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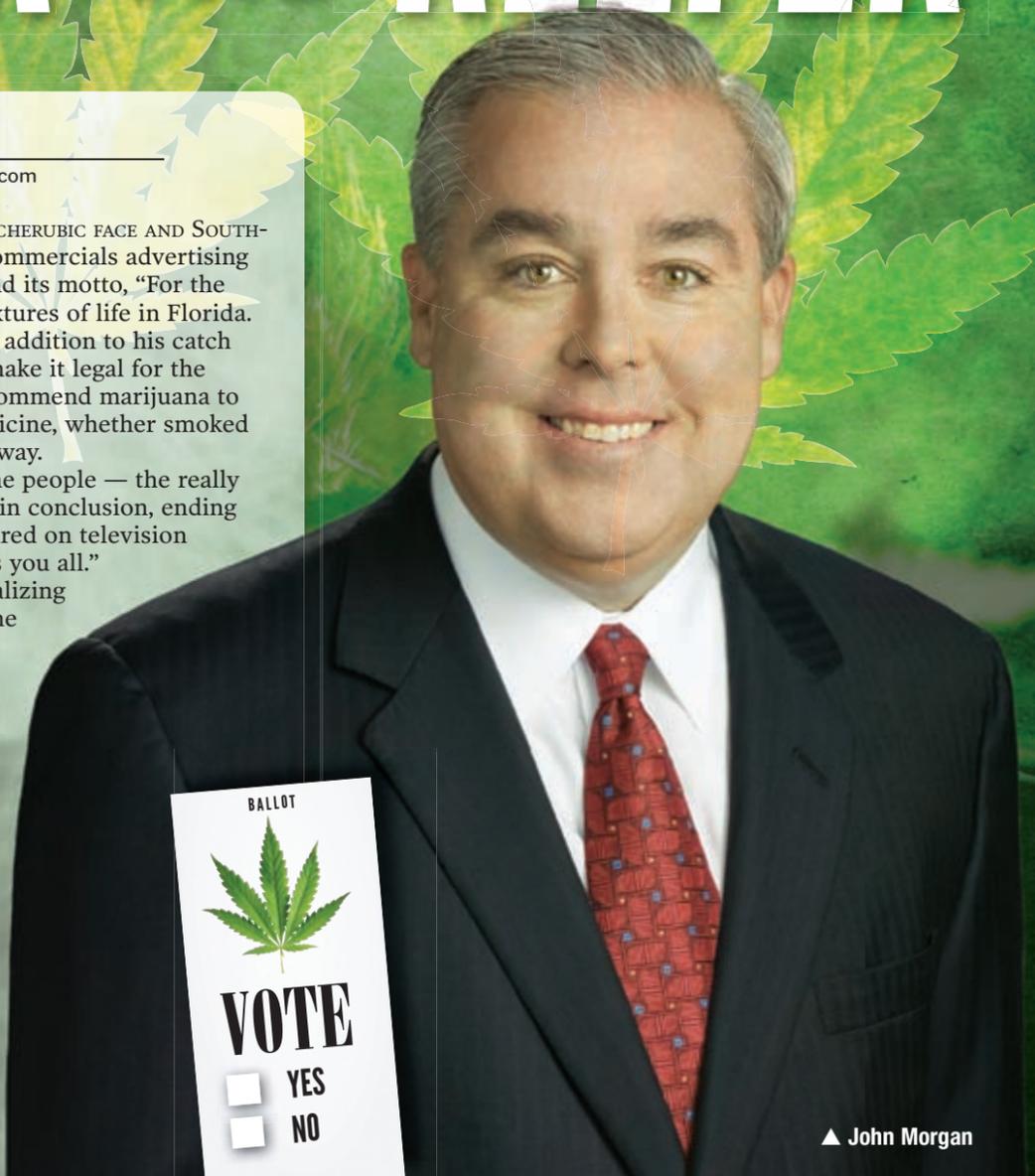
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**J**OHAN MORGAN'S CHERUBIC FACE AND Southern drawl in commercials advertising his law firm and its motto, "For the People," are fixtures of life in Florida. This fall, he made an addition to his catch phrase in a push to make it legal for the state's doctors to recommend marijuana to their patients as medicine, whether smoked or taken some other way.

"Let's do this for the people — the really sick people," he says in conclusion, ending a minute-long spot aired on television and radio. "God bless you all."

Supporters say legalizing the drug as a medicine is the compassionate choice since so many people who use it attest to the benefits. They point to polling numbers that have in recent years shown rising support for making marijuana medicine, and to a lesser extent, a recreational drug. Critics contend the medical

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## Organizing, promoting events is music to his ears

BY DON MANLEY  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Mike Randall describes himself as an idea guy, someone whose ever-percolating mind churns out new ideas for his business at an almost endless pace.

It's that creativity that has helped the Naples resident burst upon Southwest Florida's entertainment scene with a resounding bang this year.

Mr. Randall is the driving force behind



RANDALL

Southwest Florida Music Festivals, the slate of free concerts in Naples, Fort Myers Beach and downtown Fort Myers that started over the summer. Through his company, MAR Events and Marketing, he's also the organizer of the Dancing Under The Stars series at Mercato in

North Naples and a host of other family-friendly events he has lined up in Collier County between now and June. Next up, coming Saturday, Dec. 14, is Sounds From The Park at Sugden Regional Park in Naples. Sounds From The Park concerts take place on the second Saturday of the month; this month's show, a salute to Elton John, features Official Outcome and The Rachel/Hughes Band.

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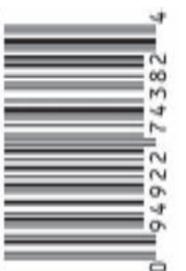
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# COMMENTARY

## The view from the front lines: letters



### Character flaw?

Roger,  
When it comes to local elections, Lee County Republican voters sometimes have had a tough time getting it right. Their selections have too often ended up in the slammer. Seven commissioners, two congressmen and one tax collector have seen the inside of jail cells while in office in the past 30 years.

Voters put Ernie Averill, Mike Roeder and Wade Scaffa on the county commission in 1980. Not long after accepting their public trust all three went to jail after *The News-Press* revealed they'd been plied with female companions paid for by their favorite sewer contractor.

Hometown favorite Charlie Bigelow was elected to the county commission in the mid-1980s and later was escorted out of a meeting in handcuffs by IRS agents angered over his refusal to return their repeated calls about his failure to pay his taxes. Voters later put his son, Brian Bigelow, on the commission but he, too, left in disgrace after run-ins with the cops.

Voters made Dick Steele first a county commissioner even as he was bouncing personal checks, then Lee County Tax Collector. He went to prison when the feds caught him taking kickbacks on his

office's expensive purchases of mobile field units.

The voters were again led down a primrose lane by suave Mark Foley (former U.S. Representative, District. 16). He (used) his turn at the congressional public trough by chasing young pages.

They swept Vicki Lopez onto the Lee commission in the early 1990s, only to watch her sent off to prison for mail fraud by lying in writing about her romantic relationship with a lobbyist seeking county contracts.

They were certain amiable Tammy Hall would make a swell commissioner. She ended up decorating her home from her campaign treasury, a shopping spree the feds couldn't let continue.

And now there is their poster boy for family values, U.S. Rep. Trey Radel. Whoops again.

Radel wants to keep his job in D.C. while recovering at a Club Rehab in Naples. Returning to D.C. as a recovering alcoholic is akin to holding a Gamblers Anonymous meeting next to the craps table at Harrah's Casino.

Some of his most devout followers want the rest of us to believe he's courageous for admitting he's an alcoholic.

Really? Real courage would have been for him to tell voters he was an alcoholic during his primary campaign last year.

Former Lee County Republican Party Chairman Gary Lee thinks it's time for his party to take a deeper look into its local candidates' lives before the elections.

A good idea, Gary. Perhaps *The News-Press* and *Florida Weekly* will lend a hand

in that task.

— Lee Melsek, Fort Myers Beach and North Carolina

### Welfare and drug testing:

Roger,

I think I was the only liberal Democrat for my 60-plus years in central Pennsylvania, so I should be used to the feeling (here). I argue constantly with my tea party cousin about welfare. Pennsylvania is one of the more generous welfare states, so I pointed out that if her husband left her and her daughter, she could get a whopping \$316 a month for the two of them in Cash Assistance, and maybe \$150 in Food Stamps. Oh, OK, Medicaid, but you can't eat that or use it for rent/utilities.

And then we want to drug test these people in Florida. The cost of all of the administration needed to do it would far, far outweigh catching anyone. And this proposal comes from those who rail about government invasion into their lives. Hypocrites. Absurd! Hell, (U.S. Rep.) Trey Radel would've used up his entire Welfare check in one buy!

Oh, and now I read Mr. McGillicuddy #4 (former U.S. Rep. Connie Mack) might run again.

Well, as Slim Pickens said in "Blazing Saddles," "I AM depressed."

— Ted Crawford, Fort Myers

### America, Love It or Leave It:

Roger,

I realize you and your whiny little editor despise the history and basic foundations of our racist and immoral country (based on your musings, writings and the overall impression you give). Oh — unless they are about Democrats. All of them are perfect and working for the betterment of all mankind. It's only those bastard Republicans and Conservatives keeping us from a utopic world.

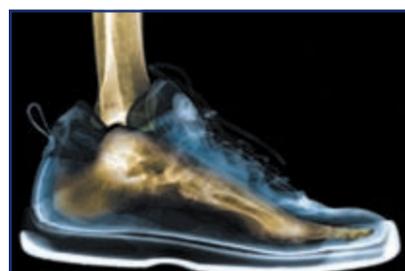
But — exactly which country is rushing aid to the victims of the typhoon and already has boots on the ground? Guess Obama will do a helicopter ride over and promise more aid which will never come because of caveats or contain the "ifs" he didn't state fully. Oh wait... they can't vote for him so he won't say anything. Mainly because he's got a tee time.

By the way: The answer is the U.S.A.

I'm sure there are countries that would be willing to accept a brilliant writer and his whiny little editor. They have national healthcare, no racist past and would love to have you. I know a lot of people who would help pay for the one-way tickets. Of course there are supplements that take you to those places before you write your columns. Take a trip and never leave the farm! (Actually could explain a lot).

— Ed Bennett, Fort Myers

(Response: Thanks, Ed. My whiny little editor and I both like Paris. Send the tickets to the Fort Myers office, if you don't mind.) ■



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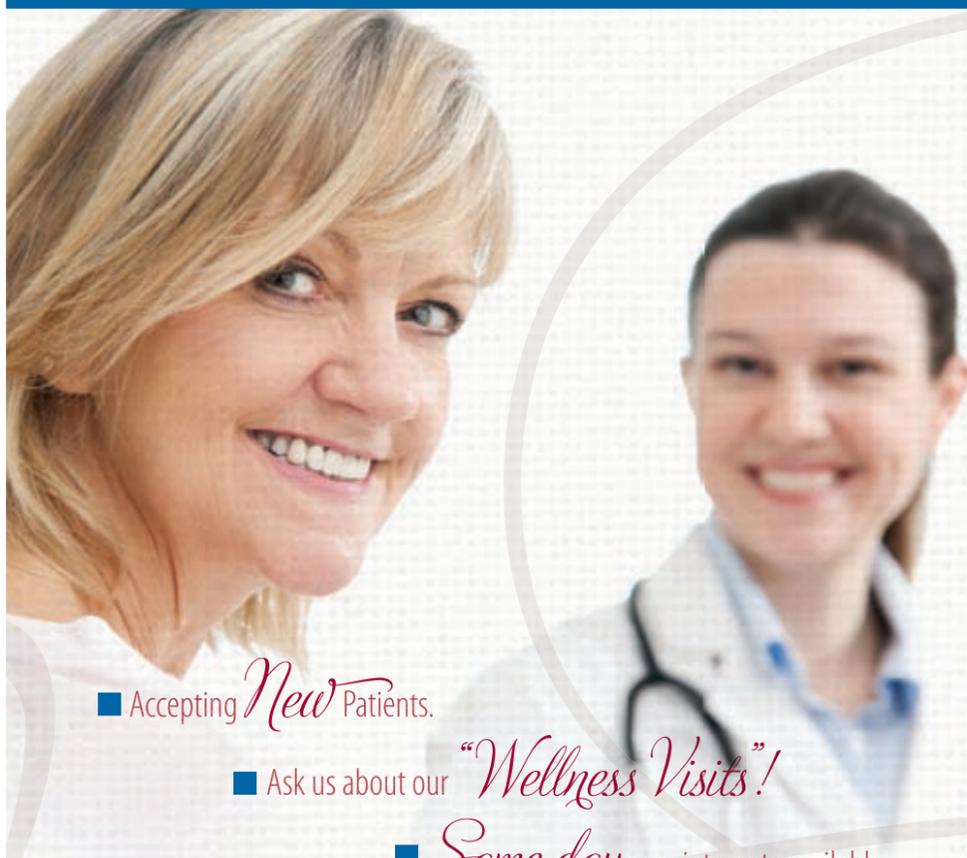
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## OPINION

### The bad faith presidency



**richLOWRY**

Special to Florida Weekly

At the end of the day, the root of President Barack Obama's mendacity on Obamacare was simple: He didn't dare tell people how the law would work. He *couldn't* tell people how the law would work.

Forthrightness was the enemy. It served no useful purpose and could only bring peril, and potentially defeat. It had to be banished. Instead, President Obama made the sale on the basis of dubious blandishments and outright deceptions.

If this is the only way to pass your signature initiative — and a decades-long goal of your party — it ought to give you pause. But Obama was a natural at delivering sweeping and sincere-seeming assurances that just weren't true. This kind of thing is his metier.

If he were awoken at 3 a.m. and told that he had to make the case for nationalizing the banks by denying he was nationalizing the banks, he would do an entirely creditable job of it, even

without a teleprompter. The salesmanship for Obamacare represents in microcosm the larger Obama political project, which has always depended on throwing a reassuring skein of moderation on top of left-wing ideological aims.

All politicians are prone to shaving the truth and trying to appear more reasonable than they are. Obama has made it an art form.

He will never admit his deep bias toward the growth of the federal government, or that he doesn't care that much if Iran gets the bomb, or that he is liquidating the American leadership role in the Middle East. No, no — he is just trying to make government work, giving diplomacy a chance and pivoting to Asia, respectively.

In this vein, the things that the president couldn't say about Obamacare keep mounting. *The New York Times* reported the other day on how the word "redistribution," which aptly describes the law's intent and effect, is anathema.

"These days the word is particularly toxic at the White House," according to the paper. "But the redistribution of wealth has always been a central feature of the law and lies at the heart of the insurance market disruptions driving political attacks this fall."

Heaven forbid that the president tell people that. *The Times* notes that the last time the president mentioned redistribution, it was — of course — to say that he wanted nothing to do with it.

In private, the president admits that he has kept his true ideological self carefully under wraps. According to the authors of "Double Down," Mark Halperin and John Heilemann, Obama brought up climate change in a political strategy meeting in 2011 as an example of his undue caution. "Maybe I should just come out and say what I really feel," he said. "Maybe I should just say what I think about everything."

As a crazy thought experiment, his aides let him dabble with heartfelt sincerity. To the next meeting he brought a list of causes dear to him, all liberal clichés: climate change, immigration reform, poverty, Israeli-Palestinian peace, closing Gitmo and gay marriage. Only gay marriage surfaced in the presidential campaign because he couldn't bear any longer to hide what he really thought.

He knew the danger of too much forthrightness. ■

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

### Poverty wages in the land of plenty



**amyGOODMAN**

Special to Florida Weekly

The holiday season is upon us. Sadly, the big retailers are Scrooges when it comes to paying their staffs. Undergirding the sale prices is an army of workers earning the minimum wage or a fraction above it, living check to check on their meager pay and benefits. The dark secret that the retail giants like Walmart don't want you to know is that many of these workers subsist below the poverty line, and rely on programs like food stamps and Medicaid just to get by. This holiday season, though, low-wage workers from Walmart to fast-food restaurants are standing up and fighting back.

"Walmart was put in an uncomfortable spotlight on what should be the happiest day of the year for the retailer," Josh Eidelson told me, reporting on the coordinated Black Friday protests. "These were the largest protests we've seen against Walmart... you had 1,500 stores involved; you had over a hundred people arrested." Walmart is the world's largest retailer, with 2.2 million employees, 1.3 million of whom are in the U.S. It reported close to \$120 billion in gross profit for 2012. Just six members of the Walton family, whose patriarch, Sam Walton, founded the retail giant, have amassed an estimated combined fortune of between \$115 billion-\$144 billion. These six individuals have more wealth than the combined financial assets of the poorest 40 percent of the U.S. population.

Walmart workers have been organizing under the banner of OUR Walmart, a worker initiative supported by the United Food and Commercial Workers union. Workers have taken courageous stands, protesting their employer and

engaging in short-term strikes. Walmart has retaliated, firing many who participated. One of those fired was Barbara Collins, who worked for eight years at the Walmart in Placerville, Calif.

"I was terminated for speaking out," Collins told us on "Democracy Now!" On Nov. 18, the National Labor Relations Board ruled that the strikes were protected worker actions. Collins, who was speaking to us from Bentonville, Ark., where she was protesting Walmart at its world headquarters, told us: "The NLRB ruling is just overwhelming. We are really excited that they found that we're telling the truth, that they broke the law, and we want to be reinstated."

The public-policy think tank Demos issued a report, "A Higher Wage is Possible: How Walmart Can Invest in Its Workforce Without Costing Customers a Dime." Demos analyzed a growing demand from the Walmart worker movement for a guaranteed base salary for full-time workers of \$25,000 per year. "We found talking to Walmart workers over and over again that their wages give them just enough to meet their basic needs, and at the end of every month, they're making critical trade-off decisions," Catherine Ruetschlin, one of the report's co-authors, told us. "Determining whether they're going to get medicine or pay their school fees or put food on the table or keep their electricity on." The report explains that "if Walmart redirected the \$7.6 billion it spends annually on repurchases of its own company stock, these funds could be used to give Walmart's low-paid workers a raise of \$5.83 an hour," meeting the salary goal of the workers.

Parallel to the Walmart campaign is a drive for higher wages in the fast-food industry. In more than 100 cities, workers are organizing protests and strikes ... and winning. In SeaTac, the Washington state municipality where the Seattle-Tacoma Airport is located, voters

approved a local minimum wage of \$15 an hour. As with Walmart workers, fast-food giants like McDonald's and Yum Brands (which owns KFC and Taco Bell) all feast from the public trough: Their workers, earning poverty wages, depend on public-assistance programs like food stamps and Medicaid, while their enormous CEO benefit packages qualify for corporate tax deductions, as reported by the Institute for Policy Studies this week.

The current federal minimum wage is \$7.25, equivalent to an annual income of \$15,080 for a full-time worker. If the minimum wage had kept up with inflation since 1968, it would be \$10.74, enough to lift a family of three above the poverty line. If the wage had grown at the same pace as worker productivity (since each worker per hour produces much more now than in decades past), it would be \$18.72 per hour. And if the minimum wage had skyrocketed at the same pace as wages for the top 1 percent, it would be \$28.34. These figures from the Economic Policy Institute explain why President Barack Obama is pushing for an increase in the minimum wage.

Progress on the minimum wage, and on workers' rights at Walmart, McDonald's and the other multinational corporations that depend on public subsidies for their workers, will come not from a stroke of the president's pen, but from the concerted efforts of workers and their allies, from the streets to the voting booths. ■

— Denis Moynihan contributed research to this column.

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## J. Dudley Goodlette exemplifies the spirit of benevolence, public service

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Hodges University has named long-time Naples attorney and community leader J. Dudley Goodlette as its 2014 Humanitarian of the Year. The award will be presented during a luncheon Thursday, Feb. 6, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort.



J. Dudley Goodlette

This is the 18th year the university has presented the award to a citizen who exemplifies the spirit of benevolence and public service in the Naples community.

"Throughout his more than 60 years in Southwest Florida, J. Dudley Goodlette has generously given back to the local community, always in a professional and cordial manner," says Jeanette Brock, president of Hodges University. "We are pleased to honor him for all these years of service by naming him as our 2014 Humanitarian of the Year."

Born in Hazard, Ky., Mr. Goodlette moved to Naples with his family in 1954 when his father was hired to put radio station WNOG-AM (Naples-on-

the-Gulf) on the air. After graduating from high school, he served for a period in the West Point Military Academy and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in business and political science from Eastern Kentucky University and a juris doctorate from the University of Florida.

Returning to Naples to serve as a real estate attorney practicing in land use and zoning law, Mr. Goodlette quickly earned a reputation as a business and community leader. He has served and supported the Collier County Bar Association, the Economic Development Council of Collier County, the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, the Community Foundation of Collier County, YMCA of the Palms, Boys & Girls Club of Collier County, Children's Trust of Collier County and Boy Scouts of America of Southwest Florida.

Mr. Goodlette also served four years on the board of governors for the Florida Bar Association and was chosen to serve on the 20th Judicial Circuit, Judicial Nomination Commission from

1986 to 1990.

His desire to help the community led him into public service. He was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 1998 and subsequently reelected until term limits caused him to step down in 2006. He was chief of staff to the speaker of the House of Representatives in 2009-10.

His passion for continuing education led Mr. Goodlette to serve on the board of trustees of Edison Community College (now Edison State College). From 2011-12, he served as the school's interim president. He served two years on the board of International College (now Hodges University) and is currently

on the board of trustees for Florida Gulf Coast University. He also served on FGCU's presidential search committee in 2008.

Now 65, Mr. Goodlette remains active in community service and provides legal counsel to clients on both public and private matters. He also is chairman-elect of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and will serve a two-year term beginning in May 2014.

Among the many accolades he has received, Mr. Goodlette has been recognized as the Economic Development Council of Collier County's Outstanding Volunteer of the Year in 2001; Junior Achievement Business Leadership Hall of Fame in 1999; Boys & Girls Club of Collier County Man of the Year in 1996; and *Naples Daily News* Citizen of the Year for 1993-1994. He also was awarded Edison State College's Holland T. Sallee Leadership in Fostering Education (LIFE) award in 2009.

Mr. Goodlette joins the following men and women who have been named Hodges University Humanitarians of the Year: John R. Wood (2013); William and Nancy Lascheid (2012); Dolph and Sharon von Arx (2011); Judy Sproul, Katie Sproul and Jennifer Sproul Sullivan (2010); Terry and Christine Flynn (2009); Jerry and Arlene Nichols (2008); Truly Nolen (2007); Michael Watkins and Ellin Goetz (2006); Clyde Butcher (2005); Peter Thomas (2004); William Schoen (2003); Frances Pew Hayes (2002); Earl Hodges (2001); Corbin Wyant (2000); Jack Humphrey (1999); Myra Janco Daniels (1998); and Lavern Norris Gaynor (1997).

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movement is actually part of the wider legalization movement. And they say it's too soon to label marijuana a "medicine," whether used by a terminally ill cancer patient to relieve pain and nausea related to chemotherapy, or by someone with a bad back.

"I have great concern about something that's being used for medication that hasn't gone through proper testing and been approved by channels such as the FDA (U.S. Food and Drug Administration)," said Diane Ramseyer, director of Drug Free Charlotte County.

She adds, "We fought a long hard battle to be able to deal more effectively with improper use of pain clinics. I would hate to see this become the next, similar issue and have to fight that battle again."

## People behind the push

Nearly overnight, Mr. Morgan became the single most visible figure in Florida's movement to reform marijuana laws, with his money the catalyst behind a push to put medical marijuana up for a public vote on the state's 2014 elections ballot. In the U.S., 20 states and the District of Columbia have made the drug legal to some degree, medically or recreationally, many of them through a ballot referendum like Mr. Morgan is proposing. John A. Armitstead, system director of pharmacy services at Lee Memorial Health System, is concerned the popular movement to allow marijuana use for so-called medical purposes (if not recreational) obscures the drug's true status. He suggests cannabis in its raw form, harvested and smoked, vaporized, or made into a variety of edible products, is unreliable as a medicine; not by any official standard safe or effective. It's grown, harvested and ingested in a variety of ways.

"I don't necessarily think that it's medical marijuana," he said, in part because of a lack of research, stymied by federal rules that make testing it in the United States difficult. For that reason, the American Society of Health System Pharmacists opposes state measures allowing the use of medical marijuana, he notes, but encourages "the Drug Enforcement Administration to eliminate barriers to medical marijuana research."

He adds, "I'm not an advocate of putting it up for public voting. Public voting on a medical knowledge issue, it doesn't seem rational to me."

## Fighting for the ballot

Mr. Morgan's campaign to put medical marijuana up for a public vote on the November 2014 ballot and install legal marijuana in the state constitution has been rolled out under the name United for Care. Miami Beach consultant and Democratic fundraiser Ben Pollara is managing the campaign, which he says could cost as much as \$10 million before it concludes. Mr. Morgan would presumably pay the lion's share, aided by fundraising efforts. United for Care is circulating a petition statewide in an attempt to gather the required 683,149 verified signatures by a Feb. 1 deadline (meaning they actually need about a million signatures) to put its Use of Marijuana for Certain Medical Conditions referendum on the 2014 ballot. Mr. Pollara says about 500,000 have signed the petition so far. The group also has another hurdle: the Florida Supreme Court.



## Resistance from all sides

Opposition to United for Care has come from Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi and the leaders of both the Florida House and Senate. In a letter to the court asking them to strike down Mr. Morgan's ballot language, Ms. Bondi argued that it would allow marijuana use not just for "the really sick people," with chronic, often terminal conditions, but for potentially anyone:

"The ballot title and summary suggest that the amendment would allow medical marijuana in narrow, defined circumstances, and only for patients with 'debilitating diseases.' But if the amendment passed, Florida law would allow marijuana in limitless situations. Any physician could approve marijuana for seemingly any reason to seemingly any person (of any age)."

The Florida Supreme Court heard arguments from both sides earlier this month and is expected to rule on the issue near the end of the year or early next year. The court will decide whether or not the item can appear on the ballot. Ultimately, it would be the voters who pass or kill the measure. Far from misrepresenting itself to voters, as Ms. Bondi suggested, "the ballot initiative has a single subject: it's clear, precise, it puts people on notice," said attorney Michael Minardi, a member of the Palm Beach County chapter of People United for Medical Marijuana. "I'm hoping the (Florida) Supreme Court will do the right thing and approve the petition and let the people of Florida decide if the state should have medical cannabis."



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think it's going to be a very interesting election...

Whatever the court's decision, Mr. Minardi suggested the heightened public interest surrounding marijuana will make it a significant topic in next year's elections.

"I already think, and I'm pretty sure this will be part of the debates next year, it will be something that's talked about," he said. "I

**If United For Care gathers 683,149 signatures by Feb. 1 and the Florida Supreme Court rejects the state attorney's argument against it, voters will be able to vote on medical marijuana next November.**

"I think there are so many people in the closet who tend to be more conservative who may support it, but out in the public, there's no way. So I really do think it's going to pass if we get it on the ballot."

Jodi James, as executive director of Florida Cannabis Action Network, advocates working with legislators to reform marijuana rules in the state, ultimately regulating it as a legal recreational and medical drug. But she sees the ballot drive as a public showdown in which the complexities of making marijuana legal could be lost.

"Certainly the Morgan campaign has raised the level of discussion because he's put so much money into public awareness," she said. But she adds, "If John Morgan or anyone of that stature had come to me and said, 'my interest



is entirely about making sure the people of Florida who were suffering had access to the best treatment plans and cannabis — what could we do? This is not what I would have (recommended). When we put it on the ballot what we're going to get is my media machine versus the opposition's media machine as opposed to really being able to talk about the nuances (of marijuana law reform). Meanwhile, we have sick and dying patients that can't afford to have this political football happening."

Mr. Pollara and others point to recent polls showing that more than 60 percent of Florida voters — the minimum number needed to pass the referendum — support legalizing medical marijuana, and say the legislature has already had its chance to act. Florida Sen. Jeff Clemens, a Democrat from Palm Beach County, led efforts in the legislature to make marijuana medicine in the state. In 2011 and again in 2012, he sponsored a resolution in the House that would have put medical marijuana on the ballot. This year he drafted a bill that would have allowed legislators to vote in favor of marijuana as a medicine, but that effort also died.

Other critics of the campaign suggest Mr. Morgan's motives are political; that the medical marijuana campaign is a ploy to draw Democrats out to vote in the next election. Supporting that claim is the fact that former Florida Gov. Charlie Crist — now a Democrat who works for Mr. Morgan's firm — will run for governor in 2014.

Save Our Society from Drugs, a St. Petersburg-based lobbying group, is one of the top sources of opposition to the ballot measure.

"We don't feel like this is about medicine: it's about legalization," said Calvina Fay, the organization's executive director. "You get at medicines through plant material by finding specific compounds that have medical value, by separating them, and replicating them. You don't take the whole plant and roll it up in a piece of paper and smoke it."

Others are concerned that if the drug were made available as a medicine, and given that official seal of approval, it would become all the more accessible for children.

"When we look at school-related issues and treatment at (the mental health facility) David Lawrence Center, we are seeing that marijuana is the number one issue for youth for substance abuse issues," said Melanie Black, director of Drug Free Collier. "Recognizing they're a priority and we're here to protect them, we are opposed to the efforts to legalize smoked marijuana."

The Collier County Sheriff's Office declined to comment on Mr. Morgan's push to put medical marijuana on the ballot. But early this year, Capt. Harold Minch, who heads CCSO's special investigations unit, told *Florida Weekly* that in his experience making it legal probably wouldn't mean that more people would start using it.

"Have we made any headway (toward stopping marijuana use) in the last 25 years? I think the answer is absolutely not," he said. "Is there some benefit to continuing this level of enforcement or should we look at the realities of marijuana itself? I think law enforcement at this point is really looking for better answers."

Even so, the Florida Sheriffs Association opposes Mr. Morgan's plan.

"I think it's taking a step in the wrong direction," said Charlotte County Sheriff Bill Prummell.

In speaking with sheriffs from Washington and Colorado, Mr. Prummell said, they told him that after pot was made recreationally and medically legal in those states, DUIs and the cost of enforcement efforts both increased.

in the know

**United for Care's Ballot Title:**

Use of Marijuana for Certain Medical Conditions

**Ballot Summary:**

Allows the medical use of marijuana for individuals with debilitating diseases as determined by a licensed Florida physician. Allows caregivers to assist patients' medical use of marijuana. The Department of Health shall register and regulate centers that produce and distribute marijuana for medical purposes and shall issue identification cards to patients and caregivers. Applies only to Florida law. Does not authorize violations of federal law or any non-medical use, possession or production of marijuana.

**American Society of Health System Pharmacists Statement on Medical Marijuana**

To oppose state legislation that authorizes the use of medical marijuana until there is sufficient evidence to support its safety and effectiveness and a standardized product that would be subject to the same regulations as a prescription drug product; further, to encourage research to define the therapeutically active components, effectiveness, safety, and clinical use of medical marijuana... further, to encourage the Drug Enforcement Administration to eliminate barriers to medical marijuana research, including review of medical marijuana's status as a Schedule I controlled substance and its reclassification, if necessary to facilitate research.

**Penalties for possession**

Possession of 20 grams or less in Florida carries a maximum jail sentence of a year; more than that with intent to sell has a top prison sentence of five years. The stiffest penalties, though, are rarely enforced. A first or second offense might yield a sentence of six months to a year of probation, and fines and court costs of up to \$500, depending on the county.

