral because of impact fees, says Mr. Oskey. "There's construction everywhere in the south Cape."

Despite popular opinion, the housing industry is not the leading indicator of economic recovery, according to The Shinn Group, a Colorado firm that works with the country's top homebuilders to improve performance and profitability. Its Nov. 1 "State of the Housing Industry" notes the industry accounts for only 2.3 percent of the gross domestic product. The report also concludes the housing market bottomed out in January 2009 and has been "scraping the bottom for three years."

New home sales hit a historic low in 2011 with just 306,000 and median sales prices bottomed out at \$214,300 last November. Prices have been steadily improving since, reaching \$242,400 in September. The Shinn Group projects new home construction will return to normal activity by 2015 with 1.3 to 1.5 million starts.

## Rising prices

Those increasing price tags are due in part to rising material costs. Builders survived the recession by reducing prices and slashing profit margins. So did vendors, says Mr. Wilson, who recently received notice of a 25 percent increase from his drywall supplier. "Material and labor increases — anywhere from eight to 20 percent — are inevitable. These upward trends in the real estate market will allow vendors to raise their prices to generate more profit."

"We had to get prices in line with resales. If you wanted to be in business, you had to reset your expectations," says David Fry, president and CEO of WCI Communities, the Bonita Springs-based company that emerged from bankruptcy protection in 2010 and launched its nearly sold-out Manchester Square community the following February. "Now, construction costs have gone up four percent just in the last 10 months and we are expecting even higher costs in 2013. On the flip side, we've raised the sales prices of our new homes. People looking for the bottom have missed it."

WCI sold 267 new homes in its seven

South Florida communities in 2011. Its 2012 sales to date number 400.

## Return of the community

New master-planned communities — those gated neighborhoods with community fitness centers, swimming pools and tidy little neighborhoods of multi- and single-family homes — are also making a comeback, although on a less grandiose scale. WCI, once one of Florida's leading luxury builders and planned-community developers, took baby steps, re-entering the market with the 35-acre Manchester Square and its 117 attached villa and single-family homes priced from \$220,000. Today, with fewer than 25 homes remaining, entry level pricing has increased to \$224,900 and one ready-to-move-in spec home is just under \$500,000.

Taylor Morrison, which has 20 active communities from Tampa to Naples, is planning two new Collier County launches, says Ms. Longenecker. One is reportedly the former 1,800-acre Mirasol development three miles east of I-75 on Immokalee Road. The community will have a golf course, lighted tennis courts, a swim center and 799 homes, touts the company's web site. The second project, on 152 acres off of Collier Boulevard adjacent to Physicians Regional, will offer 443 villas and single-family homes.

Taylor Morrison also builds new homes in Lucaya and Tortuga, both in Fort Myers. It purchased the remaining homesites at Sandoval from the Bonita Bay Group last December and recently broke ground on the Cape Coral community's final 100 acres.

Mr. Wilson made a similar move, purchasing the remaining at Mediterra in Mediterra. New and existing homes sales this year surpassed all 2011 sales months ago and Mr. Wilson expects the community to end the year over \$100 million.

"My logic in taking over Mediterra is that is one of the leading luxury communities in the area. The golf courses are fabulous, it has great amenities, its own beach club and the golf club is secure and sold out and there's a waiting list. Mediterra is almost 80 percent sold out," he says.

London Bay is currently building two single-family custom homes, each worth more than \$3 million, and in the past two weeks has signed contracts for \$3.5 million and \$1.2 million projects. A model home recently sold for more than \$3.5 million.

"We've had strong inquiries," says Mr. Wilson. "We're also seeing strong demand in the lower price point, the \$1 million to \$1.5 million range. People have sold their home up north and have cash available... The risk of pulling the trigger is not the same risk it was 12 to 18 months ago."

Taylor Morrison also has a showcase home for sale in Mediterra and held onto more than 40 single- and multi-family lots in Treviso Bay, biding its time for a market rebound. Miami-based Lennar bought the community at a foreclosure auction last year. Although no plans have been formally

announced, the community, home to the area's only PGA Tour Tournament Players' Club golf course, isn't expected to be as grand as originally planned.

"We purchased homesites when Treviso Bay was launched and have been calculating the market return," says Ms. Longenecker. "With the market decline we waited patiently."

Since its return with Manchester Square, WCI has progressively relaunched new home sales in four other Southwest Florida communities, building up to the higher price points in Tiburón adjacent to The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in Naples and The Colony Golf & Bay Club in Bonita Springs.

Mr. Fry says the timing was right for the reintroduction of The Colony and a neighborhood of three-story buildings offering three-bedroom penthouse condominiums priced from the mid-\$400,000s.

"We held off because of the high-end nature of the community," he says. "Homes priced at \$700,000 were not selling as fast. We purposely delayed bringing The Colony back on line knowing the luxury market was not ready. Now, we are coming to market with homes under \$500,000 and plan a second product release in a month priced from \$600,000 to \$700,000."

WCI is regaining its confidence, thanks to sales at Manchester Square, which Mr. Fry says "sold beyond our expectations. We're working on a couple of other land deals. One is in Collier County as a replacement for Manchester Square but on a little larger scale with 350 homes and a little higher pricing."

As other housing markets enter their slower selling seasons, Southwest Florida is poised for prime time, the November-through-April "high season," when northerners, vacationers and seasonal residents flock to our shores.

Mr. Wilson expects a banner year.

"Most people spent the last four or five years watching the market downturn," he says. "If you're 60 to 65, it was a big deal putting off a decision on a future place to live, knowing you've lost those years. The economically informed are absorbing all the information out there. They're seeing inventory coming down, fewer days on the market and construction costs going up."

Increased visitor traffic at sales center is also another harbinger of a profitable season.

"Guest visits are a leading indicator," Mr. Fry says. "A year ago we were averaging 120 a week at our seven sales offices. This year we're seeing 180 a week. We're cautiously optimistic."

"We're confident about the future," says Mr. Wilson. "We believe by March or April next year, there will be an acute shortage of product in the luxury market. Continued increase in demand and in pricing, national statistics and pretty consistent projections from economists show we're onto three or four years of steady and high-level growth." ■

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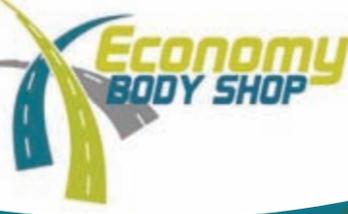
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Older workers learn more quickly and have more drive than some employers might believe, a new book co-authored by a University of Florida business professor finds.

“Mid and Late Career Issues: An Integrative Perspective” is one of the first works to study the challenges facing workers ages 40 and over. The book is co-authored by Mo Wang, an associate professor of management and co-director of the Human Resource Research Center at UF’s Warrington College of Business Administration.

Synthesizing the limited literature on the topic as well as conducting numerous in-depth interviews with older workers and recent retirees, the authors challenge the stereotypes associated with older workers, such as they are more difficult to train and they lack energy compared with younger colleagues.

“We really found no basis to argue that older workers are harder to train than younger workers,” Dr. Wang says. “This stereotype often contributes to employers’ unwillingness for hiring older workers.”

Dr. Wang adds that when workers reach their early 40s, their career priorities could change. No longer preoccupied with advancement, older workers reassess their position and value.

“When you get to be 40 or 45, your

future in your organization becomes clear,” he says. “You’re thinking less about climbing the career ladder. You begin to think of other ways to have a legacy.”

Older workers are often better at certain types of work, such as customer service, because they are better equipped to deal with emotional aspects of the job. Experiences such as raising children and caring for elderly parents provide older workers with the skills to deal with emotional obstacles. Such life experience also benefits workers when they change jobs or face layoffs, Dr. Wang adds.

He notes that some interesting populations within the older work force that are emerging. For instance, women in their 50s entering the work force are some of the more talented and dedicated workers.

“They love to work,” he says. “Their kids are in college and they love the structure work offers them. They’re more mature, they’ve been through a lot and that experience helps them do their job better.”

Dr. Wang also cites an increase in older entrepreneurs who use their severance and retirement packages as capital to finance startup ventures.

The book’s co-authors are Deborah Olson, an associate professor of management and leadership at the University of La Verne (Calif.), and Kenneth Shultz, a professor of psychology at California State University, San Bernadino. ■



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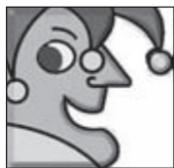
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## My Dumbest Investment

### Vacays Are A-OK

I was just starting to invest on my own when I got a piece in the mail about a new shoe stock and fell in feet first clear up to my neck. I would have done all right, had I not gone on vacation with no way to follow my positions or trade. While I was away, the stock went from just over \$2 per share down to \$0.25, never to recover again. I've learned to always be aware of my positions and to make sure I can buy or sell instantly. I still lose some here and there, as everyone does, but that's part of investing.

— D.E., Lanesville, Ind.

**The Fool Responds:** It is indeed smart to keep on top of your holdings, and common to lose money now and then. But — yikes — you were dealing with a penny stock. They're often extra-risky and are usually best avoided. Stick to established companies with successful track records of growth and profits, and they probably won't drop by 88 percent with little notice. Successful investors should be able to go on vacation and tune out for a while! ■



Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to *The Motley Fool* c/o *My Dumbest Investment*. Got one that worked? Submit to *My Smartest Investment*. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

## Last week's trivia answer

Founded by an Armenian-American immigrant in Michigan in 1929, I began by making machined auto parts, but today I'm a major global maker of brand-name home-improvement and building products. These include Behr paints, Kilz primers, Delta and Peerless faucets, BrassCraft plumbing supplies, KraftMaid and Merillat cabinets, Liberty cabinet hardware, Arrow staple guns, AquaGlass bathing systems, Caldera and Hot Spring spas, DeNova countertops, Milgard windows and doors, and much more. In the 1950s, I introduced revolutionary single-handled faucets. In 2012, I introduced water-efficient Delta-brand toilets. I operate nearly 60 manufacturing plants in the U.S. Who am I? (Answer: Masco)



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## Ask the Fool

### When to Skip Insurance

Q Is life insurance really something everyone needs?

— T.N., Flagstaff, Ariz.

A Nope. Those with no children, no house and no debt might consider skipping it — for now.

Think of insurance as protection against a financial loss, not as an investment. (There are, after all, more effective ways to invest.) If a partner or children are depending on your income, then buying life insurance makes sense. But if you don't need to protect any income stream, consider parking your money elsewhere.

Learn more about insurance before buying any, though. Perhaps visit [iii.org](http://iii.org), [lifehappens.org](http://lifehappens.org) and [fool.com/insurance](http://fool.com/insurance).

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Q How can I give single shares of stock as holiday gifts?

— D.Y., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

A You can buy one share of a stock as a gift at websites such as [registerstock.com](http://registerstock.com), [giveashare.com](http://giveashare.com), [shareinaframe.com](http://shareinaframe.com) and [oneshare.com](http://oneshare.com). It's not the smartest way to invest, though, as you may pay \$35 or more in fees to buy one \$45 share of stock. Still, if it's a gift, the recipient does end up with a \$45 stock that might be worth \$90 or much more one day.

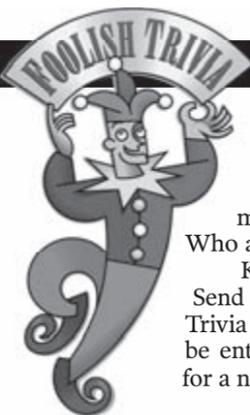
When buying stock for yourself, take commissions and fees into account. Try to not pay more than 2 or 3 percent of an investment's value in fees. (For a \$500 investment, that would be \$10 or \$15.) You can invest effectively with just a few dollars via direct investment plans or dividend reinvestment plans ("Drips"). Learn more at [dripinvestor.com](http://dripinvestor.com), [directinvesting.com](http://directinvesting.com) and [fool.com/School/DRIPs.htm](http://fool.com/School/DRIPs.htm). Or learn about solid, inexpensive brokerages at [broker.fool.com](http://broker.fool.com).

Giving kids stocks is a great way to interest them in investing. Just be sure to keep talking about it with them, too.

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

## Name That Company

I was founded in 1923 by the Hasenfeld Brothers to sell textile remnants. I went on to offer pencils and school supplies before moving into toys in the 1940s. My first toy was Mr. Potato Head, and I debuted G.I. Joe in 1964. Today I'm a major toy and game company, based in Rhode Island. Under my roof today you'll find Parker Brothers, Milton Bradley, Tonka, Kenner and Wizards of the Coast. My brands include Playskool, Monopoly, Nerf, Furby, Transformers and



Magic: the Gathering. I launched The Hub TV with Discovery Communications in 2010. Who am I?

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

## The Motley Fool Take

### Ford Is Gaining

Ford's (NYSE: F) recently reported third-quarter earnings offered much to smile about.

For starters, Ford earned about \$800 million more in "pricing" — the ability to get better asking prices for its products — than it did a year ago. That's huge. Ford's much-improved vehicles have greatly increased its competitive position and its ability to sell without big discounts — all over the world, even in recession-crushed Europe.

But the big story has been here in North America. Excluding taxes and special items, Ford's North American earnings surged 48 percent. Ford's U.S. sales have been mediocre in terms of absolute numbers, lagging key competitors. But its ability to ask and get premium prices for

its products — perhaps assisted by short supplies of some hot models — made for a strong increase in profits anyway.

Ford has made huge investments in its car lines in recent years, and those have paid off: Models like the Focus are big sellers all over the world, thanks to high perceived quality, advanced features and much-improved fuel efficiency. But for all of Detroit's Big Three, pickup trucks are the high-volume, high-profile, high-margin products that drive just about everything else.

While Ford still has substantial work to do overseas, it's generating growing profits at home. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Ford and its newsletters have recommended Ford and GM stock.) ■

# BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ **A Job Search Support Group** meets from 9:30-11:30 a.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).

■ **The American Business Women's Association-Neapolitan Chapter** holds a holiday shopping, dining and networking evening from 5:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 27, at Bellasera. Ten vendors will display and sell their wares. Cost is \$29 for members, \$34 for guests. Reservations must be made by 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23, at [www.abwaneapolitan.org](http://www.abwaneapolitan.org).

■ **Public Relations, Marketing and Advertising Professionals of Collier**

County, **PRACC**, members and guests will meet at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at McCormick & Schmick's in Mercato. Guest speaker will be Dorothea Hunter Sonne, editor of Naples Illustrated magazine. Sign up by calling 436-2015, visiting [www.pracc.org](http://www.pracc.org) or e-mailing [info@pracc.org](mailto:info@pracc.org).

■ **The Leadership Collier Foundation** holds its holiday party from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at Bear's Paw Country Club. Cost is \$45. Sign up at [www.napleschamber.org/events](http://www.napleschamber.org/events).

■ **The Women's Network of Collier County** meets for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of every month at Shula's at the Hilton Naples. Cost is \$22 for members, \$25 for others. The

next meeting is Dec. 11. Sign up at [www.wnocc.org](http://www.wnocc.org).

■ **The Collier County Lodging & Tourism Alliance** holds its holiday mixer from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. All business owners and individuals involved in the local tourism industry are welcome. Cost is \$10 for members and guests. Reservations are required by Friday, Dec. 7, and can be made by e-mailing Lisa Carney at [lisa.cclta@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.cclta@gmail.com). Lisa Cara

■ **The Collier Building Industry Association** holds its annual banquet and installation of officers at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, at Olde Cypress. Cost is \$45. For reservations, call Cathy Curatolo at

436-6100 or visit [www.cbia.net](http://www.cbia.net).

■ **The Gulf Coast Venture Forum** meets from 4-6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at Venture X, an office and event space for entrepreneurs in Mercato. Reservations are required and can be made at [www.gcvfweebly.com](http://www.gcvfweebly.com). For more information, e-mail [Deborah@gcvf.com](mailto:Deborah@gcvf.com).

■ **The East Naples Merchants Association** meets for Business After Business at 5:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month. The Dec. 13 networking takes place at Physicians Regional Medical Center-Collier Boulevard. For more information, call 435-9410 or 643-3600 or visit [www.eastnaplesmerchantsassoc.com](http://www.eastnaplesmerchantsassoc.com). ■

# NETWORKING

### Moorings Park celebrates grand opening of Waterside residences, Trio restaurant



Rebecca Nychyk, Jim Krall, Heather Grey, Dan Cinelli and Lori Wegman

### David Lawrence Center hosts open house at new crisis unit



TJ Meister, Brandt Henning, Denise Couture and Rey Pezeshkan



Paul and Joey Kehoe, Sally Fritz, Cilla Wall and Bob Fritz



David Gordley, Michael Morris, Monica Biondo and Gwyn Sanford



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Marc Branden and Mary Ann Szlachetka



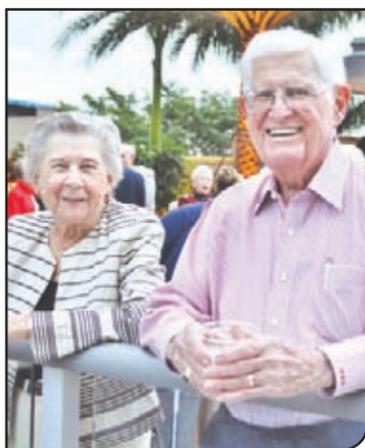
Matt Sutton, Shana Short and Tim Nash



David Schimmel and Elizabeth Star



John and Nancy Dresser with Steve Brinkert



Ann and Bill Hecox



Carolyn and Kevin Rambosk with Cyndee Woolley



Stephen Wheeler and Daniel Mendoza

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# NETWORKING

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2. Brenda Tate and Amanda Cross
3. Suzanne Todd, Robin DeMattia, Karen Conley, Rachel and Tom Bridger
4. Val Trotman and Franny Kain
5. Liz and Jeff Albritten
6. Theresa Shaw
7. JoNeil Modys and Patti Allen

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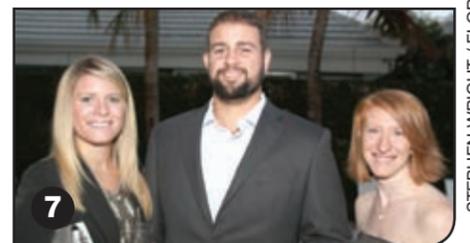


Blain DeLongy

The 'Big Event' for N.A.P.L.E.S. Group at the Waldorf Astoria Naples



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1. Kena Yoke, Patrick Dearborn, Trisha Borges, Rocky Patel, Jenny Foegen, Michelle Borders, Karl Gibbons and Bill Barnett
2. Jon and Melissa Bates
3. Kristen Weardon and Esteban Valencia
4. Michelle Reed-Spitzer and Stephen Kaufman
5. Bryan Kalodish and Angela Reeves
6. Linda Blackman, Marie Jackson and Tyler Bunch
7. Emily Sousa, Tony Benedi and Susan Webb

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# REAL ESTATE

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## House Hunting:

### Le Ciel Venetian Tower 3971 Gulf Shore Blvd. N.

The beautiful Park Shore neighborhood offers the best of everything in Naples, and residences in Le Ciel Venetian Tower have the best of the best. Just beyond the building you have the white sandy beach, and a short walk away is the Village on Venetian Bay for fine shopping and dining.

This three-bedroom, three-bath condominium is one of just five residences on the tenth floor. Floor-to-ceiling windows and two spacious lanais provide ample opportunity for enjoying both the fresh air and the beautiful views. The residence also comes with two air-conditioned storage

areas and garage space for two cars.

Owners and their guests have access to a state-of-the-art exercise room with adjoining sauna and steam rooms. There's a huge heated pool and spa, stainless steel grills and tables for poolside dining. The social room is complete with kitchen for entertaining large groups.

This property is listed for \$1.775 million by Mary Raymond of Downing-Frye Realty. For more information and to arrange a showing, call 269-6105 or e-mail maryraymond@com-cast.net. ■

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## VILLAGE WALK



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## VILLAGE WALK



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## NEW LISTING VILLAGE WALK



**UPDATED OAKMONT** 3BR,2.5BA plus den. Recently updated home features new kitchen cabinets,granite,stainless, wood floors, crown molding, freshly painted neutral interior,screened lanai with pool and lake view and more! **\$392,500**

## VILLAGE WALK OF BONITA



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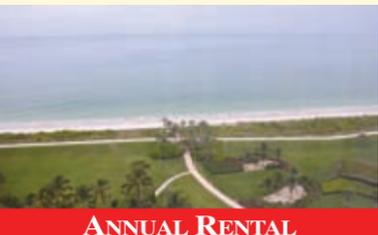
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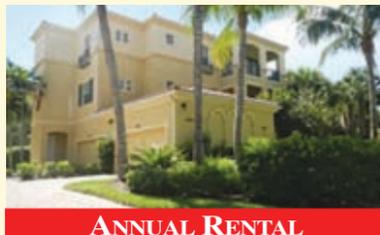
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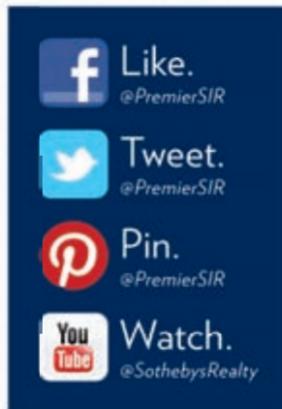


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**Naples Bay Resort #334**  
Ryan Batey 239.287.9159  
premiersir.com/id/212035448 \$350,000



**OLD NAPLES**  
**Naples Bay Resort #336**  
Ryan Batey 239.287.9159  
premiersir.com/id/212035462 \$250,000



**OLD NAPLES**  
**Beaumer #305**  
Sue Black 239.250.5611  
premiersir.com/id/210041736 \$217,500

# Coquina Sands | The Moorings

These quiet, tree-shaded neighborhoods are a mix of single-family homes and condominiums; some enjoy water-front access on Moorings Bay, Compass Cove, Venetian Bay and Hurricane Harbor. The Moorings has a private golf and country club.



**MOORINGS**  
**2571 Windward Way**  
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939  
premiersir.com/id/WIND07132IHE \$5,900,000



**MOORINGS**  
**384 Mooringline Drive**  
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939  
premiersir.com/id/212003616 \$3,795,000



**COQUINA SANDS**  
**Via Delfino #502**  
Karen Van Arsdale 239.860.0894  
premiersir.com/id/212024962 \$3,250,000



**MOORINGS**  
**520 Portside Drive**  
Gary L./Jeff/Becky Jaarda 239.248.7474  
premiersir.com/id/212009054 \$2,295,000



**COQUINA SANDS**  
**1779 Crayton Road**  
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939  
premiersir.com/id/211503982 \$2,195,000



**MOORINGS**  
**2901 Gulf Shore Blvd. North**  
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939  
premiersir.com/id/RAUC0002IHE \$2,195,000



**MOORINGS**  
**Admiralty Point I #608**  
Jeri Richey 239.269.2203  
premiersir.com/id/212006772 \$1,095,000



**MOORINGS**  
**Commodore Club #603**  
Robin/Tim Weidle 239.370.5515  
premiersir.com/id/212012703 \$899,000



**MOORINGS**  
**Breakers #408**  
Vickie Larscheid 239.250.5041  
premiersir.com/id/212031703 \$699,000



**MOORINGS**  
**Carriage Club #64**  
Lori Pheasant 239.289.5720  
premiersir.com/id/212012341 \$690,000



**MOORINGS**  
**Lausanne #312S**  
J. D'Amelio/D. Cartwright 239.961.5996  
premiersir.com/id/212009304 \$665,000



**MOORINGS**  
**Moorings Bay Apartments #108C**  
Larry Roorda 239.860.2534  
premiersir.com/id/212035483 \$259,000

# Pelican Bay

Pelican Bay is home to many distinctive neighborhoods, comprised of majestic single-family estate homes, towering high-rises and a wide spectrum of coach homes and villa enclaves. It's set amidst hundreds of acres of natural habitat, with large lakes and preserves. Discover all of Naples' finest amenities here. Private golf and club memberships.



**Trieste #1506**  
Dorcas Briscoe 239.860.6985  
[premierstir.com/id/212035678](http://premierstir.com/id/212035678) \$2,495,000



**St. Raphael #1109**  
Jean Tarkenton 239.595.0544  
[premierstir.com/id/212025912](http://premierstir.com/id/212025912) \$1,695,000



**717 Hollybriar Lane**  
Janet Rathbun 239.860.0012  
[premierstir.com/id/212027996](http://premierstir.com/id/212027996) \$1,695,000



**St. Raphael #909**  
Jean Tarkenton 239.595.0544  
[premierstir.com/id/212030128](http://premierstir.com/id/212030128) \$1,650,000



**St. Raphael #901**  
Jean Tarkenton 239.595.0544  
[premierstir.com/id/212019321](http://premierstir.com/id/212019321) \$1,495,000



**532 Tierra Mar Lane East**  
Beth McNichols 239.821.3304  
[premierstir.com/id/212025969](http://premierstir.com/id/212025969) \$995,000



**812 Pitch Apple Lane**  
Pat Duggan/Rhonda Dowdy 239.216.1980  
[premierstir.com/id/212031263](http://premierstir.com/id/212031263) \$995,000



**6605 Southfork Drive**  
Janet Rathbun 239.860.0012  
[premierstir.com/id/212019990](http://premierstir.com/id/212019990) \$979,000



**St. Kitts #701**  
Ann Marie Shimer 239.825.9020  
[premierstir.com/id/212031900](http://premierstir.com/id/212031900) \$890,000



**St. Raphael #1208**  
Jean Tarkenton 239.595.0544  
[premierstir.com/id/212031126](http://premierstir.com/id/212031126) \$825,000



**5924 Chanteclair Drive**  
Heidi Deen 239.370.5388  
[premierstir.com/id/211517608](http://premierstir.com/id/211517608) \$725,000



**Pointe #101**  
J. D'Amelio/D. Cartwright 239.961.5996  
[premierstir.com/id/212035412](http://premierstir.com/id/212035412) \$725,000



**Marbella #905**  
John Hamilton 239.641.3270  
[premierstir.com/id/212026285](http://premierstir.com/id/212026285) \$599,900



**6722 Pelican Bay Blvd.**  
Jeannie McGearthy 239.248.4333  
[premierstir.com/id/212027873](http://premierstir.com/id/212027873) \$589,000



**6633 Trident Way**  
Patrick/Phyllis O'Donnell 239.250.3360  
[premierstir.com/id/212032251](http://premierstir.com/id/212032251) \$575,000



**Hyde Park #C-105**  
Leah Ritchey/Amy Becker 239.289.0433  
[premierstir.com/id/212032177](http://premierstir.com/id/212032177) \$539,000



**Chateaumere Royale #901**  
Mary Catherine White 239.287.2818  
[premierstir.com/id/211517787](http://premierstir.com/id/211517787) \$499,000



**Stratford #1903**  
Carol Sheehy 239.340.9300  
[premierstir.com/id/212028753](http://premierstir.com/id/212028753) \$425,000

# Pelican Marsh

Pelican Marsh is located in North Naples, 1.5 miles from some of the finest beaches on Florida's West coast. Inside this exclusive, guard-gated community, enjoy tennis, fitness, spa facilities and more. Sophisticated shopping and dining are just blocks away at Mercato. Or, take in a show at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.



**1728 Persimmon Drive**  
T. Moellers/S. Kaltenborn 239.213.7344  
[premierstir.com/id/211505639](http://premierstir.com/id/211505639) \$1,679,000



**9057 Terranova Drive**  
T. Moellers/S. Kaltenborn 239.213.7344  
[premierstir.com/id/211521639](http://premierstir.com/id/211521639) \$1,650,000



**Osprey Pointe #201**  
Lura Jones 239.370.5340  
[premierstir.com/id/212022636](http://premierstir.com/id/212022636) \$665,000



**Clermont #202**  
Cheryl Turner 239.250.3311  
[premierstir.com/id/212023659](http://premierstir.com/id/212023659) \$389,000



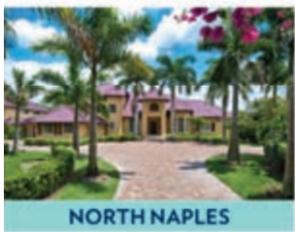
**Egrets Walk #201**  
Mara Muller 239.272.6170  
[premierstir.com/id/212022455](http://premierstir.com/id/212022455) \$299,000



**Arielle #1907**  
Linda Perry/Judy Perry 239.404.7052  
[premierstir.com/id/212014289](http://premierstir.com/id/212014289) \$289,900

# North Naples

North Naples boasts beautiful beaches, fine dining, shopping and essential businesses. Single-family homes, villas and towering high-rises dot the landscape. Public and private golf courses, water sports, tennis and more.



## NORTH NAPLES

**1170 Massey Street**  
Pat Kennedy 239.537.0062  
[premierstir.com/id/212011476](http://premierstir.com/id/212011476) \$6,970,000



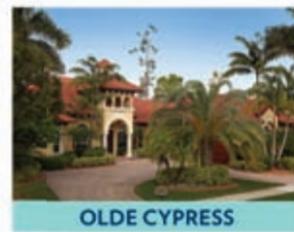
## THE DUNES

**Grande Preserve - Grand Dominica #PH03**  
Jennifer/Dave Urness 239.273.7731  
[premierstir.com/id/212035853](http://premierstir.com/id/212035853) \$2,995,000



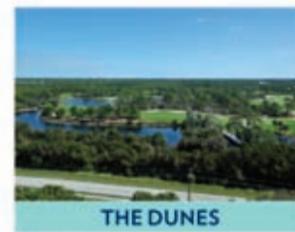
## SEAGATE

**5264 Seahorse Avenue**  
Trish Lowe Soars/Barbi Lowe 239.216.2848  
[premierstir.com/id/212016652](http://premierstir.com/id/212016652) \$1,850,000



## OLDE CYPRESS

**2743 Olde Cypress Drive**  
Jane Bond 239.595.9515  
[premierstir.com/id/211522993](http://premierstir.com/id/211522993) \$1,595,000



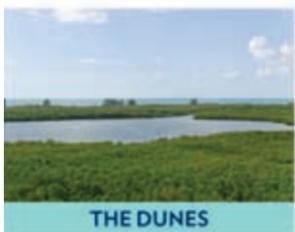
## THE DUNES

**Grande Preserve - Grande Geneva #905**  
Adrienne Young 239.825.5369  
[premierstir.com/id/212035362](http://premierstir.com/id/212035362) \$1,350,000



## COLLIER'S RESERVE

**12579 Colliers Reserve Drive**  
Ann M. Nunes 239.860.0949  
[premierstir.com/id/211523661](http://premierstir.com/id/211523661) \$1,250,000



## THE DUNES

**Grande Preserve - Grande Phoenician #901**  
Jennifer/Dave Urness 239.273.7731  
[premierstir.com/id/212030292](http://premierstir.com/id/212030292) \$1,175,000



## THE DUNES

**Grande Preserve - Grande Dominica #401**  
Jennifer/Dave Urness 239.273.7731  
[premierstir.com/id/212030840](http://premierstir.com/id/212030840) \$998,000



## THE DUNES

**Grande Preserve - Grande Geneva #604**  
Patrick O'Connor 239.293.9411  
[premierstir.com/id/212030152](http://premierstir.com/id/212030152) \$989,000



## PELICAN ISLE

**Yacht Club - Residences III #201**  
Suzanne Ring 239.821.7550  
[premierstir.com/id/212031678](http://premierstir.com/id/212031678) \$939,000



## TIBURON

**Bolero #2**  
Richard/Susie Culp 239.290.2200  
[premierstir.com/id/212030822](http://premierstir.com/id/212030822) \$589,000



## IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES

**2043 Imperial Circle**  
Larry Roorda 239.860.2534  
[premierstir.com/id/212035116](http://premierstir.com/id/212035116) \$585,000



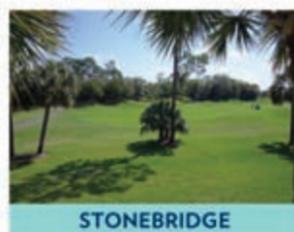
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**1902 Countess Court**  
Peter Paddock 239.287.5599  
[premierstir.com/id/212014488](http://premierstir.com/id/212014488) \$469,000



## TIBURON

**Bolero #1**  
Julie Rembos 239.595.1809  
[premierstir.com/id/212008976](http://premierstir.com/id/212008976) \$449,900



## STONEBRIDGE

**Middleburg #203**  
Kathryn Hurvitz 239.659.5126  
[premierstir.com/id/212004344](http://premierstir.com/id/212004344) \$399,000



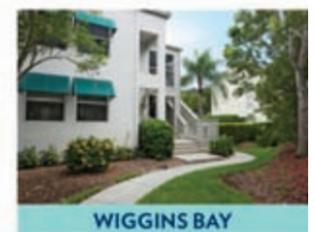
## WILSHIRE LAKES

**9606 Deepwater Court**  
Patrick O'Connor 239.293.9411  
[premierstir.com/id/212006154](http://premierstir.com/id/212006154) \$319,000



## IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES

**Bermuda Greens #T9**  
Harriet Harnar 239.273.5443  
[premierstir.com/id/212034826](http://premierstir.com/id/212034826) \$179,900



## WIGGINS BAY

**Harbourside #3-531**  
Philip Mareschal 239.269.6033  
[premierstir.com/id/212021101](http://premierstir.com/id/212021101) \$169,900

# Park Shore

Glistening beachfront towers, bayside mansions and finely crafted inland homes make Park Shore the perfect blend of desirable living. Enjoy superlative shops and bistros at The Village on Venetian Bay plus the Gulf, beach and boating.



**308 Turtle Hatch Road**  
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939  
[premier.com/ky/ROMA06212IHE](http://premier.com/ky/ROMA06212IHE) \$3,995,000



**Le Jardin #1802**  
Marion Bethea/Anne Killilea 239.571.5614  
[premier.com/id/212002173](http://premier.com/id/212002173) \$3,875,000



**360 Devils Bight**  
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939  
[premier.com/id/212032533](http://premier.com/id/212032533) \$3,695,000



**314 Neapolitan Way**  
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939  
[premier.com/id/21003306352](http://premier.com/id/21003306352) \$2,795,000



**Provence #1005**  
Anne Killilea/Marion Bethea 239.285.1292  
[premier.com/id/212011157](http://premier.com/id/212011157) \$2,395,000



**Provence #1601**  
Marion Bethea/Anne Killilea 239.571.5614  
[premier.com/id/212032241](http://premier.com/id/212032241) \$2,295,000



**Provence #502**  
Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars 239.216.1973  
[premier.com/id/211007757](http://premier.com/id/211007757) \$1,990,000



**Esplanade Club #103**  
Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars 239.216.1973  
[premier.com/id/212023249](http://premier.com/id/212023249) \$1,790,000



**Park Shore Tower #8-C**  
Angela R. Allen 239.825.8494  
[premier.com/id/212028291](http://premier.com/id/212028291) \$1,695,000



**The Savoy #PH6**  
Sarah Theiss 239.269.0300  
[premier.com/ky/FORD10172IHE](http://premier.com/ky/FORD10172IHE) \$1,599,000



**Meridian Club #1004**  
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939  
[premier.com/ky/KORA06272IHE](http://premier.com/ky/KORA06272IHE) \$1,225,000



**Park Shore Tower #15-B**  
Angela R. Allen 239.825.8494  
[premier.com/id/212031027](http://premier.com/id/212031027) \$1,150,000



**La Mer #901**  
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939  
[premier.com/id/212032190](http://premier.com/id/212032190) \$1,149,000



**Venetian Villas #500**  
Patrick O'Donnell 239.250.3360  
[premier.com/id/210036546](http://premier.com/id/210036546) \$1,000,000



**Terraces #PH-07**  
Polly Himmel 239.290.3910  
[premier.com/id/212028486](http://premier.com/id/212028486) \$950,000



**The Savoy #103**  
Gary Blaine 239.595.2912  
[premier.com/id/212020914](http://premier.com/id/212020914) \$795,000



**The Savoy #707**  
Sarah Theiss 239.269.0300  
[premier.com/id/212030880](http://premier.com/id/212030880) \$725,000



**Solamar #402**  
Sue Black 239.250.5611  
[premier.com/id/212020922](http://premier.com/id/212020922) \$679,000



**4032 Crayton Road**  
Anne Killilea/Marion Bethea 239.285.1292  
[premier.com/id/212007991](http://premier.com/id/212007991) \$675,000



**Park Shore Landings #433**  
Patrick O'Connor 239.293.9411  
[premier.com/id/212031306](http://premier.com/id/212031306) \$650,000



**Piedmont Club #205**  
Richard/Susie Culp 239.290.2200  
[premier.com/id/212028587](http://premier.com/id/212028587) \$499,000



**Solamar #603**  
Roxanne Jeske 239.450.5210  
[premier.com/id/212031912](http://premier.com/id/212031912) \$499,000



**Horizon House #100**  
Patrick/Phyllis O'Donnell 239.250.3360  
[premier.com/id/212035562](http://premier.com/id/212035562) \$425,000



**Hidden Lake Villas #D-38**  
Angela R. Allen 239.825.8494  
[premier.com/id/210038630](http://premier.com/id/210038630) \$225,000

# Bay Colony

Bay Colony is the very definition of privileged living. From the beachfront high-rises to the golf course estate homes to the villas in quiet alcoves, this is luxury living at its best. Golf and beach club memberships.