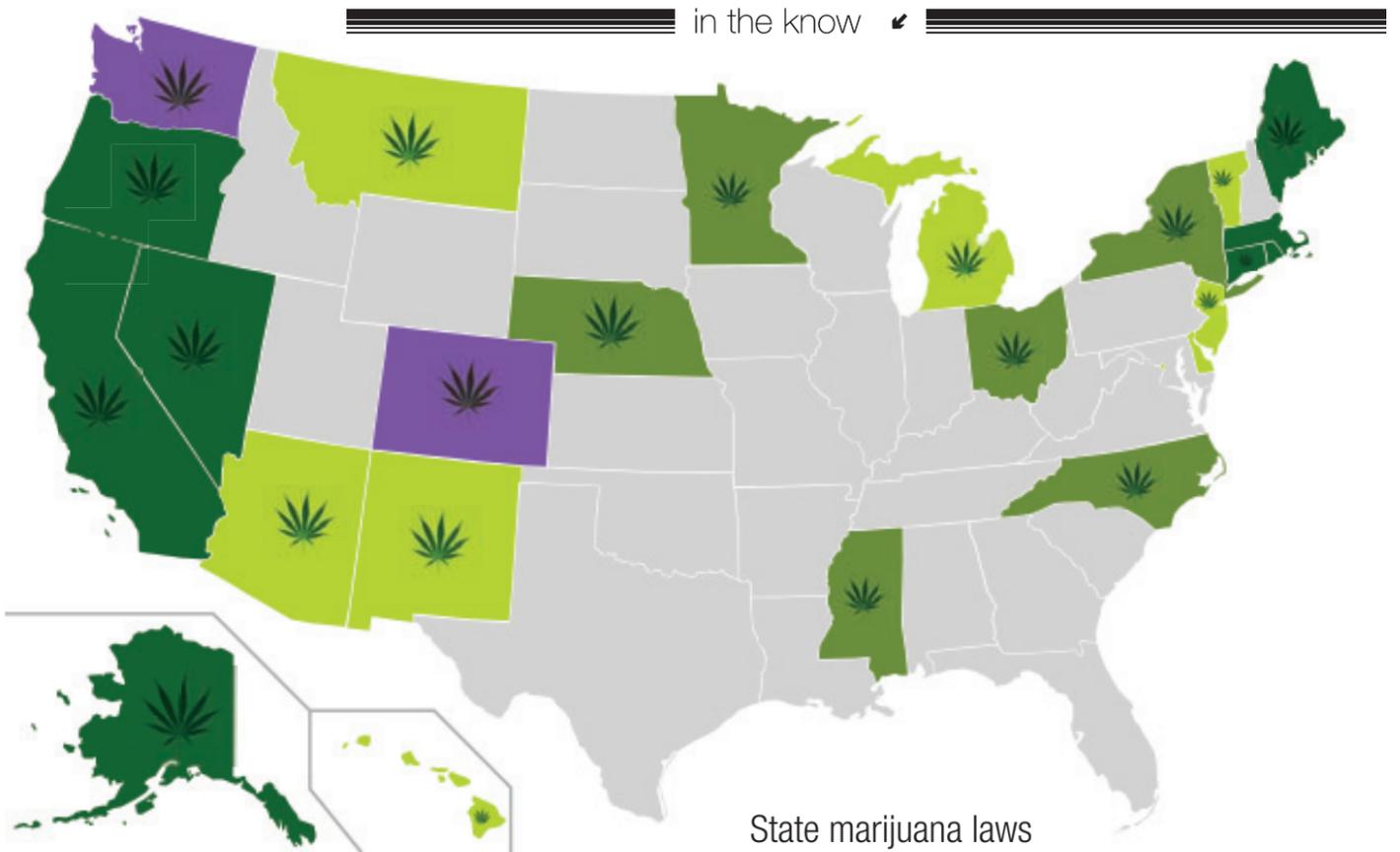
**Politics of weed get personal**

Arguing against suggestions that he is insincere about the campaign, Mr. Morgan cites personal ties to the medical marijuana movement. Two of his family members who have used pot to treat medical symptoms — his late father, when he was sick with cancer, and his brother, who is quadriplegic — are driving forces behind his motivations for bankrolling the campaign, he says.

Mr. Morgan first got involved about a year ago in January, says Mr. Pollara, who at that time had just finished managing a political committee to support Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson's re-election campaign. He used leftover money from the campaign to fund a poll asking 600 Florida voters if they would support medical marijuana. In general, he found that 61 percent did, while 37 percent were opposed. Encouraged by the results, he contacted Kim Russell, who four years ago founded Orlando-based People United for Medical Marijuana (PUFMM). The group had tried and failed before to collect enough signatures to put a referendum on the ballot, but it had retained a volunteer base.

A friend of Mr. Pollara's also suggested he e-mail John Morgan about the ballot initiative; when he did, Mr. Morgan responded right away agreeing to spearhead the effort, Mr. Pollara said, reigniting the effort with wealth and name recognition. The same week, Mr. Pollara met Mr. Morgan and Ms. Russell for lunch in Orlando to talk over details and officially make Mr. Morgan chair of PUFMM. They also rebranded the foggy-sounding PUFMM, changing the name of the organization to United for Care.

Besides Mr. Morgan's ads, United for Care has hired a Los Angeles, Calif., based petition-gathering firm, PCI Consultants, which employs people to gather signatures. They advertise on places like craigslist and the Palm Beach Medical Marijuana Petition Facebook page, claiming petition gath-



State marijuana laws

- Medical Marijuana: A prescription is required to obtain specified amounts of marijuana.
- Marijuana Decriminalized: Minor penalties for possession and cultivation of small amounts.
- Decriminalized and Medical Marijuana laws
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ers can make \$15 to \$30 per hour. Their employees show up throughout the state, including at a gas station on U.S. 41 just north of Sarasota, and on a weekend evening on a street corner in downtown Fort Myers. Mr. Pollara also runs a volunteer operation with about 10 staffers in Florida who promote the campaign informally at places like farmers markets and football games; a schedule of events is listed on United for Care's website.

"Our number one goal, and really our only goal, is to get the relief and legal access to people who really need it in the state," Mr. Pollara said. Asked about legalizing pot as a recreational drug to some degree, like alcohol, he said, "From a personal perspective, I think marijuana should be legal, but that's not what we're trying to accomplish here. Frankly, if this bill passes and that's it from the state of Florida, I'd be happy with that. I'd much rather see it legal for really really sick people now.

"If you look at the public opinion data, of which there is quite a bit, it is socially and politically acceptable as it is... it's kind of no brainer. Grandma's sick? Pot can help her? Why not? If you know somebody who's in pain and there's a glimmer of hope that medical marijuana can relieve their suffering, it's a pretty stone cold person that doesn't think it should be allowed."

**One convert's story**

Some users attest that medical marijuana will have the opposite effect: getting people off prescription painkillers.

"My introduction to medical marijuana took place about a year and a half after a serious injury that led to my early retirement from the Department of Corrections (in Nevada)" said Cape Coral resident Anthony Cincotti, a member of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, a national group that advocates drug regulation instead of prohibition.

After spending most of his time confined to the couch, consulting doctors, and taking "a massive amount" of powerful prescription opiate and morphine-based painkillers, Mr. Cincotti said, one doctor suggested using marijuana.

"Within the first 45 days, I eliminated eight of the 14 medications from my morning ritual," he said. His preferred method was to use a vaporizer to inhale the pot, rather than smoke it. A vaporizer burns at a much lower temperature than smoking, and many believe that vaporizing is a safer way to ingest the drug. Doing so, Mr. Cincotti says he was able to eventually

wean himself off the prescription drugs. With a license from the state of Nevada — which required a lengthy process of approval — he was allowed to grow the plant at home.

"Marijuana isn't the gateway (drug)," Mr. Cincotti says. "The dealer is the gateway to the harder drugs and that's because we have the distribution in an illicit fashion instead of a legitimate fashion. I was on some pretty crazy addictive stuff and it got me off of all of that. Marijuana is a gateway away from drugs if you're using it in a legitimate fashion."

**What the science says**

But even as patients testify to the benefits of marijuana, reports on exactly what ailments it may be used for; which of its many properties can be isolated for different effects; how addictive it is; whether it is better to smoke it, eat it, take it in pill form or some other way; how to dose it; and what side effects it has on the body vary widely, in part because it's difficult to study in the United States. *The New York Times* reported that a permit for marijuana research involves getting formal approval from at least three different federal agencies.

"The way I feel about it and the way the coalition feels about it, if there's something in marijuana that can help people with MS, with brain cancer, with whatever, let's put it in a lab and get it out," said Deb Comella of Coalition for a Drug-Free Southwest Florida. "But let's not have people growing plants in their backyard and selling them on street corners."

Being tagged a Schedule I drug at the federal level, as well as in Florida, puts marijuana in the same category as deadlier, more addictive narcotics such as heroin. It also classifies it as a drug that has no medical benefits at all — at least when used in its raw form. That's been widely contested.

"The science is there. This isn't anecdotal. This isn't in the realm of conjecture any more," said well-known CNN contributor and surgeon Dr. Sanjay Gupta in a television interview on that network.

"My opinion is that cigarettes and alcohol are more addictive and worse

(than marijuana)," said Dr. Heather Auld, a Fort Myers OB/GYN and graduate fellow from the University of Arizona Department of Integrative Medicine. Dr. Auld is in favor of legalizing the drug as an alternative to opioid-based pain medications such as Oxycodone, reported to have caused thousands of deaths in Florida. No deaths have been attributed to marijuana in the state.

Marijuana is about as addictive as caffeine, and superior to opioids and narcotics as a pain reliever, Dr. Auld says. Ideally, she adds, a patient would use no medication at all and use mind-body exercises and relaxations techniques to deal with pain and stress.

Mr. Armitstead, Lee Memorial Health System's top pharmacist, also notes there is already an FDA-approved drug that is a synthetic version of natural cannabis. Dronabinol is a prescription medicine sold under the trade name Marinol that comes in capsule form. He wouldn't recommend smoking marijuana, even if it became legal in Florida.

"Normally we don't use the lungs as a method of delivering drugs unless they're respiratory, like a person with an asthma inhaler," he said. "That's a drug that's specifically designed to treat their lungs. But to give a drug like cannabis or marijuana to smoke it, it gives you that rapid peak, and that rapid peak also leads not only to the desired effect, the anti-nausea effect, but it also leads to the psychogenic effects of the drug and that's where people get the euphoria, and that's what people are abusing it for, to have an altered mental state..."

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The 2014 Diamond Volunteer Award winners have been announced by Kelly Capolino, founder of the program that recognizes three nonprofit organizations each year based on exceptional volunteer dedication and positive influence made in the lives of others. The newest winners are:

- Angels Undercover of Collier County
- Immokalee Housing & Family Services
- Shy Wolf Sanctuary

Each organization receives a cocktail reception for 25 of its volunteers and honored guests. The 2014 receptions will be held at The von Liebig Art Center, home of the Naples Art Association, in January, February and March.

"Each year gets more difficult, as there are so many wonderful nonprofits in Collier County," Ms. Capolino says. The real estate agent with Keating Associates adds, "My career goal is to deliver the best results, care about my clients and get the job done ... and while doing that, I pass along information about all these great nonprofits to everyone I come in contact with.

"I have recruited volunteers and donors for so many organizations by just talking about their mission," she says. "The power of networking is full circle in Naples."

### About the winners

**Angels Undercover** was established in 2010 to provide underwear, socks and school uniforms to elementary-school children who would otherwise come



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**Diamond Volunteer Award program founder Kelly Capolino, second from left, with Nancy Smith of Shy Wolf Sanctuary, Susan Golden of Immokalee Housing & Family Services and Jackie Bennett of Angels Undercover.**

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**Shy Wolf Sanctuary**, founded in 1993, provides rescue and refuge for exotic animals and finds new homes for those better suited to family life.

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Working in an assembly-line fashion, volunteers — including teams of office colleagues and neighborhood, school and church groups — packed the vitamin-rich blend of rice, beans and vegetables into Zip-loc bags that held six meals' worth of the mix.

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- Supported three medical nutrition programs to save the lives of severely malnourished children under the age of 5.

- Operated a school-based program to train community health workers to provide basic public health information and first aid to more than 2,500 students a year.

- Purified more than 50,000 gallons of potable water from Hope for Haiti's 12 solar-powered UV purification systems.

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The Conservancy of Southwest Florida was a natural place for Santa to enjoy breakfast with some of his biggest fans on Saturday morning, Dec. 7. Young and old alike came to dine and share their wish lists with the jolly old soul.

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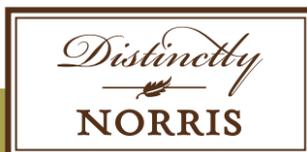
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# CONSERVANCY NATURE NOTES

## Setting out on another season of guided walks at Clam Pass

BY ART RITAS

Special to Florida Weekly

The Conservancy has offered guided walks at Clam Pass every December through April for the last 12 years. This year on opening day Monday, Dec. 2, I decided to join guides Meg Stites and Jacqui McPhee to get their perspective on mangroves, the back dune and beach.

Eleven of us — including retired physicians, a newsman on assignment, retired corporate execs and a British tourist — begin the walk under the live oak near the parking lot gazebo. The tree is festooned with epiphytes, plants that cling to a host tree and get their nutrients from airborne sources. Jacqui pointed out ball moss that looks sort of like a hairy baseball, but the big attraction on the live oak is the wild pine epiphyte or cardinal air plant, a member of the genus *tilandsia*. This



An ant lion dug up on the sandy path at Clam Pass.

like peat bogs, very effective at sequestering carbon. In fact, they are five times as effective as rain forests. They mitigate the effects of climate change. Unfortunately when they are removed, carbon is released into the environment, creating what scientists sometime refer to as a carbon explosion.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Conservancy volunteers who will serve as guides at Clam Pass for the 2013-14 season.

impressive looking plant flowers year round, but most commonly in spring and summer. I pulled out a photo of a flowering wild pine and showed it around.

Art Bookbinder, co-founder of the Light-house of Collier County, which serves the visually impaired and blind, listened attentively but could not see the plants overhead. I know Art well enough to understand that he sees in a way I cannot. The blind develop acute compensatory senses that allow them to see in ways the sighted cannot. I handed Art a propagule, the string bean-like part of the red mangrove tree that is its means of reproduction. He ran his fingers over it, getting to know the propagule in a way others cannot.

“These are wonderful guides,” he remarked about our two guides that morning. “I can get into their narrative and appreciate how nature supports and nourishes itself. Fascinating.”

Jacqui and Meg shared information about the three species of mangroves found in this forest: red, black and white. Each processes salt and can therefore survive in the brackish water of estuaries. Mangrove trees can be thought of as desalination factories; they block or filter out the salt from estuarine waters and trap sediments from the incoming tides. Some native peoples called them island builders.

Worldwide there are 60 or so species of mangroves that provide protection against hurricane winds and storm surge, a sheltered environment for the propagation of marine species, a rookery for birds. In addition, it has been recently discovered that mangroves are,

I reflected on an article I read recently about a mangrove conference in the Philippines just weeks before the disastrous typhoon. The conferees reported that 90 percent of the mangroves in the Philippines had been lost due to development and aquaculture, mostly shrimp farming. Protection has been stripped away, and the result was increased loss of life due to the typhoon. Nearly 7,000 people died.

As our group turned on to the sandy path that parallels the beach and is part of the back dune, Jacqui pointed out a little circular depression in the sand, a doodle.

“There is an ant lion, sometimes known as a doodle bug, hiding down there,” she told the group. “It’s a larval stage of a damselfly that feeds on insects, especially ants.”

She pulled a spoon out of her pack and scooped into the nest, then brushed the excess sand out of the spoon and, presto, an ant lion. We all marveled at the tiny, fearsome creature that is so well named. As we oohed and aahed like preschoolers, I sensed that for a moment our angle of vision had changed and we were seeing with an acuity and innocence usually unavailable to adults.

We ended the day by looking at the birds resting on the beach: skimmers, terns, gulls, sanderlings — many settled in for a rest after a long, long uninterrupted migratory flight. With enough imagination we could feel their exhaustion and understand their vulnerability to the red tide when it comes. ■

— Art Ritass is a longtime volunteer guide at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

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## Moonlight on the Marsh series opens with lecture on water quality

One of the world's pre-eminent experts on landscape ecology and ecological engineering kicks off the 2013-14 "Moonlight on the Marsh" lecture series presented by the Everglades Wetland Research Park of Florida Gulf Coast University. Naples Botanical Garden hosts the free series in its FGCU Harvey Kapnick Education & Research Center.

Ulo Mander, professor of landscape ecology and geography department head at the University of Tartu in Estonia, will discuss how wetlands improve water quality at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12.

Wetlands perform a number of valuable services to ecosystems, including flood control, water purification and climate moderation. Using examples from several European countries and the United States, Professor Mander will discuss how wetlands constructed for wastewater treatment and wetlands associated with rivers can control water quality. He will also address the role of manmade wetlands in isolating carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

Professor Mander has edited 27 books and special issues of international peer-reviewed journals in environmental science and ecological engineering. He ranks among the top 1 percent of the world's scientists most cited in research in these fields, according to Thomson Reuters' Web of Science. He has been a visiting scientist or professor at universities and research centers throughout Europe, Asia and the United States.

In its second year, "Moonlight on the Marsh" presents distinguished scientists from around the world discussing

timely topics for students, other scientists and the general public. The 2013-14 series will focus on some of the biggest ecological and environmental issues facing Southwest Florida, according to William Mitsch, director of the Everglades Wetland Research Park and the Juliet C. Sproul Chair for Southwest Florida Habitat Restoration and Management at FGCU. Here's the full season's schedule:

■ **Jan. 16:** "Algal Blooms and Red Tides: What's Manageable and What's Not," by Hans Paerl, William Kenan Professor of Marine and Environmental Sciences, the University of North Carolina-Morehead City

■ **Jan. 30:** "Who is Polluting the Beaches? Understanding Contamination Sources, Health Risks and Protection of Beach Water," by Jiyoung Lee, associate professor of environmental health science, College of Public Health, The Ohio State University

■ **Feb. 13:** "Reclaiming, Using and Protecting Wetlands: The Dutch Approach," by Joe Verhoeven, professor of ecology and biodiversity, Utrecht University, The Netherlands

■ **Feb. 27:** "The Problem of Invasive Pythons in the United States," by Michael Dorcas, associate professor of biology, Davidson College, Davidson, N.C.

All lectures are at 7 p.m. Seating could be limited and can be reserved for a \$5 donation. Call 325-1365. Donations will also be appreciated at the door. For more information, visit [www.fgcu.edu/swamp/moonlight](http://www.fgcu.edu/swamp/moonlight). ■



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The Friends of Fakahatchee hosts a guided holiday cruise to historic Fakahatchee Island from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19.

The island off the coast of Everglades City was once home to a thriving community of farming and fishing families. It even had a school. In earlier days, Calusa Indians made the island their home.

Everglades National Boat Tours will head for the island through the mangroves of the Ten Thousand Islands and there is a good chance dolphins will entertain the craft as it plies the waters. Once on the island, a naturalist will point

out unusual plants on the path to the historic cemetery. On the return journey, the setting sun will provide photographers with many memorable scenes.

Cold drinks and snacks will be served on the boat. Participants should bring bug repellent and wear long clothing and closed shoes. Jackets are a good idea as it can be much cooler on the water than the mainland.

The cruise begins and ends at the Everglades National Park shelter near the docks. Cost is \$75 per person, and reservations are required. For details and reservations, visit [www.orchidswamp.org](http://www.orchidswamp.org). ■

## All invited to 'Preserving the Holiday Spirit'

The Naples Preserve Eco-Center welcomes all to its "Preserving the Holiday Spirit" open house from 4-7 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 13-15. Enjoy the decorations, live music, children's story time, book signings and guided tours along the boardwalk.

Friday's entertainment will be by a steel drum band, and children's author Kyle Miller will make a special appearance with Trouper, the blind raccoon.

Saturday's music will be by the Irish band Inish, and environmen-

tal author Geoff Trager will be on hand to sign copies of his "Poachers in Paradise."

Sunday's entertainment will be by folk musician Frankie Colt and the 45s, and Mr. Trager will return as the guest author.

Entrance to the Naples Preserve is at 1690 Tamiami Trail N., at the corner of U.S. 41 and Fleischmann Boulevard. Admission to "Preserving the Holiday Spirit" is free.

For more information, call 261-4290. ■



After landing a corporate job programming in his 20s, Randy quickly became successful and bored. He began partying recklessly and got hooked immediately on cocaine.

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# NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

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## Yellow and brown values

A Swedish TV show, “Biss och Kajs,” found itself in the spotlight in November — in Russia, where government-run television apparently used it to send a political message to Ukraine by highlighting the program’s theme of teaching children about bodily functions. The episode Russia chose featured three bulkily-costumed actors sitting around talking — with one dressed in yellow, one in brown, and

the other unmistakably as a large, nude human posterior. (“Biss och Kajs” is highly regarded in Sweden; “biss” and “kajs” refer, respectively to the yellow and brown functions.) Ukraine (against Russia’s wishes) is considering a trade agreement with the European Union, and, the Russian station director said, pointedly, “There you have European values in all their glory.” ■

## Compelling explanations

The Bank of England, arguing before the U.K.’s Parliamentary Commission on Banking Standards in October, warned against limiting the bonuses that bankers have come to expect from their lucrative deals — because that might encroach on their “human

rights.” The Bank suggested it is a human rights violation even to ask senior executives to demonstrate that they tried hard to comply with banking laws (because it is the government’s job to prove violations). ■

## Slick talkers

■ A young woman, accosted by a robber on Washington, D.C.’s Capitol Hill in October, told the man she was a low-paid intern — but an intern for the National Security Agency, and that within minutes of robbing her, the man would be tracked down by ubiquitous NSA surveillance. She said, later (reported the Washington Examiner), the man just “looked at me and ran away (empty-handed).”

■ A 29-year-old cafeteria worker at Sullivan East High School in Blountville, Tenn., swore to police on the scene in October that she was not the one who took money from a co-worker’s purse, and she voluntarily stripped to near-nakedness to demonstrate her innocence. “See? I don’t have it,” she

said. Moments later, an officer found the missing \$27 stuffed in the woman’s shoe.

■ Katarzyna Dryden-Chouen and her husband Clive, busted in a London police raid last year with a marijuana grow operation that had netted an estimated (equivalent) of \$450,000, insisted to a jury in October that their massive haul was not for sale but for “personal” use — in that they worship the Hindu god Shiva, and truly believed that the world would end soon and that they needed a sizable offering to burn. (Actually, the jury bought it. “Distribution” charges were dismissed, but the couple still faces jail for their cultivation activity.) ■

## Ironies

The Seattle City Council voted in October to seize a waterfront parking lot by eminent domain from the 103-year-old owner after negotiations to buy the property on the open market broke down. The state is funding a six-

year tunnel-digging project in the area, and the city has decided it needs the property for not-yet-specified uses — except that in one part of the property, the city said it plans to operate a parking lot. ■

## Karma

■ Larry Poulos was stopped on an Arlington, Tex., street in September, bleeding from a head wound and complaining that he had just been robbed by two men. A friend of Poulos later corroborated that, but police also learned that the money Poulos had been carrying was the proceeds of his having robbed a credit union earlier that evening. He was treated for his wounds and then arrested.

■ At least 44 health workers were struck with a suspected norovirus in September at a Creative Health Care Management convention in Huron, Ohio. (Noroviruses are sometimes called the “Norwalk” virus, named after one notable outbreak in 1968 in Norwalk, Ohio, about 12 miles from Huron.)

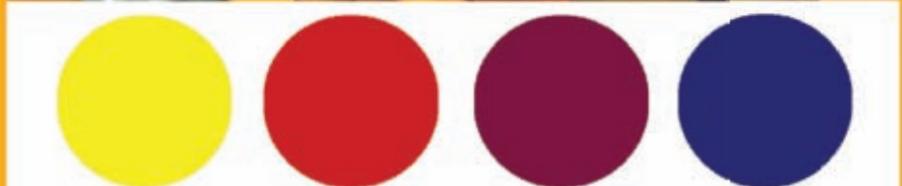
■ “Breakaway former officials of the

Boy Scouts of America met in Nashville, Tenn., in September to establish a Scouts-type organization that can freely discourage homosexuality, with one leader promising Fox News that the result would be “a more masculine” program. Another prominent attendee, also quoted in the Fox News dispatch, described his sorrow at the BSA’s embrace of gay boys. Since this issue broke, he said, “I’ve cried a river.”

■ In November, Sweden’s National Housing Board, in charge of building codes, ordered the country’s famous Ice Hotel in Jukkasjarvi (built anew annually out of fresh ice blocks) to install fire alarms. “We were a little surprised when we found out,” said a spokeswoman (who acknowledged that the hotel’s mattresses and pillows could catch fire). ■



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World War II-era planes, including a North American Aviation T-6 Texan and T-28 Trojan, will be on display on the ramp outside the commercial airline terminal at the south end of the airport off North Road. The Museum of Military Memorabilia will host special World War II displays, including vehicles near the terminal entrance. Children will be able to participate in glider flying contests and paper-airplane folding stations, and anniversary cookies will be served.

Naples Municipal Airport began operation on Dec. 23, 1943, as the Naples Airdrome, built to support the nation's War World II effort. After the war ended, the military transferred the airfield to the city of Naples and Collier County in 1948. By 1959, the city had full control of the airport and was spending more than \$200,000 a year to support its operation.

In 1969, the Naples City Council asked the Florida Legislature to create an independent authority and management of the airport was transferred to the city of Naples Airport Authority under a 99-year lease.

Since then, all funds used for the airport's operation, maintenance and improvements have been generated from activities at the airport or from federal and state grants; the airport receives no property tax dollars. The Florida Department of Transportation values the airport's economic impact to the community at more than \$273 million annually.

A certificated air carrier airport, it is home to flight schools, air charter operators and corporate aviation and nonaviation businesses as well as community services such as fire/rescue services, mosquito control, car rental agencies and the Collier County Sheriff's Office aviation unit. During the 2012-2013 fiscal year, the airport accommodated 91,605 takeoffs and landings.

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# Make a Red Ribbon Promise not to drink and drive

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Police officers, firefighters, paramedics and other emergency services workers make a commitment every day to keep Collier County safe. Now they're asking the community to promise to not drink and drive this holiday season.

Avow and the Collier County Sheriff's Office are offering free Red Ribbon Promise magnets that can be attached to any vehicle and represent a pledge to not drive impaired.

"We certainly make this pledge to make this a safe community each and every day," Collier County Sheriff Kevin Rambosk told more than 60 emergency services workers at a breakfast to kick off the Red Ribbon Promise campaign at Avow Hospice in North Naples. "We need to do more than that. We need to show the community they can make a difference."

Sheriff Rambosk placed a Red Ribbon magnet on the CCSO B.A.T. Mobile, a mobile DUI command center, in a symbolic gesture of united support. "It's a good, solid reminder that we should not be drinking and driving or using any substance that would make us impaired," he said.

This is the second year CCSO and Avow have partnered in a Red Ribbon Promise campaign.

"It is a privilege for Avow to partner with the CCSO and honor all our public safety officers for the work they do to keep our citizens safe," said Lavigne Kirkpatrick, external affairs manager for Avow. "It is our hope that the public will join us in the Red Ribbon Promise and not drive impaired during the holiday season and throughout the year."

Drinking alcohol and driving dramatically increase your chance of being in a traffic crash. Drunken driving remains one of America's deadliest problems, according to research by the National Highway Safety Administration.

While motor vehicle crash fatalities increased by 3.2 percent nationwide overall in 2012, the number of people who died in alcohol-impaired driving crashes increased by 4.6 percent, according to the NHTSA.

Nationwide in 2012, 10,322 people lost their lives in alcohol-impaired-driving crashes, according to the NHTSA.

Last year in Florida, there were a total of 17,258 alcohol-related/suspected traffic crashes, including 294 in Collier County,



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**Sheriff Kevin Rambosk affixes a Red Ribbon Promise magnet to the CCSO B.A.T. Mobile.**

according to the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

In 2012, alcohol played a role in or was suspected to have played a role in 805 fatal traffic crashes in Florida, including nine in Collier County, according to the FDHSMV.

## Holiday driving tips

CCSO recommends some safety precautions for driving during the holiday season:

- Plan a safe way home before the celebration begins.

- Designate a sober driver before anyone begins drinking.

- If you're impaired, use a taxi or call a sober friend or family member or take public transportation to get home.

- If you see a drunken driver on the road, call 911.

- If you know someone who is about to drive impaired, take their keys away from them and make arrangements to get them to their destination safely.

- If you are hosting a party, remind your guests to plan ahead and designate a sober driver. Always offer alcohol-free beverages and plenty to eat.

Red ribbon magnets are available through Jan. 1 at CCSO headquarters, 3319 U.S. 41 E., Building J; CCSO substations in Golden Gate, Immokalee, North Naples and Everglades City; Avow Hospice, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane; and Publix at 5991 Pine Ridge Road in the Crossroads shopping plaza in Golden Gate. ■

## Don't let a ticket spoil your holidays

The Collier County Sheriff's Office gives drivers a heads-up that traffic enforcement deputies will be posted at the following places the week of Dec. 16-20:

■ **Monday, Dec. 16**

U.S. 41 East and Lakewood Boulevard: Aggressive driving

Veterans Memorial Boulevard at Veterans Memorial Elementary: Aggressive driving

Collier Boulevard and Golden Gate Park-

way: Red-light running

■ **Tuesday, Dec. 17**

Imperial Golf Course Boulevard and U.S. 41 North: Speeding

Immokalee Road and Juliet Boulevard: Aggressive driving

Airport-Pulling Road and Golden Gate Parkway: Red-light running

■ **Wednesday, Dec. 18**

Pine Ridge Road and Naples Boulevard:

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Green and Sunshine boulevards: Speeding

Goodlette-Frank Road and Orange Blossom Drive: Speeding

■ **Thursday, Dec. 19**

Davis and Collier boulevards: Red-light running

Vineyards Boulevard at Vineyards Elementary: Aggressive driving

Livingston and Radio roads: Red-light running

■ **Friday, Dec. 20**

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## MUSIC

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Mr. Randall moved to Naples from his native Ohio in 2012 to indulge his love for the beach and the water and because he saw Southwest Florida as prime territory for his marketing business, which specializes in social media marketing, special event planning and Web design and development. Event marketing brings his clients, who serve as sponsors and vendors at trade shows and concerts, face-to-face with potential customers.

Marketing and events such as concerts go hand in hand, he says, adding such pairings give businesses and event patrons an opportunity to interact in a relaxed, upbeat environment.

"What we're trying to do at these events is create an atmosphere that's fun and exciting with energy, to help businesses grow and reach people they possibly never would have reached," he says.

There's no admission charge for the concerts because sponsors cover costs for insurance, advertising, miscellaneous expenses like permit fees, portable toilets, sound and lighting equipment, stages and of course, the performers.

"You have a huge budget to meet just to break even," says Mr. Randall. "When I put these together, I methodically strategize on how I can maximize the sponsors (presence) to give them a true return on their investment."

When soliciting new clients, he breaks down the price and the potential benefits and lets them take it from there.

"Some people get it and some don't get it" he explains. "Some see it as too expensive, but they don't see the value of all these potential customers at their fingertips. Some take a wait-and-see approach. Sometimes you win them over and sometimes they say wait until next year."

Having a track record of strong attendance at events is key, says Mr. Randall, whose first event, July's Rockin' on the Bay concert in Naples, drew about 3,000 people.

"It's all about creating an environment that creates good energy and having the right businesses sponsor it and bring the people in," he adds.

The list of businesses that have sponsored MAR events includes the Seminole Casino in Immokalee, Keating and Associates Realty, Arthur Murray Dance Center of Naples, Brooks' Gourmet Burgers & Dogs in Naples and the Beasley Broadcast Group.

Local charities also benefit from the events Mr. Randall and MAR organize.

St. Matthew's House shelter and food pantry receives a portion of the proceeds from the Sounds from the Park and the Sounds from the River concerts, while the Dancing Under the Stars events benefit the Passion Foundation, an Estero-based nonprofit dedicated to raising funds to cover playgrounds with shade tents to help decrease the sun exposure for children.

"What I want to do with all the events is help a charity that I love, create awareness and give back," Mr. Randall says. ■

"What we're trying to do at these events is create an atmosphere that's fun and exciting with energy, to help businesses grow and reach people they possibly never would have reached."