**Contessa #PH2001**  
Dorcas Briscoe 239.860.6985  
[premier.com/id/211517687](http://premier.com/id/211517687) \$6,500,000



**Contessa #PH-22**  
Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars 239.216.1973  
[premier.com/id/2110148346](http://premier.com/id/2110148346) \$6,000,000



**Trieste #1401**  
Amy Becker/Leah Ritchey 239.272.3229  
[premier.com/id/212010423](http://premier.com/id/212010423) \$3,595,000



**Brighton #804**  
Leah Ritchey/Amy Becker 239.289.0433  
[premier.com/id/212011061](http://premier.com/id/212011061) \$2,895,000



**8041 Via Vecchia**  
Leah Ritchey/Amy Becker 239.289.0433  
[premier.com/id/212031910](http://premier.com/id/212031910) \$2,695,000



**9755 Bentgrass Bend**  
Anne Killilea/Marion Bethea 239.285.1292  
[premier.com/id/21203589952](http://premier.com/id/21203589952) \$2,250,000



**8800 La Palma Lane**  
Leah Ritchey/Amy Becker 239.289.0433  
[premier.com/id/211004528](http://premier.com/id/211004528) \$2,145,000



**Trieste #406**  
Fahada Saad 239.919.5270  
[premier.com/id/212033272](http://premier.com/id/212033272) \$1,925,000



**8812 La Palma Lane**  
Pat Callis 239.250.0562  
[premier.com/id/210032590](http://premier.com/id/210032590) \$1,795,000



**Toscana #601**  
Tom/Tess McCarthy 239.243.5520  
[premier.com/id/211518051](http://premier.com/id/211518051) \$1,750,000



**Marquesa #1201**  
Carol Gilman 239.404.3253  
[premier.com/id/212005977](http://premier.com/id/212005977) \$1,595,000



**Marquesa #502**  
Leah Ritchey/Amy Becker 239.289.0433  
[premier.com/id/212009037](http://premier.com/id/212009037) \$1,195,000

# Grey Oaks

Grey Oaks' 54 holes of award-winning golf serve as the centerpiece in this heart-of-Naples community interspersed with luxurious single-family estate homes of a grand scale.



**2646 Bulrush Lane**  
Fahada Saad 239.919.5270  
[premier.com/id/212034941](http://premier.com/id/212034941) \$5,875,000



**1830 Plumbago Lane**  
Jutta V. Lopez/Al Lopez 239.571.5339  
[premier.com/id/212020456](http://premier.com/id/212020456) \$3,775,000



**1535 Marsh Wren Lane**  
Sam Heitman 239.537.2018  
[premier.com/id/212004115](http://premier.com/id/212004115) \$1,695,000



**1369 Noble Heron Way**  
Melissa Williams 239.248.7238  
[premier.com/id/212034789](http://premier.com/id/212034789) \$1,695,000



**1253 Gordon River Trail**  
Sam Heitman 239.261.3148  
[premier.com/id/210016411](http://premier.com/id/210016411) \$1,500,000



**3122 Dahlia Way**  
Carolyn Weinand 239.269.5678  
[premier.com/id/212017199](http://premier.com/id/212017199) \$875,000

# Naples & Surrounds

With sun-drenched sugary-sand beaches, stretching over 10 miles, temperate year-round weather and abundant fishing and boating activities, Naples has been a natural attraction for affluent travelers and sun seekers from around the world for decades. Choose from stylish single-family homes, lifestyles and family-friendly neighborhoods.



## NAPLES CAY

The Seasons #1002  
John Hamilton 239.641.3270  
premiersir.com/id/211522474 \$3,395,000



## PINE RIDGE

60 North Street  
Patrick O'Connor 239.293.9411  
premiersir.com/id/211520267 \$3,195,000



## ISLES OF CAPRI

24 Pelican Street West  
Laura/Chris Adams 239.404.4766  
premiersir.com/id/212031097 \$2,995,000



## PINE RIDGE

195 West Street  
Beth McNichols 239.821.3304  
premiersir.com/id/212029722 \$2,595,000



## LIVINGSTON WOODS

7050 Hunters Road  
Ann Marie Shimer 239.825.9020  
premiersir.com/id/211522729 \$2,290,000



## LOGAN WOODS

5237 Mahogany Ridge Drive  
Fahada Saad 239.919.5270  
premiersir.com/id/212034251 \$1,890,000



## PINE RIDGE

106 Eugenia Drive  
Roxanne Jeske 239.450.5210  
premiersir.com/id/212014207 \$1,650,000



## ISLES OF CAPRI

24 Pelican Street East  
Dave Flowers 239.404.0493  
premiersir.com/id/212030140 \$1,300,000



## HAMMOCK BAY

Lesina #801  
Darlene Roddy 239.404.0685  
premiersir.com/id/212000277 \$999,000



## LOGAN WOODS

4950 Teak Wood Drive  
Kathryn Tout 239.250.3583  
premiersir.com/id/212022611 \$899,000



## THE STRAND

5860 Marble Court  
Ryan Batey 239.287.9159  
premiersir.com/id/212029750 \$899,000



## HAWKSRIIDGE

2309 Harrier Run  
Cheryl Turner 239.250.3311  
premiersir.com/id/212024121 \$825,000



## VILLAGES OF MONTEREY

2089 Mission Drive  
Dave/Ann Renner 239.784.5552  
premiersir.com/id/212029538 \$799,000



## WYNDEMERE

826 Wyndemere Way  
Kathryn Hurvitz 239.659.5126  
premiersir.com/id/211519122 \$699,000



## ISLES OF CAPRI

144 Pago Pago Drive West  
Cynthia Corogin 239.963.5561  
premiersir.com/id/212030992 \$697,000



## LOGAN WOODS

4840 Teak Wood Drive  
Kathryn Tout 239.250.3583  
premiersir.com/id/212017744 \$685,000



## LEMURIA

Lemuria #1704  
Tom Gasbarro 239.404.4883  
premiersir.com/id/212032229 \$539,900



## LEMURIA

Lemuria #1001  
Tom Gasbarro 239.404.4883  
premiersir.com/id/212019241 \$529,000



## LEMURIA

Lemuria #404  
Philip Mareschal 239.269.6033  
premiersir.com/id/212026998 \$529,000



## AUTUMN WOODS

6757 Southern Oak Court  
Dave/Ann Renner 239.784.5552  
premiersir.com/id/211503159 \$444,000



## LOGAN WOODS

5090 Mahogany Ridge Drive  
Fahada Saad 239.919.5270  
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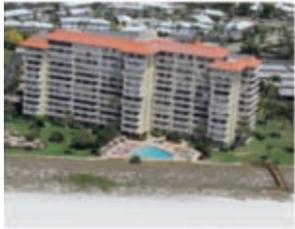
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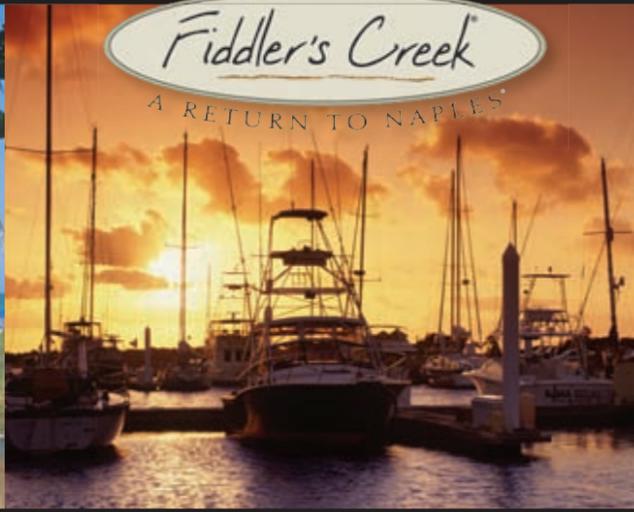
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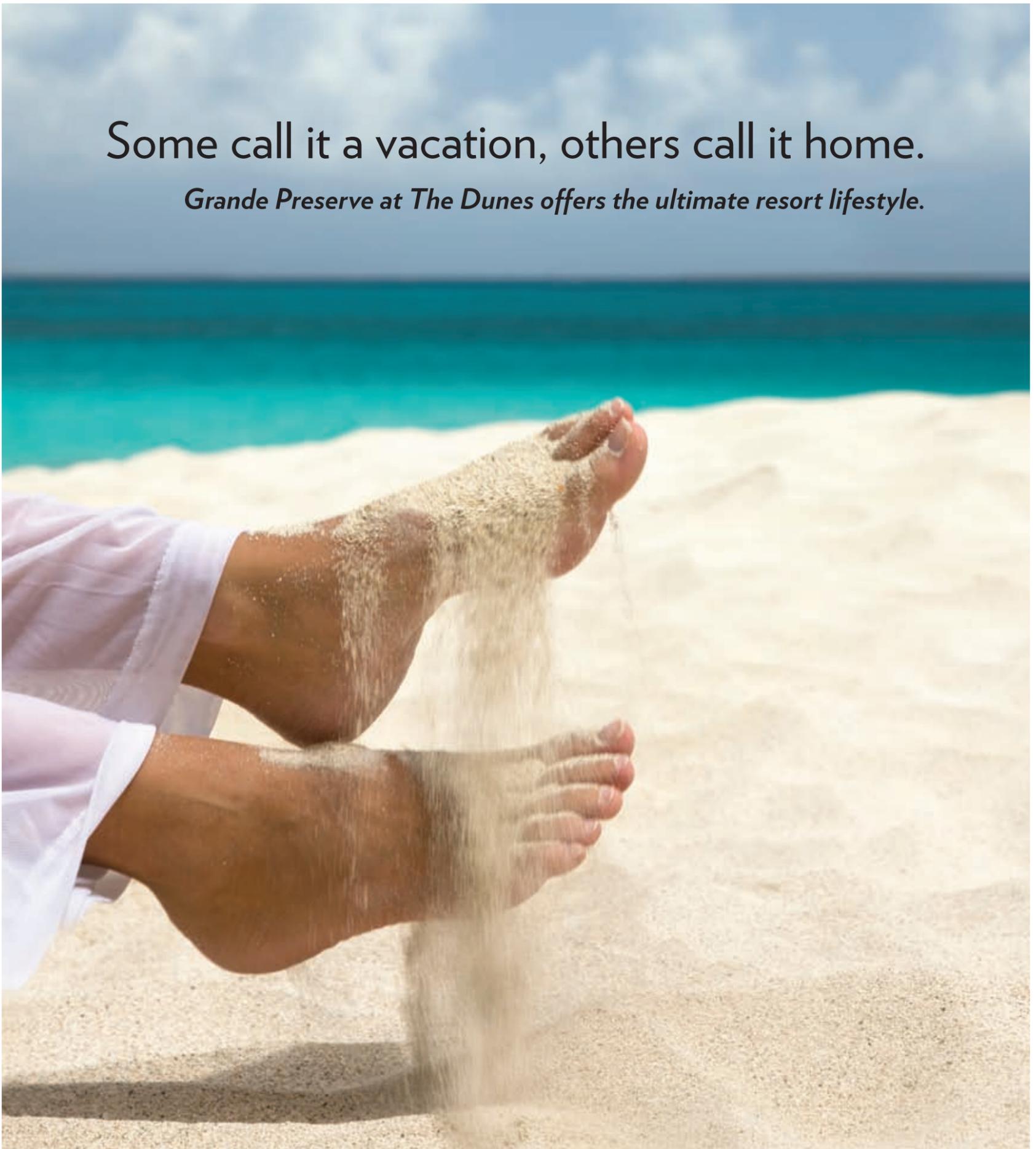
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■ **Bonita Bay Marina** a full-service marina adjacent to the Bonita Bay community in Bonita Springs, is nearing completion on the final

phase of renovations and upgrades that are set for completion in early January. The work includes a complete redecking of several docks and improvements to the Ships Store.

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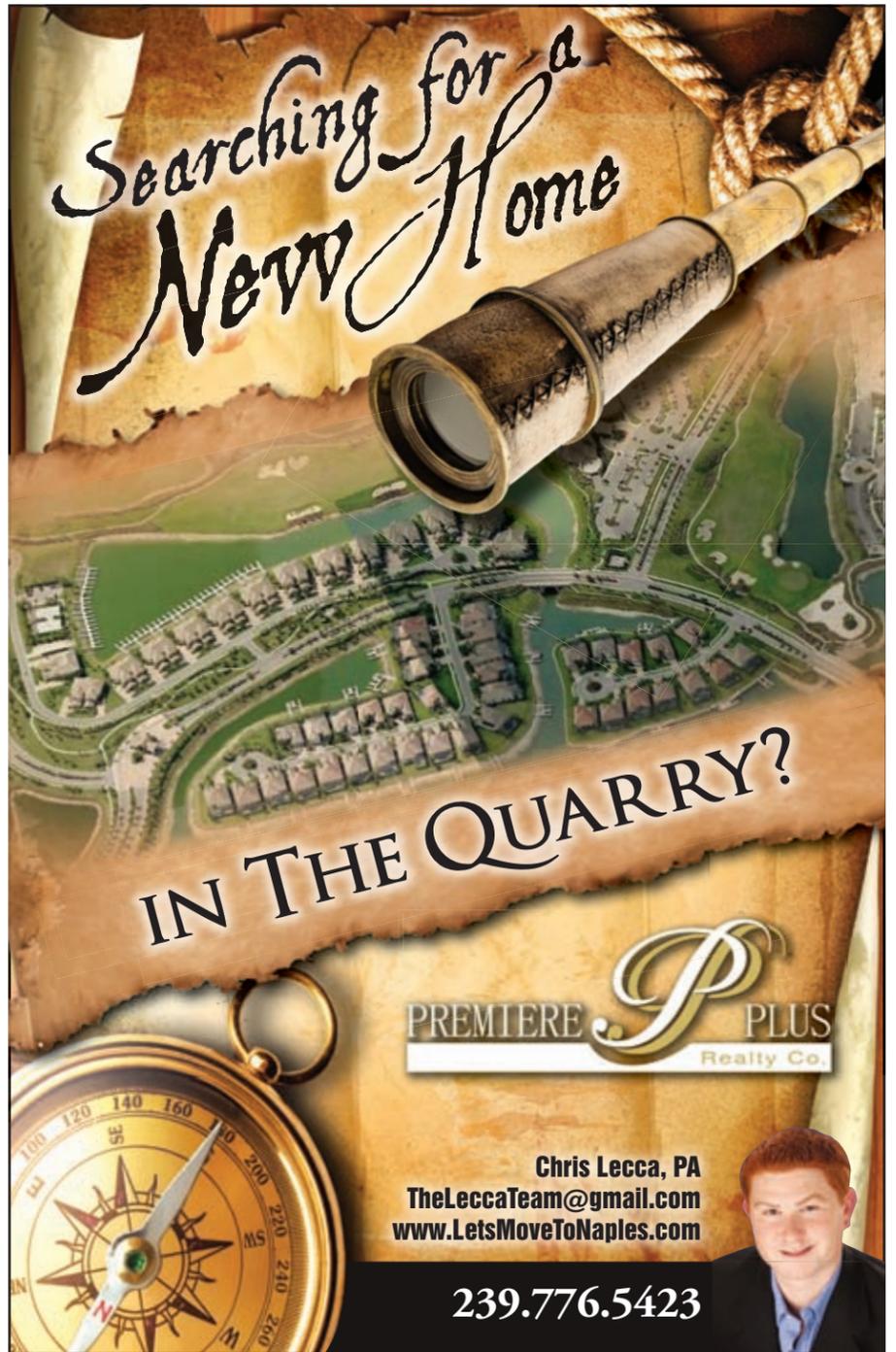


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**3 • MARINA BAY CLUB** • 13105 Vanderbilt Drive #1002 • \$499,000 • PSIR • Suzanne Ring • 239.821.7550

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**4 • MOORINGS - COMMODORE CLUB** • 222 Harbour Drive #402 • \$519,900 • PSIR • Joe Garabed • 239.571.5700

**5 • PELICAN LANDING - LAKEMONT** • 24721 Sweet Gum Court • \$549,000 • PSIR • Mark Leone • 239.784.5686

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**7 • BONITA BAY - BAY HARBOR** • 27191 Shell Ridge Circle • \$649,000 • PSIR • Gary L./Jeff Jaarda • 239.248.7474

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**8 • PELICAN BAY - POINTE** • 565 Via Veneto #101 • \$725,000 • PSIR • Dayle Cartwright • 239.595.7853

**35 • BAY SHORE PLACE** • 4255 Gulf Shore Boulevard North, #605 • Naples, Florida 34103 • \$750,000 • Premier Plus • Dr. Leslie Kaye • 313.978.7792