— Mike Randall  
Southwest Florida Music Festivals

### in the know

#### Coming up from MAR Events and Marketing

- >> Sounds From The Park: Every second Saturday at Sugden Regional Park, Naples
- >> Sounds From The River: Every Saturday night, starting in January, Centennial Park in Fort Myers
- >> Arthur Murray's Dancing Under The Stars: The first Wednesday of the month, December-May, at Mercato. \$100 per couple includes dinner for two at one of four restaurants at Mercato; dancing only is \$20 per couple or \$10 per person.
- >> Taste of the Game: Set for Saturday, Feb. 1, at Sugden Regional Park, the day before Super Bowl XLVIII. Billed as "the largest tailgate party in Naples," the event will feature live music, current and former NFL players, food identified with various NFL cities, athletic contests and more.
- >> TBA: An Irish festival in March, Italian festival in April, reggae festival and a rib burn-off in May, and a country festival in June.

For more information about MAR Events and Marketing, visit [www.mareventsandmarketing.com](http://www.mareventsandmarketing.com). For more information Southwest Florida Music Festivals, visit [www.swfmusicfestivals.com](http://www.swfmusicfestivals.com).

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# Beware: The 12 Scams of Christmas

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■ **Malware e-cards:** Viruses and malware often travel in email attachments or links. Don't click on an e-mail from someone you don't know or a name you don't recognize. When it doubt, delete.

■ **Stranded grandkids:** It's the classic "grandparent scam." If your grandchild, other relative or friend calls or e-mails to say they were robbed or hurt overseas, check before wiring money.

■ **Counterfeit gifts:** Low prices on luxury goods are almost always cheap counterfeits. At best, you'll look like a Scrooge. At worst, you might be helping finance drug traffickers or terrorists.

■ **Pickpockets:** Need we say more? Keep your purse or wallet secure when shopping. Don't get overburdened or put shopping bags down, even for a moment. Thieves are watching.

■ **Stolen gift cards:** Buy gift cards only from reputable dealers, not online or from individuals. It's easy for a scammer to sell you the card and then pull off the funds before you can even give the gift.

■ **Fake coupons:** Be cautious when downloading coupons. Always make sure you are at a retailer's real website. Be especially careful with coupon sites that ask for personal information.



■ **Santa scammers:** What could be more jolly than a letter from Santa addressed directly to your child? Make sure the site is real and not gathering your data for identity theft purposes.

■ **Fake charities:** Charities count on end-of-the-year giving, so be generous if you can. But be careful, too, because scammers set up fake charities with similar sounding names.

■ **Bogus websites:** It's easy to mimic a real website, with logos and everything. Red flags: http (not the more secure https), no

contact information, asking for payment by wire or money card.

■ **Travel scams:** With busy holiday travel, bargains might be tempting. Be cautious when booking through online ads, never wire money to someone you don't know, and ask for references.

■ **Romance scams:** Everyone wants a special someone under the mistletoe, so holidays are prime time for scams. Be careful with an online sweetheart who gets cozy too fast or asks for money.

■ **Puppy scams:** Be very careful buying pets online, especially at the holidays. You might get a puppy mill pooch with problems, or you might get nothing at all because it was a scam. ■

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# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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■ **Sunshine Ace Hardware** stores hosts the annual Teddy Bear Hugs drive to collect monetary donations and new or gently used teddy bears for **The Shelter for Abused Women & Children** on Saturday, Dec. 14. Santa will make the rounds to pose for photographs with children and families. Stores will also have food, raffles and children's activities. Here are the locations and times (for Santa's schedule, visit [www.sunshineace.com](http://www.sunshineace.com)):

- Golden Gate:** 11673 Collier Blvd., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Naples:** 141 Tamiami Trail N., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- East Naples:** 4929 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (No Santa; only activities, refreshments and raffle).
- Bonita Springs:** 9100 Bonita Beach Road, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Marco Island:** 1720 San Marco Road, 1-5 p.m.
- South Fort Myers: 18911 S. Tamiami Trail, Fort Myers, 10 a.m. to noon.

■ **Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast** holds its holiday party from 3-5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at The Village on Venetian Bay. Each Little Brother and Little Sister will receive a brand new bike, a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus and holiday treats; Bigs and their Littles can stay after the party and enjoy a stroll along the waterfront, holiday music and a recital by Backstage Dance Academy leading up to The Village "Snow Show" that begins at 7 p.m.

For more information about Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast serving Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Sarasota, Manatee, DeSoto, Highlands, Hardee, Glades and Hendry counties, visit [www.bbbssun.org](http://www.bbbssun.org). ■



Clive Daniel Home was the setting for a holiday party to which guests brought donations to go under the tree for **Angels Undercover**, an organization that provides underwear, socks and school uniforms to underprivileged children in 10 Collier County elementary schools.

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tion must be submitted by 5 p.m. March 17. The supervisor of elections in each Florida county will review the applications and select one finalist to be sent to the FSASE Scholarship Committee. The winners will be announced at the FSASE conference this summer.

FSASE is a professional organization of 67 county supervisors of elections in the Sunshine State. The scholarships honor three former supervisors of elections: Jimmy Whitehouse from Highlands County, Joe Oldmixon from Escambia County and Dorothy Walker Ruggles from Pinellas County. ■

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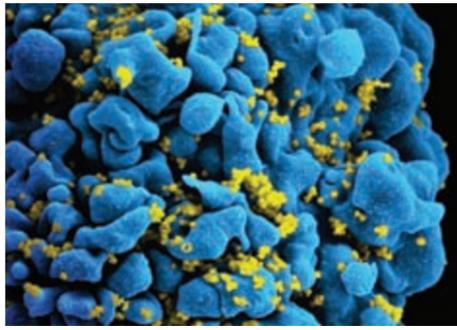
# HEALTHY LIVING

## NIH to increase funding toward a cure for HIV/AIDS

At a White House event recently to mark the 25th annual World AIDS Day, President Barack Obama announced that the National Institutes of Health plans to redirect AIDS research funds to expand support for research directed toward a cure for HIV. The NIH plans to invest an additional \$100 million over the next three fiscal years on this increasingly promising area of HIV/AIDS research.

In the three decades since AIDS was first reported, the NIH has been the global leader in research to understand, prevent, diagnose, and treat HIV infection and its many associated conditions. NIH-funded researchers — in partnership with academia and the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries — have helped develop more than 30 life-saving antiretroviral drugs and drug combinations for treating HIV infection. These antiretroviral drugs have transformed life with HIV infection for those who have access to and can tolerate the therapies. However, treatment requires lifelong access and adherence to these medications and management of treatment-related toxicities and clinical complications.

Important recent advances in basic



COURTESY PHOTO  
A colorized image of an HIV-infected T-cell. The cells are used by the body to fight infection but are incapacitated by HIV.

and therapeutics research aimed at eliminating viral reservoirs in the body are spurring scientists to design and conduct research aimed at a cure or lifelong remission of HIV infection. Key stakeholders from academia, government, foundations, advocacy groups and industry have concluded that developing a cure for HIV is one of the most important biomedical challenges of the 21st century. This will require an extraordinary, collaborative

global effort, including public-private partnerships and innovative alliances to share scientific expertise and accelerate the search for a cure.

“We have listened very carefully to the scientific consensus of experts from within the NIH and around the world. We have been building the portfolio of HIV cure research over the past few years, and now is the time to accelerate our research focused specifically toward the goal of sustained or lifelong remission, in which patients control or even eliminate HIV without the need for lifelong antiretroviral therapy,” said Jack Whitescarver, Ph.D., director of the Office of AIDS Research.

It is anticipated that a significant portion of the new investment will support basic research, which will also benefit all other areas of AIDS research, as well as research on other diseases. These studies will include research on viral reservoirs, viral latency, and viral persistence, as well as studies of neutralizing antibodies. Research on animal models, drug development and preclinical testing of more potent antiretroviral compounds capable of diminishing viral reservoirs, and clinical research, including studies on

therapeutic vaccines and other immune enhancers, will also be supported.

Other high-priority AIDS research will continue to be supported. These priorities include: prevention research, including vaccines, microbicides, and other biomedical and behavioral prevention strategies, such as the use of antiretroviral drugs as prevention; research to develop better, less toxic treatments and to investigate how genetic determinants, sex, gender, race, age, nutritional status, treatment during pregnancy, and other factors, including stigma and adherence, interact to affect treatment success or failure and/or disease progression; and studies to address the increased incidence of malignancies, cardiovascular, neurologic, and metabolic complications, and premature aging associated with long-term HIV disease and antiretroviral treatment.

NIAID conducts and supports research — at NIH, throughout the United States, and worldwide — to study the causes of infectious and immune-mediated diseases, and to develop better means of preventing, diagnosing and treating these illnesses. For more information, visit [www.niaid.nih.gov](http://www.niaid.nih.gov). ■

## As the times are a-changing, so is the health-care industry



As we approach a new and uncertain year in health care, our mantra must be: “The world has changed and so much we” (to quote the title of a recently published paper from the F. B. Heron Foundation).

Our industry is engaged in a journey that has taken us from persistent abundance and constant expansion to the current necessity of being prudent with limited resources. This journey has been made more difficult because all of us in health care — patients, payers (insurers), physicians and health-care systems — never needed to be frugal. Expectations for more care or greater payments became our norm.

But times have changed and so, too, must we.

Three trends, in particular, define these changes and parallel the Biblical “feast to famine.”

■ Ascendancy of the payer: Motivated by a new desire to keep costs down in a globally competitive world and enabled by access to digital information on quality as medical records migrate from analog (handwriting) to digital (computers), health insurers are firmly in the driver’s seat, narrowing the networks of hospitals and physicians they choose to pay based on “value,” defined as quality/cost.

To make these decisions, payers are acting on information compiled over years of study, tracking how much it costs for a patient to have one set of physicians and/or health-care system versus another. Recently Aetna, Humana and United Health narrowed their networks by 15 percent to 35 percent, with resulting savings of 10 percent to 25 percent. Such changes have evoked protests, challenging the validity of the data, legality of changes, anger from those excluded and generalized anxiety among the survi-

vors. Nonetheless, more and more payers are moving inexorably to narrower networks.

“Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has been transforming itself from a passive payer to an active purchaser of health care,” as noted in a recent New England Journal of Medicine column.

■ Rise of consumerism: Patients have become “shoppers,” especially those with high deductible policies or those paying out of pocket. Some insurance policies require out-of-pocket payments of \$1,000-\$10,000 or more before comprehensive coverage begins, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. So not surprisingly, affected consumers are becoming smarter about their health care and shopping for insurance as never before.

The bottom line is that consumers are changing the way they purchase health care. This phenomenon will increase as the Internet facilitates transparency.

■ Employer steerage: Finally, large employers, locally and nationally, are steering those they insure toward better

value, by adding out-of-pocket costs for out-of-network physicians and facilities. The expected result: Behavioral economics — how we respond to monetary incentives or disincentives — will take effect as a patient is forced to pay additional co-pay or deductible on his or her own to go to a non-NCH facility when NCH is available. If an employee is out of town and has an emergency, this additional cost would not apply.

Additionally, some employers, including NCH, are encouraging better health through healthier lifestyles, rewarding nonsmokers, exercisers and those on the “road to wellness” with lower co-pays and deductibles.

The point is, as Bob Dylan sang, “The times they are a-changing.” And as ethical caregivers dedicated to providing quality, compassionate care, we must change with them. We have no choice if we are to continue to help everyone live longer, happier and healthier lives. ■

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

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# Need help losing the holiday blues?

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Even those of us who have roots here in Southwest Florida can become plagued by all the perceived demands of the holidays, from gifts and good cheer to cards and cookies to share.

The Mental Health Association of

Southwest Florida offers a free workshop at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, for people who are struggling with the holiday blues. Presenter Margot Escott, a licensed clinical social worker, is known for her workshops on humor and laughter. The workshop takes place at MHASWFL headquarters in Naples, 2335 Tamiami Trail N.

To sign up or for more information, call Brian Folweiller at 261-5405 or visit [www.mhaswfl.org](http://www.mhaswfl.org). ■

# Sign up now for winter session of 'spiritual intensive' meetings

Registration is open for the winter "spiritual intensive" based on the teachings of Eckhart Tolle. Classes with facilitator Linda Allen meet from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 16-March 6, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples, 6340 Napa Woods Way.

Mr. Tolle's spiritual teachings have resonated with millions of fans worldwide based on the strength of his words: "When there is no way out, there is always a way through. So, don't turn away from pain. Face it. Feel it fully. Full attention is full acceptance. You use the power of the now, which is the power of your presence."

A student of Mr. Tolle for 13 years, Ms. Allen led intensives in Madison and Wausau, Wis., for several years

before moving to Southwest Florida. She has been a student and practitioner of meditation for more than 40 years. Her upcoming program consists of guided meditations and viewing/discussion of DVDs from Mr. Tolle's 2012 India retreat in which he speaks "with authenticity, wisdom and humor on conscious suffering, self-esteem, addiction, guilt, forgiveness, prayer, death and dying, and relationships."

Cost of the eight-session class is \$35. Participation is limited to 40 people, and reservations are required. To sign up or for more information, contact Donna Carty by calling 784-7734 or emailing [JourneyToPresence@gmail.com](mailto:JourneyToPresence@gmail.com). Or send a check for \$35 payable to Ms. Carty to 1725 Supreme Court, Naples, FL 34110. ■

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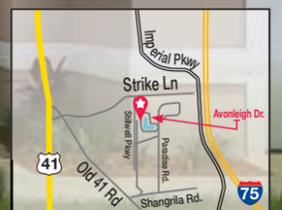
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# CLUB NOTES

■ **The Ohio State Alumni Club** of Naples is chartering the Double Sunshine for the Naples Christmas Boat Parade on Saturday, Dec. 14. Tickets for \$40 per person are available on line at [www.Naplesbuckeyes.com](http://www.Naplesbuckeyes.com).

The club invites members and Buckeyes fans to its monthly social from 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at Stevie Tomato's Sports Page, 15215 Collier Blvd. The Buck-I-Serv students will be the evening's special guests, thanks to Cal and Donna Wible. RSVP to Anne Knouse by calling 564-8914 or e-mailing [aknouse@comcast.net](mailto:aknouse@comcast.net).

■ **The Clans of Ireland USA** will meet from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at Clive Daniel Home. All Irish Americans in the area are invited to come and learn more about the Clans of Ireland USA and to sign up for a monthly newsletter.

Member and host Maire Peters will discuss the music and family names of Ireland and her recent travels to the Emerald Isle. She will also sign Christmas cards in Gaelic for those who bring cards to the meeting. Ms. Peters is the representative of Tipperary Holiday Homes in the USA and as such will also provide information about a rural Irish cottage that is available for short-term rental.

For reservations or more information about the meeting, e-mail Ms. Peters at [mnicp2@cs.com](mailto:mnicp2@cs.com).

■ What could be better for an orchid aficionado than a free orchid plant and tips from an expert on how to make it



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**Ascocenda orchid.**

bloom? That's the holiday gift attendees will receive at the **Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance's** Third Thursday event from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 19 at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1255 Piper Blvd.

Award-winning hobbyist Jim Longwell will play "Orchid Santa," handing out seedlings (subject to limited supply), along with pots, mounts and potting mix and giving instruction on how to pot the plants. Everyone is asked to bring clean clippers or scissors to use. The hybrid seedlings will all be several years old and will have high possibilities of getting awarded, Mr. Longwell says. As a fun challenge, everyone will be asked to bring his or her grown seedling to the December 2014 Third Thursday meeting for a friendly competition to see who grew the best plant.

An orchid grower for more 25 years, Mr. Longwell has earned more than 50 American Orchid Society awards. He served in the AOS judging program for several years and owned Sanctuary Orchids for eight years.

The Dec. 19 meeting will also have an orchid raffle, and several orchid plants will be available for purchase, some of which will be bare root blooming size plants that allow orchid aficionados to add to their collections without spending big bucks.

Attendance is free, and all are welcome. Annual membership in the alliance is \$25 for individuals, \$45 for joint members and free for ages 18 and younger. For more information, call 498-9741 or visit [www.GulfCoastOrchidAlliance.com](http://www.GulfCoastOrchidAlliance.com).

■ **The Collier County Democratic Club** celebrates its silver anniversary with a gala evening and memorial tribute to co-founder Chuck Mohlke the evening of Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Guest speakers will include Allison Tant, chairman of the Florida Democratic Party; Debbie Wasserman Schultz, chairwoman, Democratic National Committee; Joe Garcia, U.S. Representative, 26th Congressional District; and Florida Sen. Dwight Bullard of Broward County.

VIP admission is \$250; general admission is \$125. For more information, visit [www.collierdems.org](http://www.collierdems.org).

■ Members and guests of the **Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae Chapter** of Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island

will celebrates the sorority's Founders' Day with a luncheon beginning at 11 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, at the Naples Yacht Club. Several 50-year Thetas will be honored, and guests will hear from Peggy Post, director of the Emily Post Institute and author of numerous etiquette books. For reservations or more information, call Mary Lynn Myers at 431-5434 or e-mail [mlm2817@aol.com](mailto:mlm2817@aol.com).

■ **Zonta Club of Naples** invites members and visiting Zontians to its monthly meetings at Brio at Waterside Shops at noon on the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is Jan. 7. Cost is \$17. For reservations or more information, call Erica Vanover at 434-1112.

■ Members and guests of the **Greater Naples Delta Gamma Alumni Chapter** gather for a holiday luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at Hideaway Country Club on Marco Island. Chapter members gather for "Girls' Night Out" from 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at Roy's at the Promenade in Bonita Springs.

For reservations or more information about either of the above, call 992-2119 or e-mail [greaternaplesdeltagamma@gmail.com](mailto:greaternaplesdeltagamma@gmail.com).

■ **Generations of the Shoah International** holds a member meeting followed by a program for the public, "The Destruction of Hungarian Jewry" by Herbert Herman, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of SWFL. For reservations or more information, call Ida Mar-

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**Dec. 14 Event Locations**

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| <b>Downtown Naples:</b> 10 a.m.-2 p.m.<br>Pictures with Santa from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. with story time at 11 a.m.    | <b>San Carlos:</b> 10 a.m.-2 p.m.<br>Pictures with Santa from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.                         |
| <b>Golden Gate:</b> 10 a.m.-2 p.m.<br>Pictures with Santa from 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. with story time at 1:30 p.m. | <b>Marco Island:</b> 1p.m.-5 p.m.<br>Pictures with Santa from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. with story time at 4 p.m. |
| <b>Bonita Springs:</b> 10 a.m.-2 p.m.<br>Pictures with Santa from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. with story time at 11 a.m.     | <b>East Naples:</b> 10 a.m.-2 p.m.  |

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# CLUB NOTES

golis at 963-9347.

■ The Naples chapter of **PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting is Dec. 19. Call 513-4568 for location.

■ **The Naples Newcomers** helps those who are new to the area make new friendships centered on various social activities. Members meet to share a variety of interests and activities, including couples and singles groups, bridge, mah-jongg, crafts, gourmet cooking, coffees, movies, card games and book discussions. Membership is for women who have been permanent residents of Naples for no more than five years.

Luncheon meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at Naples area country clubs. An orientation coffee for prospective members takes place on the first Thursday of each month. For more information about the January meetings, 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 Communique Club:** 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Moorings Professional Building, 2335 Tamiami Trail N., Suite 208. Call Robert Rizzo at (407) 493-8584.

**Marco Island Toastmasters:** 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Centennial Bank, 645 Elkcarn Circle, Marco Island. E-mail Chris Pritchard at [colliertostmasters@gmail.com](mailto:colliertostmasters@gmail.com).

**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



Members and guests of the Naples Press Club at the club's holiday luncheon at the Hilton Naples. 1. Ida and Jeff Margolis 2. Jacqueline Simenauer and Christine Frank 3. KC Schulberg, Carole Greene and Helene Gaillet de Neergaard 4. Shirley Hansen and Donna Fiala

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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 membership prerequisites. ■

— E-mail club news to Cindy Pierce at [cpierce@floridaweekly.com](mailto:cpierce@floridaweekly.com).



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# PET TALES

## Say ahhhh

Checking your pet's mouth regularly is essential for oral health

BY DR. MARTY BECKER

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A couple of years ago, I had a pet owner bring in an adult cat because it was meowing differently. That's not much to go on, but I did a complete physical exam and found nothing. Subsequent blood work also came back normal. Then I recommended sedation, so that we could get radiographs. Again, we found nothing abnormal, so I suggested that we keep the cat and do medical rounds with the rest of the staff.

When the three veterinarians and a couple of vet techs gathered and went over the history, we decided to start at the tip of the cat's nose and proceed with another detailed exam. This time, I took a pair of hemostats and gently tapped the cat's teeth, starting in the front.

When I got to the cat's left upper fang and barely touched it, the cat just about shot up into orbit. We could find nothing else wrong on the repeat exam. We then did digital dental radiographs and saw that the root of the tooth was abscessed. After we surgically removed the infected tooth, the cat acted as if it had been relieved of incredible pain.

What started out as a different meow turned out to be a serious problem that was only relieved after a lot of detective work. Oral problems in dogs and cats aren't always visible at first glance.

Pets don't have any way of telling us



**A painful tooth or another oral issue isn't always obvious, so it's important to look deeper for potential problems.**

that something is wrong, and it's natural for them to hide signs of weakness or pain so they don't become targets of predators. It's up to us as owners and veterinarians to be aware of changes in behavior that could signal pain or illness and to look beneath the surface for potential causes of problems. Here are some obvious and not-so-obvious signs that your cat or dog has a painful mouth, and some of the conditions that might be causing the problem:

■ **Inflamed gums or tartar buildup on the teeth.** Your pet may have gingivitis — inflammation of the gums — or periodontal disease. Left untreated, gingivitis progresses to periodontal disease, which causes teeth to become infected and loose.

■ **Bad breath or a bad smell in the mouth area.** Repeat after me: It's not normal for pets to have bad breath or any other bad odors. In the mouth area, it can signal dental disease or an infection of the lip folds in heavy-lipped breeds such as basset hounds, cocker spaniels or Saint Bernards. Bad breath can also be associated with kidney disease.

■ **Drooling.** This is another sign of periodontal disease, as well as of mouth infections and foreign bodies, such as splinters or burrs stuck in the mouth. Bad breath and drooling can also be signs of oral cancer.

■ **Change in eating habits.** If your dog or cat is reluctant to eat or picks up pieces of food and then drops them, there's a good chance that his mouth hurts. He may have a broken tooth or a sore mouth from a type of inflammation called stomatitis.

■ **Swelling.** A tooth with an abscessed root is filled with pus that can cause swelling beneath the eye or a nasty condition called an oral-nasal fistula, which occurs when an abscessed tooth breaks into the nasal cavity, allowing food and water to move from the mouth into the nose and come back out through the nose. Yuck!

Don't let your dog or cat get down in the mouth! Examine his mouth monthly for signs of problems, such as redness, loose teeth and painful areas. You may need to put your money where his mouth is to avoid future problems. ■

### Pets of the Week



>>'Tis the Season is a spayed, 3-year-old cairn terrier mix who is about 12 pounds of cuteness and happy companionship.



>>Giddee Gingerbread is a spayed, 9-month-old dachshund mix who will stay quite small as she grows to adulthood.



>>Feliz Navi-dog is a neutered, 3-year-old wheaten terrier mix who weighs about 30 pounds and will do best as the only dog in his forever home.



>>Jingle All the Way is a spayed, 2-year-old spaniel/border collie mix who weighs about 22 pounds. All she wants for the holidays is a loving home.

### 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 or visit www.BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.com.

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# THE DIVA DIARIES

## Don't moan 'Oh, no, no' the morning after your office party

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Hopefully, I'm not too late and you haven't had your company holiday soiree yet. If I *am* too late with my expert advice about how to sparkle amongst your boss and co-workers, however, then here's hoping you did just fine and were able to hold your head high the Monday morning after the bash.

I have attended many office Christmas parties and I have seen many things that, sadly, I cannot un-see. I know that none of my dear readers wants to be the employee everyone's texts are about the next day. Here are some guidelines:

■ Yes, the 1.5-liter bottles of Yellow Tail chardonnay are flowing (and free!), but pace yourself. Have a glass of water between each spirited beverage, and make sure you eat a sandwich *before* going to the party.

■ Remember: Loose lips sink ships, y'all. You don't want to wake up the next morning wondering if you slurred to Stan in the sales department that you've always had a crush on him and you're sad that he's married.

■ If you're the Plus One for your spouse or significant other and you're meeting the boss and staff for the first time, make



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Colorful orbs light up the lawn in the Brazilian Garden, above, while Chattel House in the Caribbean Garden twinkles with icicle lights for "Night Lights" at the Naples Botanical Garden.

your date proud. Ladies, you've got nothing to prove in 6-inch heels and a derriere-skimming Lycra skirt. And guys, a shirt and tie beats an Ed Hardy T-shirt and stone-washed jeans every time.



■ This fashion advice goes for everyone: Yes, you can be festive, but now is not the time for the strobe light holly ball earrings or the battery-operated neck tie that plays "Let It Snow." And unless the invite specifies it, nor is this time to dig out the Ugly Christmas Sweater.

■ While we all think we're super funny and eloquent after a couple of drinks, leave the toasts and the jokes to the host — your boss.

■ It's fine to hand out some business cards and do some networking — that's what an afterhours business party is for, after all. On the other hand, however, remember you're there to relax — and so are your colleagues. Instead of querying someone how their sales were last quarter, ask how their kids are doing at college or what their family's holiday traditions entail.

If you plan to take none of my advice and insist on dressing inappropriately, drinking like a fish and delivering a tear-

ful toast, then at least go to Facebook and check your privacy settings. You can elect an option so that when you're tagged in a photo or video, it won't show up on your page without your approval (the "help" section can take you through the steps). That way, if photographic evidence exists of you with a lampshade on your head and dancing to "Jingle Bell Rock" on the table in the conference room, then at least your list of friends and family won't see it. But trust me: Everyone else will.

### Time for 'Night Lights'

I'm certain awkward holiday party behavior will not be an issue when the folks at Naples Botanical Garden flip the switch Wednesday, Dec. 18, for another season of "Night Lights at the Garden." The Gardens themselves will be lit up in all their glory, yes, but staff and guests will mind their best party manners, as always.

On select nights through Jan. 5, the Garden will be aglow with thousands of extra lights and all kinds of sparkly holiday entertainment and activities for all to enjoy. Find out the specifics at [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org), and then be sure to put at least one visit to "Night Lights" on your holiday rounds. ■

— *Ciao for now, my lovelies! Stay tuned for another divalicious diary entry next week ...*

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# Innovators

Dreamers carve out new niches

BY ATHENA PONUSHIS

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THE INNOVATIVE MIND NEVER STOPS. SOME Southwest Florida daydreamers willing to deviate from the norm are finding themselves rewarded with products and services they're passionate about and sometimes, profit to go along with them. Here, we feature some notable thinkers who let their thoughts wander on their path to success.

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“The world is changed not only by giant leaps, but also by small, innovative steps in the right direction,” says Mr. Fous, cofounder and creative director of the WooBamboo toothbrush.

Mr. Fous sees lots of innovation —

“some good, some bad” — but says he and his co-creators are trying to do something righteous, something to better humanity. “We don't just want to make eco-friendly products, we want to make eco-friendly people,” he says. “Switching to a bamboo toothbrush is easy. We want to encourage people to do more, show them how easy it is.”

Mr. Fous says there are 7.5 billion people in the world, “most brush their teeth and throw away their plastic toothbrush.” He says an estimated 1 billion toothbrushes are thrown out every year in the United States alone. Giving the statistic a

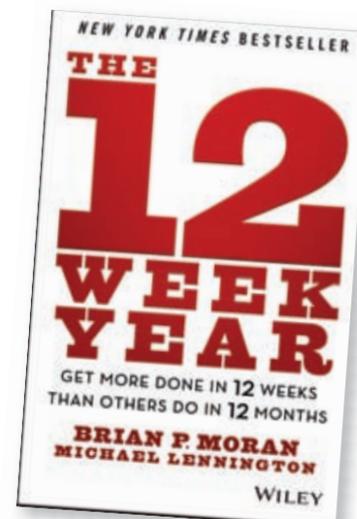
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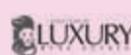
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# MONEY & INVESTING

## Lifestyles of the uber-wealthy



Fifty years ago, there were very few billionaires and being a millionaire was quite a distinction.

The first person to fit this category of wealth was the businessman and philanthropist John D. Rockefeller in 1916.

The two entities that focus on the billionaire rank and file are Forbes and Wealth-X.

Per the inaugural report of UBS and Wealth-X's Billionaire Census 2013, there are now 2,170 billionaires in the world with a combined net worth of \$6.5 trillion. Even within this group, there is a concentration at the very top; the uber-wealthy number 111 and each has a net worth exceeding \$10 billion and, combined, have a net worth of \$1.9 trillion. (Wealth -X, Nov. 6, 2013, "First Global Census Shows Record of 2,170 Billionaires Worldwide" and "The Wealth-X Guide to Being a Billionaire")

This elite group predominantly (some 766 or one-third) live in Europe, but the largest concentration of billionaire assets (\$2.1 trillion) is held by those domiciled in North America. The country with the largest number of billionaires is the U.S., followed by China. The billionaire population grew 0.5 percent (2012 year over year) and their assets grew 5.3 percent in 2013 through the date of the study. The greatest degree of growth in asset size, 13 percent

and population, 3.7 percent, came out of China. At those growth rates, it is speculated that China will catch North America's billionaire overall rankings within five years.

Obviously, the Chinese billionaire rank and file grew through business startups; it is well understood that most of these entrepreneurial efforts were achieved with the assistance of political connections. The non-Chinese billionaires have benefited from the appreciation in asset values since 2009; asset values have grown from a combined level of \$3.1 trillion to \$6.5 — currently more than 100 percent growth in five years.

Some other interesting facts from the census about billionaires:

■ "Despite popular notions of billionaires being jet-setting, cosmopolitan individuals, most billionaires are still based in the same locations where they were raised." It is not just billionaire Warren Buffet who remains in his hometown in Nebraska.

■ "60 percent of billionaires are self-made, while 40 percent inherited their wealth or grew their fortunes from inheritance." The top four billionaires (Bill Gates, Carlos Slim, Amani Ortega and Warren Buffet), each having more than \$50 billion, are self-made; four of the top 10 billionaires (the Walton family associated with Walmart) inherited their fortunes.

And there are some interesting aspects to their demographics and lifestyles according to the Wealth X census. Obviously most, 87 percent, are male. "Only 17 percent of female billionaires are self-

made, while 71 percent gained their fortunes through inheritance." Some 96 live in NYC; 75 in Hong Kong; and 74 in Russia. Schooling is widely diverse but the greatest concentration was, first, Harvard, and second, University of Pennsylvania.

Though most still live in their hometowns, they, on average, each own four properties worth \$78 million on average. Interestingly, they allocate a disproportionate amount of their wealth to their collection of toys, with yachts being the toy of choice. On average they spend an equivalent amount (\$78 million) on their yachts as they have spent on their collective homes. However, as their toys and tastes extend to jets, cars and art, they have invested much more into the ancillary elements of their lifestyles than their core house holdings.

Per Forbes' March 2013 list of 2012's list of billionaires, "The U.S. is home to 442 billionaires ... (some) 320 more than China..." There are 31 billionaires domiciled in Florida; Most are investors, real estate developers and corporate founders.

Of the world's top 10 billionaires, four are descendants of Sam Walton. The top billionaire is Bill Gates; his friend Warren Buffet comes in at a strong fourth position. Larry Ellison (founder of Oracle) ranks fifth; and Jeff Bezos (founder of Amazon) ranks 10th. Household names that quickly follow after the top 10 include Steve Ballmer (Microsoft), Mark Zuckerberg (Facebook), Carl Icahn (businessman and investor), Ralph Lauren (fashion magnate) and Rupert Murdoch (News Corp/20th Century Fox).

Total world household wealth is expected to rise by almost 50 percent in the next five years from \$223 trillion in 2012 to \$330 trillion in 2017.

It is clear that the world's uber-wealthy have been beneficiaries of the monetary policies of the world's central bankers, including the Federal Reserve, and beneficiaries of corporate globalization and expansion of international trade. Monetary policies simply assisted those who have financial assets and those who own publicly traded businesses, assets in which many of the uber-wealthy hold to a great degree. It would seem that these pathways to billionaire wealth will continue.