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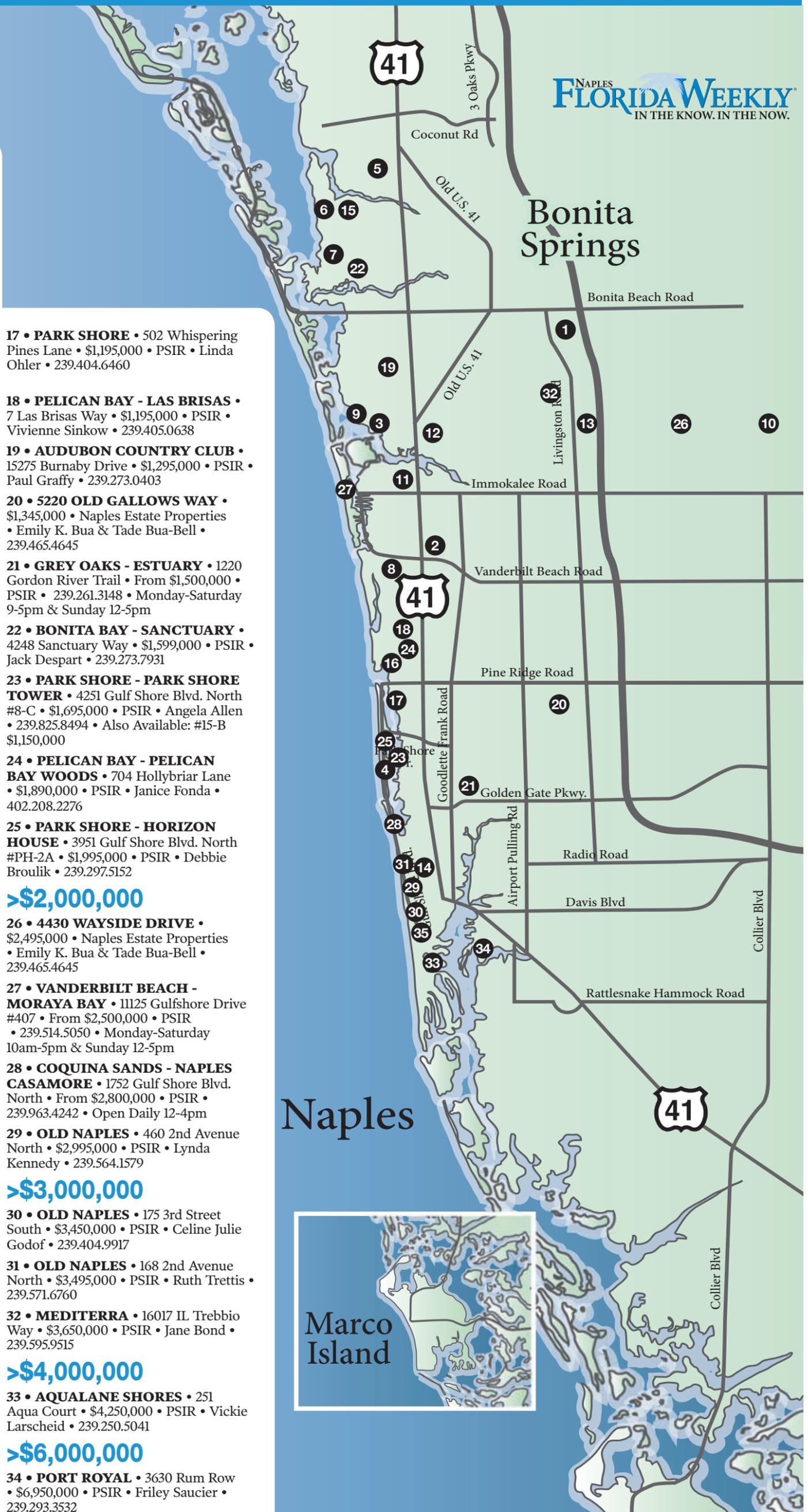
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**Elf**  
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**Jason Parrish** portrays Crumpet the Elf in "The Santaland Diaries" at the Florida Repertory Theatre.

**Matt Kopec** plays Buddy the Elf in "Elf: the Musical" at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.

*Take your pick: Sugar and spice or a bit of sauciness*

**>>inside:**  
See "Elf: the Musical," and "The Santaland Diaries."  
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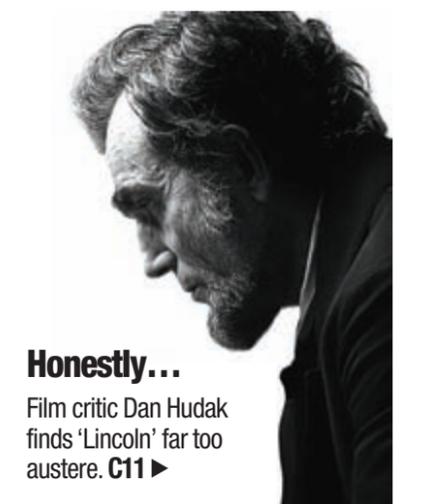


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**Michael Kors on the runway at Naples Botanical Garden.**

## Michael Kors gives a hats off to Neapolitan style

**BY ROBIN DEMATTIA**  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Calling Naples his "home away from home," Michael Kors said serving as the featured designer at this year's "Hats in the Garden" was an easy decision.

"I've got a strong connection to Naples through Marissa," he said of Marissa Hartington, the owner of Marissa Collections, who he has known for 30 years. "She's been an incredible ambassador for (the) Michael Kors (brand) and close friend. I fell in love with the area and am happy to be here to support the Garden and also be here for Marissa."

The signature fundraiser for the Naples Botanical Garden, "Hats" netted \$300,000 last year. This year's sold-out luncheon on Nov. 16 attracted 600 patrons and raised approximately half a million dollars.

For the afternoon's entertainment, Mr. Kors presented a runway show of about 50 pieces from his 2013 spring ready-to-wear line. After seeing the collection earlier this fall, Vogue called it "an exuberantly graphic collection, heavy on stripes, Op-art flourishes, and primary colors ... inflected with both the space-age sixties and the urban-minimal nineties,

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# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## When it doesn't pay to stand by your man



"Sometimes it's hard to be a woman," Tammy Wynette sang. "Giving all your love to just one man."

Her lyrics read like a primer on relationships for our troubled world.

"You'll have bad times and he'll have good times, doing things that you don't understand."

When the scandal over General Petraeus' affair with his biographer Paula Broadwell hit the news, I saw a photo of Mrs. Broadwell on the Internet.

"Oh, she's pretty," I said. I elbowed the friend next to me, a man with a wide taste in women. "Isn't she pretty?"

My friend glanced at the photo and shrugged his shoulders.

"She's all right," he said.

He had already looked away, but I wanted him to turn back. Because what I meant wasn't just that she was pretty. I meant I could see the attraction. Not just that she had a nice face or a toned body, but that she was smart. A West Point graduate. A scholar. An accomplished woman. Didn't he think that was appealing?

Apparently not. Because as the scandal unfolded and we met the other player, Jill Kelley, the woman in Tampa who unleashed this veritable Kracken, I again asked my friend what he thought. He sounded more enthusiastic this time.

"Some guys at work and I were talking about her," he said. "She's good looking."

I could tell from his voice he didn't just mean pretty. He meant hot. He meant doable. He meant he could see the attraction.

But I was perplexed. To me she was good looking in an over-done sort of way. She had a manicured style that spoke of too much time on her hands. The newspapers were calling her a socialite, which means jobless. Which means her education and credentials weren't worth citing. Which means she's just another pretty face. How is that a turn-on?

If you read any dating advice book, it'll tell you that's the worst thing to be.

Relationship guides always say men like women who are ambitious, who have lives and goals of their own, who aren't defined by their romantic partners.

As it turns out, a good haircut and nice clothes — plus a 20-year age gap — can make up for a lot of character shortcomings.

But if there's one thing we've learned from this scandal, it's that there is inarguably a type of woman men don't want: the reliable kind. The woman who has aged, as we all do, alongside her husband. Who carries her years like a favorite old handbag. Who looks, not bad exactly, but worn. The woman who birthed his children and raised them while he was off chasing dreams, who patiently waited for his return home.

It seems as if men frequently stray from the woman who sacrificed her own ambitions so that he might succeed. Once these women no longer have a pretty face or fit body, their best feature becomes their dependability. And the ease with which they are betrayed.

I'd hate to be the one to tell her, but Mrs. Wynette got it wrong. Sometimes it's not worth standing by your man. ■



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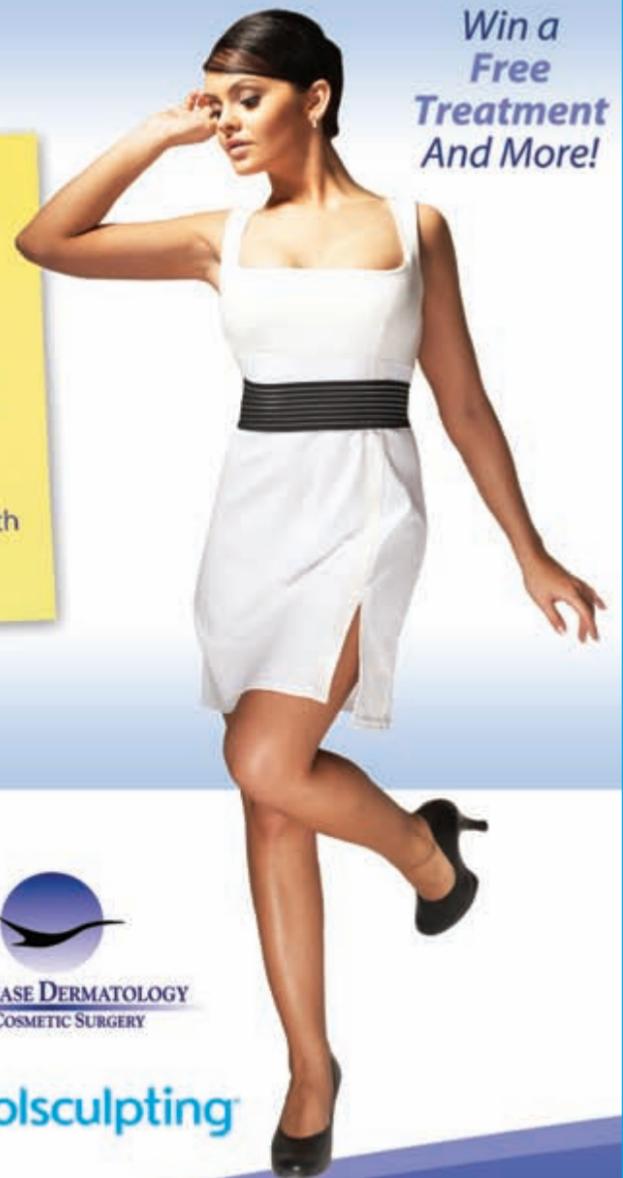
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# Spend some holiday shopping time at Naples Fall Fine Art & Craft Festival

Original works in ceramics, photography, glass, jewelry, fiber, wood, metal, painting, sculpture and mixed media by 100 artists from around the country will be on display and for sale for Thanksgiving weekend shoppers at the Naples Fall Fine Art & Craft Festival on 10th Street South in downtown.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 24-25. A \$5 donation at the entrance gate will benefit arts education and related programming by the Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center. Parking is free.

For those supporting the Shop Small Business Saturday cause, the Naples Fall Fine Art & Craft Festival encour-



Painting by Carmen Lagos



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Ceramic vase by Tim Peters

owners, they may be overlooked amid clamor for big box store sales, but their unique and creative wares make great gifts that aren't available anywhere else.

Festival attendees can also help support the less fortunate this holiday season. Members of the United States Marine Corps Reserve will collect donations for Toys for Tots. Anyone who brings a new, unwrapped toy to donate will be entered into a drawing for fine art prizes. ■

ages the public to consider a purchase from an independent professional fine artist like those who show their work in juried festivals. As small business

## Winter wonderland comes to Ave Maria

A winter wonderland complete with an ice-skating rink beckons visitors to Ave Maria for the Celebration of Lights from 5-9 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30.

Ice skates will be available for use at no charge, and after a spin on the ice, visitors can stroll through the Town Center to enjoy festive food and drinks including a wine bar and hot chocolate.

A holiday parade will march through the Ave Maria Town Center circle at 6 p.m., complete with Santa Claus and

the Immokalee High School marching band, the drum line from Barron Collier High School and several dance troupes and other performers from schools and other organizations. Throughout the evening, kids can catch some air in a bounce house and have a souvenir snow globe photo taken with Santa. Entertainment will be provided by a deejay and local youth choirs and jazz bands.

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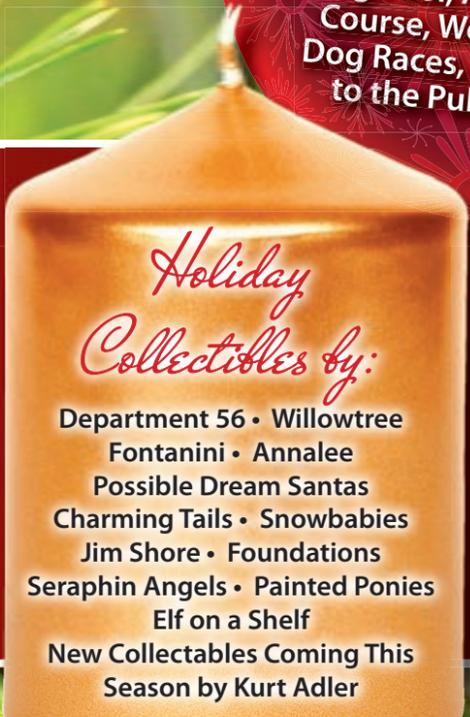
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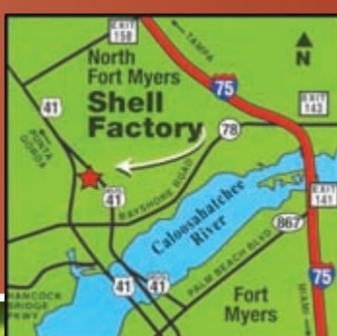
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# ELF

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one-man show is based on David Sedaris' "SantaLand Diaries," the fictionalized retelling of his time working as an elf for Macy's department store in New York City.

Though both wear elf outfits and work closely with Santa, the two are (ahem) polar opposites. That said, we thought it would be fun to ask each elf for his take on all things Yule.

## Talking with Buddy the Elf

Matt Kopec portrays Buddy the Elf in the national tour of "Elf: the Musical" (Nov. 27-Dec. 2 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall). A human who lives at the North Pole and thinks he's an elf, Buddy possesses an outrageous optimism and a childlike innocence and curiosity.

■ **FW:** What is Santa like? Does he only wear his red suit on Christmas Day? What does he do in his down time?

**Buddy:** Santa is the greatest! I grew up without a Mom or a Dad in the North Pole, but Santa has always taken care of me and is my best friend! He doesn't always wear his full suit, but he loves the color red and all things Christmas-y. When he's not working, he loves to sit in his big comfy chair and watch football games and TiVo.

■ **FW:** How does Santa's sleigh work?

**Buddy:** Santa used to use reindeer to make his sleigh fly, but nowadays the sleigh is powered by Christmas spirit alone. As long as there is enough Christmas spirit from people all over the world, the sleigh can fly. Santa is worried that this year there might not be enough spirit, though, as fewer and fewer people believe in him.

■ **FW:** You grew up surrounded by toys. What's your favorite toy and why?

**Buddy:** I love ALL toys, especially knowing that they are going to make so many boys and girls so happy on Christmas morning, but my most prized possession is a snow globe Santa gave me. It has New York City inside — where my Dad lives — and when you shake it, you see what New York City looks like when it snows.

■ **FW:** You realized you were a human, not an elf, because you were not as good at making toys as the other elves, and you were taller than everyone else. What words of advice or encouragement do you have for people who feel as if they don't fit in?

**Buddy:** Sometimes you might not look the same way as everyone else around you, or maybe you're not good at the same things as others, like making toys or playing sports. But that's what makes everyone so special. Being different was scary at first, but ultimately, being different and discovering the gifts I DO have, is what makes me special and able to help Santa save Christmas.

■ **FW:** New York City, where your human dad lives, is very different from the North Pole. What surprised you most about New York?

**Buddy:** How TALL everything is! I thought New York City was going to be teeny tiny, because I only knew what it looked like from the snow globe Santa gave me, but it's MUCH bigger... ESPECIALLY the Empire State Building where my Dad works!

■ **FW:** Is it Christmas every day for you?

**Buddy:** At the North Pole, Christmas is a year-round job. As soon as one Christmas is over, planning for the next



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"Elf: the Musical" is a dance-number filled production based on the 2003 film starring Will Ferrell.

year starts! But what's most important is keeping the hope and belief that you feel "extra-specially" not just at Christmas-time, but all year round and every day.

■ **FW:** What would you say to those who feel that Christmas comes too early and don't like seeing Christmas things in the stores, even before Halloween?

**Buddy:** I'd say Christmas isn't just about shopping and presents. It's about so much more — for example, being with your family. To me, seeing a big glittery Christmas tree in October only reminds me of how special we treat Christmastime. So why not be extra special and spend time with your family all year round? No matter what time of year!

■ **FW:** How can I make my life more sparkly-jolly-twinkle-jingley?

**Buddy:** By doing whatever you do in your life to the best of your ability, and also not only doing it for yourself, but for others as well. It means not just thinking about yourself, but bringing a smile to someone's face or giving someone hope or a smile through your actions.

■ **FW:** What is the true meaning of Christmas?

**Buddy:** I don't think there's one true meaning of Christmas. I think it's different for everyone. But I think what's most important is finding something to believe in, whether it's Santa Claus, a rabbit who hides Easter eggs or a lifelong dream. Believing in something gives you hope, and hope gives you something to hold onto, no matter how hard things get. When I found out I wasn't really an elf and had to travel to a faraway place to find my Dad, I never would have been able to do it without belief and hope, and that's what Christmas gives us.

in the know

"Elf: the Musical"

>> **When:** Nov. 27-Dec. 2

>> **Where:** The Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers

>> **Cost:** \$32-\$67

>> **Info:** 481-4849 or www.bbmannpah.com



## Talking with Crumpet the Elf

Jason Parrish portrays David, who works as Crumpet the Elf at Macy's Santaland in "The Santaland Diaries" (Dec. 19-30 at Florida Repertory Theatre's ArtStage Studio Theatre.) Crumpet is cynical, sardonic and more than a little jaded. Here's what he had to say to our questions.



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■ **FW:** How did you become an elf?

**Crumpet:** I know this isn't the story-book answer you're hoping to hear, but my climb up the candy cane ladder was far from festive. I was out of work and desperate for cash one year, and rather than freeze to death in my Manhattan walk-up, I answered an ad in a paper telling me that "Working as an Elf in Macy's Santaland is more than just a holiday job..."

Somehow, I got the job. They handed me some tights, and the rest is history. Or holiday legend.

■ **FW:** What did you think about the experience? What did you like most and what did you like the least?

**Crumpet:** It was quite a learning experience. I met a lot of elves. There is Gingersnap, the stupid one who wants to wear her costume home and look like a gnome on the subway. There is Flaky (well, that's what I call her), who spends her free time making modern art installations out of human hair. Snowball, the temptress.

Ultimately, it pays the bills and I get to do a lot of people watching — at the holidays, when the parents are on their absolute worse behavior. I also love it when brawny guys from the Jersey Shore make fun of my tights. Those moments are great.

■ **FW:** How did you feel about your elf outfit?

**Crumpet:** I am a grown man wearing candy cane tights and green crushed velvet. How do you think I feel about it? It's itchy, tight and has been used by countless elves before me. Though the bells on my smock are fun to prance around in.

■ **FW:** Which day is more depressing: Christmas Day or the day after?

**Crumpet:** The day BEFORE is the worst. Christmas Eve is the worst day because the parents at Macy's are absolutely crazed as they shop for last-minute gifts. On Christmas Eve, I actually saw a woman tell her young son to urinate into the fake snow. Oh, and the parents sometimes throw diapers into the Candy Cane Forest. Usually the other elves call in and pretend to be sick just to get out of the holiday war zone. Bastards.

■ **FW:** You worked closely with Santa. What's he like?

**Crumpet:** Santa? He's a nutcase. They all are. I work with tons of different Santas, and I think they all have a screw loose. The worst Santa I've ever encountered is a guy who took himself too seriously. He sings and jingles his bells even when there are no kids in the house. One time he recited "The Night Before Christmas" just to me. Crazy. I think he drinks too much eggnog or something. Jack Frost is nipping at more than his nose, if you know what I mean.

■ **FW:** What is the true meaning of Christmas?

**Crumpet:** After my experiences, I can say that commercialism is NOT the true meaning of Christmas. It's sad that people lose sight of the point, which is just to be kind to one another and love one another a little more for a few weeks at the end of the year. Give your loved ones a gift or two and say, "You know what, I appreciate you." If we keep that in mind, we'll all be a little bit happier.

■ **FW:** If you had elf children, what would you name them?

**Crumpet:** I'd name them Asa, Bo and Clint — The names of my favorite characters from "One Life to Live." ■

in the know

"The Santaland Diaries"

>> **When:** Dec. 19-30 (previews Dec. 19-20)

>> **Where:** The ArtStage Studio Theatre of Florida Repertory Theatre, Fort Myers

>> **Cost:** \$25

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# HOLIDAY HOURS

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## DECEMBER 2012

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■ **Leading Ladies** – By The Naples Players through Dec. 15 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

■ **Camping With Henry & Tom** – By Florida Repertory Theatre in the new ArtStage Theatre, downtown Fort Myers, through Nov. 25. 332-4488 or [www.floridarep.org](http://www.floridarep.org)

■ **Elf** – At the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers, Nov. 27-Dec. 2. 481-4849 or [www.bbmannpah.com](http://www.bbmannpah.com). See story on page C1.

■ **A Funny Thing** – TheatreZone opens its 2012-13 season with “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” Nov. 29-Dec. 9 at the G&L Theater. (888) 966-3352 or [www.theatrezone-florida.com](http://www.theatrezone-florida.com).

■ **Talley’s Folly** – By Florida Repertory Theatre, Fort Myers, Nov. 27-Dec. 16. 332-4488 or [www.floridarep.org](http://www.floridarep.org).

■ **Miracle on 34th Street** – At Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers, through Dec. 25. Bring in a donation of nonperishable food and receives a \$5 discount through Nov. 30. 278-4422 or [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com).

■ **I Love You, You’re Perfect, Now Change** – At the Off Broadway Palm Theatre through Dec. 25. 278-4422 or [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com).

## Thursday, Nov. 22



### Happy Thanksgiving!

■ **Nutcracker Boutique** – Start your holiday shopping at the Nutcracker Boutique at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. The lobby shop is open today through Nov. 25. The Festival of Trees is also open, with proceeds from both benefitting the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra and his youth education programs. Hours differ each day; call 597-1900 or visit [www.naplesphil.org](http://www.naplesphil.org) for the schedule.

## Friday, Nov. 23

■ **Tree Lighting** – The “Grand Illuminations” holiday tree lighting at Venetian Bay takes place from 5-8 p.m. at the Village on Venetian Bay. 4200 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. 403-2218.

■ **Holiday Classic** – The Miami City Ballet and the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra present their acclaimed version of “George Balanchine’s The Nutcracker” at 8 p.m. today, at 2 and 8 p.m. Nov. 24, and at 3 p.m. Nov. 25 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. 597-1900 or [www.thephil.org](http://www.thephil.org).



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Harmon-Meek Gallery showcases the works of Philip Morsberger in the first solo exhibition of the gallery’s 50th season. The artist begins each work as an abstract non-representational painting and then, after contemplating the piece, paints over it the images that come to mind from his past and from his imagination. Shown here is Mr. Morsberger’s “Pyramid,” an oil on canvas measuring approximately 3 feet by 5 feet. The exhibit hangs through Dec. 8. 599 Tamiami Trail N. 261-2637 or [www.harmonmeekgallery.com](http://www.harmonmeekgallery.com).

■ **Keys at the Keys** – Jimmy Keys plays the piano and performs comedy and impressions during a buffet dinner show at the Hilton Naples. \$65. Reservations: 659-3174 or [www.hiltonnaples.com/](http://www.hiltonnaples.com/).

## Saturday, Nov. 24

■ **Fine Art & Crafts** – The Naples Art Association presents the Naples Fall Fine Art & Craft Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Sunday along 10th Street South. 263-6517 or [www.naplesart.org](http://www.naplesart.org). See story on page C3.

■ **Give at the Garden** – Bring a donation of non-perishable food to the Naples Botanical Garden and enjoy \$5 off the cost of admission. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org).

■ **Santa’s Here** – Santa Claus comes to Coconut Point for Wake Up Santa from 9-10 a.m. and Santa’s Workshop at 10 a.m. Fifteen children will win the chance to “wake up” Santa. Story reading and photos with Santa follow. Santa photo prices vary.

■ **Zumbathon** – Pump it up for Toys for Tots at a Zumbathon from noon-4 p.m. at Paramount Fitness. Bring an unwrapped toy to give to the cause. 91 Ninth St. S. 227-4222 or [www.pfnaples.com](http://www.pfnaples.com).

■ **Book Party** – Meet author and Capt. Marlena Brackebusch and have a copy of her new book, “The Ultimate Voyage,” signed for yourself or for a gift from 3-6 p.m. at the Dock at Crayton Cove. The landmark restaurant is the setting for several scenes in the novel, which is the final installation of the Linda Williams trilogy.

■ **Let It Snow** – The Village on Venetian Bay holds its annual “Let It Snow” holiday festival from 5-8 p.m. 4200 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. 403-2218.

■ **Woodstock on Westport** – Cancer Alliance of Naples hosts a backyard benefit from 5-10 p.m. at 6110 Westport Lane. Live music by Mike Brookshire, the Conti Street Band and Hailey Delray. Pig Roast from 5-8 p.m. \$50. 537-2399. [www.cancerallianceofnaples.com](http://www.cancerallianceofnaples.com).

■ **Blues Tunes** – Cracker Blues performs from 7-9 p.m. under the stars at Gulf Coast Town Center. Free. 267-0783 or [www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com](http://www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com).

■ **Tribute Show** – The Stage in Bonita Springs presents an Elton John tribute show at 7:15 p.m. 9144 Bonita Beach Road. 405-8566 or [www.thestagebonita.com](http://www.thestagebonita.com).

■ **Blues Tunes** – Little Eddie & the Fat Fingers perform from 8-11 p.m. at Fred’s Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or [www.freds-diner.com](http://www.freds-diner.com).

## Sunday, Nov. 25

■ **Concert in the Park** – The Music Makers perform from 2-4 p.m. in the band shell at Cambier Park. 293-9703.

## Monday, Nov. 26

■ **Play Your Cards Right** – The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island offers Monday night bingo for its 14th season. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for a free kosher hot dog dinner, and the first game is called at 7 p.m. 642-0800.

■ **Jazz Tunes** – The Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra presents “All That Jazz,” featuring jazz guitarist Russell Malone, at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$42. 597-1900 or [www.ThePhil.org](http://www.ThePhil.org).

■ **Film Series** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents a screening and discussion of “Central Station” at 7 p.m. \$8. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

## Tuesday, Nov. 27

■ **Swamp Buggy Stories** – David Southall presents the history of the swamp buggy at 2 p.m. at the Marco Island Library. Free. 201 S. Heathwood Drive. 394-3272.

■ **Rock Sounds** – A full rock band joins the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra to present “The Music of the Doors” at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Tickets start at \$69. 597-1900 or [www.ThePhil.org](http://www.ThePhil.org).

## Wednesday, Nov. 28

■ **Corkscrew After Hours** – Learn about bird migration and marvel at Audubon’s Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary under the light of a full moon. 348-9151 or [www.CorkscrewAudubon.org](http://www.CorkscrewAudubon.org). See story on page A20.

■ **Tequila Time** – Agave Southwestern Grill hosts a four-course dinner paired with Republic Tequila. Seatings are available at 7 p.m. \$80 per couple. 598-3473.

■ **Holiday Show** – The “Dave Koz and Friends Christmas Tour 2012,” starring Dave Koz, David Benoit, Sheila E., Javier Colon and Margo Rey, takes the stage at 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Tickets start at \$69. 597-1900 or [www.ThePhil.org](http://www.ThePhil.org).

## Coming up

■ **Promenade Art** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs hosts Art Walk at the Center for the Arts Studios at the Promenade at Bonita Bay from 5-8 p.m. Nov. 29. 26811 S. Bay Drive. 495-8989 or [www.artcenterbonita.org](http://www.artcenterbonita.org).

■ **Fostering Friends** – Celebrity bartenders will take orders and give their tips to Friends of Foster Children from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 29 at Noodles Italian Café & Sushi Bar. A donation of \$20 gets a free drink and complimentary appetizers. 1585 Pine Ridge Road. 592-0050. [www.noodlescafe.com](http://www.noodlescafe.com).

■ **Dancing by the Fountain** – Dancing demonstrations by the pros from Fred Astaire Dance Studios and more from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 29 at the Village on Venetian Bay. Deejay Michael Levaul will be by the north fountain, and Keith Atkins will be on the south side of the center. 4200 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. [www.venetianvillage.com](http://www.venetianvillage.com).

■ **Wine Tasting** – Artichoke & Co. and Clive Daniel Home hosts a wine tasting from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Nov. 29 at Clive Daniel Home. \$45. 2777 Tamiami Trail N. Reservations: 263-6979.

# WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

■ **Open Mic** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents “Locals Live!” at 8 p.m. Nov. 29 in Suite 114 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Holiday Lights** – Ave Maria hosts the Celebration of Lights event from 5-9 p.m. Nov. 30. The fun includes an ice-skating, holiday parade at 6 p.m., a visit from Santa and live entertainment by local youth and school groups. 352-3903 or www.avemaria.com.

■ **Local History** – Betsy Perdicizzi presents “Pioneering Medicine in Marco Island” at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 30 at Everglades Community Church, Everglades City. The event is hosted by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation. 695-2905 or www.evergladeshistorical.org.

■ **Country Bash** – The fourth annual Lakeside Country Bash, presented by the Lakes Park Enrichment Foundation, starts at 5 p.m. Nov. 30 at Lakes Park in South Fort Myers. Entertainers include Alan Jackson, Rodney Atkins, David Nail and Jana Kramer. Gates open at 3 p.m. \$45 in advance; \$55 at the gate. www.lakesidecountrybash.com.

■ **Wine Throwdown** – Decanted Wine & Beer hosts the Ultimate Wine Throwdown Series: The Best of the U.S. from 5-8 p.m. Nov. 30. \$25; \$15 for inner circle members. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. RSVP required: info@decantedwines.com.

■ **Choral Concert** – The music department at Ave Maria University presents “Lessons & Carols: an AMU Choral Tradition” at 7 p.m. Dec. 1. Free. 5050 Ave Maria Blvd. www.avemaria.edu/supportamu/events.

■ **Acoustic Bluegrass** – Rob Ickes of Blue Highway and guitar player Jim Hurst perform a free concert at 7 p.m. Dec. 1 in the band shell at Cambier Park. The musicians will offer workshops from noon to 3 p.m. 287-2035.

■ **Boat Parade** – A procession of boats decked out for the holidays makes its way down Venetian Bay on Dec. 6. Live entertainment and a “snow show” begin at 6 p.m. The boat parade sets out at 8 p.m. 4200 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. www.venetianvillage.com.



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Guess-Fisher Gallery in Crayton Cove hosts the opening reception for “Miniature Yet Monumental,” an exhibit of works smaller than 1 foot square by more than 20 professional artists from Southwest Florida, from 6-9 p.m. Nov. 24. The little originals will be on display through December. 810 12th Ave. S. 659-27878 or guessfisher@comcast.net.

■ **Foreign Film** – The Renaissance Academy of FCGU presents a screening and discussion of “Still Walking” (Japan, 2008) beginning at 1 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Naples Center of FCGU. The drama unfolds over the course of a single summer day as the Yokoyama family gathers to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the death of the eldest son. \$5. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737.

■ **Christmas Concert** – Marco Presbyterian Church presents a Christmas concert at 6 p.m. Dec. 2. The seven-member flute virtuoso group Flute Cocktail joins the combined bell choirs

of the Marco Presbyterian and Wesley United Methodist churches. Freewill offering accepted. 875 W. Elkcam Circle. 394-8186.

■ **Holiday Laughs** – The comedy duo of Compton & Bennet presents “Grandma’s Christmas Goose” at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2 at Fred’s Food, Fun & Spirits. Doors open at 5 p.m.; dinner is at 6. \$34.95 for dinner and the show; \$15 for show only. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

■ **Library Concerts** – The Night Train Band perform holiday tunes at the following Collier County libraries: Marco Island Library, 5:30 p.m. Dec. 4; Naples Regional Library, 3:30 p.m. Dec. 6; Headquarters Regional Library, 3 and 6 p.m. Dec. 11. Free.

■ **Naples Bay Boat Parade** – The 23rd annual Marine Association of Collier County Christmas Boat Parade will ply the waters of Naples Bay starting at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 8. Prime viewing areas will be Pincher’s Crab Shack, Riverwalk Restaurant, Naples City Dock, Naples Landing, Kelly’s Fish House, The Boathouse Restaurant and Bayview Park. Parade entry forms: www.miacc.org. 682-0900.

■ **Abracadabra!** – The Norris Center presents the family-friendly comedian, musician, mind reader and illusionist Gary Goodman at 7 p.m. Dec. 8. \$20. 213-3058.

■ **Indie Film** – The Naples International Film Festival and SilverSpot Cinema present a screening and discussion of “Sleepwalk With Me,” a 2012 Sundance Film Festival Audience Award winner, on Dec. 11. Doors at the cinema in Mercato open at 6:30 p.m. and the film starts at 7 p.m. \$25 include the movie, savory bites and sweet treats and a glass of beer, wine or soda. www.silverspotcinema.com.

■ **Nutcracker Ballet** – The Naples Ballet presents “The Nutcracker” at 5 p.m. Dec. 15 and 4 p.m. Dec. 16 at Gulf Coast High School. 732-1000 or www.naplesacademyofballet.com. ■

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# ARTS COMMENTARY

## Writers share thoughts on the importance of story



Though the authors at the recent Sanibel Island Writers Conference write books that differ in tone, voice and subject matter, they all agree on one thing: the importance of story.

That's why day after day, week after week and month after month, these bestselling writers sit at their computers or scribble on notepads, grappling with words and wrestling with sentences.

Forget about the fantasy of sitting around just waiting for inspiration to strike.

Inspiration can hit writers, causing them to pen a torrent of words, but that's the exception, not the rule.

Most often, it's work.

Hard work.

Even if you've already written a string of *New York Times* bestsellers.



Susan Orlean

Guest speaker

Tim O'Brien ("The Things They Carried," "The Lake in the Woods," "July July") confessed, "There are literally days when I don't leave the house — sometimes weeks — and day and night I sit in my underwear in front of my computer."

And when Andre Dubus III ("Townie," "The House of Sand and Fog") told a workshop that writing doesn't get any easier as time goes on, that he still struggles with each book, one attendant wailed, "Oh nooooo!" and put her head down on her desk in despair.

He shared with them how, when writing his first book, no matter what the season, he'd drive his car to a cemetery every morning and sit and write for 10 or 20 minutes. It was the only quiet place he could think of, he said, where he would be undisturbed.

Keynote speaker Susan Orlean ("Rin Tin Tin," "The Orchid Thief") told the crowd that sometimes, in the course of working on a story, it can suddenly take a turn and lead somewhere she hadn't

expected. She then has no choice but to follow the story down its new path.

Despite the adage to "write what you know," Ms. Orlean said she prefers "writing about things I don't know about. The learning is part of the story, the process I go through.

"Stories are enhanced by a sense of discovery and surprise," Ms. Orlean added. "Readers respond to your energy about the story. If it excites you and surprises you, the readers will pick up on that."