Those who serve the very wealthy, those who sell product to the super wealthy and those locations that attract the super wealthy all might be beneficiaries of such billionaire wealth. ■

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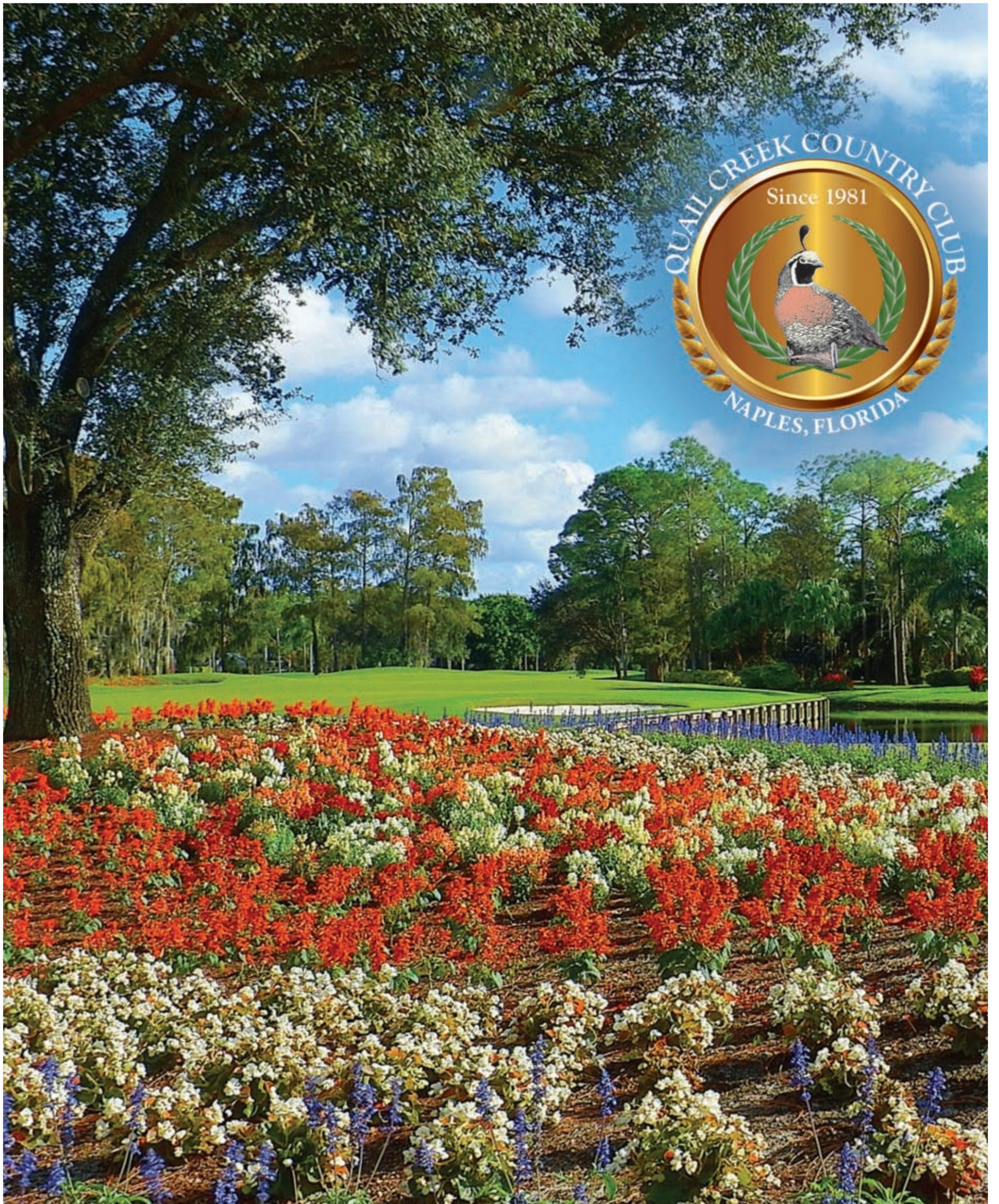
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You know the holidays aren't going to be Norman Rockwell perfect. You've accepted that. Still, it sure would be great if you could leave work behind just enough to enjoy your family and friends

Brian Moran says you don't have to show up late to your child's holiday play because you're tying up a work project, or run off to check your e-mail while the turkey gets cold. You just need to muster up some discipline and think about time in a different way.

"Successful people work with great focus and intention, and they play the same way," says Mr. Moran, co-author along with Michael Lennington of the *New York Times* best seller "The 12-Week Year: Get More Done in 12 Weeks Than Others Do in 12 Months" (Wiley, \$23, [www.12weekyear.com](http://www.12weekyear.com)). "When they're working, they're really working, and when they take time off, they make the absolute most of that time."

The reason most people end up working during their holiday time off, Mr. Moran maintains, is not that they just have so much to do that they can never take a break. It's that they aren't working with intention when they have the opportunity — and thus, they aren't executing effectively.

Being intentional about how you spend your time is the heart of the authors' message. Our ability to do this impacts not only business profit sheets but also the quality of our personal lives.

"Many of us spend our days just reacting to the problems that have arisen rather than proactively moving toward our goals, and that's how we can end up feeling pulled in a hundred directions," Mr. Moran says. "It's also why we find ourselves in so much conflict when the holidays roll around: Not only must we get all the loose ends tied up before we're out of the office, we also have to add in a hundred holiday-specific tasks related to home, friends and family."

Mr. Moran and Mr. Lennington offer a new way to think about time and how

you use it. In a nutshell, they advise planning your goals in a 12-week year rather than a 12-month year. Doing so creates a healthy sense of urgency that gets you focused, they say.

Here are a few tips for getting through the holidays without having work take over.

- Picture the perfect holiday. Piggling out on grandma's apple pie. Singing carols with your kids. Cheering on your favorite football team. Whatever your favorite things about the holidays are, visions of them should drive you through the hard work you'll have to get done before the office shuts down for the holidays.

"Your personal vision is what creates an emotional connection to the daily actions that need to take place in your business," Mr. Moran says.

- Create a pre-holiday season plan. You don't have 12 weeks to work with, but that's OK. The same principles you would use to make a 12-week plan can be used to plan out the weeks left before the holidays are in full swing.

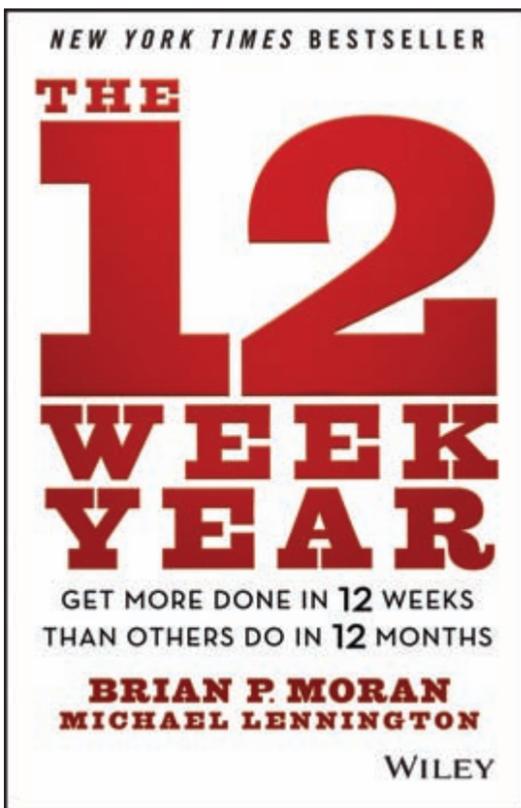
"Create a plan for each work week you have left before the holidays," Mr. Moran suggests. "And be sure to include the non-work related tasks the holidays add to your plate."

- Resign yourself to being uncomfortable now so you can be comfortable later; otherwise, the uncomfortable tasks you avoid prior to your holiday break are precisely the ones that will blow up, get out of control or just keep you worrying while you're trying to enjoy some time off.

- Make the most of performance time and down time. Use time-blocking to keep control of your workday as holiday time off approaches. Establish strategic blocks, buffer blocks and breakout blocks. A strategic block is uninterrupted time scheduled into each week (you accept no phone calls, no faxes, no emails, no visitors, no anything). Buffer blocks are when you deal with unplanned and low-value activities (most email and voicemail, for example) that arise throughout a typical day. And breakout blocks are your time to rest and rejuvenate.

Breakout blocks are extremely important in the frantic rush leading up to the holidays, Mr. Moran stresses. "Allow yourself some down time," he says. "Even before your time off, you need to schedule time to refresh and reinvigorate, so you can continue to engage with more focus and energy."

- Don't go it alone. It's likely that in your network of colleagues and friends,



- Don't let smartphones, social media and the Internet distract you from your higher-value activities. "Allow yourself to get distracted by emails or the latest viral video while you're working your pre-holiday break plan, and before you know it, you'll be working on the project you didn't finish while the rest of your family is laughing and having fun in the kitchen baking holiday treats," Mr. Moran warns.

- Make a keystone commitment for your holiday break. Rather than building a tactical plan, identify a keystone or core action and commit to completing it every day of your holiday time off.

"Setting a keystone commitment helps you avoid wasting your time on meaningless activities," Mr. Moran says. "Your pre-holiday break plan was all about spending your time with great intent and purpose so that you'd be able to truly enjoy your time off. Why should you stop being more purposeful with your time once you're actually away from the office?"

"You and your family deserve uninterrupted time together. Set your vision. Make a plan. Stay the course. When you're decorating the tree with your kids or putting the finishing touches on the perfect turkey, you'll be so glad you did." ■

— Brian Moran and Michael Lennington are CEO and vice president, respectively, of *The Execution Company*, an organization committed to improving the performance and enhancing the quality of life for leaders and entrepreneurs.

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visual, he says, "That's equivalent to the weight of 11,500 full-size African elephants."

Along with the catchy name, WooBamboo is a good-looking toothbrush. "There's nothing wrong with having the sexiest toothbrush in the cup," Mr. Fous says.

The WooBamboo team is now trying to devise a bamboo "flosser" with bamboo-fiber floss. "We've been unsuccessful so far," Mr. Fous says, "but that doesn't mean we won't eventually figure it out."

## NeuGreen

An innovator in the green building industry, Casey McConnell has to keep it creative. The owner of NeuGreen, Ms. McConnell helps building projects earn LEED certification through the U.S. Green Building Council.



MCCONNELL

She has fashioned Florida Gulf Coast University dorms with many green features, such as solar panels to reheat water and energy recovery units to reduce air-conditioning demands, innovations that look like train cars sitting on rooftops and can be seen from the satellite imagery of Google Earth. Recycling materials for the new campus of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, she reused pecky cypress from original structures in new buildings and renovated spaces, preserving the look and feel of the place while saving resources. "Plus, it's beautiful," she says of the now-endangered wood.

Her resume spans the state. Most projects are specified with standard construction and materials. She must work within the parameters set: The given site, the given team, the given budget. She sees innovation in her way of bringing old-fashioned construction fundamentalists and New Age tree huggers together. She calls this approach "Machiavellian Green," saying, "Not everyone agrees on the 'why.' I have to find the 'why' that makes them do it." Go solar, go geothermal, save money forever.

"Innovation with green is not always easy. My method has been to throw a wide net and follow places that stick, fight the battles that matter, work within everyone's natural goals, not change their minds so much as show them how everything can converge at the end if done correctly," Ms. McConnell says. "It's not green for green's sake. It's green for everyone's sake."



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**Venture X, started by an FGCU graduate, helps business people from various disciplines to collaborate. The workspace currently has about 90 members.**



## Venture X

Brett Diamond, the visionary behind Venture X, believes all good business ideas start with great problems. After graduating from FGCU, Mr. Diamond knew he wanted to own his own business. He asked himself, "What do I need as a business owner?" He saw office space as a big problem — a huge expense for a small business trying to avoid the distractions of a home office and find someplace other than a coffee shop to meet with and impress clients.



DIAMOND

Venture X solves that problem. Inspired by the shared workspace of General Assembly in New York, Mr. Diamond was eager to bring the innovative concept to Naples. Venture X enables small businesses, startups and freelancers to work side by side in an open space, inciting collaboration and creativity. Large office spaces are available for more established companies. And remote workers for Fortune 500 companies not based in Southwest Florida have also found a home here.

You're working for yourself, not by yourself. It's a new and better way to have office space."

— Brett Diamond, Venture X

Venture X opened in October 2012. The progressive, urban-loft-like space now has 90 members. "You're working for yourself, not by yourself," Mr. Diamond says. "It's a new and better way to have office space."

Mr. Diamond does not know if he would personally consider himself an innovator. "Me, plus a bunch of other minds together, we might be innovative," he says. And that's why his space makes so much sense. After working on so many group projects in college, it's logical. Why close yourself off in a cubicle? Why not open yourself and your space up to stimulus and inspiration?

Sitting next to lawyers and web designers at Venture X, Mr. Diamond says networking becomes organic. "You might be by yourself in your business, but you're

not alone anymore," he says. "You feel like you're a part of something bigger."

## Pulse Business Solutions



RITTER

In the vast world of technology, where many providers are geared to go faster, James Ritter, president and CEO of Pulse Business Solutions, may have found his innovation by taking the time to listen. Headquartered in Fort Myers and going into its eighth year in business, Pulse has attracted 150 members.

"We take the time to figure out what it is you're trying to accomplish," Mr. Ritter says. "Sure, if I sell you a piece of hardware or software, everybody's happy. I make a profit and you enhance your business. But what are you trying to achieve here? What are your business strategies and objectives? What exactly is it that you need? We take the time to really listen."

Mr. Ritter sees Pulse at the forefront of technology management and cloud computing services. But the paradigm of technology is that it's constantly changing. "What was three months ago is now outdated," Mr. Ritter says. "When a new gadget comes out, we have to stay three steps ahead." Trying to picture his personal technological life renders the scene of some high-tech Inspector Gadget, outfitted with a Pebble smartwatch, Google Chrombook and iPad mini. He stays abreast of advances in technology to relieve the anxiety others attach to technology. He wants his members to trust their technology, and by extension, Pulse. Mr. Ritter has suggested school districts consider using Pulse as a means of managing their mobile device services, as they move toward digital texts.

"As a child, I grew up dirt poor," Mr. Ritter says. "I remember when I would get crayons and coloring books or paint and paint-by-number books, it triggered something in me to be more creative." Mr. Ritter sees this artistic trigger as critical for further innovation in technology. So he collaborated with artist Stephen Gray Blancett to found the project "Coloring the World," an initiative to give backpacks filled with art and school supplies to children worldwide. Some mystery bags surprise children with technology treats like tablets.

"Once you give a child something of that nature, when a child picks up an iPad, they pick it up so quickly. That could inspire the next Mark Zuckerberg. That child could create an app or a program that could touch so many people," Mr. Ritter says. "When you give paints and brushes and paint-by-number books to a child, they light up just like I did." ■

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This remodeled home is in the highly desired Naples Park, less than one mile to Vanderbilt Beach, minutes to downtown Naples and near shopping and dining at the Mercado. The home offers 1,549 square feet of living space with three bedrooms and two bathrooms. The bathrooms have been redone with tiled showers and solid wood vanities that have granite countertops and new fixtures. The master bathroom has a shower only. The kitchen, which opens to the great room, has new solid wood cabinets, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and wine cooler. Other interior features are soaring ceilings, new porcelain tile on the diagonal throughout, crown molding and sink in the laundry room. The home is listed at \$345,678. Contact listing agent Mark Lenard of Keller Williams Realty in Bonita Springs at (810) 348-9221. ■



### 10140 MIMOSA SILK DRIVE, FORT MYERS

This pool home with a preserve view is in the gated community of Botanica Lakes. The Poinciana model built in 2009 boasts 2,791 square feet of living space, with an open floor plan downstairs and four bedrooms upstairs. The home has a grand entrance, soaring ceilings and plenty of windows for natural light. The kitchen offers upgraded cabinetry, breakfast bar and stainless steel appliances. Other features are 18-inch diagonal tile throughout the downstairs living area and solar-tinted windows. The home has a screened lanai, fenced pool patio and manicured landscaping. Community amenities include resort-style pool and spa, fitness center, children's play area and tennis and basketball courts. The home is listed at \$345,000. Contact listing agent Damon Vetere of Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate in Fort Myers at (239) 851-5600. ■



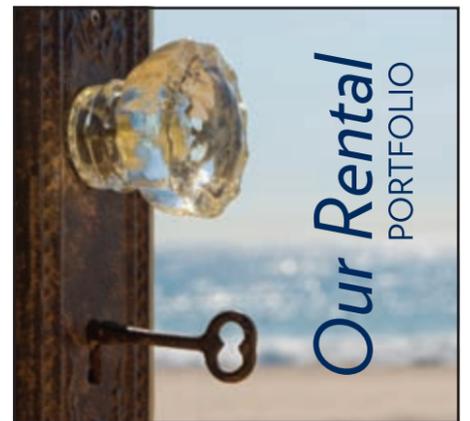
### 15334 BONEFISH TRAIL, BONITA SPRINGS

This Oakmont luxury home is in Village Walk. The residence of 2,003 square feet of living space offers three bedrooms in a split plan, den and two bathrooms, including a master bathroom with dual sinks. The kitchen has plenty of cabinet and counter space and provides access to open dining and the great room. Interior features include Corian countertops, chair rail and tile in the main living areas except the bedrooms. Community amenities include a town center with a bank, beauty salon and gas pump; fitness center; lap and resort pools; and tennis court. The home is listed at \$345,000. Contact listing agent Judy Richardson of John R. Wood Realtors Inc. at (239) 216-1388. ■



### 106 LADY LANE, ROTONDA

This country style home is on more than half an acre with 39 oak trees, 27 palms and open space. While it offers the serenity of a rural setting, the home is just a three-minute drive to roads that provide quick access to shopping, schools, fine restaurants and Englewood Beach. The home of 1,895 square feet of living space features three bedrooms and two bathrooms, including a master bathroom with dual sinks, garden bath and separate shower. The kitchen includes Corian countertops and 22 custom cabinets. Interior features include wood flooring, a triple slider, French doors, crown molding, custom window trim, recessed lighting and security system. Exterior features include six sprinkler zones, a Robinson Crusoe style tree house, seamless gutters and exterior lighting with motion detection. In addition to the attached garage, there is a detached garage of 961 square feet with a second-floor bonus room providing 448 more square feet of living space. The home is listed at \$349,000. Contact listing agent Brett Slattery of Brett Slattery Realty at (941) 468-1430. ■



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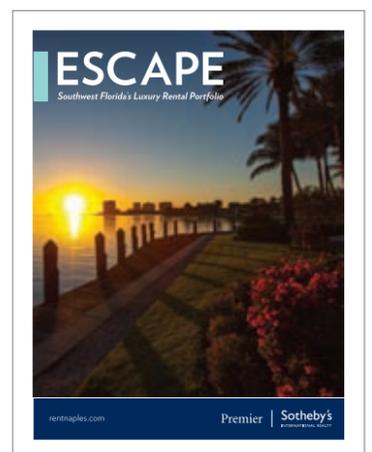
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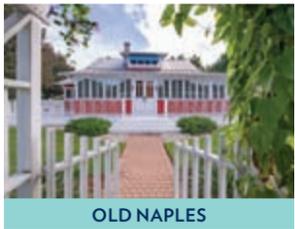
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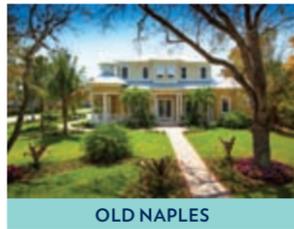
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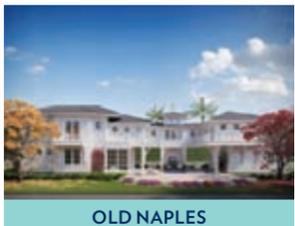
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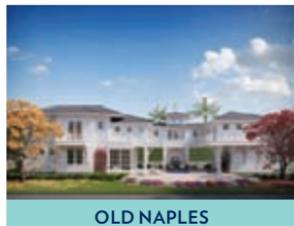
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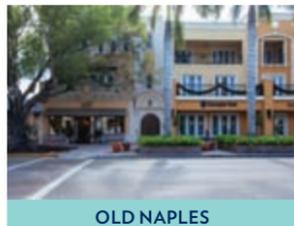
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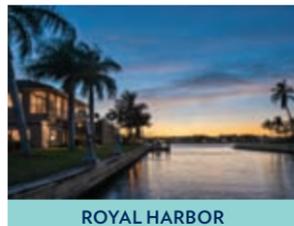
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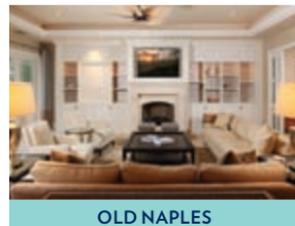
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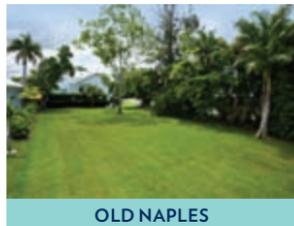
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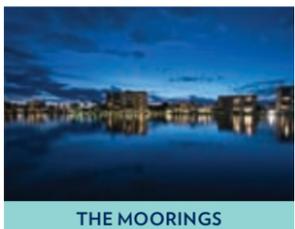


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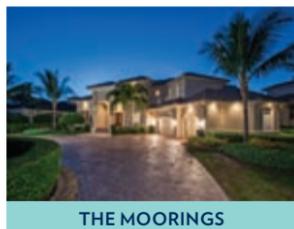
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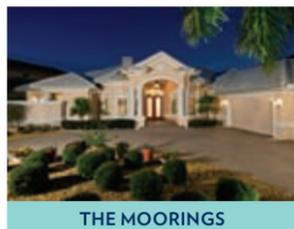
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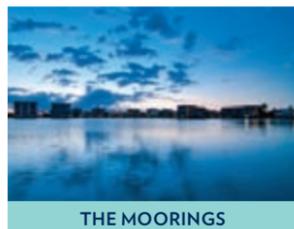
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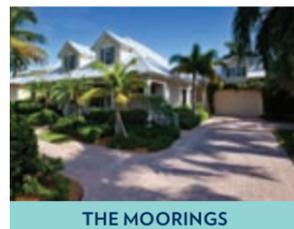
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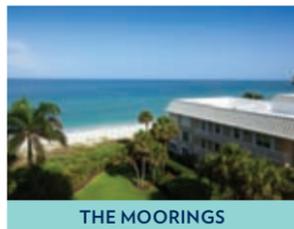
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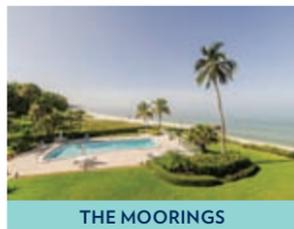
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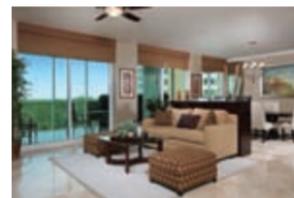
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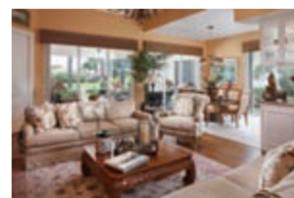
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**Castillo III #101**  
Mark Maran 239.777.3301  
premiersir.com/id/TIBU082813HE \$429,000



## OLDE CYPRESS

**3094 Santorini Court**  
Sandra McCarthy-Meeks 239.287.7921  
premiersir.com/id/213511624 \$409,900



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**4340 Montalvo Court**  
Mary Catherine White 239.287.2818  
premiersir.com/id/213024514 \$389,000



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**Mango Cay II #5809**  
Jane Bond 239.595.9515  
premiersir.com/id/213507279 \$325,000



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**Laurel Greens #202**  
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premiersir.com/id/212000625 \$218,000

# Park Shore

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



**Regent #4N**  
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premiersir.com/id/213024984 \$8,200,000



**Regent #7S**  
Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars 239.213.7227  
premiersir.com/id/213508688 \$6,995,000



**Regent #5-N**  
Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars 239.213.7227  
premiersir.com/id/210021357 \$5,500,000



**308 Neapolitan Way**  
Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars 239.213.7227  
premiersir.com/id/213024991 \$4,800,000



**Provence #402**  
Marion Bethea/Anne Killilea 239.571.5614  
premiersir.com/id/213504597 \$3,395,000



**319 Pirates Bight**  
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939  
premiersir.com/id/RODR111313IHE \$2,995,000



**Provence #1101**  
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939  
premiersir.com/id/212013826 \$2,295,000



**233 Mermaids Bight**  
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939  
premiersir.com/id/213511184 \$2,195,000



**4700 Crayton Court**  
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939  
premiersir.com/id/213511465 \$1,750,000



**Brittany #305**  
Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars 239.213.7227  
premiersir.com/id/212019590 \$1,675,000



**503 Turtle Hatch Lane**  
Vincent Bandelier 239.450.5976  
premiersir.com/id/213023696 \$1,550,000



**Le Ciel Venetian Tower #302**  
Marion Bethea/Anne Killilea 239.571.5614  
premiersir.com/id/213508966 \$1,545,000



**Le Parc #704**  
Dave/Ann Renner 239.784.5552  
premiersir.com/id/213509020 \$1,435,000



**Meridian Club #1403**  
Pat Duggan/Rhonda Dowdy 239.216.1980  
premiersir.com/id/213511727 \$1,269,000



**Terraces #1206**  
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premiersir.com/id/213507227 \$950,000



**Terraces #1706**  
Polly Himmel 239.290.3910  
premiersir.com/id/213509007 \$875,000



**532 Pine Grove Lane**  
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939  
premiersir.com/id/213508961 \$850,000



**Vistas #1906**  
Ed Cox/Jeff Cox 239.860.8806  
premiersir.com/id/213507303 \$799,000



**3940 Crayton Road**  
Gilman/Hamilton/Briscoe 239.213.7463  
premiersir.com/id/213508671 \$795,000



**Meridian Club #202**  
Tess/Tom McCarthy 239.207.0118  
premiersir.com/id/2135024022 \$749,000



**The Savoy #206**  
Ann Marie Shimer 239.825.9020  
premiersir.com/id/2135020505 \$649,900



**Villas of Park Shore**  
Anne Killilea/Marion Bethea 239.285.1292  
premiersir.com/id/212007991 \$645,000



**Terraces #1803**  
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premiersir.com/id/213509775 \$575,000



**Gulfside #103**  
Larry Roorda 239.860.2534  
premiersir.com/id/213505276 \$569,000

# 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 and elegant villas.



**1394 Great Egret Trail**  
Sam Heitman 239.537.2018  
premiersir.com/id/213002315 \$5,895,000



**3145 Dahlia Way**  
Lynn Anderson 239.290.6674  
premiersir.com/id/212034621 \$5,795,000



**1245 Gordon River Trail**  
Melissa Williams 239.248.7238  
premiersir.com/id/212019049 \$4,795,000



**1610 Chinaberry Way**  
Carolyn Weinand 239.269.5678  
premiersir.com/id/213508985 \$4,595,000



**1460 Anhinga Pointe**  
Sam Heitman 239.537.2018  
premiersir.com/id/213503902 \$4,450,000



**1486 Anhinga Pointe**  
Dan Guenther 239.357.8121  
premiersir.com/id/213012321 \$4,295,000



**2190 Miramonte Way**  
Michael G. Lawler 239.261.3939  
premiersir.com/id/213023317 \$1,825,000



**1504 Marsh Wren Lane**  
Dan Guenther 239.357.8121  
premiersir.com/id/213502567 \$1,725,000



**1227 Gordon River Trail**  
Dan Guenther 239.357.8121  
premiersir.com/id/210024945 \$1,500,000



**1216 Gordon River Trail**  
Sam Heitman 239.537.2018  
premiersir.com/id/2120020773 \$1,300,000



**Terra Verde #2376**  
Carolyn Weinand 239.269.5678  
premiersir.com/id/213511837 \$615,000



**Terra Verde #2452**  
Carolyn Weinand 239.269.5678  
premiersir.com/id/213005046 \$609,000

# 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.



**9758 Niblick Lane**  
Lisa Tashjian 239.259.7024  
premiersir.com/id/KOCH120213IHE \$2,950,000



**Trieste #1506**  
Gilman/Hamilton/Briscoe 239.213.7463  
premiersir.com/id/212035678 \$2,495,000



**Brighton #303**  
Gilman/Hamilton/Briscoe 239.213.7463  
premiersir.com/id/212039634 \$2,495,000



**Toscana #404**  
Leah Ritchey/Amy Becker 239.289.0433  
premiersir.com/id/213508276 \$1,595,000



**Toscana #204**  
Leah Ritchey/Amy Becker 239.289.0433  
premiersir.com/id/213025019 \$1,495,000



**Marquesa #202**  
Sandra McCarthy-Meeks 239.287.7921  
premiersir.com/id/OSIN110613IHE \$1,269,000

# 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.



**NAPLES CAY**

The Seasons #1803  
Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars 239.213.7227  
premiersir.com/id/213501412 \$6,450,000



**LIVINGSTON WOODS**

6720 Hunters Road  
Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars 239.213.7227  
premiersir.com/id/212018827 \$2,350,000



**PINE RIDGE**

585 Ridge Drive  
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premiersir.com/id/213505298 \$1,870,000



**PINE RIDGE**

23 Banyan Road  
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premiersir.com/id/213507721 \$1,350,000



**LOGAN WOODS**

5271 Mahogany Ridge Drive  
Fahada Saad 239.659.5145  
premiersir.com/id/213018599 \$1,150,000



**HAMMOCK BAY**

Lesina #801  
Darlene Roddy 239.404.0685  
premiersir.com/id/212000277 \$949,000



**WYNDEMERE**

838 Wyndemere Way  
Kathryn Hurvitz 239.290.0228  
premiersir.com/id/213009229 \$885,000



**NAPLES CAY**

Club at Naples Cay #1102A  
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premiersir.com/id/213504444 \$875,000



**WYNDEMERE**

126 Edgemere Way South  
Kathryn Hurvitz 239.290.0228  
premiersir.com/id/213501568 \$799,000



**VINEYARDS**

Vista Pointe #3606  
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premiersir.com/id/213020686 \$635,000



**WYNDEMERE**

212 Via Napoli  
Kathryn Hurvitz 239.290.0228  
premiersir.com/id/213008056 \$595,000



**WYNDEMERE**

204 Via Napoli  
Kathryn Hurvitz 239.290.0228  
premiersir.com/id/213511743 \$549,000



**WYNDEMERE**

910 Wyndemere Way  
Gary L./Jeff/Becky Jaarda 239.248.7474  
premiersir.com/id/212035106 \$529,000



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Legacy #404  
Lura Jones 239.370.5340  
premiersir.com/id/212037977 \$515,000



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The Colony #1304  
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**WYNDEMERE**

2 Golf Cottage Drive  
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premiersir.com/id/213508337 \$415,000



**WYNDEMERE**

120 Water Oaks Way  
Kathryn Hurvitz 239.290.0228  
premiersir.com/id/213505024 \$395,000



**WYNDEMERE**

176 Via Napoli  
Kathryn Hurvitz 239.290.0228  
premiersir.com/id/213511740 \$389,000



**BERKSHIRE LAKES**

34 Hastings Place  
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premiersir.com/id/213506320 \$360,000



**VICTORIA PARK**

9703 Oxford Street  
Patrick O'Connor 239.293.9411  
premiersir.com/id/213510361 \$360,000



**MARBELLA LAKES**

Marbella Lakes #201  
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**CARRIAGE CIRCLE**

3125 Carriage Circle  
Melissa Proctor 239.784.8582  
premiersir.com/id/213511617 \$339,900



**WYNDEMERE**

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**BERKSHIRE VILLAGE**

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Tarpon Village Apartments #A6  
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**MARCO SHORES**

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Angelica Andrews 239.595.7653  
premiersir.com/id/213018457 \$132,132

# Vanderbilt Beach

Vanderbilt Beach is home to The Ritz-Carlton, trendy shops, cafes and a host of retail establishments. Single-family homes, luxurious beachfront and waterfront condominiums and mid-rise living are found here.