She possesses, she said, "an instinct for these stories that aren't obvious... taking people to stories that they don't

even know they want to read. I wanted to surprise people, be a tour guide taking people places they didn't know they wanted to go."

She has the gift of looking at the ordinary and finding the extraordinary. She makes her readers re-examine things they might have previously overlooked.

"Anything at all is worth writing about if you care

about it enough," she said.

Writing the story that people will be interested in as much as you are is the challenge.

The common theme that runs through all of Ms. Orlean's articles and books is: people mastering something.

"We don't always understand what someone's passion is all about," she said. "We all have a passion for something... We want to know what our world is all about."

She talked about attending the World Taxidermy Championship and writing about it for the *New Yorker* magazine, and about hanging out with a 10-year-old boy in New Jersey for another article that ran in *Esquire* magazine. She read from the beginning of her essay, "The American Male, Age 10," which has been widely anthologized.

Mr. O'Brien told the crowd that a good story appeals to our stomach, tear ducts, spine and back of the neck. A good story, he said, "is strongly concrete, not abstract, specific in its details.



Tim O'Brien

A good story does not preach at you, proselytize or offer advice.

"I'm a firm believer in the power of stories," he said.

He shared that he wanted to be a writer from the time he was 9 years old and saw his alcoholic father reading a book. "There was a look of delight and a rapture on his face," he said. "My father had never looked at me like that."

He wished he were that book.

Stories, he said, can heal us, inspire us, help us hear freshly and feel freshly. They can help us understand where we've been in our lives and help us feel a little less alone.

Mr. O'Brien said his life was deeply affected by his experiences in the Vietnam War, and his books, directly or indirectly, reference that.

"Going After Cacciato" received the National Book Award for Fiction. "The Things They Carried," perhaps his best-known book, was a finalist for the Pulit-

zer Prize and for the National Book Critics Circle Award. It's also the book that all first-year students at Florida Gulf Coast University (who runs the writing conference) were required to read this past summer.

During the Q&A following his talk, someone asked Mr. O'Brien about novels that deal with the wars in Iraq or Afghanistan. He recommended three: "Fobbit" by David Abrams, "The Long Walk: A Story of War and the Life That Follows" by Brian Castner and "Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk" by Ben Fountain.

Early in his career, he was a writer for *The Washington Post*. Being a journalist helped him learn how to organize material and meet deadlines.

"I had to learn the sitting-downness (of writing)," he said.

"The material," he said, "takes its own turns and goes where it wants to. Go scamper after the story." ■



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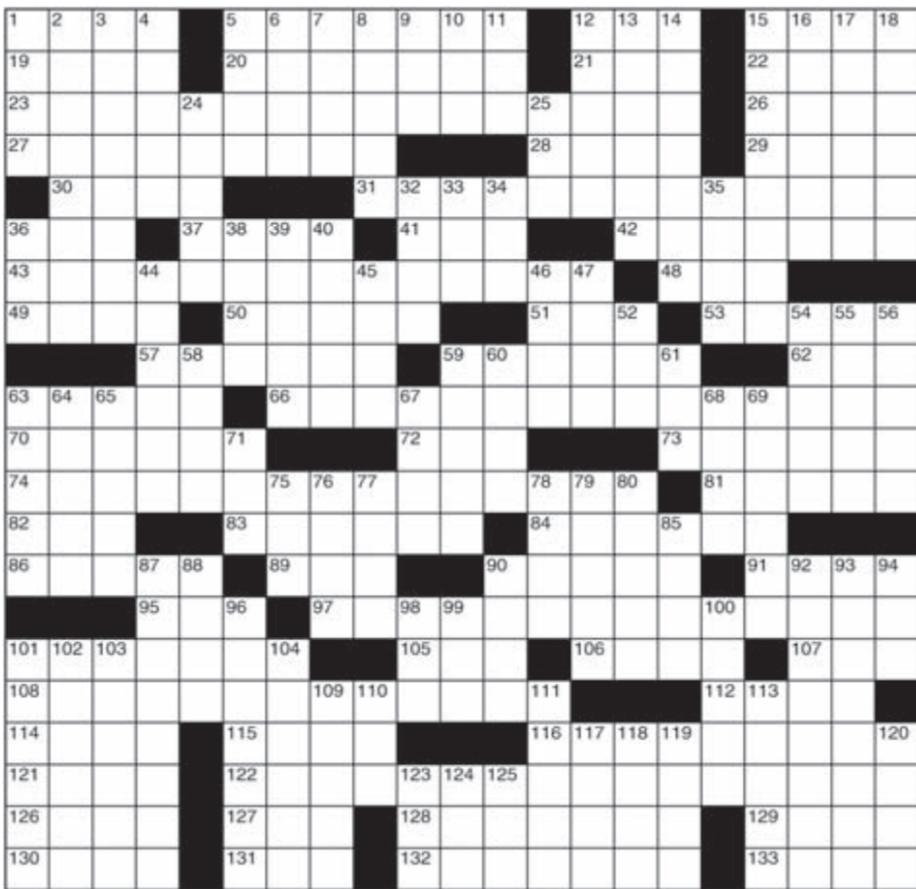


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  - 43 Casey Stengel quote, Ohio-style?
  - 48 Hip-hop "Dr." To — (precisely)
  - 50 "En —!" (fencer's cry)
  - 51 Larva of a parasite
  - 53 Track star Jesse
  - 57 "The View" co-host
  - 59 Invented, as a phrase
  - 62 Cut (off)
  - 63 Dull photo finish
  - 66 ESP, Ohio-style?
  - 70 On the ship, e.g.
  - 72 Egg cells
  - 73 —-faire
  - 74 Beatles hit, Ohio-style?
  - 81 Made a beeline for
  - 82 Pose the question
  - 83 Pick up and haul in
  - 84 Most foul
  - 86 Dolphin kin
  - 89 Pantry invader
  - 90 Sickness symptom
  - 91 Adaptable, electrically
  - 95 Beer, in Bath
  - 97 Gene Kelly classic, Ohio-style?
  - 101 Snobbish
  - 105 Poetic night
  - 106 God, in Dijon
  - 107 Boggy land
  - 108 Golden agers, Ohio-style?
  - 112 Hair cluster
  - 114 Bygone
  - 115 Jordan native, e.g.
  - 116 Good flavor
  - 121 Twin brother of Jacob
  - 122 Many an Arctic area, Ohio-style?
  - 126 Rip to pieces
  - 127 Byrnes or Roush
  - 128 One taken in by another
  - 129 "— Love Her"
  - 130 Birch or larch
  - 131 See 4-Down
  - 132 Frees for a price
  - 133 Use a scythe
- DOWN**
- 1 Sign — (farewells)
  - 2 Recovers after a downpour
  - 3 Hearing aid part
  - 4 With 131-Across, "L.A. Law" actress
  - 5 Pepsi, e.g.
  - 6 Settled down
  - 7 It may fly by
  - 8 Call at sea
  - 9 Eye coverer
  - 10 "—-wee's Playhouse"
  - 11 Pooch's bark
  - 12 Cash
  - 13 Unsettles
  - 14 Olympian's no-no
  - 15 Got too thick with weeds
  - 16 Rip anew
  - 17 Film theater
  - 18 Serpents
  - 24 Eternal City fountain
  - 25 Perón played by Madonna
  - 32 Scout outing
  - 33 — Lilly (Prozac producer)
  - 34 Crime solver: Abbr.
  - 35 Fiery fiddler?
  - 36 Healthful quaff
  - 38 Cutting part
  - 39 Firehouse sound
  - 40 Mr. Moto player Peter
  - 44 Anne Rice title vampire
  - 45 Valhalla god
  - 46 Army division
  - 47 Yearn deeply
  - 52 Rolodex no.
  - 54 John of rock
  - 55 Like a well-pitched game
  - 56 — Gyra (jazz group)
  - 58 Hoagie
  - 59 Long for with envy
  - 60 Using speech
  - 61 — Plaines
  - 63 Big parrot
  - 64 Make ashamed
  - 65 Big name in toy trucks
  - 67 Hanks and Cruise
  - 68 Average golf scores
  - 69 2009 Best Picture nominee
  - 71 Genetic helix
  - 75 Lingerie item
  - 76 Caterers' dispensers
  - 77 Legendary snow humanoid
  - 78 Baker's need
  - 79 Striking
  - 80 Kate Nelligan title role
  - 85 Mystery novelist — Stanley Gardner
  - 87 Leeway
  - 88 "Essays of —"
  - 90 Twain's Huck
  - 92 Stimulant in 36-Down
  - 93 Fresca, e.g.
  - 94 "Your SSSSS" channel
  - 96 Broke loose
  - 98 Pince-—
  - 99 "Goodness!"
  - 100 Protruding bellybutton
  - 101 Authority
  - 102 Tenant, e.g.
  - 103 Ludicrous
  - 104 Major rant
  - 109 Unpunctual
  - 110 1981 PC introducer
  - 111 Discontinued
  - 113 Poker champ Stu
  - 117 Re
  - 118 Cherry discard
  - 119 Very, in Nice
  - 120 Use scissors
  - 123 River of Bern
  - 124 Pill-approving org.
  - 125 "Silkwood" actor Silver

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## HOROSCOPES

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** "Prudence" should be your watchword this week. Best not to be too open about some of the things that are currently happening in your life.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Money is on your mind, so you'd best mind how you're spending it. Take another look at that holiday budget and see where you can make adjustments.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Resolving to revive an old friendship could open some old wounds. Are you sure you want to risk that? Think this through before making a commitment.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Your need to know more about a new friend could lead to some startling revelations. Best advice: Keep an open mind about what you learn until all the facts are in.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** You've let yourself be distracted from what's really important. But love finally gets your attention this week. However, it comes with a challenge that could create a problem.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Be careful not to bully others into following your lead. Best advice: Persuade, don't push, and you'll get the cooperation you need to move forward with your plans.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Resist the urge to gloat now that you've

proved your detractors wrong. Instead, charm them back into your circle. Remember: A former foe can become your best ally.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** You might want to claim all the credit for making this holiday season special. But is it worth producing a lot of hurt feelings by rejecting offers of help? Think about it.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Ignore a co-worker's questionable behavior. Instead, put your energy into making your own project special. Then sit back and purr over your well-deserved applause.

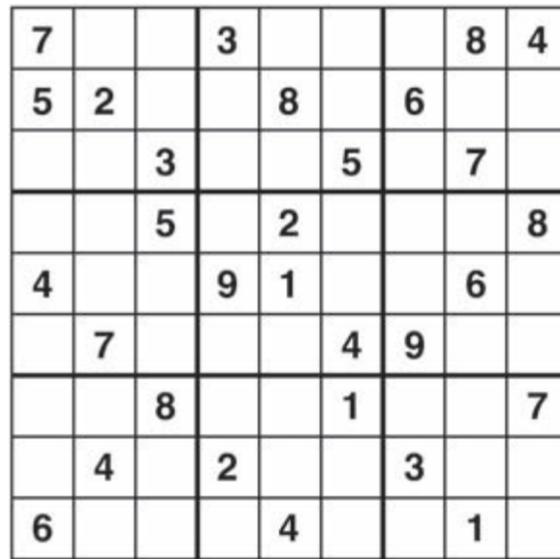
■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** You might not want to accept those suggested changes in your workplace. But don't chuck them out before you check them out. You could be happily surprised.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Your holiday planning might have to take a back seat for a bit so that you can handle a problem with a friend or family member. Your schedule resumes by the 8th.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Relationships in general benefit during the early part of the week, including in the workplace. Also expect some overdue changes in a personal situation.

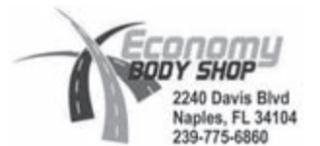
■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** Your loyalty to friends makes you a very special person to those whose lives you've touched. ■

By Linda Thistle



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# LATEST FILMS

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Is it worth \$10? Yes

You'll respect "Lincoln," but you will not necessarily like it. The importance of the story, the performances and the authenticity of the production and costume designs are certainly laudable.

But you won't like the fact that the movie is 2½ hours of talking about politics. Nor will you enjoy the slow pace and the dry visuals.

Shame on us for thinking a Steven Spielberg film would be more... entertaining.

Two-time Oscar winner Daniel Day-Lewis ("There Will Be Blood") stars as Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States who, when the story begins in January 1865, has just been re-elected for a second term. His main focus is twofold: End the Civil War, which threatens to permanently tear the country apart, but not before the ratification of the 13th amendment, which would abolish slavery.

Given that he knows the Confederacy is about to fall, much of the film follows Lincoln as he navigates murky political waters to ensure the amendment is ratified before the end of the war, which would ensure that it applies to all states once the Union is again united.

The importance of the amendment is unmistakable, and yes, there is drama in the reasons for and against its ratification. Interestingly, Tony Kushner's script (based in part on the book "Team Of Rivals" by Doris Kearns Goodwin) essentially casts aside the southern Congressional members' objections — racist as they are to our 21st century minds — and focuses more on the pros and cons from inside Lincoln's inner circle.

Secretary of State William Seward (David Strathairn) is Lincoln's most trusted advisor, though the key to the amendment's ratification rests with radical Republican Thaddeus Stevens (a typically acerbic Tommy Lee Jones). For help, Seward enlists three lobbyists

(played with welcome comic relief by James Spader, Tim Blake Nelson and John Hawkes) to gauge the Democrats most likely to change their vote.

Lincoln also obtains counsel from his wife Mary Todd (Sally Field), who's an emotional wreck for many reasons, including the fact that their son Robert (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) wants to join the army.

To secure the needed votes, "Honest Abe" is not beyond deceiving, bribing, cajoling or manipulating in order to achieve what he believes is right.

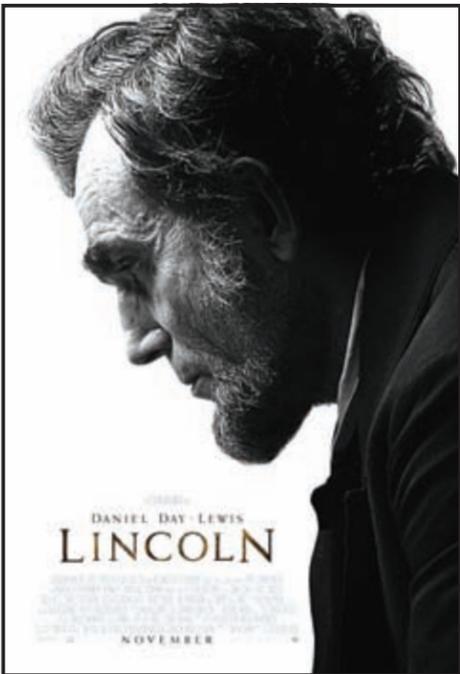
Day-Lewis is superb as the title character — slouching posture, dry wit, a steady raconteur, authoritative presence, embattled emotions — but the real treat is the way the actor conveys an aura of respect for a man who had fierce enemies, even within his own party. From the first shot of him atop a perch speaking to soldiers to the last scene, Lincoln is revered for all his actions, be they good or bad. This is how history remembers him as well, so it's not a mistake that Day-Lewis and Spielberg cast him in this light.

If only they did it with a bit more speed.

Many scenes of political maneuvering run long, and the film's often-muted colors do nothing to liven things up. And this is not to mention the scenes that should've been cut in the first place, i.e. a moment in which Lincoln chats about mathematics with two telegraph boys. The dialog here is tedious, and what's revealed would have been better served if kept as a surprise.

As for the ending, let's just say it's at least five minutes and four scenes too long.

This was a pet project of Spielberg's for 12 years before it came together, so it's understandable why he'd have trouble parting with moments he envisioned working. Even if he had done so, "Lincoln" still wouldn't be perfect — but it would be more watchable. ■



**in the know**

>> **Liam Neeson** was once approached to play Abraham Lincoln.

# CAPSULES

## Silver Linings Playbook ★★ The Sessions ★★★★★½

(Bradley Cooper, Jennifer Lawrence, Robert De Niro) After time in a mental institution, Pat (Cooper) wants to reunite with his estranged wife, but only the equally messed-up Tiffany (Lawrence) can get a message to her. It's supposed to be oddball-funny, but the characters are so unlikeable that it's hard to care about anyone. Rated R.

(John Hawkes, Helen Hunt, William Macy) A disabled 38-year-old man (Hawkes) hires a sex surrogate (Hunt) to lose his virginity, though his anxiety makes it harder than he expected. An Oscar-worthy performance from Hawkes highlights a touching, poignant story about one of mankind's most basic needs. Rated R.