Regatta II #403  
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premiersir.com/id/213016356 \$888,885



385 Willett Avenue  
Dina L. Moon 239.370.1252  
premiersir.com/id/213020729 \$849,000



Vanderbilt Gulfside #104  
Pat Callis 239.250.0562  
premiersir.com/id/213005063 \$799,000



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Celine Julie Godof 239.404.9917  
premiersir.com/id/213502031 \$625,000



Regatta III #302  
Jennifer/Dave Urness 239.273.7731  
premiersir.com/id/213006886 \$559,000



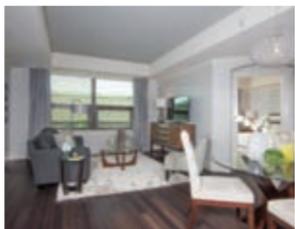
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Live a lifestyle that puts a world of shopping, dining and entertainment within walking distance of home. These 1-, 2- and 3- bedroom condominiums are spacious, lavishly appointed and fully-amenitized examples of ultra-chic living at one of Naples' best addresses.



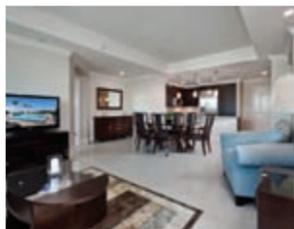
The Strada #7502  
Barbi Lowe/Trish Lowe Soars 239.213.7227  
premiersir.com/id/211500266 \$1,250,000



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The Strada #7404  
Susan Gardner 239.438.2846  
premiersir.com/id/213510024 \$599,000



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premiersir.com/id/213017713 \$519,000



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premiersir.com/id/213018594 \$415,000

# Marco Island

Graced with miles of powder-white sand beaches, Marco boasts luxurious real estate, shopping, dining, entertainment and a bounty of recreational activities from boating and fishing to golf and tennis and more.



**Belize #2506**  
Jim/Nikki Prange-Carroll 239.642.1133  
premiersir.com/id/213507425 \$10,500,000



**1731 Ludlow Road**  
Jim/Nikki Prange-Carroll 239.642.1133  
premiersir.com/id/213019474 \$2,950,000



**Belize #507**  
Jim/Nikki Prange-Carroll 239.642.1133  
premiersir.com/id/213507083 \$2,249,000



**440 Cottage Court**  
Jim/Nikki Prange-Carroll 239.642.1133  
premiersir.com/id/213013052 \$1,750,000



**944 Sand Dune Drive**  
Cathy Rogers 239.821.7926  
premiersir.com/id/213010212 \$1,499,000



**Riviera #432**  
Brock/Julie Wilson 239.821.9545  
premiersir.com/id/213012878 \$1,450,000



**1816 Woodbine Court**  
Jim/Nikki Prange-Carroll 239.642.1133  
premiersir.com/id/213504880 \$1,300,000



**1148 Lamplighter Court**  
Brock/Julie Wilson 239.821.9545  
premiersir.com/id/213019080 \$1,199,000



**Marbelle Club #806**  
Darlene Roddy 239.404.0685  
premiersir.com/id/213012585 \$949,000



**1113 Whiteheart Court**  
Jim/Nikki Prange-Carroll 239.642.1133  
premiersir.com/id/213507801 \$935,000



**Sandcastle I #1403**  
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premiersir.com/id/213511736 \$925,000



**Caxambas South Beach Terrace #401**  
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premiersir.com/id/213009895 \$795,000



**1284 Collier Blvd. North**  
Brock/Julie Wilson 239.821.9545  
premiersir.com/id/213020113 \$759,000



**Hideaway Beach #310**  
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premiersir.com/id/213505289 \$749,500



**Crescent Beach #205**  
Michelle Thomas 239.860.7176  
premiersir.com/id/213024626 \$689,000



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premiersir.com/id/213012322 \$599,000



**Courtyard Towers #301**  
Angelica Andrews 239.595.7653  
premiersir.com/id/213020077 \$599,000



**Royal Marco Point I #302**  
Jim/Nikki Prange-Carroll 239.642.1133  
premiersir.com/id/213504846 \$599,000



**Royal Marco Point I #404**  
Darlene Roddy 239.404.0685  
premiersir.com/id/213017866 \$595,000



**Villas at Waterside #101**  
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premiersir.com/id/213511113 \$430,000



**Pelican Perch #203**  
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premiersir.com/id/212022867 \$319,000



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Darlene Roddy 239.404.0685  
premiersir.com/id/213020402 \$310,000



**Seabreeze #R-2**  
Brock/Julie Wilson 239.821.9545  
premiersir.com/id/212024413 \$119,500



**Estuary of Marco #101**  
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# Fiddler's Creek

Fiddler's Creek is a master-planned community offering luxury residences, resort-style living, golf and access to a full-service marina.



**3848 Mahogany Bend Drive**  
Michelle Thomas 239.860.7176  
premiersir.com/id/213511713 \$1,199,000



**Serena #201**  
Michelle Thomas 239.860.7176  
premiersir.com/id/209021358 \$829,000



**9072 Cherry Oaks Trail**  
Michelle Thomas 239.860.7176  
premiersir.com/id/213511356 \$648,000



**Marengo #201**  
Lura Jones 239.370.5340  
premiersir.com/id/213501789 \$485,000



**Cascada #201**  
Lura Jones 239.370.5340  
premiersir.com/id/209005149 \$475,000



**Varena #101**  
Lura Jones 239.370.5340  
premiersir.com/id/213511863 \$379,000



**Serena #101**  
Lura Jones 239.370.5340  
premiersir.com/id/213510225 \$369,000



**Serena #102**  
Lura Jones 239.370.5340  
premiersir.com/id/213510219 \$365,000



**Cascada #102**  
Michelle Thomas 239.860.7176  
premiersir.com/id/213511107 \$349,000



**4521 Cardinal Cove Lane**  
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premiersir.com/id/213502071 \$239,999



**Whisper Trace #105**  
Michelle Thomas 239.860.7176  
premiersir.com/id/213511120 \$176,900



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Michelle Thomas 239.860.7176  
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# Sanibel, Captiva & Surrounds

Long beloved for their white-sand beaches, prolific seashells, and flora and fauna, the Islands provide a haven for families, vacationers and those who simply enjoy a slower pace of life. From condominiums to resorts to villas to cottages, the Islands are the perfect refuge for living year-round or as a getaway in the sun.



**2984 Wulfert Road**  
Jane Reader Weaver 239.850.9555  
premiersir.com/id/213509754 \$2,450,000



**2514 Blind Pass Court**  
Jane Reader Weaver 239.850.9555  
premiersir.com/id/213508079 \$1,398,500



**785 Birdie View Point**  
Cindy Sitton 239.810.4772  
premiersir.com/id/210022392 \$1,099,000



**2449 Harbour Lane**  
Jane Reader Weaver 239.850.9555  
premiersir.com/id/213504906 \$878,000



**1 Island**  
Stephanie Bissett 239.292.3707  
premiersir.com/id/213022093 \$749,000



**Island Reef Club #103**  
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**Luxurious Living**  
• 4 Bedroom + Den, 4 Full & 3 Half Baths  
• Chef's Kitchen, Butler's Pantry & Wine Room  
• \$2,295,000 MLS 213003435  
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**Tuscan Villa**  
• Former Model, 3 Bedroom + Den, 4 Baths  
• Courtyard Area  
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**QUAIL CREEK**



**Lake & Golf Views**  
• 4 Bedroom + Den, 7.5 Baths  
• Views of Lake & Golf Course  
• \$1,395,000 MLS 212033934  
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**VANDERBILT BEACH**



**Amazing Water & City Views**  
• Completely Updated Throughout  
• Wonderful Bamboo Hardwood Floors  
• \$850,000 MLS 213016531  
Doug Haughey 239.961.1561

**BONITA BAY**



**Vistas**  
• 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths  
• Professionally Designed, Turnkey Furnished  
• \$847,500 MLS 212023955  
Martinovich & Nulf 239.564.1266

**BONITA BAY**



**Vistas**  
• Luxury Bonita Bay Condominium  
• Professionally Decorated & Fully Furnished  
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Martinovich & Nulf 239.564.1266

**VANDERBILT COUNTRY CLUB**



**North Naples**  
• Carlisle Model Southern Exposure Estate Home  
• Custom Pool w/Waterfall, Premium Lot  
• \$614,900 MLS 213020855  
Barbara Irons 239.821.2510

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**Monterosso**  
• 2665 s/f of Living Area  
• 3 Bedrooms + Den  
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**WEST BAY CLUB**



**West Bay Club**  
• 3 Bedroom + Den, 2 Full & 1 Half Bath  
• 12 Ft. Coffered & Tray Ceilings  
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**Olde Naples**  
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• 9-Foot Ceilings, Tile Floors  
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• Meticulously Maintained  
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• Beautifully Updated 2nd Story End Unit  
• Unique Floor Plan, 2B + Den, Living Areas  
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• Turnkey Furnished 2nd Floor Unit  
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**Bonita Springs**  
• Charming 4 Bedroom / 2.5 Baths / 2 Car Garage  
• Tile, on Diagonal & Open Floor Plan  
• \$229,000 MLS 213510756  
Beth James 239.287.4663

**PELICAN SOUND**



**Hammock Greens**  
• Turnkey Furnished  
• Bundled Golf Included  
• \$172,000 MLS 213510432  
Bette Pitzer 239.560.2627

**GOODLAND ISLES**



**Boaters Joy**  
• 3 Marinas - Open Launch  
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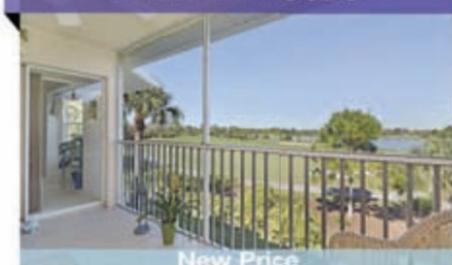
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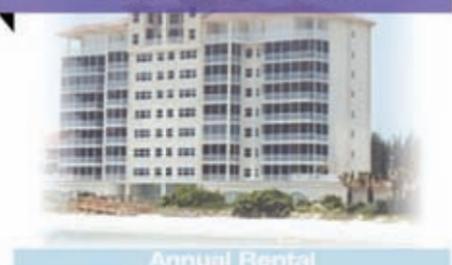
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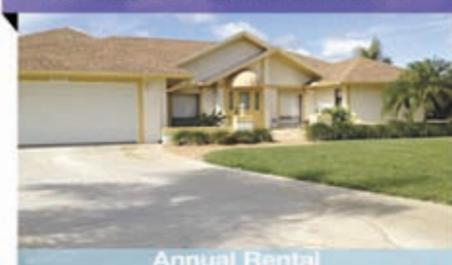
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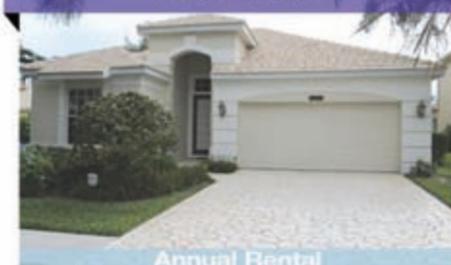
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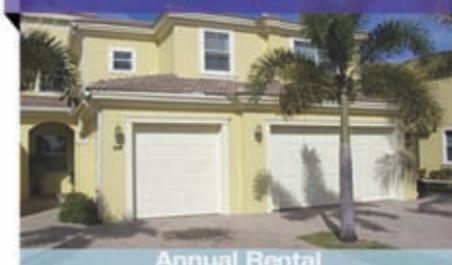
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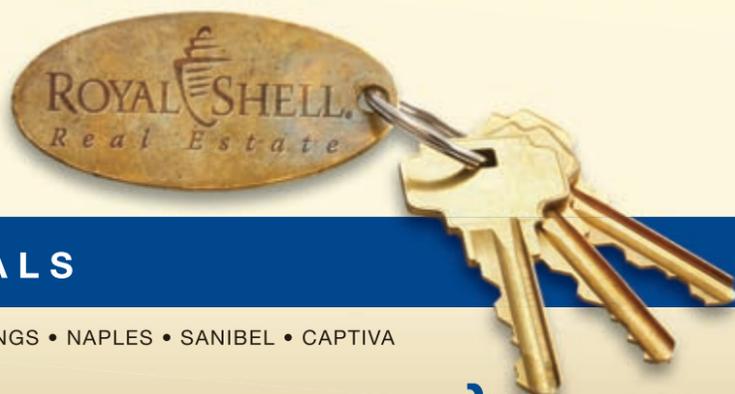
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■ **A Job Search Support Group** meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Contact Karen Klukiewicz at [kluk77@comcast.net](mailto:kluk77@comcast.net) or visit [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org).

■ Consultants from the **Small Business Development Center** at Florida Gulf Coast University are available at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, 2390 Tamiami Trail N., every Thursday. To make an appointment for a free session, call Suzanne Specht at 745-3704.

■ Members and guests of the **Collier County Bar Association** will enjoy the CCBA annual family holiday party from

6-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at Naples Bay Resort. Children are welcome and will be entertained by arts and crafts and a visit from someone special. For reservations or more information, visit [www.colliercountybar.org](http://www.colliercountybar.org).

■ The **Collier Building Industry Association** holds its annual installation and awards banquet from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at The Club at Olde Cypress. \$50. RSVP by calling 436-6100, e-mailing [nancy@cbia.net](mailto:nancy@cbia.net) or visiting [www.cbia.net](http://www.cbia.net).

■ **Business After Five** and the annual holiday party for members of the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce**

take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, at the Hilton Naples. Sign up by calling 298-7928 or visiting [www.napleschamber.org/events](http://www.napleschamber.org/events).

■ The **Council of Hispanic Business Professionals** holds its next networking meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, at McCormick & Schmick's in Mercato. Call 449-8668 or email [webmaster@chbnaples.org](mailto:webmaster@chbnaples.org).

■ The **Collier Building Industry Association** holds its next business mixer from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at Executive Electronics of Southwest Florida, 28741 S. Diesel Drive in Bonita Springs. \$15 for members, \$25

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■ Plans are underway for the **2014 East Naples Business Expo and Taste of the Expo** from 2-6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at new Hope Ministries on Davis Boulevard. Sponsors are Minto Communities, The Arlington and Windstar on Naples Bay. The association's next regular networking meeting takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, at Physicians Regional-Collier Boulevard. For more information, call Shirley Calhoun at 435-9410 or Natalie Anguilano at 643-3600, or visit [www.eastnaplesmerchantsassoc.com](http://www.eastnaplesmerchantsassoc.com). ■

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Registration is open for the 14th annual Southwest Florida Real Estate Outlook Conference set for 7:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Jan. 29, at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers. Presented by the Southwest Florida CCIM District, the conference provides networking and educational opportunities for any individual or company that deals with, or wants to learn more about, commercial real estate transactions.

The conference is open to the public, with an early registration fee of \$50 for non-members and \$40 for Southwest Florida CCIM District members. Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the event for \$60.

Business leaders from throughout the community will discuss where the economy is today, what the expectation is for 2014 and what business leaders need to prepare for in the future. All commercial real estate categories will be addressed — retail, industrial, land and office.

Panel speakers will include Matt Stephen, Premier Commercial Office; Jim Boback, Boback Commercial Group; and Wilson Bradshaw, president of Florida Gulf Coast University. In addition, Randy Anderson of the economics department at the University of Central Florida will discuss the economic outlook for 2014 as it pertains to real estate.

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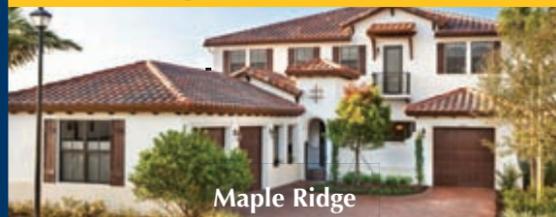
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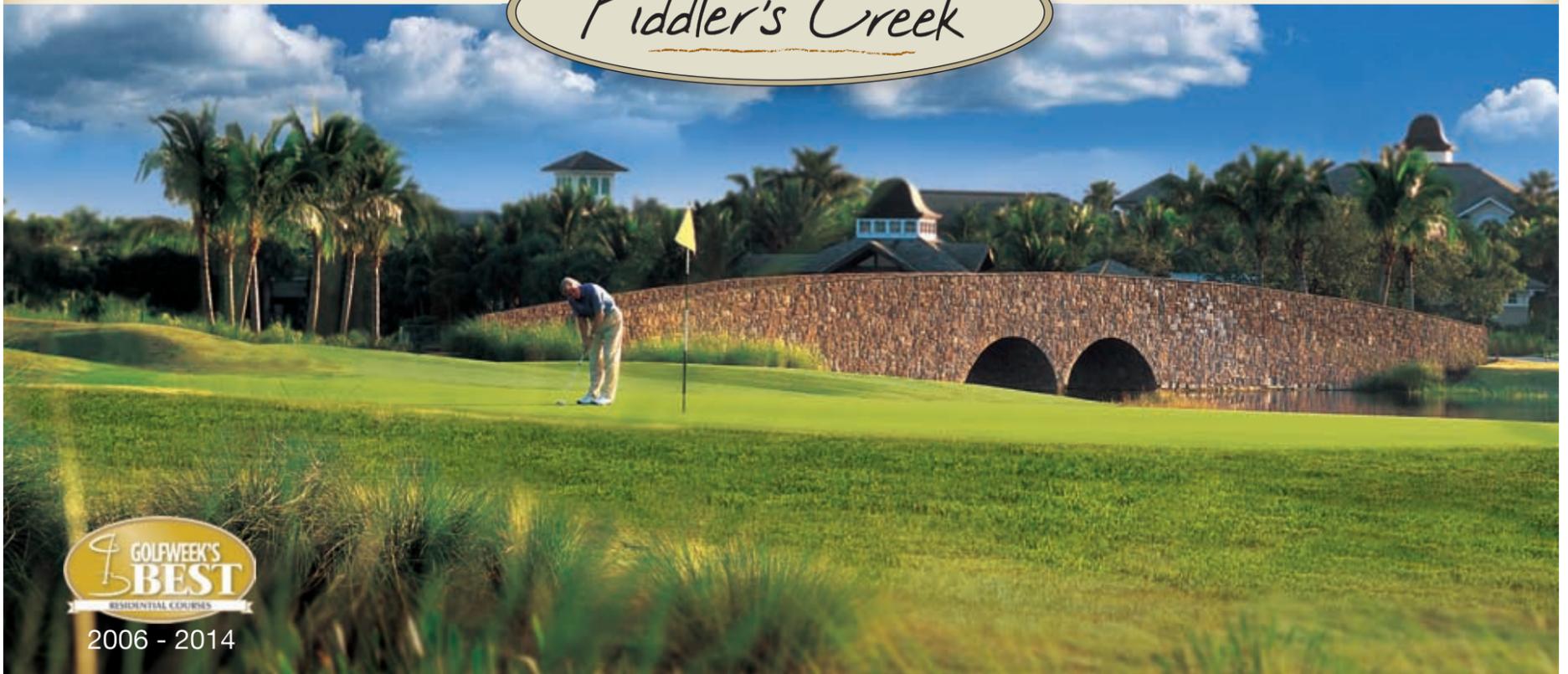
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# REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

South Bay Realty announces the following top producers in November: **Jim Duke**, top listing associate; **Stacie Ricci**, top selling associate; **Lisha Middendorf**, top rental booking associate. All are members of the Naples Area Board of Realtors.



**Chip Harris and Michele Peppe**

Coldwell Banker Previews International property specialists **Chip Harris** and **Michele Peppe**, The Harris-Peppe Team, have been ranked in the Top 100 NRT Teams for the third quarter. Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate is a subsidiary of NRT, which has been ranked the No. 1 brokerage in the U.S. for 16 years in a row by REAL Trends.

Top producers for the month of November in the Fifth Avenue Naples office of Royal Shell Real Estate were: **Lauren and Michael Taranto**, The Taranto Team, top listing producers team; **Liz Appling**, top listing producer individual; **Denise Stilwell** and **Jim Heister**, The SWFL Waterfront Team, top sales producers team; and **Jeremy O'Guinn**, top sales producer individual.

The following real estate agents are new to the team at Elysium Homes, which is expanding from Marco Island and Naples to Cape Coral: **Cindy Cyrus**, **Tylan Hannan**, **Shane Karalewitz**, **Gary Lagace**, **Shirley Stirz** and **Jeff Tyson**.

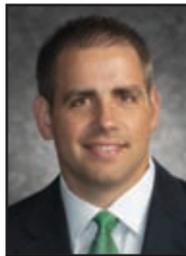


**Friley Saucier**

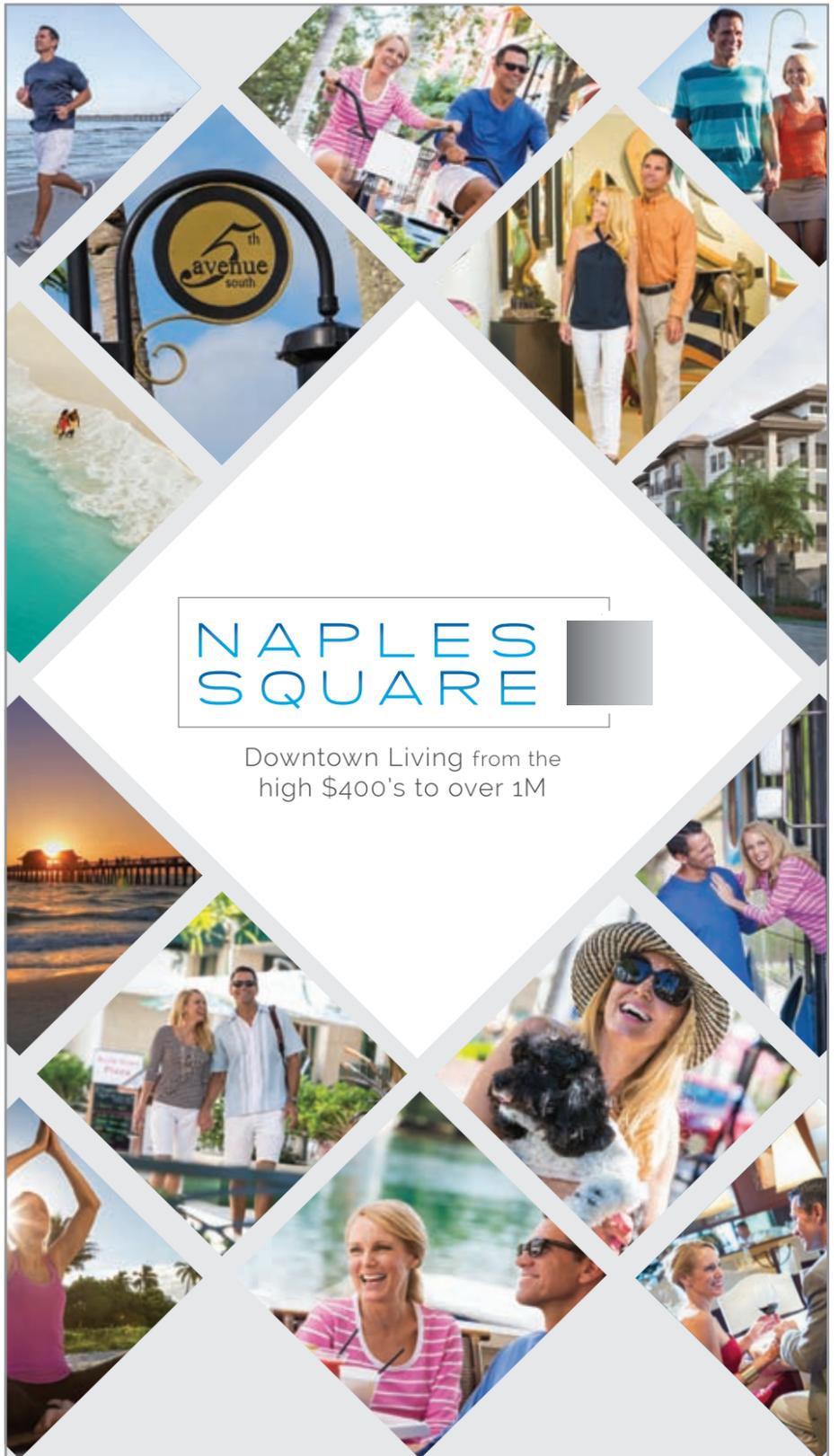
**Friley Saucier** of Premier Sotheby's International Realty earned the Best Market Report award for her 2013 statistical report on the Pelican Bay and Bay Colony real estate market at the Leaders in Luxury symposium for upper-tier real estate professionals held recently in Seattle, Wash. Hosted annually by the Institute for Luxury Home Marketing, the symposium is an invitation-only educational and networking opportunity for real estate agents who work in the \$1 million-plus housing market.

The following agents have joined John R. Wood Properties in the agency's Naples area offices: Central office - **Ray Couret**, **Georgia Pyne**, **Mary Riva**, **Michael Woodring** (The Marvelle Team); North Naples office - **Jack Adamczyk**, **Annie McFarland** (The Patrick Dearborn Team), **Roy Migeot** and **Barry Rosenfeld**; Old Naples office - **Diana Fricke**.

**Matt Simmons**, a Florida state certified residential real estate appraiser and broker, has been promoted to partner at Maxwell, Hendry & Simmons. Mr. Simmons one of nine members of the Florida Real Estate Appraisal Board appointed by Gov. Rick Scott. He holds a bachelor's degree in business management from Florida Gulf Coast University. ■



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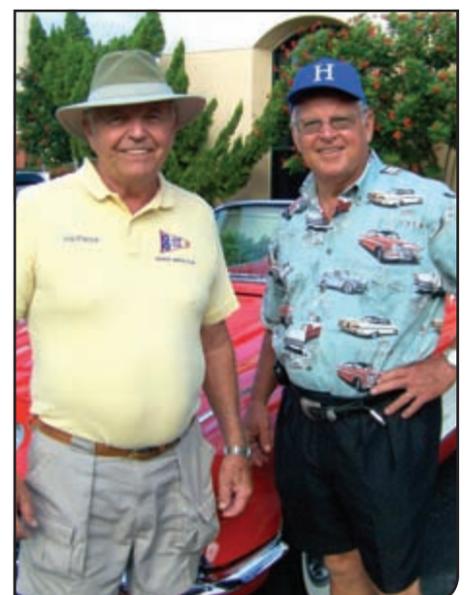
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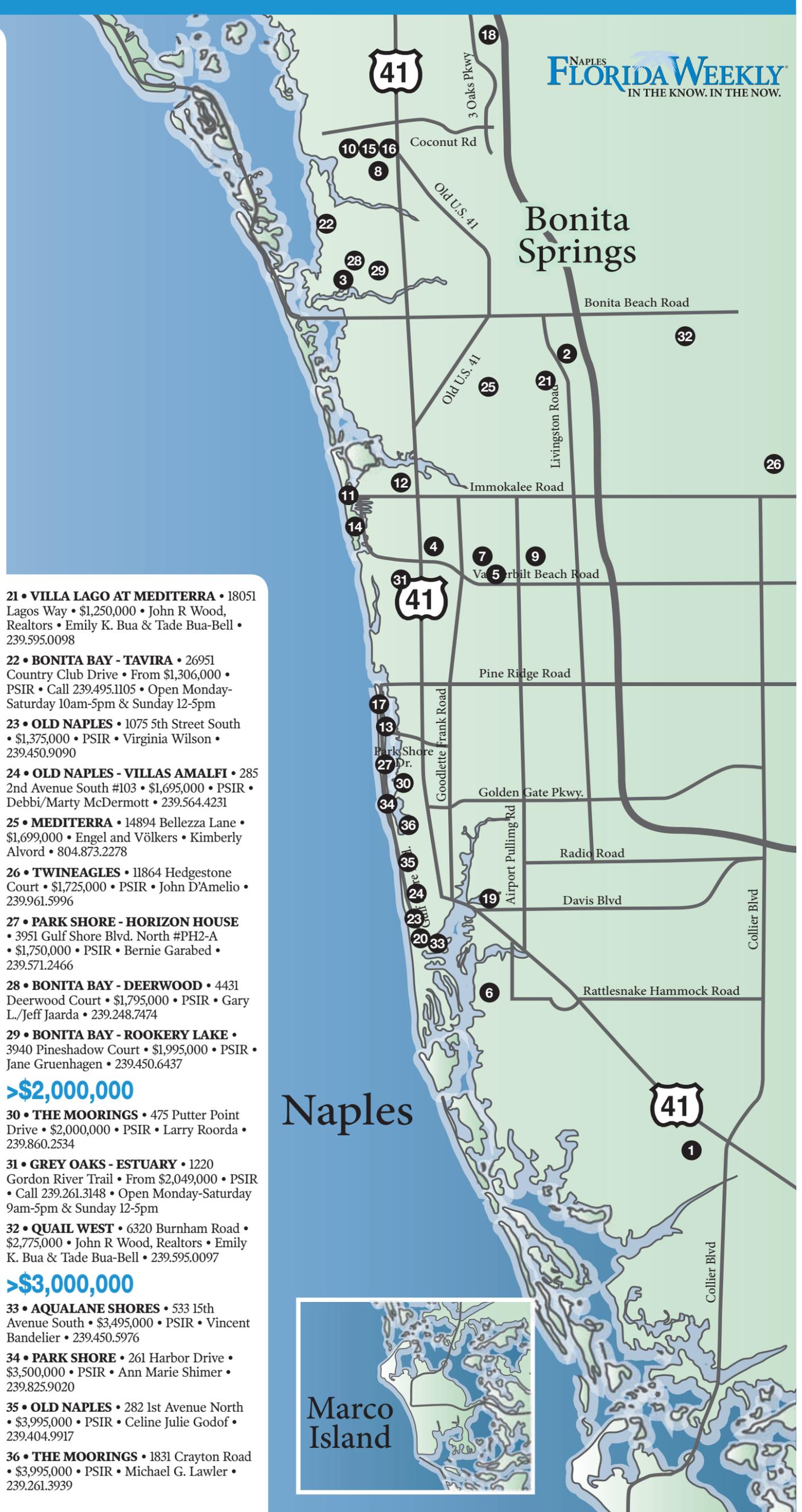
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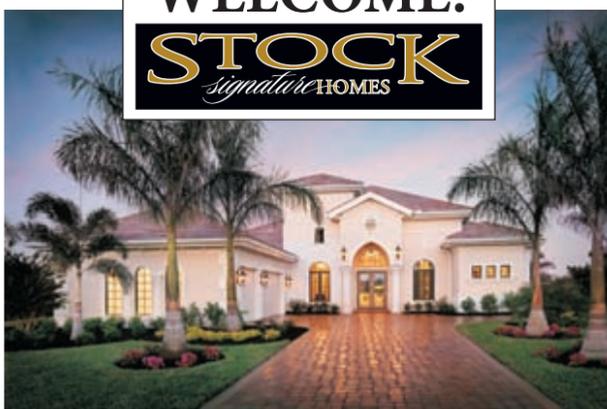
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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



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The Band Perry

## Enjoying the ride

The Band Perry headed in this direction

BY ALAN SCULLEY

Special to Florida Weekly

Kimberly Perry, lead singer of the sibling group The Band Perry, sees more than a little symbolism in “Done,” the recent chart-topping single from the group’s current album, “Pioneer.”

“That was actually one that Reid and Neil wrote, and it was the very last one written for ‘Pioneer,’” she said, mentioning her younger brothers and bandmates. “So it was very fitting that the title was called ‘Done.’ It’s cool, it really taps into a sentiment more than a story, and it’s cool to see the fans make it their soundtrack for wherever they are in this particular moment.

We’ve seen a lot of feedback from our fans that says ‘All I want to be is done with school so I can get on to the summer,’ or ‘All I want to be is done with my diet so I can get back to eating chocolate.’ So it’s been really cool to see them take the song and use it for whatever they need it for.”

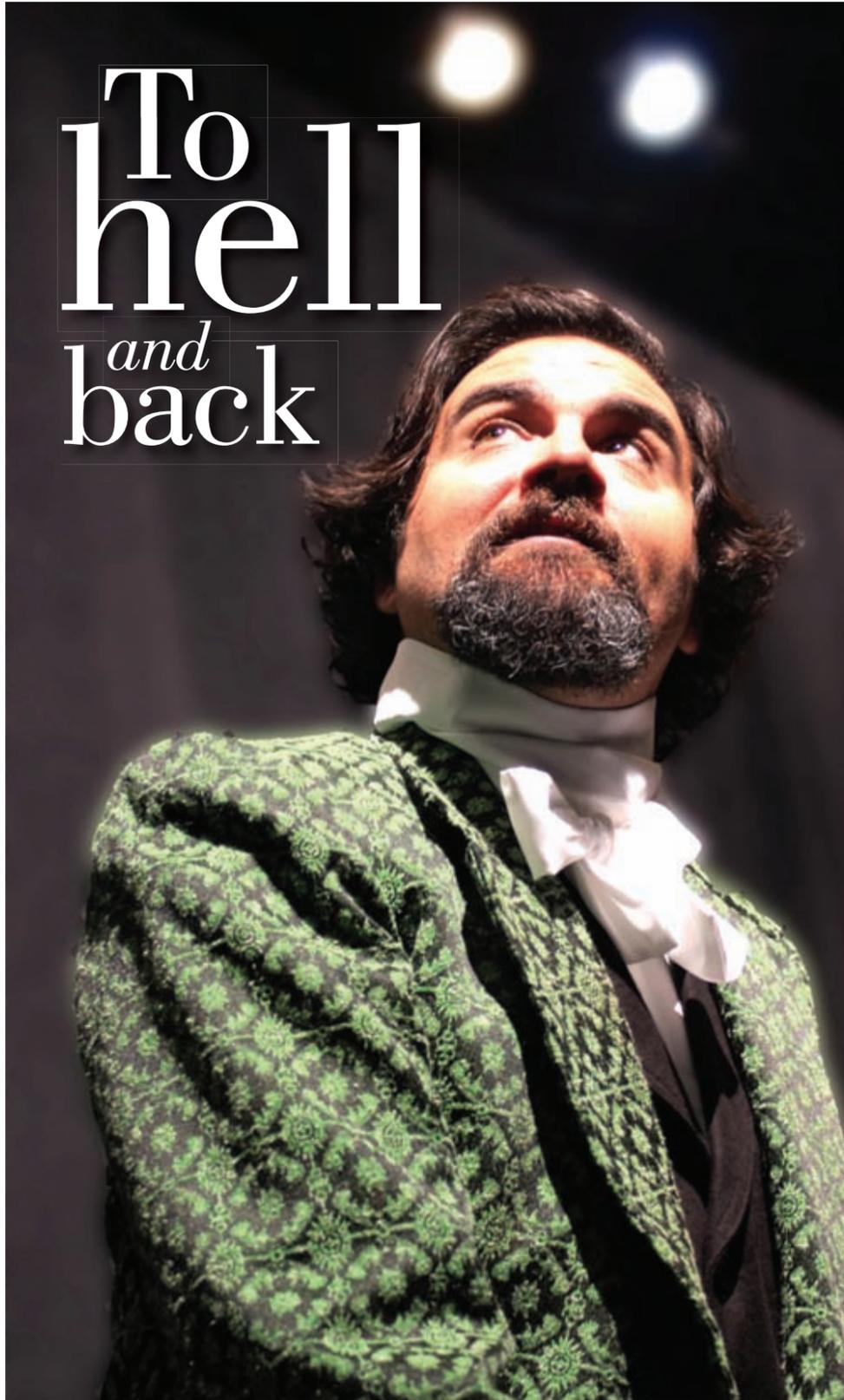
The song could also be about a relationship hitting a dead end. But that wasn’t what inspired the song,” Kimberly Perry said.

“We were ready to be finished with this album and let it find its wings in the world, so that was specifically what we were tapping into,” she said of “Done.”

When it comes to its career, The Band Perry is far from being done. In fact, the group looks to be just beginning a ride that will take it to major stardom before long.

After fronting her own band as a teen-ager, Kimberly Perry, 30, Reid Perry, 25, and Neil Perry, 23, formed The Band Perry in 2005. Several years

SEE PERRY, C18 ►



COURTESY PHOTO

Cody Nickell in Gulfshore Playhouse’s production of “Jacob Marley’s Christmas Carol”

## One-man play tells the story of Jacob Marley’s journey

BY NANCY STETSON

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THE FRENCH PHILOSOPHER SARTRE SAID THAT hell is other people.

But according to “Jacob Marley’s Christmas Carol,” playing at the Gulfshore Playhouse through Dec. 22, hell is a place with no hope, a place where people are encumbered by the very things they worshipped in life.

And that’s where Ebenezer Scrooge’s business partner finds himself after he dies.

“The people trapped there ... are chained, they’re bound to the things they were preoccupied with in their life that took their focus away from the rest of humanity,” says Playhouse Artistic Associate Cody Nickell. He then quotes the late Jacob Marley: “These are the chains I forged in life. I made them, link by link, yard by yard, cashbox by cashbox.”

SEE MARLEY, C4 ►



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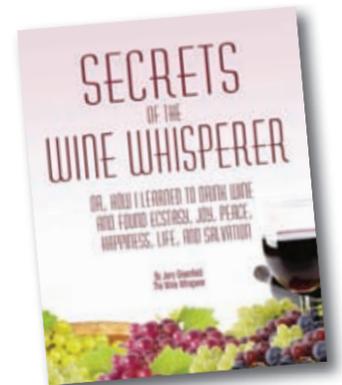
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### Big, but small

Several hundred works of petite-sized art comprise Harmon-Meek Gallery show. **C3** ►



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# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## The wily manipulations of an online dating app



On a recent trip to New York, I couldn't stop gushing to my single friend Sarah about the joys of Tinder, the dating app that lets you scroll through potential mates in the geographic vicinity.

"You wouldn't believe all the great options," I said. "This is going to revolutionize our lives."

Sarah looked skeptical when I pulled out my phone. "You'll see."

The first man to appear — a 20-year-old named Vinny — sported outrageously sized muscles. He wore a black tank top and dark sunglasses, and Tinder said he was 50 miles away. Sarah and I looked at each other and laughed.

"New Jersey," we said at the same time.

The next option, also 50 miles away, posed in a front yard surrounded by palm trees.

"That's funny," I said. "This must be a vacation shot."

Sarah shrugged. As I scrolled through more men, she asked, "Where are all the hipsters?"

It's true. Tinder gave us an inordi-

nate amount of men holding shotguns and driving pickup trucks, but none of what we were expecting. Where were the poets, film directors and intellectuals who populate New York City? Where were the skinny jeans, the arty glasses, the beards?

"When I used this app in Florida," I told Sarah, "every other guy had a picture of himself holding a fish."

And up popped a photo of a man carrying a snook.

"Damn it," I said.

As it turns out, the Internet is filled with stories of Tinder glitches — wormholes in the space-time continuum that allow us to be in one place while our Tinder feed pulls from another. In an article about all the trouble the app has thrown her way, Shani Silver writes on [www.xojane.com](http://www.xojane.com): "I don't live in Oregon, Tinder! I live in Brooklyn! Why are you showing me this completely adorable, rugged, blonde (damn you!) guy that I will of course match with and then after two back-and-forth messages discover that he lives

as far across the country as he can possibly get? Why?"

Why, indeed? One of the men Sarah and I had both given the thumbs-up to — a handsome firefighter — messaged me, and we went back and forth until finally

I asked where

he lived.

"Near Cocoa Beach," he said. On the east coast of Florida. I almost cried.

I tried deleting the app and then reinstalling it. Each time I logged in, the opening screen showed a small map of my location — in New York, exactly where it should be. But all the potential matches still showed palm trees and white sand beaches. So much green my eyes hurt. The photos felt like postcards from home.

And all those good-looking men mugging for the camera in their hunting camos? They were like the boys I grew up with. Only, from the vantage point of New York, with its gritty sidewalks and concrete everywhere, its men in tight pants and designer labels who could sooner deconstruct Proust than change a tire, I finally understood the appeal to all that swaggering masculinity. Perhaps Tinder wasn't so far off base, after all. ■



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## Harmon-Meek Gallery mounts annual 'Small Works of Art Exhibition'

"Small Works of Art Exhibition," a holiday tradition at the Harmon-Meek Gallery, opens Monday, Dec. 16, and continues through Dec. 27.

The gallery takes on an entirely different appearance with paintings hung in groupings throughout the display area. Several hundred works are shown in all media, from oil and acrylic to egg tempera, watercolor, drawings and various forms of sculpture.

Harmon-Meek Gallery represents nearly 40 master American artists, and works by nearly all of these artists are included in the exhibition.

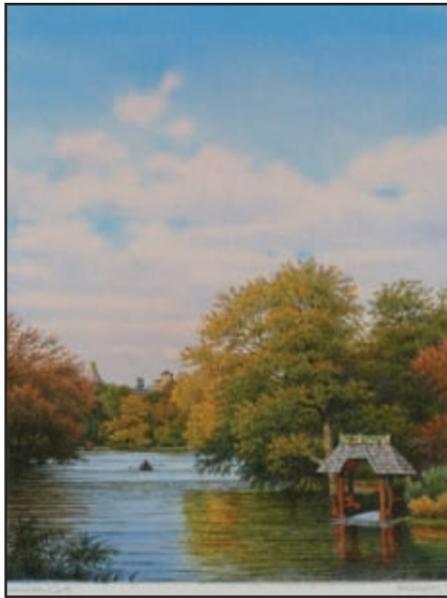
"Often artists put more effort into making a successful small work, than a larger work," says William Meek, gallery director. "To accomplish strong composition, color balance and interesting design or subject matter in a small format is extremely difficult."

The obvious advantage to acquiring such works is that one can collect more distinguished master artists within a smaller budget and without worrying about finding space at home to display them.

Among the artists featured in this year's "Small Works of Art Exhibition" (asterisks indicate those who will have special exhibition at the gallery this season, which is its 50th anniversary celebration year):

■ Sculptors Lorrie Goulet, Barbara Lekberg, John Safer, Anita Huffington\* and Milton Hebal.

■ Painters include Darrel Austin, Robert Vickrey, Bob Kane\*, Gary Bukovnik\*, Don Nice\*, Paul Jenkins, Robert Natkin, Kirk Tatom, Richard



"Wagner Cove" by Frederick Brosen (watercolor and graphite, 9½ by 7¼ inches)

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Harmon-Meek Gallery is at 599 Ninth St. N., at the corner of U.S. 41 and Sixth Avenue North. Regular hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday. For more information, call 261-2637 or visit [www.harmonmeek.com](http://www.harmonmeek.com). ■

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# MARLEY

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"He was not a good person," he says of Marley. "He looks back on his life and sees how small it was. It was full of countless tiny cruelties, vicious little economies, and mean, pathetic little triumphs."

In this one-man show by Tom Mula, when Marley dies, he goes to hell. In order to rescue himself, he has to save Scrooge's soul.

"The twist is, he becomes the puppet master behind the ghosts of Christmas past and present," says Playhouse founder/producing artistic director Kristen Coury, who's directing the show.

This version uses the classic 1843 Charles Dickens novel as a jumping-off spot.

"In the same way that 'Wicked' is a completely different story about Oz, it's the same way with this," she explains. "It's entirely its own story. Scrooge, the Cratchits, and a host of other characters are on a brand new, completely different journey, separate from 'A Christmas Carol.'"

"In this version, because Marley's coming up with the plan himself, it's a little more off the cuff, a little less prescribed," Mr. Nickell adds. "He's thinking on his feet, he's pulling tricks out of his sleeve every chance he can."

"Nothing works out the way he thinks it will. There are twists and turns he can't control. Things go awry, as they often do in plays."

In this one-man show, Mr. Nickell portrays 18 different characters, including Marley, Scrooge, the Ghosts of Christmas Past and Christmas Present, as well as various demons and angels.

"There are a couple angel figures," says Mr. Nickell. "One of whom is not named, but could be a St. Peter or a gatekeeper-type of person, the other is more of a guardian angel. It's interesting to carve out specific characters within what are generally stock characters. It's a lot of fun. As it's written, the angels are fallible and strange and have human qualities about them. I think Tom Mula, the playwright, has done a terrific job in creating these imperfect perfect beings."

The complexity of characters is what interests Mr. Nickell and makes them challenging. He doesn't believe anyone is fully good or bad, so if he's playing someone who's bad, he's always looking for the good in them, and if he's playing someone who's good, he's looking for their dark side.

"Complexity is fun for me, and a lot more interesting for an audience," he says.

When the two were reading plays last season, looking at potential possibilities for this season, they decided they'd like to experiment with a Christmas play if they would find one they liked.

"This one rose on its merits as a script and on its story," says Mr. Nickell.



Jacob Marley is just one of the 18 characters Cody Nickell portrays in Gulfshore Playhouse's production of "Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol."

They also liked the fact that it was a one-man show.

"So many people have done versions of this story," says Ms. Coury, who's reading the original Dickens tale for the first time.

Everyone from the Flintstones to the Jetsons to the Muppets to Mr. Magoo have their version of "A Christmas Carol."

"I was thinking about this," she says. "How timeless this story is, how it continues to be relevant in so many different forms."

"There is something inherently beautiful in this story that speaks to us, clearly," Mr. Nickell says. "Everyone keeps revisiting it in its various forms. There is a uniqueness in this version. In my mind, it's such a beautiful re-imagining of it. It feels very different to me than any 'Christmas Carol' I've come across."

The set is more radical than what people might expect, Ms. Coury says, describing it as "an exploded London home meets London dock meets hell. The set itself represents the exploded version of Victorian London with scattered boards, upside-down streetlamps, crooked platforms. Everything is askew, as if all having succumbed to the explosion of hell. It's a beautiful evocative set," she says, one that lends itself to being turned into 40 different locations.

According to Mr. Nickell, the play

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'Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol' by Gulfshore Playhouse

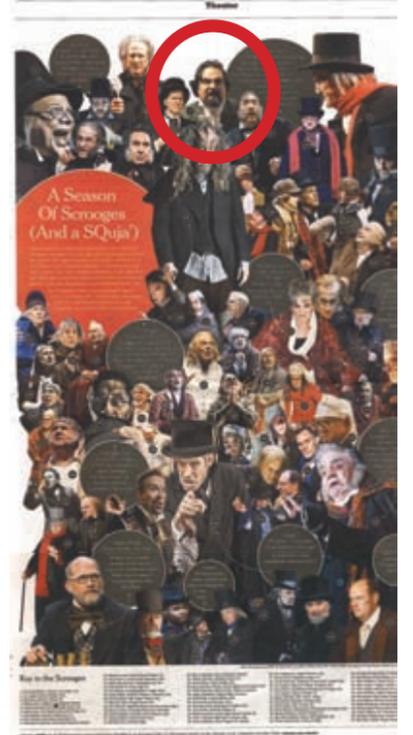
>> **When:** Through Dec. 22  
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contains humor, drama and "scary stuff. It's got it all," he says. And it all adds up to a pretty heady experience for the actor. "It's physically and emotionally and mentally challenging and exhausting, but also thrilling."

He doesn't often get goose bumps while performing, but he does several times during this show, he reveals. "It has something to do with having the chance to share this material in this way with a group of people. I certainly feel privileged and lucky and blessed and humbled, and very moved. And thankful to have a family that I love."

"Christmas is a time you get to rejoice in the world in which you live, with the people you live with. I'm lucky I have a job I love and a family that I love. It makes me miss the ones who aren't here, the ones who are gone."

"It does all the things a holiday piece should do, and it does them very acutely for me, at the center of the play." ■



Cody Nickell is circled in this image of page D8 of the Dec. 7 *New York Times*.

## Local Scrooge makes it to the big Times (as in, The Sunday New York Times)

Putting on "A Christmas Carol" is an annual holiday tradition for some theaters. In recognition of this, *The New York Times* on Sunday, Dec. 8, took a look at 61 Scrooges across the country, creating a full-page visual montage of the actors in costume.

The piece, "A Season of Scrooges (And a SQuja)" ran in the Arts & Leisure Section on page D8.

A photograph of Gulfshore Playhouse Artistic Associate Cody Nickell, who's starring in the one-man play "Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol" this month at The Norris Center, is at the very top, in the center, right below the introductory paragraph.

"To be front and center, right under the text, is pretty cool," says Mr. Nickell.

"It's always exciting when you end up in the national press," says Kristen Coury, Gulfshore Playhouse founder and producing artistic director, noting that the company is celebrating its 10th anniversary this season.

The scores of Scrooges in *The Times'* montage include a female who's performing in a drag adaptation set in a Victorian music hall, a hip-hop dancing Scrooge who "pops, locks, breaks and does the boogaloo" and a Klingon (who is the SQuja' in the title, the Klingon translation of the name Scrooge.)

Mr. Nickell had to fill out a questionnaire for *The Times* about his role and had to admit that though he's seen film adaptations, he's never seen a stage production of "A Christmas Carol" before, nor has he ever acted in one before this year.

After the thrill of seeing his own image in the Sunday *Times*, he perused the other faces. "I'm going, 'Who do I know?' I'm looking at all my cohorts," he says.

Ms. Coury says she got a kick out of studying the different Scrooges. "They're all older," she notes. "And here's Cody Nickell, under 40, and we're not changing him up. His actual look is based more on Charles Dickens than any other." ■



The set of "Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol" by Gulfshore Playhouse might surprise some patrons at The Norris Center.

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■ **Nutcracker Goes Pop!** – By KidzAct of The Naples Players select dates through Dec. 21 in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

■ **Our Town** – By The Naples Players through Dec. 21 on the main stage at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

■ **Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol** – By Gulfshore Playhouse through Dec. 22 at The Norris Center. 261-7529 or [www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org](http://www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org). See story on page C1.

■ **My Three Angels** – Through Dec. 22 by Florida Repertory Theatre in the Historic Arcade Theatre, Fort Myers. 332-4488 or [www.floridarep.org](http://www.floridarep.org). See review on page C8.

■ **The Santaland Diaries** – Dec. 18-Dec. 29 by Florida Repertory Theatre in the ArtStage Studio Theatre, Fort Myers. 332-4488 or [www.floridarep.org](http://www.floridarep.org).

■ **Away in the Basement: A Church Basement Ladies Christmas** – Through Dec. 25 at the Off Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or [www.BroadwayPalm.com](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com).

■ **Swingin' Christmas** – Through Dec. 25 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or [www.broadwaypalm.com](http://www.broadwaypalm.com).

## Thursday, Dec. 12

■ **Smooth Moves** – Take a tai chi class from 10-11 a.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. \$10 for Garden members, \$15 for others. 643-7275 or [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org).

■ **Get Out of Town** – Get Out of Town Travel hosts a presentation on the new Bordeaux river cruise by Uniworld Boutique River Cruises at 11 a.m. at the Artists Gallery on Marco Island and at 3 p.m. at Robb & Stucky in Naples. 596-4142 or [www.getoutoftowntravel.net](http://www.getoutoftowntravel.net).

■ **Gallery Talk** – The Marco Island Historical Museum hosts "The Everglades Art of Hannah Ineson" gallery talk at 1 p.m. 180 S. Heathwood Dr., Marco Island. 642-1440 or [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com).

■ **A Stand-Up Guy** – Tony Rock takes the stage tonight through Dec. 15 at the Off the Hook Comedy Club, Marco Island. 389-6901 or [www.offthehookcomedy.com](http://www.offthehookcomedy.com).



More than 100 members of the KidzAct troupe of The Naples Players, including those shown here, perform in "The Nutcracker Goes Pop!" in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. Performances are at 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 2 p.m. Saturday and 6 p.m. Sunday through Dec. 21. \$15 for adults, \$10 for students. 263-7990 or [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

■ **Girls Night Out** – Decanted Wines hosts a wine tasting featuring chocolate, light appetizers and mini spa treatments by U-topia Spa from 5-7 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door; \$15 for all spa treatments. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 434-1814 or [www.decantedwines.com](http://www.decantedwines.com).

■ **Boat Parade** – The Village on Venetian Bay presents its holiday boat parade starting at 6:30 p.m. Onshore activities include balloon art, face-painting and an appearance by Santa and Mrs. Claus. 261-6100 or [www.venetianvillage.com](http://www.venetianvillage.com).

■ **Wine Pairing** – Clive Daniel and Artichoke and Company host a wine tasting from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Clive Daniel showroom. \$45. Reservations required. 2777 Tamiami Trail N. 263-6979 or [Rachael@artichokeandcompany.com](mailto:Rachael@artichokeandcompany.com).

■ **Tuba Time** – Fifth Avenue South presents "Tuba Christmas" and more live entertainment from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in Sugden Plaza and along the avenue. [www.fifthavenuesouth.com](http://www.fifthavenuesouth.com).

■ **Grandma's Christmas Goose** – By Compton & Bennett at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits tonight and Dec. 19. \$39.95 per person. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or [comptonandbennett@aol.com](mailto:comptonandbennett@aol.com).

## Friday, Dec. 13

■ **Piano Rock** – A special piano-based rock performance by John Ondrasik of Five for Fighting takes place on the lawn outside Mercato's Bravo! at 6 p.m. Mr. Ondrasik is best known for the Top 40 hits "Superman," "100 Years" and "The Riddle." [www.mercatoshops.com](http://www.mercatoshops.com).

■ **Piano Tunes** – Larry Moss performs from 6-9 p.m. at Capers Kitchen & Bar. 2460 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-7138.

■ **Deck the Walls** – Sweet Art Gallery invites the public to its annual holiday reception from 6-8 p.m. as a benefit for the March of Dimes of Collier County. Singer, songwriter, painter Bobby Goldsboro will be on hand, and guests will be able to buy a \$5 raffle ticket to win a framed giclee of his oil painting "A Bow on Top." Free. 2054 Trade Center Way. 597-2110 or [www.TheSweetArtGallery.com](http://www.TheSweetArtGallery.com).

■ **See You at Stan's** – Jeff Hilt performs from 6-9 p.m. at Stan's Idle Hour on Marco Island. 394-3041 or [www.standsidehour.net](http://www.standsidehour.net).

■ **Funny Divas** – Auiria Wilson, Mona Chiarizio and Susan Saiger take the stage at Old Naples Comedy Club tonight and Dec. 14. 1100 Sixth Ave. S. \$15. 455-2844 or [www.oldnaplescomedyclub.com](http://www.oldnaplescomedyclub.com).

■ **A Choral Christmas** – The Philharmonic Chorus and the Philharmonic Youth Chorus perform a Christmas concert at Artis-Naples at 8 p.m. 597-1900 or [www.artisnaples.org](http://www.artisnaples.org).

## Saturday, Dec. 14

■ **Farmer's Market** – The Third Street South Farmer's Market takes place in the parking lot behind Tommy Bahama from 7:30-11:30 a.m. today. [www.thirdstreetsouth.com](http://www.thirdstreetsouth.com).

■ **Muck Around** – Guided swamp walks set out in the wet wilderness behind Clyde Butcher's Big Cypress Preserve gallery off U.S. 41 in Ochopee. \$50 for adults, \$25 for ages 18 and younger. Reservations required. 695-2428 or [www.clydebutchersbigcypressgallery.com](http://www.clydebutchersbigcypressgallery.com).

■ **Book Signing** – Friends of the Collier County Museum host a book signing with Clyde Butcher from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Collier County Museum Headquarters. Free admission and holiday refreshments. 3331 Tamiami Trail E.

■ **Art Show** – Naples Artcrafters holds a juried fine art and craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Cambier Park. Free. 250-0804 or [www.naplesartcrafters.com](http://www.naplesartcrafters.com).

■ **Car Show** – More than 100 collector and luxury cars will park at Mercato from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. [www.mercatoshops.com](http://www.mercatoshops.com).

■ **C'mon Down** – WGPU-TV presents Curious Kids and Curious George from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Golisano Children's Museum of Naples. 514-0084 or [www.cmon.org](http://www.cmon.org).

■ **Aviation Celebration** – The City of Naples Airport Authority celebrates the 70th anniversary of Naples Municipal Airport from 1-4 p.m. 643-0733 or [www.flynaples.com](http://www.flynaples.com).

■ **Crocodile Rock** – An Elton John tribute band takes the stage at Sugden Park at 5 p.m. as part of the Sounds From the Park outdoor concert series. Free. [www.swfmusicfestivals.com](http://www.swfmusicfestivals.com).

■ **Piano Tunes** – Lynn Carol tickles the ivories from 6-9 p.m. at Capers Kitchen & Bar. 2460 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-7138.

■ **Naples Bay Boat Parade** – The Naples Bay Christmas Boat Parade takes place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Great spots for spectators include Naples City Dock, the oat House on Naples Bay, The Dock at Crayton Cove, Riverwalk and Pinchers at Tin City and Kelly's Fish House at Port O' Call marina.

■ **It Takes Two** – Pablo Repun Tango hosts a beginner's class from 7-8 p.m. and Milogna from 8-11 p.m. \$15 per person. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or [www.pabllorepuntango.com](http://www.pabllorepuntango.com).

■ **Let It Be** – The Nowhere Band performs a tribute to The Beatles at 8:30 p.m. at Porky's on Marco Island. 701 Bald Eagle Dr. 394-8727.

■ **Art After Dark** – The Galleries of Crayton Cove stay open late until 9 p.m. with entertainment, artist demonstrations and new exhibits, refreshments and more. 403-8393.

■ **Little Bar Jam** – Kettle of Fish performs at the Little Bar Restaurant in Goodland on Marco Island. 394-5663 or [www.littlebarrestaurant.com](http://www.littlebarrestaurant.com).

■ **More Tunes** – Devon Meyers performs at Vandy's & 5 Brothers on Marco Island starting at 11:30 p.m. 1089 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 394-8767.

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# WHAT TO DO

## Sunday, Dec. 15

■ **Stretch and Breathe** – Start the day with yoga from 10-11 a.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. \$10 for Garden members, \$15 for others. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

■ **Christmas Concert** – The Bonita Strings Quartet performs a free Christmas concert at 10:45 a.m. at Naples First Church of the Nazarene. 3100 Bailey Lane. 273-1164 or Randi@barefootonthebeach.com.

■ **Youth Symphonia** – The Philharmonic Youth Symphonia presents an afternoon of chamber music and string ensemble performances beginning at 11 a.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

■ **Big Band Music** – The Gulf Coast Big Band performs at the Cambier Park bandshell today at 2 p.m. Free. 450-0107.

■ **Evening of Hits** – Michael McDonald performs a mix of holiday and past hits beginning at 7 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

## Monday, Dec. 16

■ **Art Opening** – The “Small Works of Art Exhibition” group show opens at 10 a.m. at Harmon-Meek Gallery and runs through Dec. 27. 599 Ninth St. N. 261-2637 or www.harmonmeekgallery.com. See story on page C3.



Give yourself a break from holiday shopping, baking, wrapping, etc., and settle in for an afternoon of opera live from the Met starting at 12:55 p.m. Dec. 14 at several Southwest Florida cinemas. Met Music Director James Levine returns to the podium to conduct a new production of Verdi's comic masterpiece, “Falstaff.” Shown above in a scene from the production are Lisette Oropesa as Nannetta, Angela Meade as Alice, Stephanie Blythe as Mrs. Quickly and Jennifer Johnson Cano as Meg Page. Local screenings are at the Hollywood Stadium 20 in Naples and Coconut Point 16 in Bonita Springs.

■ **Jazz Jam** – Fred's Food, Fun, and Spirits hosts Jebry and friends for a jazz jam from 6-9 p.m. 431-7928.

■ **Cooking Class** – Sur La Table in Mercato holds “Holiday Dinner 101” starting at 6 p.m. \$59 per person. (800) 243-0852 or www.surlatable.com.

■ **Movie Night** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents a screening and discussion of “Camille Claudel” beginning at 7 p.m. \$9. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

## Tuesday, Dec. 17

■ **Full Moon Tasting** – Decanted hosts a full-moon wine tasting party complete with tarot card readings. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door; \$10 for all readings. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 434-1814 or www.decantedwines.com.

■ **Movie on the Lawn** – Mercato hosts a free screening of “Rise of the Guardians” at 6 p.m. www.mercatoshops.com

## Wednesday, Nov. 18

■ **Night Lights** – “Night Lights at Naples Botanical Garden” begins at 6 p.m. and continues evenings through Dec. 23 with musical performances, family activities and thousands of lights throughout the Garden. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

## Coming up

■ **Big Band** – The Center for the Arts Bonita Springs presents the Southwest Florida Big Band at 7 p.m. Dec. 19. Enjoy an evening under the stars complete with culinary samplings and music made for dancing and reminiscing. \$45 members; \$50 non-members in advance; \$55 at the door. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Paul Todd & Friends** – Paul Todd & Friends present a holiday concert to benefit the Greater Naples YMCA beginning at 6 p.m. Dec. 20 in the East Clubhouse at Vi at Bentley Village. \$75 includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Sponsored by Ciccarelli Advisory Services. Reservations required. 262-6577. ■

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## ARTS COMMENTARY

## There's some heavenly holiday humor at Florida Rep

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They descend from above on Christmas Eve and return Christmas Day.

And, like the angels Jacob saw, they ascend and descend on a ladder.

Maybe they're angels disguised as convicts, or just convicts acting like angels; the interpretation is up to you.

"My Three Angels," playing at the Florida Repertory Theatre through Dec. 22, is aptly named.

The three convicts — Joseph (Graham Smith), Jules (Michael Edwards) and Alfred (Joel Reuben Ganz) — are working on the thatched roof of the Ducotel home in 1910 French Guiana. Because the house is made of bamboo and flimsy tonga mat walls, the men are able to overhear everything everyone inside says, and so they learn of the family's great financial difficulties.

The couple runs a general store in the front of the house, but it'd be an understatement to say that Felix (Mark Chambers) is not the best businessman. He doesn't even balance the books every month, though that might be because he knows the results will be depressing. Mr. Chambers plays him as sweet and whimsical, a man more willing to help someone out than demand money for an item.

Carrie Lund, reprising her 2005 role, plays his long-suffering wife, Emilie. She's the more practical of the two, and constantly exasperated with her husband. ("My two children: one I gave birth to, one I married," she says at one point. And Ms. Lund tosses out the line with perfect delivery.)

Their daughter, Marie Louise (Ashley Anderson) is in love with a young man named Paul, though to her dismay she learns he's engaged to another.

This is what the trio of convicts step into, and like a band of dirty-faced angels, they determine to set things right.

"My Three Angels," by Bella and Sam Spewack, is based on a French play, "La Cuisine des Anges" by Albert Husson. It opened on Broadway in 1953, and in 1955 a film version starring Humphrey Bogart, Peter Ustinov and Basil Rathbone, was made.

This Christmas play is as light and



Michael Edwards, Graham Smith and Joel Reuben Ganz as the convicts with Jacob D. Guinn as Paul in "My Three Angels."

fluffy as fake cotton snow, but the laughs are consistent and guaranteed, especially whenever the convicts are on stage.

It is the perfect feel-good holiday play, where even murderers have proverbial hearts of gold and, as in a fairy tale, everything turns out fine in the end.

Its tropical setting, where it's 105 degrees on Christmas Eve, seems tailor-made for a Florida audience. (In this way, we can feel superior not only to all the snow-and-sleet scenarios up north, but also to the stifling three-digit temps south of us.)

The three loveable scoundrels are highly entertaining and work well together as a team. Witty and debonair, they present their humor with a touch as light as a soufflé.

Mr. Smith, as the leader of the three, loves to cook the books. Employing his unique loopy logic, he could sell space heaters to people in the islands

and make them think they're getting a bargain. His enthusiasm in selling — and his delight in making a deal — are contagious. Mr. Smith was simply quite wonderful to watch on stage.

Mr. Edwards has a great monologue about how he came to murder his wife. He also made me laugh just by running across the stage with a chicken.

Mr. Ganz has an almost mournful quality about him, especially when he's longing for the young girl of the house or, wearing a gentleman's coat over his prison uniform, wistfully talks of freedom and an alternate life. He brought gasps from the audience by gracefully tossing a tablecloth over a dining room table, as if it were a magic trick.

Their style of humor is difficult to pigeonhole. It's a kind of tilted French way of looking at the world and accepting the absurd as a given. It's not quite farce, not quite slapstick,

not quite screwball comedy. It's as difficult to perform as it is to define, but these three actors make it look as if it's the easiest thing in the world.