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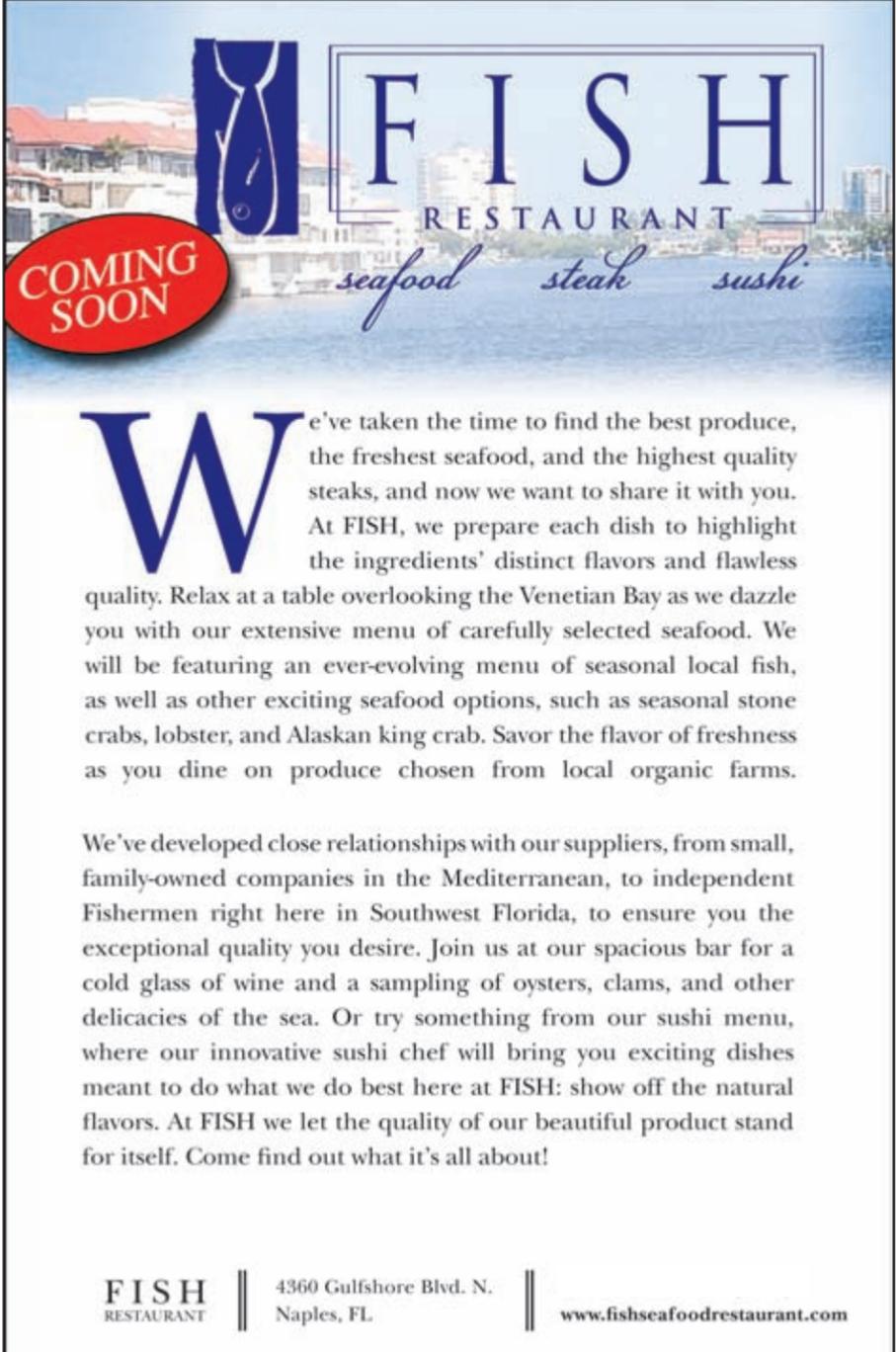
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## Eddy Lester teams up with Tin City Magic

Lester Productions and Tin City Magic have teamed up to produce a series of shows starting this holiday season with "Link Union's Americana Music & Christmas Show" on Friday-Saturday, Dec. 21-22, at the G&L Theater at Community School of Naples.

Eddy Lester says the Link Union family has entertained thousands of fans in venues across the United States and Canada since 2001. Ranging from 12-year-old singer John Link to parents Becky (rhythm guitar and keyboard) and Lance (bass player, business manager and bus driver) Link, they travel the land from their home in the Ozark Mountains of Missouri, performing more than 200 concerts a year. Other members of the band are Rachel Link (mandolin and pennywhistle), Kyle Link (fiddle) and his wife Ashley (fiddle and bass), 16-year-old Ben Link (banjo) and 14-year-old Aaron Link (lead guitar, fiddle and bass). The band's new Christmas CD was produced in Nashville and will be available for purchase at their Naples performances.

Tickets for "Link Union's Americana Music & Christmas Show" are \$25, \$30 and \$35 and can be purchased at Tin City Magic in Naples, online at [www.tincitymagic.brownpaperticket.com](http://www.tincitymagic.brownpaperticket.com)



The Link Union band

ets.com or by phone at (800) 838-3006. For information about group discounts, call Mr. Lester at 774-0106.

### Magic in the air

Up next from the team of producers will be "Scams and Fantasies with Cards," a show by magician/comedian Darwin Ortiz, at 3 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, Feb. 11-12, at the Sugden Community. On the same stage at 6 and 8:30 p.m. on both days, Cindy Miller will present her one-woman celebration of great entertainers, "You Ain't Heard Nothing Yet!" The opening act will be Michael Dutra in "A Sinatra Encore."

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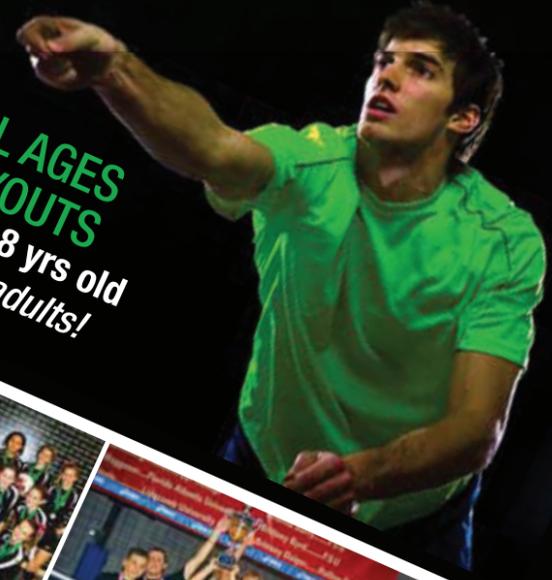
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In "Brigands Key," Ken Pelham knots together all of these plot strands — and more.

The story begins with an unusual mystery. Archaeologist Carson Grant, a man with a tarnished reputation, thinks he's onto something big. On an unfunded research dive in the Gulf of Mexico, more than 20 miles from the coast and a long way down, Grant finds a cave out of which gushes a freshwater spring. Nearby, he finds a marvelously preserved corpse. Although it looks like a recent death, the autopsy reveals a strange assortment of facts that don't fit together, making the time of death impossible to determine.

This same gulf area has also attracted a fisherman-turned-fortune-hunter,

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This novel progresses like one of those suspenseful juggling acts in which the juggler gets three balls into rotation and then adds the third, the fourth and the fifth, keeping the audience waiting for the next increment of complication or the ultimate collapse. Maybe the juggler will add bowling pins, axes or flaming torches to the routine. These acts can be breathtaking, but they are over in a matter of minutes.



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"Brigands Key" is similarly breathtaking, but reading it takes a lot longer.

For the most part, Mr. Pelham is up to the task of juggling his plot lines, revelations and points of view. His characters are credible and interesting. His portrait of small town life rings true, especially his handling of the conflict between those looking to pave over the island with development and those wishing to preserve its quirky character. His handling of scientific details is admirable: at once sophisticated and accessible.

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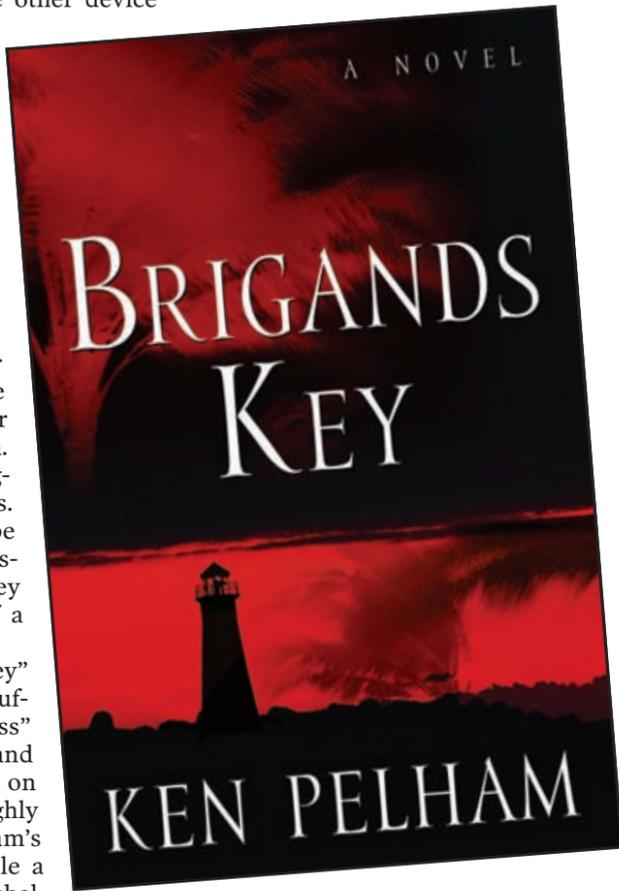
Beyond the conventions of dialogue and authorial access to characters' thoughts, Mr. Pelham — who grew up in Immokalee, earned a degree in landscape architecture from the University of Florida and now lives in the Greater Orlando town of Maitland —employs two additional devices to bring us information and understanding. The more charming of these is Charley's blog, full of hard fact, attitude and the kind of adolescent genius that predicts a highly productive future. The other device is a journal written in 1945 by someone whose fate brought him to this watery region near the close of World War II. Through the journal, many of the questions raised along the way begin to find answers.

The threats to Brigands Key are also opportunities. The woman who runs the local newspaper has become famous as the dominant inside source for the national news media. She now has a much larger platform for her skills. Kyoko and Grant might be able to restore their professional reputations. Charley can be a hero instead of a zero.

All in all, "Brigands Key" is a success. While it suffers from "too-muchness" regarding plot lines and sometimes seems weak on probability, it remains highly entertaining. Mr. Pelham's descriptive abilities handle a wide range of difficult chal-

lenges extremely well. His underwater scenes are marvelous, and his portrait of the monstrous hurricane as it batters the key and surges over it is mightily gripping. ■

— Phil Jason, Ph.D., United States Naval Academy professor emeritus of English, is a poet, critic and freelance writer with 20 books to his credit, including several studies of war literature and a creative writing text.



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■ Elaine Newton series of Critic's Choice book discussions continues with Nadine Gordimer's "No Time Like the Present" at 10 a.m. Thursday and Saturday, Dec. 8 and 10. The novel examines an illegally married, interracial couple in post-apartheid South Africa as they navigate the complexities of differing cultures while maintaining their principles in a struggling nation. Tickets are \$34.



■ Michael Bolton brings his classic vocal stylings to the stage at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1. Tickets start at \$89.

■ Guest artist Branford Marsalis joins the NPO for a performance of Glazunov's Saxophone Concerto, Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 1 and Veldhuis' Tallahatchie Concerto at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Dec. 6-8. Prelude with conductor Andrey Boreyko begins one hour before the concert. Tickets start at \$45 for adults and \$35 for students.

■ Performances of "A Chorus Line," winner of nine Tony Awards and the Pulitzer Prize for drama, are set for 3 and 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. Tickets start at \$69.



■ Cirque Chinois, the internationally acclaimed National Circus of the People's Republic of China, delivers high-flying adventure to the Phil at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3. Tickets start at \$39.

■ The Hot Club of San Francisco presents "Cool Yule," a swinging gypsy wagon trip to the North Pole featuring beloved holiday favorites and some rare seasonal gems, at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 7-8. Tickets start at \$39.



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■ Retired Metropolitan Opera singer Joy Davidson talks with Steffanie Pearce, founder and artistic director of

Opera Naples, for a behind-the-scenes look at "Tosca" at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12. Tickets are \$32.



■ The Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra's All That Jazz series continues with trombonist Steve Turre as the special guest in the Daniels Pavilion at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12. Tickets start at \$42.



■ Comedian Martin Short takes the main stage at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12. Tickets start at \$69.

■ Conductor Stuart Chafetz leads the NPO in "Holiday Pops," featuring the Philharmonic Center Chorale and Youth Chorale plus vocalist Mike Eldred. Concerts are at 8 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Dec. 13-14, and 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 15. Tickets start at \$47.



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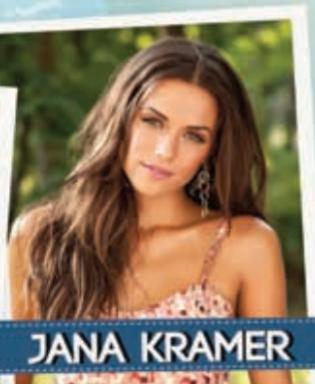
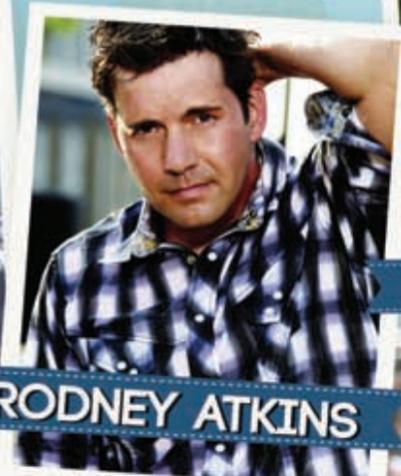


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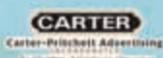
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■ Graduates of the Seven Sisters colleges will gather for their third annual **Seven Sisters Artful Reception** from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at DeBruyne Fine Art Gallery, 275 Broad Ave. in Old Naples. All alumnae of Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Radcliffe, Smith, Vassar and Wellesley colleges are invited, as are spouses and significant others. One of the gallery's artists will be painting on site.

Reservations are required and can be made by e-mailing Carol Goode (Wellesley, 1964) at carolgoode@alum.wellesley.edu.

■ The Ohio State Alumni Club of Naples will host the **"Buckeyes in Paradise" gala** on Saturday, March 9, at the Hilton Naples. Honorary chairs for the evening are OSU football Coach Urban Meyer and wife, Shelley.

The gala is the club's signature event to raise funds for scholarships to help local students to attend OSU.

For registration information, call Sue Goldsberry at 405-7068 or visit [www.NaplesBuckeyes.com](http://www.NaplesBuckeyes.com).

■ The **biennial Magnolia Ball** to benefit NCH Healthcare System is set for Saturday evening, April 6, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Maureen Lerner is chair for the 2013 event themed "An Elegant Southern Evening." Co-chairs are Patty Baker, Jackie Bearse, Sue Dalton, Connie Eaton, Christine Flynn, Kay Gow, Nora Kolmer, Simone Lutgert, Susie McCurry, Sue Morrison, Susan Regenstein and Marilyn Stedem.

Tickets are \$5,000 per couple. A variety of patron support levels are available for up to \$150,000. Proceeds will support the establishment of the NCH Breast Health Center, which will provide medical, surgical and ancillary services in a single location. For reservations or more information, call Joanne Stahlman at the NCH Healthcare Foundation, 436-4511, or e-mail [foundation@nchmd.org](mailto:foundation@nchmd.org).

■ The Collier Community Cat Coalition holds its second annual **Mingle & Jingle Holiday Party** from 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6, at The Inn on Fifth. Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction. Admission is \$40 per person, and raffle tickets are \$5 each. For reservations or more information, call Megan Sorbara at 431-0331 or e-mail [megan.catcoalition@gmail.com](mailto:megan.catcoalition@gmail.com).

■ The second annual **Tea at The Ritz** to benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida is set for 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Tickets for \$100 per person are available by calling Lesley Colantonio at 992-9474 or e-mailing [lcolantonio@sflawish.org](mailto:lcolantonio@sflawish.org).

■ Humane Society Naples' **14th annual Tea & Fashion Show** moves to The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort on Thursday, Dec. 6. "South of SOHO" is the afternoon's theme. People fashions will be from Nordstrom, while pups will stroll the runway in outfits from Pucci & Catana.

Tickets are \$175 per person. For reservations or more information, visit [www.humanesocietynaples.com](http://www.humanesocietynaples.com).

■ The Naples Historical Society hosts its **Christmas Gala at Historic Palm Cottage** the evening of Friday, Dec. 7. It is the society's only fundraising event of the 2012-13 season.

Tickets are \$300 per person or \$500 for patrons. Call 261-8164 for more information.

■ The **David Lawrence Center Young Executives** invites fellow philanthropists and professionals for cocktails,

hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction at the third annual "upscale but casual" Gulf Ball from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.

Tickets are \$50 per person. Proceeds will benefit the center's prevention and treatment services for the one in four local children and adults who experience mental health and substance abuse challenges.

For reservations or more information, call Monica Biondo at 304-3505 or e-mail [monicabi@dclmhc.com](mailto:monicabi@dclmhc.com).

■ The seventh annual **Wishmaker's Ball** to benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida is set for Friday evening, Jan. 11, at the Hilton Naples. This year's chair Sandra Buxton and her husband, Reg, will be joined by honorary chair Dan Fink, CEO of The Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, and his wife, Anne. Their goal: to raise enough funds to grant 30 wishes for area children who have life-threatening conditions.

Tickets are \$225; sponsorships begin at \$2,500. RSVP to Lesley Colantonio at Make-A-Wish by calling 992-9474 or e-mailing [lcolantonio@sflawish.org](mailto:lcolantonio@sflawish.org).

■ Plans are cooking for the inaugural **Naples Woman's Club Kitchen Tour** showcasing kitchens in some of the loveliest homes in Port Royal. Set for Wednesday, Jan. 23, the tour will include area chefs offering their finest gourmet samplings, musicians, floral designs, gift boutiques and prize drawings at each home. A party at the Naples Woman's Club the day of the event will feature entertainment as well as Mikkelsen's desserts, Norman Love chocolates, artist Emily James, cookbook author Patsy Wright, olive oil tastings and more.

Tickets are \$50 per person and \$85 for patrons. Proceeds will benefit the Naples Historical Society, Baby Basics and the Naples Woman's Club philanthropic efforts. For tickets or more information, call Anne Palmer at 262-2259. For information about the club and its 80-year history, visit [www.napleswomansclub.org](http://www.napleswomansclub.org).

■ **Erik Weihenmayer**, the first blind man to climb to the top of Mount Everest and the only one to reach the top of all Seven Summits, will speak at Youth Haven's third annual Home Hope Healing luncheon set for Wednesday, Jan. 30, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort.

Tickets are \$250 per person or \$1,500 for patrons, who get two seats at the luncheon as well as invitations to a VIP reception beforehand. For more information, contact Carol Shaw at Youth Haven by calling 687-5155 or e-mailing [carol.shaw@youthhaven.net](mailto:carol.shaw@youthhaven.net).

■ Planned Parenthood of Collier County will welcome feminist writer and activist Gloria Steinem as guest speaker at **"The Choice Affair"** on Saturday evening, Feb. 2, at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Tickets are \$350 at the Friends membership level; sponsorships range from \$1,500 to \$10,000. For reservations or more information, call 262-8923, ext. 309.