Director Chris Clavelli has done an exceptional job with this production, especially with exploring the nuances of humor.

Peter Thomasson as Henri, Felix's cousin from France who arrives to take over the store, is unrelentingly mean and cruel; he plays the role to the hilt, the epitome of a bully. He's so despicable, he's a character you love to hate.

Jacob Guinn portrays Paul well, full of youthful self-importance.

Florida Weekly columnist Stephanie Davis plays a busybody customer who refuses to pay her bills at the store and whose feathered hat is almost a lethal weapon.

And Jake Scott-Hodes has a small but vital role as a lieutenant who walks on at the end of Act III.

The French accents in this production vary. Some, at times, were so thick I had difficulty deciphering what they were saying.

Bruce Bailey's set — the Ducotel living room, with a view of the garden and the back room of the general store — is functional, but there is so much bamboo and matting that the result is, unfortunately, beige upon beige.

Costume designer Roberta Malcolm gives us stained and tattered prison uniforms and some class-appropriate nightwear: Note the difference in the cloth and cut of the robes Felix and Henri wear.

Are there wings beneath those convict stripes? Perhaps.

"Happiness wears many disguises," a character declares.

One of those disguises this holiday season is a quirky 60-year-old play set in French Guiana.

"My Three Angels" brims with charm and goodwill, while skillfully sidestepping any sappiness. ■

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"My Three Angels"

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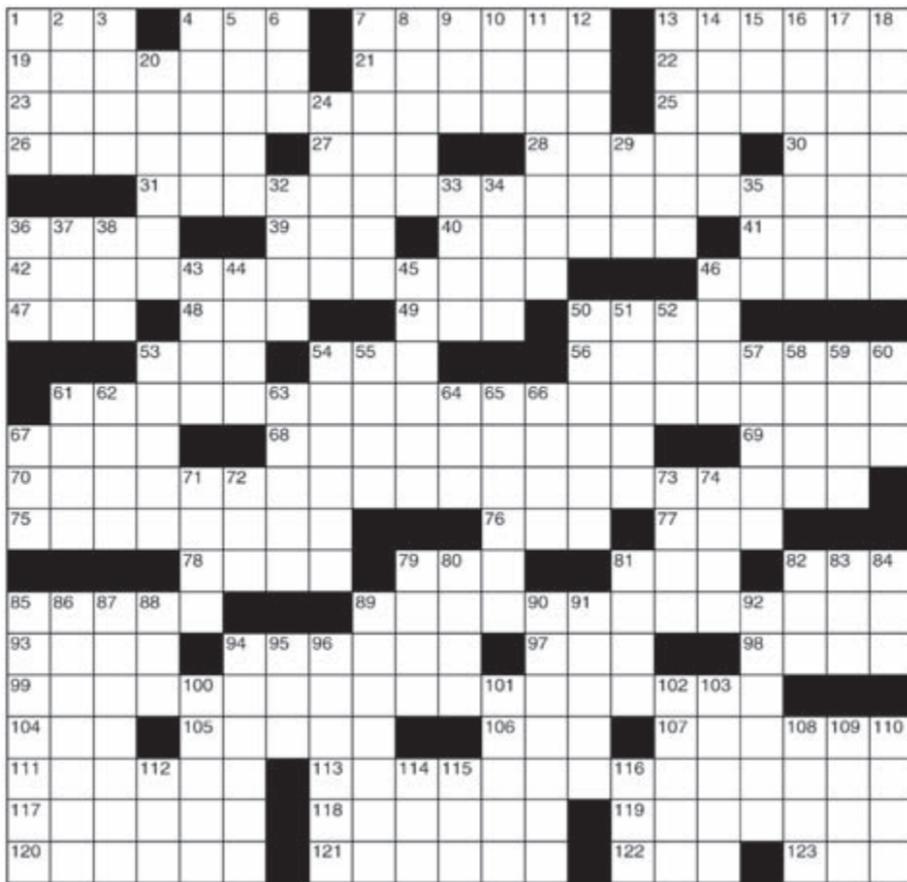
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  - 48 "That's more than I needed to know," briefly
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  - 117 Reluctant
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  - 120 Buoyed (up)
  - 121 Pianists' dexterity exercises
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  - 123 Maui neckwear
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  - 14 Oil well firefighter
  - 15 DeLuise of film
  - 16 Coffee type
  - 17 Free-swimming jellyfishes
  - 18 Unbudging
  - 20 In the — Morpheus (asleep)
  - 24 Yard tools
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  - 34 California's La — Tar Pits
  - 35 Contend
  - 36 Seer's "gift"
  - 37 Rival of JVC
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  - 43 Response to "Who's there?"
  - 44 IRS enforcers
  - 45 Meet, as a challenge
  - 46 Urban rec facility
  - 50 Ice cream portions
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# HOROSCOPES

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Your keen instincts are once more on high alert as you find yourself being pressured to make a quick decision about a certain matter. More facts come to light by week's end.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** An unexpected workplace development could disrupt some family plans. A full explanation, however, averts domestic discord. A financial matter continues to need attention.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Spend time away from distractions to reassess some recent moves that might not have worked out as you had hoped. What you learn could be invaluable for future decision-making.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** A recent act of kindness is a reminder of how important your friends are to you. You might want to show your appreciation by hosting a special pre-New Year's party just for them.

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** The arts are a strong part of the Arian aspect, with music becoming more dominant. An important decision looms as a long-time relationship takes an unexpected turn.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Surrounding yourself with beautiful things helps restore the Taurean soul. Enjoy an art exhibit, for example. Or redecorate your personal space with something truly splendid.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Some colleagues might try to talk you out of

what they insist is a risk, but which you consider an opportunity. As usual, follow your own good sense when making your decision.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** A workplace change you might have worried about soon proves to be highly favorable for the clever Crab who is ready to take advantage of new opportunities opening up.

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Congratulations. Your Leonine pride is polished to a dazzling new brilliance thanks to your success in winning support for your new project from even the most doubtful of detractors.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** An unsettling rumor about a colleague's apparently regrettable behavior is soon proved groundless, allowing you to enjoy the upcoming end-of-year festivities in a happy mood.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Your success in helping to create a harmonious environment out of a chaotic situation earns you the admiration of someone who could become an important new presence in your life.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Your Scorpion's sense of loyalty could find you leading a passionate defense of a loved one you feel is being unfairly treated. The week's end brings long-awaited family news.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You always try to do your best, which sometimes causes you to be critical of those who don't live up to your standards. ■

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# LATEST FILMS

## 'Out of the Furnace'

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Is it worth \$10? No

"Out of the Furnace" has plenty to get movie fans excited: an A-list cast, a gritty revenge premise and a promising young director hot off an Oscar contender. And yet, as sometimes happens in Hollywood, they messed it all up.

Specifically, director Scott Cooper ("Crazy Heart") messed it up.

The pacing doesn't work, there's no clear sense of narrative structure and as a result, the story feels aimless. This also means the plot never develops suspense and we're left not caring about what we're watching. For viewers of a drama, apathy is deadly.

In the small steel town of North Braddock, Pa., Russell (Christian Bale) works in the local mill and seems happy with girlfriend Lena (Zoe Saldana). He's also a nice enough older brother to pay his military veteran little brother Rodney's (Casey Affleck) gambling debts to John Petty (Willem Dafoe).

Then Russell gets busted for DUI Manslaughter and goes to prison; the amount of time he's in prison isn't clear, although it is a waste of time for us to sit through this 20-minute sequence, as nothing occurs that drives the story forward.

Russell gets out, only to learn Rodney has started bare-knuckle fighting for John in order to pay down debts. When that's not enough, Rodney has John secure a bigger payday via scumbag/wacko/drug addict Harlan (Woody Harrelson, who's a good villain) — though that naturally doesn't work out as planned. Worse for Russell, Lena is now dating a local cop (Forest Whitaker).

Traditionally, in a two-hour movie such as this, the main conflict (Rodney missing, Russell wanting revenge) would happen roughly 30 minutes in, followed by a second conflict after an hour and the beginning of the end at the 90-minute point. Apparently, writers Brad Ingelsby and Mr. Cooper thought

they could break the rules and get away with it, but what they give us instead of proper structure feels like a lot of filler and misdirection. We don't need to see Russell getting attacked in prison, nor is it necessary to see so much of Rodney bare-knuckle fighting or Russell hunting.

Speaking of which: A (lengthy) sequence of Russell and Uncle Red (Sam Shepard) hunting is intercut with Rodney and John on their way to a fight. Editing two events like this is useful only when the sequences in some way complement one another ("Baptism and Murder" in "The Godfather" is a great example of this). Here, though, Cooper finds no symbolism with the intercutting, which suggests he's cutting back and forth for the hell of it rather than with a clear sense of purpose.

The performances from the leads may be strong, but this film is flat-out poorly made.

To the agents of Ms. Saldana, Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Dafoe: You should be fired. Not only did you allow your clients to star in this movie, you allowed them to take thankless bit parts that were not the least bit challenging for actors of their caliber. Try as they do, they barely have time to register, particularly

Ms. Saldana and Mr. Whitaker, whose characters strike up a romance (ew) that really never matters.

Naturally, the ending feels drawn out as well, in part because it took so long to get to and in part because it's inevitable. Consider: We know a Russell vs. Harlan showdown is coming, so it's an annoying waste of time to \*\*SPOILER WARNING\*\* send Russell to Harlan's town only to send him back home, and to have a SWAT team attack Harlan's home only to be in the wrong building. \*\*END OF SPOILER\*\*

If it's remembered at all (which is unlikely), "Out of the Furnace" will be looked upon as a missed opportunity for Mr. Cooper to anoint himself as a director on the rise who's here to stay. He'll be walking on eggshells to make sure his next project is a success. ■



**in the know**

>> **Leonardo DiCaprio**, Ridley Scott and the late Tony Scott are credited as producers.

# CAPSULES

### Homefront ★★

(Jason Statham, James Franco, Winona Ryder) Looking to get away from his law enforcement career, former DEA agent Phil Broker (Mr. Statham) retreats to a small Louisiana town, only to find trouble with an ambitious local drug dealer (Mr. Franco). It's a by-the-book action flick that gets more boring as each of its 100 minutes passes. Rated R.

### Frozen ★★½

(Voices of Kristen Bell, Idina Menzel, Jonathan Groff) Forced to live in solitude when its discovered she has the ability to turn the world to ice, Princess Elsa (Ms. Menzel) retreats to the mountains to live in peace. Her sister

Anna (Ms. Bell), however, needs Elsa to unfreeze the home they left behind. The 3D animation is top notch, the songs are wonderful and it has a wonderful message for youngsters. Rated PG.

### Nebraska ★★★

(Bruce Dern, Will Forte, June Squibb) Old and cantankerous Woody (Mr. Dern) and his son David (Mr. Forte) travel from Montana to Nebraska to claim a million-dollar sweepstakes prize Woody received in the mail. There are strong performances in the latest from Alexander Payne ("Sideways"), but the film lacks the sharp wit and originality of his other work. But it's a solid effort nonetheless. Rated R. ■

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Truly, by book's end, Mr.

Greenfield has fully justified his flamboyant subtitle: "Or, How I Learned to Drink Wine and Found Ecstasy, Joy, Peace, Happiness, Life and Salvation." Nutty and fruity, yes, but with a trace of forest floor. Perfect for holiday gifting.

For regular installments of Jerry's online wine madness, see [www.thewine-whisperer.com](http://www.thewine-whisperer.com). ■

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Above: Pianist Alexandra Carlson, March 22-23  
Below: Composer Catherine McMichael, whose works will be on the programs in December and February



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**PERRY**

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were spent touring and writing songs, but ever since the trio was discovered by Garth Brooks' manager, Bob Doyle, things have been on a fast track.

The group signed to Republic Nashville Records and The Band Perry's self-titled debut album (released in October 2010) put the group on the country music map. The first album produced two No. 1 singles ("If I Die Young" and "All Your Life"). The album sold more than 1.4 million copies, and the band played some 600 shows in support of its success.

Things have accelerated even further with the group's newest music. "Better Dig Twice," the first single from "Pioneer," was released in advance of the album and went to No. 1 on Billboard magazine's Hot Country singles chart.

Now "Done" has followed suit, and a third single, "Don't Let Me Be Lonely," has climbed into the top 15.

Kimberly Perry says the rapid growth in The Band Perry's fan base has been apparent in its recent live shows. "We've seen the fan base grow by leaps and bounds, almost instantly," she says.

This fall's tour had The Band Perry opening for Rascal Flatts before doing some headline dates of its own, including its upcoming appearance at the Lakeside Country Bash at Lakes Park in Fort Myers.

in the know

- >> **What:** Lakeside Country Bash
- >> **Who:** The Band Perry, Joe Nichols, Josh Thompson and Craig Campbell with music remix artist DJ DU
- >> **When:** 1-7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. Gates open at noon
- >> **Where:** Lakes Regional Park, 7330 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers
- >> **Tickets:** \$40 advance, \$50 at the gate
- >> **More info:** www.lakesidecountrybash.com

Early next year, the group headlines a tour of Canada and the U.S. that makes a return visit to the area, with a March 22 show at German Arena in Estero.

This is great news for the Perrys, who went into the making of "Pioneer"

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ready to stare down the much-dreaded sophomore slump, but wondering what shape the album would take.

"We were coming off of 'If I Die Young' and the first album and all of the success," says bassist Reid Perry. "We were marching kind of into an unknown, wondering what The Band Perry was going to sound like next and what we were going to say."

"Pioneer," he says, answers some of those questions and poses a couple of questions of its own.

It turned out to be a fairly lengthy album-making process.

The band first considered working with producer Frank Liddell on the album before deciding it was not the right match. After considering a full list of producer candidates from within the Nashville scene and outside the country establishment, they chose one of music's biggest production names — Rick Rubin, whose projects have ranged from the Beastie Boys to Johnny Cash to ZZ Top.

"Some kids grow up wearing Batman capes and they want to be Supermen. We just kind of wanted a beard like Rick Rubin," Kimberly Perry says, joking about Mr. Rubin's famous long, bushy beard. "He's a hero of ours."

While Mr. Rubin helped The Band Perry with its songwriting and in choosing outside songs for the album, the group decided his rather minimalist concept for the album was not the direction to go in recording "Pioneer."

"We needed macro production as opposed to making this current incarnation with minimalism," Reid Perry says. "We knew we needed big songs to fill up big arenas."

That idea led the group to bring on Dann Huff to produce "Pioneer."

"He was the first producer to ever come see us in our live element," Neil

Perry says, adding Mr. Huff "pulled in the more aggressive drum beats that we have in our live shows, the more exciting, bigger electric guitars. So he really did a great job implementing those things."

"Pioneer" indeed has a bigger sound and rocks considerably harder than the first album, which was no shrinking violet when it came to energy and sass, either.

But here, songs such as "Done," with its crunching guitars and fiery instrumental duel of fiddle and guitar, "Night Gone Wasted," "Chainsaw" and "Better Dig Two" are all easily as much rock as they are country — and highly catchy and entertaining.

The Band Perry even has a Queen moment on "Forever Mine Nevermind," with its big chorus of vocals and grand melody. Mix in a couple of ballads ("Don't Let Me Be Lonely" and "End of Time"), and "Pioneer" becomes a well-rounded and finely crafted album with plenty of energy and attitude.

The rocking material on "Pioneer" has given The Band Perry's concerts a different character compared with shows the group played when it toured behind the debut album.

"That was what we were able to embrace more with 'Pioneer' versus maybe even our first record, which we are extremely proud of," Ms. Perry says. "But it was also our first point of introduction."

"So just like when you're meeting somebody for the first time, you make a good introduction, but you don't necessarily lay all of your cards out on the table. I feel like 'Pioneer' gave us the opportunity to (showcase) even more who we are and what we've grown up loving."

"We got to embrace more of the rock and roll roots, along with maintaining our traditional country roots." ■

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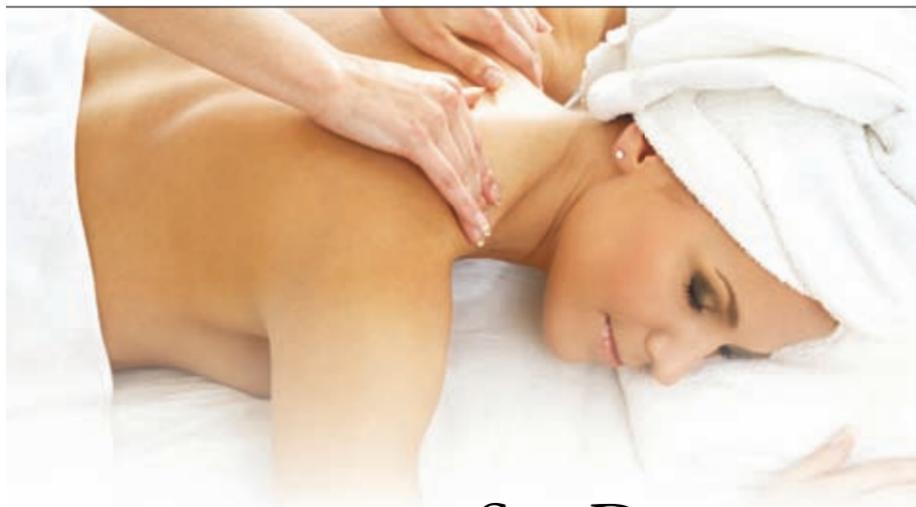
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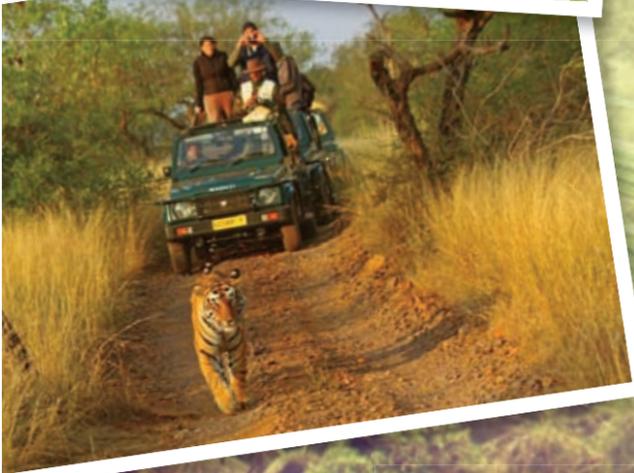
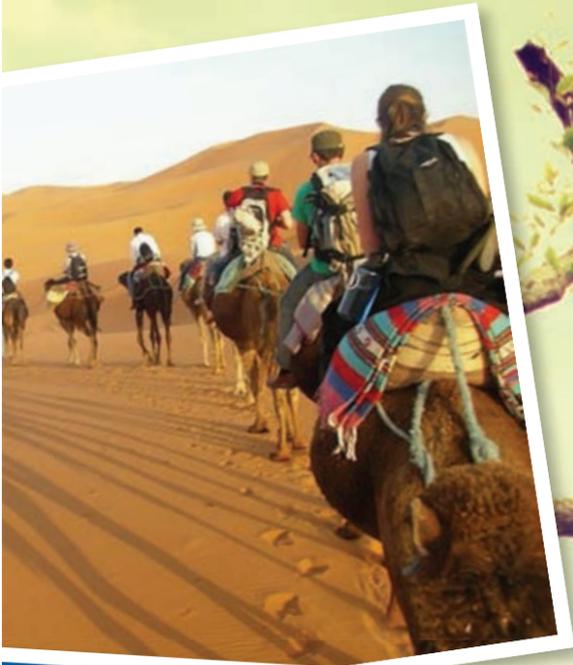
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# KOVEL: ANTIQUES

## Quackery keepsakes popular topics of conversation

BY TERRY AND KIM KOVEL  
Special to Florida Weekly

Hundreds of reproduction phrenology heads are sold online, although few people understand what the word phrenology means. It was not a medical theory or a science, but rather a way to “determine” the character and temperament of a person.

In 1796, German physician Franz Joseph Gall began teaching a discipline he called phrenology — the study of a patient based on the bumps on the patient’s head. Dr. Gall said there were 27 different bumps, each caused by the brain mass inside the skull. He called each bump an “organ,” and very soon prints and 3-D ceramic heads covered with “maps” of the brain were produced — all of them collectible today.

Phrenology was widely accepted from about 1810 to 1840. Dr. Gall claimed that all women had undeveloped organs for success as artists or scientists, but that their other organs indicated they were religious and good at child care. Bumps also could indicate a criminal nature, risk-taking, combativeness, love of life or self-esteem. Phrenology eventually was debunked as a pseudoscience and has few followers today. But the heads are popular conversation pieces.

Phrenology items recently offered for sale online include an iron inkwell stand topped by a 6-inch-high milk glass head

with appropriate marks, six different styles of busts marked with black lines showing “organs,” and charts old and new. You also can find instruments to measure the bumps, and even a bicycle helmet painted with the names of the bumps. A bump over the top of the front of the right ear, just about where the sidepiece of your eyeglasses would sit, indicates acquisitiveness, a trait needed by every collector.

**Q:** I have two chairs that each have a metal plate underneath that reads “Made in England by Jaycee Furniture Ltd., Brighton, Sussex” and another that reads “Made in England expressly for Carson Pirie Scott and Co.” I would like to sell them. Can you tell me what they’re worth?

**A:** Jaycee Furniture made reproduction furniture in traditional styles. The company was founded by Jack Cohen in 1947 and closed in 1998. Carson Pirie Scott & Co. was a furniture store headquartered in Chicago. It started when Samuel Carson and John Pirie founded a dry-goods store in Amboy, Ill., in 1854. The company moved to Chicago during the late 1860s. It became Carson Pirie Scott & Co. when Robert Scott became a partner in 1890.

The company still is in business, now operating under the name Carson’s. The labels on your chairs suggest they were sold after 1950. They would sell as useful pieces of furniture, but not as antiques. The price probably will be less than half the cost of a similar new chair.



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**Q:** I have a couple of vintage issues of a French comic book titled "Les Pieds Nickeles." Is there a collecting club for this sort of thing?

**A:** The French comic strip "Les Pieds Nickeles" (loosely translated as "The Nickel-Plated Feet Gang") was first published in 1908. The strips must have been collected later for publication as comic books. Several U.S. auctions specialize in selling old comic books, although yours is not well-known here and won't be high-priced. One club for collectors is the Comic Book Collectors Club (ComicBookCollectorsClub.com).

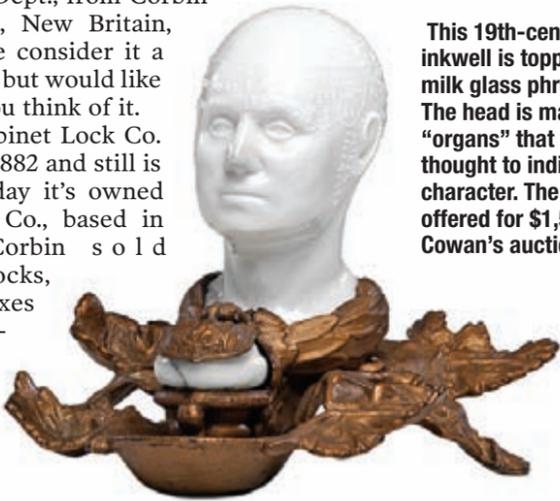
**Q:** In 1973, I was working for the post office in Whitewater, Calif. When the post office moved into a trailer, all of its furniture was sold or tossed. I was lucky enough to buy a wooden postal sorting table for \$5. It includes a mail-sorting case with 100 small cubbyholes in four rows of 25. The table is 70 inches long by 26 inches deep. Including the case, it's 64 inches high. The case is stamped on the back: "516-B Carriers Routing Case & Table, Property of the Post Office Dept., from Corbin Cab't. Lock Co., New Britain, Conn., 1929." We consider it a family heirloom, but would like to know what you think of it.

**A:** Corbin Cabinet Lock Co. was founded in 1882 and still is in business. Today it's owned by the Eastern Co., based in Wheeling, Ill. Corbin sold all sorts of locks, post office boxes and postal furniture to the U.S. Post Office Dept. (now called the U.S. Postal Service).

The 1929 date on the back of your case probably is the date the piece was made. Collectors hunt for old post office furniture like your case-table. It could sell for more than \$1,000 if it's in excellent condition.

**Tip:** Don't buy collectors something for their collection. Buy a book about the collectible or something related to the collection, like a T-shirt picturing a bank for a bank collector. ■

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This 19th-century American inkwell is topped by a 6-inch milk glass phrenology head. The head is marked with the "organs" that were once thought to indicate a person's character. The inkwell was offered for \$1,500 at a fall 2013 Cowan's auction in Cincinnati.

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**Downton Abbey Revisited**

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■ **SATURDAY, DEC. 14, 8 P.M.**  
**Burt Bacharach's Best**

Enjoy a star-studded tribute to the songwriter who penned such classic tunes as "Raindrops Keep Fallin' on My Head," "What the World Needs Now Is Love" and "Walk on By."

■ **SUNDAY, DEC. 15, 8 P.M.**  
**Brit Floyd at Red Rocks**

Filmed in front of a sell-out audience at the legendary Red Rocks Amphitheatre in Denver, this program captures the magic and majesty of Pink Floyd's legendary music. Songs include "Another Brick in the Wall," "Welcome to the Machine," "One Of These Days" and "Comfortably Numb." (Repeats at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18.)



Brit Floyd at Red Rocks, Dec. 15

■ **MONDAY, DEC. 16, 9:30 P.M.**  
**Michael Feinstein's American Songbook**

Stephen Sondheim, Angela Lansbury and Christine Ebersole appear in this episode about great American musicals. Ms. Ebersole gives a tour de force performance of some of the greatest show tunes of all time, and Lansbury reflects on her Broadway career, from Mame to Sweeney Todd and more.

■ **TUESDAY, DEC. 17, 8 P.M.**  
**Dr. David Perlmutter BrainChange**

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## Boy-band star headlines new male revue

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

**Q:** The best concert of the summer — by far, in my opinion — was the New Kids on the Block, 98 Degrees, Boyz II Men extravaganza. Can you tell me what my favorite of the bunch, Jeff Timmons of 98 Degrees, has in the works now, and where I can see him sing?

— Janice W., Massillon, Ohio

**A:** Jeff is putting his singing talents and super-hot bod to good use by touring the country with Men of the Strip, a musical male-revue show. I spoke with Jeff recently about his latest project, and he told me how it all came about: “I was hosting the Chippendales a few years ago, and thought the formula of a boy-band-singer/emcee was perfect for the audience I was seeing. I felt there could be a more contemporary, younger, cooler, sexier and more mainstream type of male revue, so I got together with Glenn Douglas Packard and Mike Foland, and we put the plan in motion.”

**Q:** Can you tell me when Jules, Grayson and the rest of the cul-de-sac crew will return with a new season of “Cougar Town”? It has been renewed, hasn't it?

— Linda P., Hanover, N.H.



Jeff Timmons

**A:** “Cougar Town” will indeed be back for a fifth season for more fun and high jinks, which I'm sure also will involve lots of wine. Season five of the TBS comedy premieres Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 10/9c. And if you haven't already heard, Matthew Perry and Courteney Cox will reunite when Matthew appears as a guest star in an upcoming episode. There's no word yet on which episode, or who his character will be.

**Q:** When are the People's Choice Awards? I seem to remember it airing around the holidays, but I haven't seen anything about it yet.

— Kellie F., via e-mail

**A:** The upcoming People's Choice Awards ceremony, which airs Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 9/8c on CBS, marks the 40th anniversary of the event. While voting for this year's nominees ended Dec. 5, you should still watch to see if your favorites made the cut. ■

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Food: ★ ★ ★ ★  
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★  
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ½  
 Reviewed April 2013

■ **Cirella's Italian Bistro & Sushi Bar, 25265 Chamber of Commerce Drive, Bonita Springs; 948-3885**

A restaurant that serves both sushi and Italian food? Frankly, it's a concept that,

in theory, seems nuts — “pazzo” would be the Italian expression. Yet Cirella's somehow pulls it off. We found much to like and little to criticize on either side of the menu, despite the sense of cognitive dissonance involved when you start your meal with raw fish smeared with wasabi paste and move on to pasta Bolognese. The sushi chef here does not skimp on the fillings, producing larger rolls that don't leave you hungering for more. Classic dishes such as eggplant Parmesan and linguine with clams are present, but Cirella's doesn't lean too heavily on long lists of American-pleasing piccata and Marsala variations. The pasta dishes are available in two portions, which is a nice gesture. The house-made gnocchi with Bolognese were tender, perfectly rolled and oh-so-fresh tasting. The vitello di Parma was marked by delicately caramelized meat with bits of the salty ham, zesty slivers of garlic and mellow, milky cheese — a delight for the palate. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★  
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★  
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★  
 Reviewed July 2013

■ **Gordon's on the River, 475 North Road, Naples; 213-1441**

Social dining clubs that offer amenities such as themed dinners, wine tastings and special access to facilities are few and far between these days. The novelty alone makes the Naples Harbour Yacht Club worth checking out. Serving aged steaks, fresh seafood and fine wines, Gordon's is the upstairs and upscale neighbor to the more casual Jack's River Bar. Both seafood and steak dishes were impressively prepared and accompanied by two

vegetables (a rarity these days, especially at steakhouses). The house-made desserts show some creativity that will tempt even those who've already had their fill. With or without dining club membership, Gordon's puts a fresh and flavorful spin on an old concept. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★  
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★  
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★  
 Reviewed March 2012

■ **Le Lafayette, 375 13th Ave. S., Naples; 403-7861**

Go hungry to the Sunday brunch at this lovely French restaurant in the Third Street South neighborhood. The \$44.95 price tag is quite reasonable when you consider that it entitles you to unlimited champagne and a first-rate buffet of fresh delicacies including escargot in puff pastry, quiche, New England clam chowder, beef bourguignon, shrimp Provençal and desserts such as chocolate mousse, creme brulee and risotto with cinnamon or caramel sauce. Also included are cooked-to-order omelettes, eggs Benedict, duck and beef as well as a crepe Suzette station. The dining room looks as if it were lifted whole out of a French inn and makes a lovely backdrop to a meal. Or dine al fresco on the broad porch surrounded by lush landscaping. It's a lovely and delicious place to while away a Sunday afternoon anytime through Mother's Day weekend. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
 Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
 Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
 Reviewed December 2012

■ **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) and one smoky-sweet (tasting heavily of Liquid Smoke). When all was said and done, and all saucy fingers were 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. The barbecued chicken had rubbery skin and lacked seasoning. A smoked pork dinner had an ample stack of sliced meat but was somewhat dry. 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

## Table 82 serves a taste of old-school Italian hospitality

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I'm as fond of palm trees, pastels and other sub-tropical trappings as any Southwest Floridian — especially this time of year — but sometimes I yearn for a taste of the cities of my youth: Philadelphia and, for a brief time, New York.

There you could find a preponderance of old-school Italian restaurants — woodsy, clubby spots with dark, substantial furniture and crisp white tablecloths, a cluster of regulars at the bar and maybe even a guy crooning some Sinatra while customers hunkered over fragrant plates of pasta. You don't see much of that in these parts.

But it's here if you know where to look.

I found it at Table 82 of Naples, situated in a storefront at the intersection of U.S. 41 and Old 41, which I suppose is where the 82 in the name came from.

A banner out front proclaimed that Rick Valentine would be performing that evening. I will confess to feeling a bit unsettled about that. Like food, singers range in quality; unlike food, their decibel level can make or break a meal.

Mr. Valentine wasn't working yet when we arrived early on a Saturday night. Tony, a server dressed in regulation black, greeted us at the door and ushered us into the spacious dining that was filled with — could it be? — good-sized tables dressed in immaculate white tablecloths with mauve napkins and surrounded by roomy brown chairs with red padded upholstery. Although the walls are a pale yellow, the lights are cranked down so the place has a dark feel to it, but not so dark you can't read the menu.

Tony, who has a charming Italian accent, ushered us to a table, supplied menus and a wine list and went on to take excellent care of us throughout our meal, referring to my companion as "Mr. Jim" (getting the name from our reservation) and me as "Señora."