■ The **10th annual Neighborhood Health Clinic Block Party** is set for the evening of Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. The goal is to raise 25 percent of the annual operating budget for the clinic, whose volunteer staff delivers medical care to low-income, working but uninsured Collier County adults.

Tickets are \$250 per person. Invitations will be mailed in January, and sponsorships are being solicited now. For more information, call Nikki Strong at 260-2080 or e-mail [nstrong@neighborhoodhealthclinic.org](mailto:nstrong@neighborhoodhealthclinic.org).



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Members of the "An Evening in Venice, Masquerade Ball" committee for the David Lawrence Center got into the spirit at a kick-off party hosted by fellow committee member and jewelry designer Amanda Jaron at her new studio. This year's ball is set for Friday, Jan. 18, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Tickets are \$500 per person or \$1,200 per VIP patron. For more information, call 304-3505 or visit [www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org](http://www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org)

■ The **third annual Celebrity Martini Glass Auction** to benefit the Naples International Film Festival is set for Monday, evening, Feb. 18, in the Daniels Pavilion at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. This year's sponsor is the law firm of GrayRobinson, P.A.

Up for bid will be more than 40 martini glasses signed by celebrity musicians, actors, athletes, artists and more. After the signatures are in place, local artists decorate each glass to reflect the celebrity personalities.

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■ The **Mending Broken Hearts with Hope luncheon** to benefit the Shelter for Abused Women & Children is set for Friday, Feb. 22, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Guest speaker Dr. Susan Weitzman is the founder and president of The Weitzman Center, a nonprofit educational and resource center dedicated to helping survivors of upscale violence, increasing public awareness and educating professionals who respond to these survivors. The luncheon will also feature a silent auction and the Designer Boutique (Feb. 22-23).

Tickets are \$350 per person, \$1,500 for patrons. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call 775-3862, ext. 261, or e-mail [cdalessandro@naplesshelter.org](mailto:cdalessandro@naplesshelter.org).

■ The **Little Black Dress Garden Party** to benefit the Garden of Hope & Courage is set for Tuesday, Feb. 26. The ladies-only evening begins with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction in the garden on the downtown campus of NCH and continues with "dinner in motion" at numerous Naples restaurants. For reservations or more information, contact Amy Lane at 437-6697 or [amy@gardenofhopeandcourage.org](mailto:amy@gardenofhopeandcourage.org).

■ Humane Society Naples holds its **13th annual Pet Lovers Ball** from 7-10 p.m. Friday, March 1, at the Naples Botanical Garden. Rufino Hernandez of The Garden District is this year's chair. The gala will include cocktails, fine dining, furry fun and music by Alan James and The Powerhouse Band. A highlight of the evening will be the recognition of HSN's 2013 Pet Lovers Awards.

Guests are encouraged to bring their furry family members.

Tickets are \$350 per person. For reservations or information about sponsorships that provide VIP seating and other benefits, call 643.1880, ext. 18, or visit [www.hsnaples.org](http://www.hsnaples.org).

■ **Magic Under the Mangroves**, the annual gala for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, is set for Thursday,

March 7, on the grounds at the Conservancy Nature Center. Jeannie Smith is the 2013 chairwoman, and Northern Trust returns as presenting sponsor. Details about tickets and reservations are TBA and will be posted at [www.conservancy.org/magic](http://www.conservancy.org/magic).

■ The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation-Suncoast Chapter hosts its annual **Hope Gala** on Saturday, March 9, at the Waldorf Astoria Naples. The evening will honor David Collar for his ongoing dedication to JDRF as well as to the community. For more information, call 591-2825 or visit [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org).

■ The **29th annual Emerald Ball** for Catholic Charities of Collier County takes place Saturday, March 16, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. This year's chairs are Dr. Francisco and Ruth Smith. Tickets are \$300 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call 455-2655.

■ The **Great Gatsby Gala**, a night of flappers, bootleggers, jazz and the Charleston to benefit Opera Naples, is set for Tuesday, March 19, at a private club in Port Royal. Tickets are \$300 and \$500 per person. For more information, call Opera Naples at 963-9050.

■ The Naples Art Association holds the third annual girls-only Goddess Night: **"The Fine Art of Being a Woman"** on Thursday, March 28, at The von Liebig Art Center. Guest speakers will include Lisa Gruenloh, Emily James, Carolina Cederquist, Rebecca Zung-Clough, Adria Starkey and Robin Hamilton.

Tickets for \$95 per person are available through Dec. 31. Starting Jan. 1, tickets will be \$125. Call 262-6517, ext. 100, for reservations.

■ The Zonta Club of Naples invites the public to its eighth annual **"Make A Difference" fashion show**, auction and luncheon set for Friday, April 5, at the Waldorf Astoria Naples. Proceeds will benefit the Naples Teenage Parenting Program, Immokalee Teenage Parenting Program, PACE Center for Girls, Sally Sitta Scholarships at Lorenzo Walker Technical Institute, Honey Gardiner MBA Scholarships at Hodges University and Zonta International Fellowship/Scholarship Funds.

For tickets or more information, call Yasmine Awad at 269-0501 or Betty Kampfer at 272-1469, or visit [www.zonta-naples.org](http://www.zonta-naples.org). ■

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## The ninth annual 'Hats in the Garden' at the Naples Botanical Garden



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## HATS

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but filtered through the eternal sunshine and wide-open attitude of California." Women's Wear Daily referred to the collection's initial runway show as "...a parade of audacious vibrance."

Guests at "Hats in the Garden" offered

appreciative applause throughout the show and a rousing standing ovation at its conclusion. Highlights included vertical and horizontal stripes, ultra-short shorts with boxy jackets and studded, belted shift dresses. The show closed with dramatic black halter gowns with bold keyhole cut-outs.

### 'Up there with Capri'

In an interview with *Florida Weekly* prior to the show, Mr. Kors said the

Naples lifestyle — including the way Neapolitans dress — appeals to him.

"I am sophisticated. I'm indulgent. I love glamour, and yet I'm casual and barefoot," he said. "In this area, you've got the best of both worlds. It's a rare combination. It's one of only a few spots in the world where you can be barefoot. It's up there with Capri."

He added the Naples style means clothing can easily be dressed up or dressed down.

"Here, you can wear an evening dress with flat sandals to a party. You probably can't do that in Miami. But in Southwest Florida, you can play around with the high-low" to combine sophisticated with casual.

He also offered his thoughts on the staples every woman should have in her wardrobe.

"I'm a total sucker for white jeans. I like white jeans even if you live in cold climate. It makes me think of Jackie Ken-

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## 'Hats in the Garden' at the Naples Botanical Garden



Michael Kors with Marissa and Burt Hartington



Lance LePere, Michael Kors and Jay Hartington



Co-Chairs Kathleen Kapnick, left, and Jane Berger, right, with Meghan Gorman and Michael Kors



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nedy. It's casual and comfortable, can be dressed up and down. It's almost a must." He also suggests wearing an oversized watch. "It's one of those things that is utilitarian but also glamorous. A little tint of color never hurt anybody," he winked. And finally: "It's a cliché but true to have a little black dress" that can be dressed up or down with jewelry and shoes. Beyond selecting the right outfit, women need to learn how to style and

accessorize, he said. "Number one, shoes are what can make or break what you're wearing," he said. But contrary to what many women think (and what their closets attest), he adds, no one needs "thousands of shoes" in their wardrobe. He considers a nude pump, a strappy gold sandal and a strappy silver sandal, a black pump and black sandal the essentials in the shoe department. "Don't start with the crazy shoes," he

said. "Layer in the bright colors, jewels, animal prints and spectator shoes." And don't worry about the heel height, he advised with his typical candor. "No matter how high they are, if you can't walk in them, you look ridiculous." Other accents Mr. Kors likes include a tailored belt in saddle leather, chocolate brown and black. "It can take a feminine dress and give it a twist." A statement piece of jewelry is also important — but, he cautions, don't over-

load on accessories: "If you have a bold necklace, you don't need a bright bracelet. If you have a bright dress, keep the shoe neutral." Finally, he reminds women to buy the right size clothing. "For some reason, this is epidemic," he shares. "If men buy their clothes too big, American women buy their clothes too small. Don't pay attention to the size tag. Look in the mirror. Buy one size up if necessary. A tailor isn't a dirty word." ■

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Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Reviewed October 2011

➤ **Big Hickory Seafood Grille**, 26107 Hickory Blvd., Bonita Springs; 992-0991

This restaurant has for years been known for pairing seafood with unlikely ingredients — grouper and bananas, for example — and thus showcasing the flavors of Florida and the Caribbean in innovative ways. Its location exploits the rustic charm of a marina that dates to 1969 and affords an impressive view of bay waters,

mangrove islands and the finned and feathered inhabitants of each. The apple mango grouper, the chef's latest fruit-and-fish combination, upholds the tasty tradition. The fish was nicely bronzed and its thick flakes perfectly moist, and a tart passion fruit sauce nicely contrasted the sweetness of the apple-mango salsa.

Some dishes seem overpriced, such as the better-than-average conch fritters at \$14 for a half-dozen, but the generously portioned shrimp and lobster scampi is worth every penny at \$29. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Reviewed June 2012

➤ **Coast, Edgewater Beach Hotel**, 1901 Gulf Shore Blvd. N., Naples; 403-2181

This chic, modern restaurant serves internationally inspired cuisine to hotel guests as well as visitors lucky enough to find the Edgewater. Coast has a sleek, sophisticated lounge vibe: black leather chairs, white linen tablecloths, shiny wooden floors, a dramatic cluster of red and gold pendant lights hanging under a huge, black ceiling medallion. Modern-styled couches for cocktail hour edge the dining space, which is really just an open extension of the lobby with chill-out music providing a hip backdrop. Floor-to-ceiling windows frame views of the palm-lined courtyard, swimming pools and the gulf beach just beyond. But Coast has substance as well as style. In just nine dishes, the entrée list ranges from the simple, family-friendly appeal of a burger with sea salt fries to the hearty comfort of a roasted chicken stuffed with

goat cheese and leeks to the upmarket sophistication of beef tenderloin medallions with red wine demi-glace. Coastal comfort dishes such as shrimp and grits are as dazzling as globe-spanning creations like Moroccan-spiced lamb meatballs and diver scallops with an Asian flair. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
Reviewed September 2012

➤ **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 (no reservations 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: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Reviewed October 2011

➤ **Michelbob's Champion Ribs**, 371 Airport Pulling Road, Naples; 643-7427

Michelbob's signature spice rub enhances its slow-smoked Danish baby backs, a mustard and paprika blend presented in shakers on every table just in case you want an extra punch of flavor. There are also two bottled sauces to slather on the meaty bones — one tangy with mustard (complex and well balanced), the other smoky-sweet (tasting heavily of Liquid Smoke). All of which is enough to satisfy anyone with a serious hankering for good ribs. But if your hankering is for smoked pork shoulder or chicken, you might be less impressed. When all was said and done and all saucy fingers licked clean, the baby backs truly stood out from the rest of the meal. The flesh was tender enough to slip off easily and had those crispy edges that just add a little extra texture to the experience. Among the side dishes, the smoky-sweet baked beans studded with chunks of pork were a real standout. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Reviewed July 2012

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# CUISINE

## Seafood reigns at Miromar's new Tippy Tarpon

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Someone in the kitchen at the Tippy Tarpon Seafood Shack has a serious sweet tooth. That was evident throughout my recent meal there, from the appetizers to the fried peanut butter and jelly sandwich that's served as dessert (more on that later).

The casual restaurant that opened last month has a menu full of treasures from the sea — oysters (on the half shell or cooked), calamari, conch, fin fish, shrimp, crab legs — along with a handful of items for those who prefer land-based protein, such as chicken wings, burgers and cheese fries.

But starting with the appetizers, we found that dishes tended toward the sweet side.

Take the Lighthouse ceviche (\$6.99), for example, which was beautifully presented with mango salsa, a slice of avocado, a shrimp on top and colorful tortilla chips on the side. This dish, which hails from Central and South America but has become popular in U.S. coastal regions as well, used citrus juices to marinate and, essentially, cook the fish. Yet another component that's critical to a good ceviche is something that gives it some heat. That's usually peppers. Although Tippy's version had plenty of citrus and lots of pieces of jalapeno, they imparted no spice whatsoever. Add in the mango salsa and the result was a sweetish, somewhat bland, concoction. Our server was happy to bring us some hot sauce, which added a bit of zest.

Another reason this dish failed was that the fish used was basa — an inexpensive fish that many restaurants tout as being “just like grouper,” but that, unfortunately, has no flavor. Some people like it for that very reason, but I think it should be identified in any dish in which it's used. At Tippy's, the menu simply said the ceviche contained “fresh cut fish.”

Our other appetizer, the fire coral shrimp (\$9.99), consisted of lightly breaded then fried shrimp tossed with a tangy sauce that did have a bit of heat.

From the entrees, my companion ordered blackened grouper with mango salsa (\$21.99). (Other cooking options were fried, grilled, pan-seared and broiled with a choice of sauces that also



Ceviche is beautifully plated, with a trio of colorful tortilla chips for scooping.

included pesto, piccata, scampi and crab de gallo.) The fish was tender and flaky, with a bronzed look and a well-seasoned crust. The mango salsa was pretty but, as with the ceviche, it lacked much flavor beyond the sweetness of the fruit.

From the selection of side dishes, we tried the island rice, which was OK, and the veggies, a mix of fresh broccoli, mushrooms, carrots and yellow squash that had been lightly seasoned.

Shrimp lovers can chow down on the Big Shrimp Platter (\$23.99), a dish featuring grilled shrimp, scampi and fried shrimp (regular or with coconut). With this dish, we ordered smashed potatoes and Tippy slaw.

The scampi had a pleasant garlicky sauce. The skewered grilled shrimp were lightly seasoned, and the cocktail sauce that accompanied them needed more horseradish. The coconut shrimp were good, too, with just a hint of sweetness, but melba sauce served with them was cloyingly sweet. This was clearly a dessert sauce that had lost its way.

The potatoes were thick and buttery, but the slaw was a no-show. I didn't realize it until we were well into the meal and didn't want it at that point. As it was, I didn't come close to finishing the shrimp.

Nonetheless, we soldiered on to dessert. First up: fried peanut butter and jelly sandwich (\$3.95). Like all the other

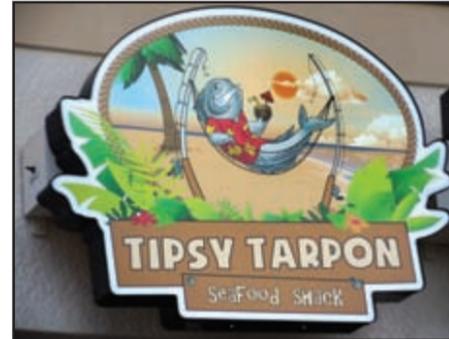


Fire coral shrimp have a light breading topped with a tangy sauce.

unlikely items that are fried these days — cheesecake, Oreos, etc. — it was hard to tell from the outside what it was. But one taste cleared things up. A thin layer of creamy peanut butter and just a touch of jelly lay between pieces of bread that had been fried to a golden brown then dressed with the aforementioned melba sauce. In this case, the sauce worked just fine. This is a dessert that tastes far better than it sounds.

Less successful was something called chocolate crunch (\$6.95), which had a mousse-like layer on top of a praline crunch crust. It looked nice, but the chocolate didn't have the rich resonance of a homemade dessert.

Atmospherically, there's no mistaking what the Tippy Tarpon's mission is. The walls are covered with weathered wood, similar to that of an old ship.



Large prints of fish scales and what looked like fish eyes are mounted on the walls. A saltwater fish tank takes up much of the far wall, and still more nautical memorabilia — fishing lures, crab traps, glass and Styrofoam buoys and even a scuba diver — hangs from the ceiling. And let's not forget the Capt. Morgan likeness standing at the ready next to the host station. Kitschy? Sure, but pleasantly so.

The service staff tries hard to make sure customers are well attended to. Our server and the trainee who assisted him were pleasant and efficient.

What the Tippy Tarpon needs now to ensure smooth sailing is to make sure things in the kitchen are shipshape. ■

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Food: ★★★  
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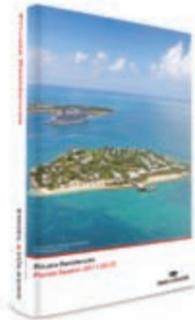
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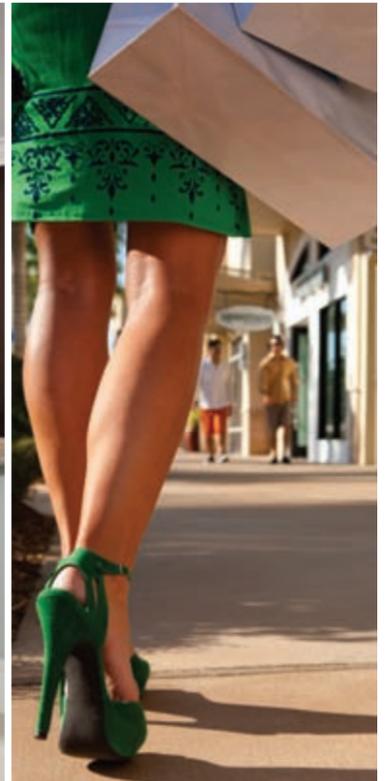
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In addition to utilizing the fitness advantages of living at The Strada, Lee also appreciates the close proximity of its eateries. "I am also a foodie," he says. "Mercato has over a dozen restaurants, several of which have full bars, as well as a frozen yogurt shop and cupcakery."

With dining choices like The Capital Grille, Naples Flatbread & Wine Bar, McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant and The Pub Naples within walking distance from their front door, homeowners have an added advantage of not needing to fill up their gas tanks as often, which is also good for their wallets.

A retiree, Lee considers himself a movie buff and strolls to Mercato's Silverspot Cinema to take in a film at least once a week. "We can park our car in the private garage and not need to leave for two weeks."

The Strada holds great appeal for retirees to young professionals, who can even

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