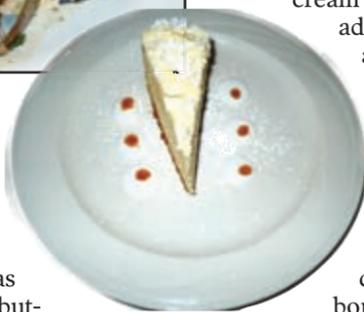
One of the things I liked immediately about Table 82 was that the menu contained some familiar items, but there were plenty of options not slathered in tomato sauce and blankets of cheese. You'll find traditional pasta with meatballs, lasagna and the ubiquitous chicken and veal prepared piccata, marsala and Parmesan styles, but there are other



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**Top: For a simple entree, consider the grilled rosemary chicken.**



**Left: Mussels dressed with microgreens are among the chef's specialties.**



**Bottom: Lemoncello mascarpone cake provides a sweet, light finish to dinner.**

choices as well.

Salmon comes in a soy sauce citrus marinade, and wall-eye pike is baked with fresh herbs. Gnocchi has a diced tomato wine butter sauce with your choice of protein. There's an 8-ounce filet mignon and a 16-ounce rib eye, and then there's a build-your-own option with choice of fish and two side dishes.

Of course, fried calamari (\$9) can be found on the appetizers list, but Table 82's distinguished itself from the many iterations I've sampled over the years. Firstly, the rounds were tender, and the breading well seasoned. And the squid was perfectly fried, with no grease whatsoever. But there were also rounds of slightly spicy fried cherry peppers tossed into the mix, and the pomodoro sauce that came with it contained a healthy dose of crushed red pepper.

The Mussels 82 (\$12) were good, too, sautéed with sweet onions and grape tomatoes and tossed in a white wine and

cream sauce that was light but added a richness of texture and flavor — and making it simply irresistible for dipping bread into when we'd devoured all the mussels. Fresh micro greens on top provided some crunch.

The grilled rosemary chicken (\$19) consisted of a boneless breast, simply grilled with a smattering of rosemary. The menu said it had herbed butter on it as well, and perhaps it did, but I tasted no butter and thought it could use a little sauce of some sort. Au gratin potatoes and a mélange of vegetables were fine.

However, the chicken paled in comparison to the Pappardelle 82 (\$32), a showy dish of flat egg noodles topped with lobster claw and knuckle meat, lump crabmeat and shrimp with a delicate brandy grape tomato sauce. In this dish the sauce was apparent but not so heavy as to overpower the other ingredients, which were fresh and flavorful.

We had just tucked into our entrees when Mr. Valentine began to perform. Dapperly dressed in a black tuxedo, a red handkerchief neatly tucked into the front pocket, he started off by greeting

some of the regulars who had recently returned from the north. A couple of jokes later, he launched into song — and turned out to have a lovely voice. With selections including "It Had to be You," "New York, New York," "Summer Wind" and "You Don't Mess Around with Jim," he had a little something for everyone.

As Mr. Valentine kibitzed with the diners and sang, it felt a whole lot like the traditional Italian joints I'd grown up in. I wasn't the only one who thought that. I overheard people at the next table saying the same thing to one another.

We finished up with a slice of lemoncello mascarpone cake (\$6.82), a light confection combining lemoncello liqueur, pound cake and layers of creamy mascarpone, topped with shaved white chocolate and a dusting of confectioner's sugar. It was just the right ending to a lovely dinner.

Table 82 has an old-school feel — friendly service, comfortable surroundings, live entertainment four nights a week — yet also serves food that pleases contemporary palates. There are certainly a lot of worthy Italian restaurants in the area, but this one has a special retro charm all its own. ■

### in the know

#### Table 82 of Naples

13800 Tamiami Trail, Naples;  
431-6482

#### Ratings:

**Food:** ★★★★★

**Service:** ★★★★★

**Atmosphere:** ★★★★★½

>> **Hours:** 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to close Monday-Saturday

>> **Reservations:** Accepted

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>> **Price range:** Appetizers, \$5-\$12; entrees, \$14-\$32

>> **Beverages:** Full bar

>> **Seating:** Tables in the dining room and bar, at the bar or outdoors in front of the restaurant

>> **Specialties of the house:** Italian

>> **Volume:** Moderate

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★★★ Good  
★★ Fair  
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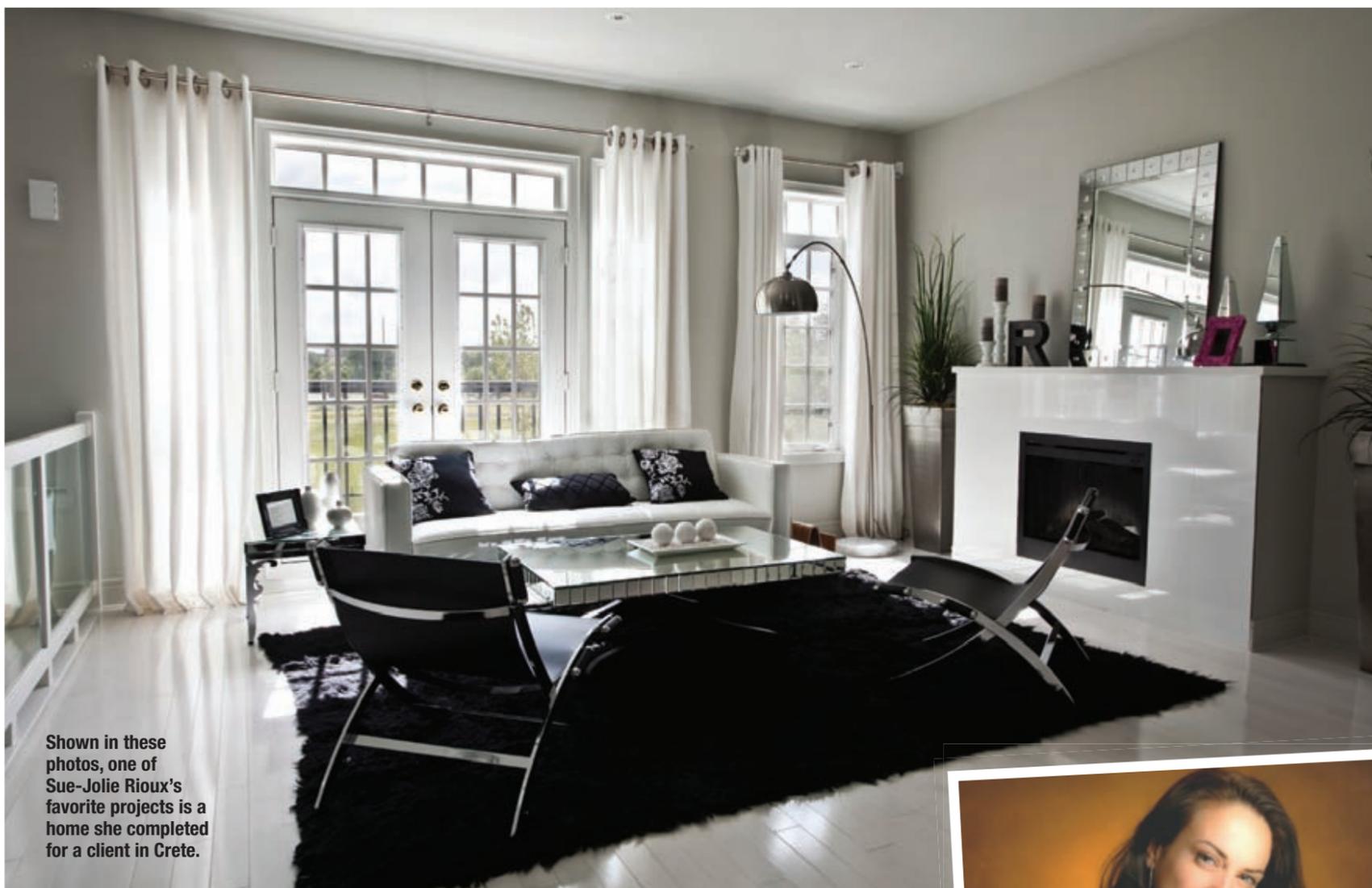
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Shown in these photos, one of Sue-Jolie Rioux's favorite projects is a home she completed for a client in Crete.

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## CLASSIC MEETS MODERN IN DESIGNS BY. SUE-JOLIE RIOUX

Now that she is again focusing on Southwest Florida, Sue-Jolie Rioux is happy to be sharing space with J. Mark Modern Home.

Ms. Rioux grew up around creativity. Her father being an entrepreneur and her mother being an interior designer, she spent her life surrounded by the arts and culture. Fast-forward to her second decade of design and her passion remains strong. Today, Ms. Rioux loves working in an environment and with clientele focused on the classic-meets-modern brand for which she's known.

She answered our LUXE design questions with a few tips and insights into the world of design as she sees it.

**Q:** What design theme is best suited for a coastal area?

**A:** If one is looking for a coastal look specifically, I find keeping with a neutral pallet and clean lines in the furniture pieces helps provide the space with an up-to-date look while still keeping with the fresh coastal feel. Natural driftwood or natural finishes in woods are a warm way to accomplish this, along with classic painted pieces. Blue tones that range from the cobalt to the aqua are always winners — but don't be afraid to step outside that safe zone and add colors that have punch, by adding colors like persimmon or citrons to that pallet.

**Q:** Do you have a favorite color scheme? Does it vary year after year?

**A:** I prefer black and white, because you can go anywhere with that as a foundation. Color trends come and go. As most of us know, Pantone comes out with a new color trend to follow every

season ... If one sticks to the basic principles of design, it doesn't matter what the motif or color pallet.

**Q:** What are you reading right now?

**A:** "How to Think Like Leonardo DiVinci" — again. I think this makes the 10th time since I was 15. Then I will follow with the "Art of War," the best how-to guide for surviving this big, bad world.

**Q:** What designs or decor theme do you most relish having in your home?



**A:** I have a combination of the classic design elements — a Chesterfield-style sofa in black leather and chrome nail head, quilted Chanel-style dining chairs mixed with a chrome-and-glass top table, and a clean-lined, Italian television console made of Makassar Ebony with chrome pulls for the drawers and doors, just to name a few. I mix them with a modern twist of things from the sales floor at JMark Modern Home.

I have always been a huge fan of art deco, and although I do not have many pieces, I try to incorporate a few antiques with the period's feminine mystique into the modern pieces have in my home, thus creating a timeless environment that stands strong as other trends come and go.

**Q:** What was the most difficult project you've ever designed? Why?

**A:** My favorite would have to be the



projects I did in Heraklion, Crete. After completing a 12,000-square-foot home for a developer there, I followed up with 10 model homes. I was truly put to the test. Not only did I need to create designs for the interiors from right here in Naples, but there were many late nights Skyping with the architect and engineers in the early phases of the project in regards to space planning, kitchen and bathroom layouts ... It was a nine-month journey, but one I enjoyed immensely and will never forget.

**Q:** What design trend are you glad to see fall by the wayside?

**A:** Although it was beautiful during its duration, the heavy British West Indies style, aka Tommy Bahama look, and Mediterranean are definitely now being seen as more passé. We were so inundated with the heavy look associated with those trends; the clean, fresh modern look that we are now seeing is a nice blend of contemporary design. ■

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## MAKEOVER



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In addition to creating a cook's dream kitchen, this remodeling project in Pelican Bay brought in a five-star view. At left is the kitchen before.



## There's the view!

### A condo kitchen makeover brings in the beach beyond

BY KELLY MERRITT

Florida Weekly Correspondent

When Donna Overly of Vogue Interiors was called on to remodel a small, 15-year-old kitchen in a premier condominium in Pelican Bay, her clients were clear: They wanted a complete change from their New England traditional home.

"They spend a lot of time in the kitchen and love to cook, and with this in mind, the specific goal included updating and stylizing aesthetics," Ms. Overly says. "The goal was to create a state-of-the-art cooking environment and to incorporate hidden conveniences."

As with all projects she undertakes, Ms. Overly sought timeless solutions that would allow her clients' new kitchen to have longevity. But designers can face numerous challenges during a makeover — lighting issues, awkward window placement, permitting and disabled-access rules and regulations not the least among them. In this particular case, the kitchen's low ceilings and an obstructive range hood presented the most immediate challenges.

"When renovating condominium kitchens, generally the ceilings are very low, and it's desirable to raise them to give the area a more spacious and up-to-date appearance," she says. "This must be planned very carefully to accommodate the required mechanicals, plumbing and lighting as well to adhere to code for sprinklers."

The kitchen pictured in the "before" shot is considered by designers to be transitional with raised-panel cabinetry and traditional granite. Ms. Overly

incorporated high-gloss, bleached-wood cabinetry and composition-stone countertops into the remodel.

"The modern appliances are a very important element of the redesign that may not be apparent at a glance," she says.

The ocean views from this condo are spectacular, but the original range hood was a bulky visual obstruction. Ms. Overly replaced the hood with a state-of-the-art linear glass hood to enhance the contemporary and accentuate the views. Crystal lenses on the recessed lighting add another artistic touch to this contemporary atmosphere.

Among her favorite appliances and brands for kitchens, Ms. Overly likes Thermador for its broad selection of cutting-edge appliances. She likes Jenn Air's oven, which has a computer that makes appropriate calculations. "It does everything but eat the food for you," she jests. "All your major brands have induction cooktops, which are the wave of the future, and also very eco-friendly."

For projects such as this and any other remodel, Ms. Overly has three tried-and-true tips for homeowners.

"The first thing to do is discuss in detail your wish list of the changes that you would like to incorporate with your designer/contractor," she says. "Accentuate the positive and eliminate or play down the negative."

The next thing she suggests is to make sure the plans incorporate lighting controls such as dimmers, which can make or break the most glamorous room.

"Finally, spring for state-of-the-art appliances both for your own enjoyment and to enhance the resale value of your home," she says. ■

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■ **The Naples Preserve Eco-Center** welcomes all to its **“Preserving the Holiday Spirit”** open house from 4-7 p.m. Friday-Sunday, Dec. 13-15. Enjoy the decorations, live music, storytime for children, book signings and guided tours along the boardwalk.

Friday’s entertainment will be by a steel drum band, and children’s author Kyle Miller will make a special appearance with Trouper, the blind raccoon.

Saturday’s music will be by the Irish band Inish, and environmental author Geoff Trager will be on hand to sign copies of his **“Poachers in Paradise.”**

Sunday’s entertainment will be by folk musician Frankie Colt and the 45s, and Mr. Trager will return as the guest author.

Entrance to the Naples Preserve is at 1690 Tamiami Trail N., at the corner of U.S. 41 and Fleischmann Boulevard. Admission to **“Preserving the Holiday Spirit”** is free.

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■ Thousands of twinkling lights, glowing orbs and sparkling touches illuminate **Naples Botanical Garden** for **“Night Lights”** from 6-8:30 p.m. Dec. 18-23 and 26-30 and Jan. 2-5. A magical end to the year (or a wonderful



No tree is left untrimmed for **“Night Lights”** at Naples Botanical Garden.

welcome to the New Year), it’s a lovely way for visitors of all ages to enjoy the Garden at night.

Each evening includes live entertainment, family activities and festive sweets and treats — plus, of course, enchanting scenes in the gardens. Rumor has it that even Santa and Mrs. Claus make time in their busy schedules to get to the Garden for **“Night Lights.”**

Admission is \$7 for adult Garden members and \$15 for adult non-Garden members; \$3 for member children and \$5 for non-member children (ages 4-14) and free for ages 3 and younger. For a complete schedule of activities and

performances, check [www.NaplesGarden.org/Events](http://www.NaplesGarden.org/Events). Here are some **“Night Lights”** highlights:

**Wednesday, Dec. 18:** Music by the duo Patchouli and harpist Laura Lou Roth

**Thursday, Dec. 19:** The Moorings Ringers of Moorings Presbyterian Church

**Friday, Dec. 20:** Patchouli returns along with classical guitarist Joseph Peliska

Music by Patchouli

**Thursday, Jan. 2:** Music by The Wholetones

**Friday, Jan. 3:** Music by Patchouli

**Saturday, Jan. 4:** Music by The Keytones; sky-gazing with the Everglades Astronomical Society; **“Night Lights”** photo booth

**Sunday, Jan. 5:** Patchouli and harpist Laura Lou Roth

■ ‘Tis the season for **“Christmas at Palm Cottage,”** the time of year when the **Naples Historical Society** decorates its historic headquarters in an old-fashioned holiday theme. The decorations are up for visitors to enjoy through 4 p.m. New Year’s Eve.

This year’s event features docent-guided tours rather than an unattended walk-through, allowing guests to learn more about local history as they see the cottage and its Norris Gardens. Visitors can also enjoy a special exhibit of **“seasonal”** American cut glass representing spring, summer, autumn and winter. The cut-glass pieces are on loan from the private collection of Barbara and Bill Meek.

**“Christmas at Palm Cottage”** hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 1-8 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays. The cottage will be closed on Christmas.

Historic Palm Cottage and The Norris Gardens are at 137 12th Ave. S., at Gulfshore Boulevard one block east of the Naples Pier. Admission is \$10 (free for NHS members and children younger than 10).

For more information, call 261-8164 or visit [www.napleshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.napleshistoricalsociety.org). ■



Palm Cottage is all aglow for holiday visitors.

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For nights when your hostess goes to someone else's house for a party, she'll appreciate having a pretty little handbag to take along. Arabesque has many from which to choose. This delicate-looking one is actually made from steel and can stand up to lifetime of to-dos.



**Say it with art**

Nothing expresses appreciation for the art of being gracious like art. This "Broadtail in Red with Blue Shape" acrylic on a 12-by-12-inch panel would find an honorable place in any home. We found it and several other similarly sized works of art perfect for gifting at Trudy Labell Fine Art.

**Hostess gifts are all about good taste (in the flavorful or the socially acceptable sense of the word) and thoughtfulness. This time of year, they can reflect the holidays or be something personal and timeless. The only requirement is that they always exhibit appreciation for the invitation. From pretty purses to perhaps the best bacon ever, here are some hostess gifts that abide by tradition and some that do anything but.**

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# Gracious giving:

Best-kept secrets for the perfect hostess gift

BY KELLY MERRITT  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

The most seasoned partygoers know that for finding the perfect hostess gift, they need look no further than Arabesque on Fifth Avenue South. There, owner Sheryl Sashin is the purveyor of fine stationery and gifts that accentuate any home and carry the hallmark of good taste.

"I am addicted to all things paper and to finding unique gifts, so as the years go on — even though I think I've seen it all — I keep discovering something new that inspires me to keep creating and push the limits," Mrs. Sashin says. This season, she's stocked her shop with wonderful, glittery wrappings, an array of distinctive gifts, both classic and fashion-forward writing papers, jewelry, silk scarves, fine writ-

ing instruments and a wide selection of stocking stuffers for the entire family.

Mrs. Sashin's store is like the retail version of an Audrey Hepburn film: She and her merchandise are elegant, and she has upheld the time-honored tradition of attentiveness. The days when retailers knew customer names are alive and well at Arabesque, where the proprietress enjoys getting to know her customers so that she can better help them select gifts that will be meaningful to the people on their lists.

"We look forward to welcoming old and new friends and encourage people to please introduce themselves," says Mrs. Sashin, who at home has a "gift

closet" of things ready to be wrapped.

Growing up, she was taught that one should always arrive with something to reflect appreciation for the invitation.

So just what makes the perfect hostess gift? It need not be expensive, she stresses, but simply a token of gratitude.

There are a few don'ts when it comes to hostess gifts.

Mrs. Sashin reminds that your host or hostess will be busy hosting. When bringing wine or food to a party, present it as a gift to be enjoyed at a later time. Always present wine unchilled so as not to imply it is to be opened at the party. If bringing flowers, always bring them arranged; better still, bring a plant instead.

Hostess gifts need not be limited to traditional. Mrs. Sashin often recommends wireless speakers and back-up battery chargers that work with any device, durable pool glassware and trays, cocktail-party handbags and keepsake boxes.

One trend she is especially happy to see in this electronic era is the return to the handwritten note — something she considers essential to the gracious partygoer. And nowhere is the choice of addictive paper products for such notes more prevalent than at Arabesque. One entire wall is dedicated to some of the most beautiful cards you'll find anywhere, from darling little notes oozing charm to odd-sized cards that are a work of art.



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Sheryl Sashin

Mrs. Sashin also is displaying a new invitation line featuring handmade paper.

"Just as invitations set the tone for a party, one's stationery wardrobe creates an image of one's personal style," she says. For the ultimate hostess gift experience, she offers a concierge gift service and can source just about anything.

A few of the fine American brands Mrs. Sashin offers include Caspari, Crane and William Arthur (including the Vera Wang collection) and boutique companies such as Dauphine, Elum, Haute Papier, Jamie Ostrow and Smock. ■



Alexa Pulitzer stationery comes in many colors and with emblems including owls, alligators and octopi.

## in the know

### A few of her favorite things

Good guests will make note of Sheryl Sashin's favorite hostess gifts from Arabesque.

- >> Flour-sack tea towels for someone who loves to be in the kitchen.
- >> Gourmet foods or a box of fine artisanal teas for the host to savor after the guests have gone home.
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# Family style

A Naples architect designs a home for her sister with relatives’ art in mind

BY KELLY MERRITT  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

STACY AND DAVID VERMYLEN HAVE the ultimate design connections: Stacy’s sister is architect Andrea Clark Brown, who is married to the artist John Carroll Long, and Andrea and Stacy’s mother is the painter Marilyn Mullen Brown. It’s not surprising that the Vermylen home is artistic and lovely — but it is surprising how deceptively large it is compared to the view of it from the tree-lined street in its Old Naples neighborhood.



Sisters Stacy Vermylen and Andrea Clark Brown in the living room of the home Ms. Brown designed for Mrs. Vermylen and her husband.

“We took a map of Naples and identified the blocks we liked. I adore the canopy in the trees above the streets,” Mrs. Vermynen says. “We wanted to be able to walk to the beach, but not be on the beach due to the high cost of insurance and how that environment weathers a house.”

They purchased a small, turquoise beach house — but knowing it would be torn down and built anew, Mrs. Vermynen didn’t even go inside the original structure. She consulted her sister the architect to design and build the couple’s new home.

The Vermynens have lived in their custom-built home on First Avenue North for four years. They love being a hop, skip and jump from Sunshine Ace hardware and Wynn’s Market.

“We didn’t want to have to drive anywhere when our kids come to town,” Mrs. Vermynen says. The couple has three children — two are married and one is about to get married — and two grandchildren. “Here, we have everything within reach so you really don’t have that feeling that you’re car bound.”

Ms. Brown’s husband is a syndicated cartoonist widely regarded as one of the best in his business. He exhibits his work at the gallery he owns with his wife, Up Art and Design Showcase Gallery.

Several pieces of Mr. Long’s artwork hang on the walls of the Vermynen home, and his sculptures — two of which are named “Balance” and “Red Zinger” — are artfully placed throughout the home, adding warmth and depth to the expansive space.

Large-scale floral paintings by Mrs. Vermynen’s mother grace the living room.

The Vermynens are big into healthful dining and cooking. She loves to cook, and they both love to grill. Fish, chicken, fruits and vegetables are often on the menu. They knew they wanted a kitchen that works with their lifestyle, and they got it in the form of a master kitchen with three islands, unique lighting and numerous appliances.

Two of the islands have sinks. One functions more as a workstation near the stove, two ovens and fridge. An island in front of a massive cabinet full of glassware serves as party central; outfitted with an icemaker, wine rack and smaller fridge, it also has a small sink that’s ideal when guests come over for drinks. The third island is a vast bar, extra-long with seating for several hungry bodies.

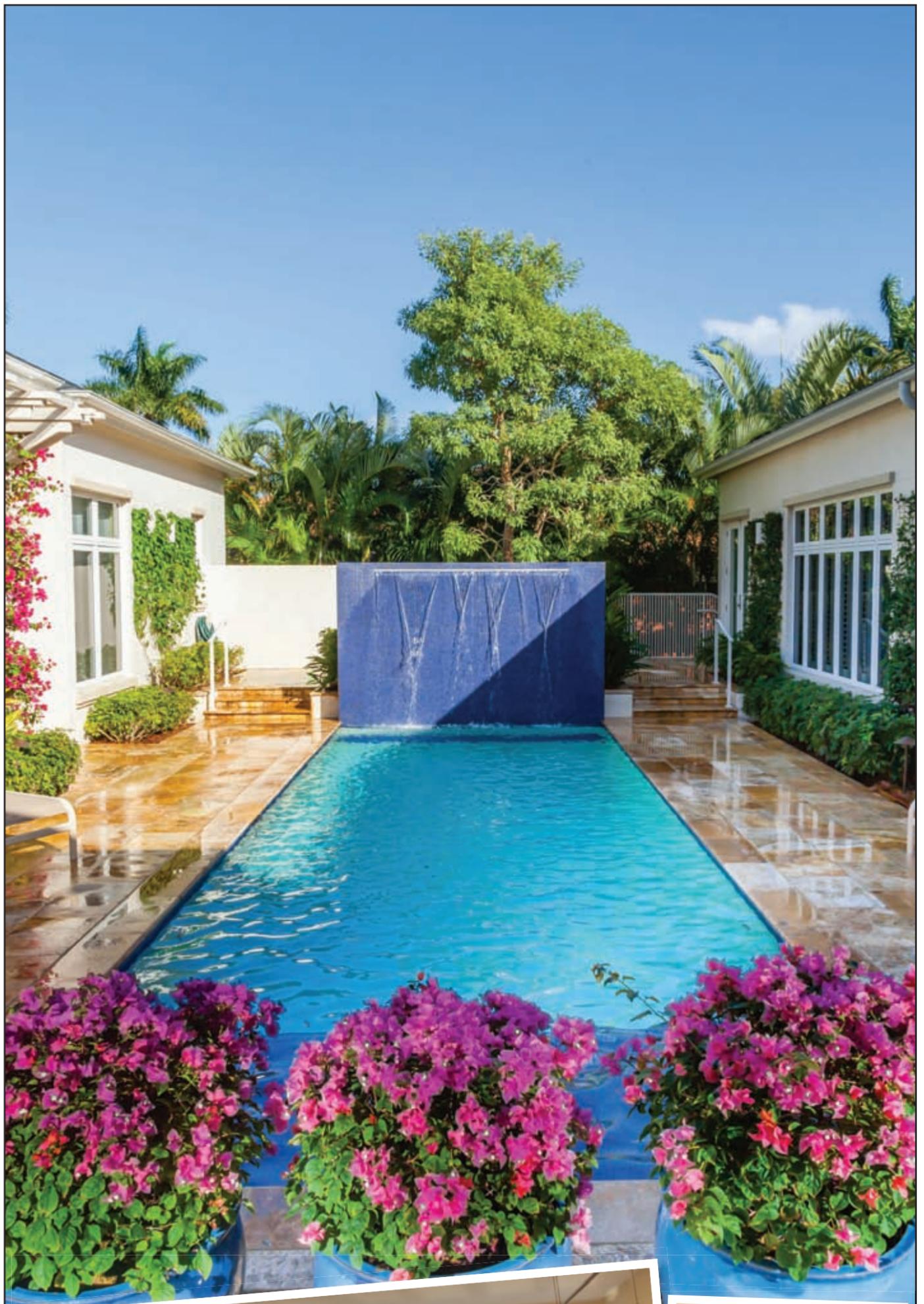
“Entertaining is a big part of why this house works,” Mrs. Vermynen says. “We might make a fruit salsa to serve on swordfish or something like that — I love sauces to add a little zip to meats. We have an herb garden, so I often go outside and pick a few herbs for sauces and salads.”

They eat a lot of salad and shop at Oakes Farms, where Mrs. Vermynen picks up ingredients for her favorite salad of spring greens, walnuts, cranberries, blue cheese and balsamic vinaigrette. When it’s just the two of them for dinner, they eat at the long island that doubles as a counter. This is also where they partake of the simple joys of life — the morning ritual of catching up on the world’s news.

“We love breakfast and are avid newspaper readers, so we love to sit at the counter and read the paper,” she says. “Such a long counter allows for a lot of space to spread out the paper.”

Two lime trees and a lemon tree add color to their yard, but the real outdoor “wow” factors at this couple’s home are the swimming pool and foliage, including a reflective landscaped path in the backyard.

“The pool isn’t long enough for laps per se, but it allows for cooling off, and we also have a spa behind the pool



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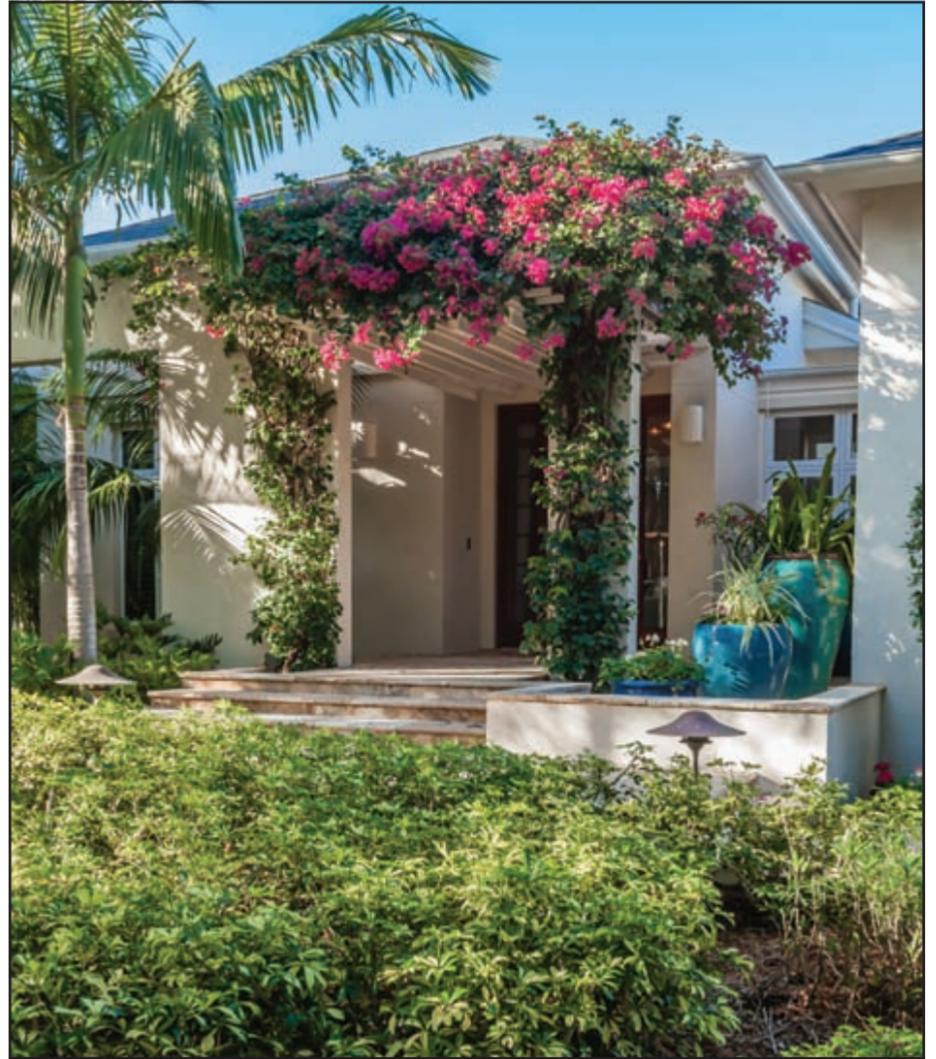
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which has jets for the therapeutic benefit," Mrs. Vermynen says. "Our guests love it, and that's part of coming to Florida."

The really long first step into the pool is wide enough to put a chaise lounge there and luxuriate in the water.

### Provence inspired

All of this home magic began in the mind of Mrs. Vermynen's sister, the architect.

"They traveled to Provence and there was a romance with the very landscaped facades there," Ms. Brown says of her sister's love of that area of France. "There was a lot of old stone work on those homes, but it really didn't relate to the Florida environment, so I tried to translate it, respecting the simplicity to what is characteristic about Provence."

The simple character and how the landscape attaches itself to a home is what the sisters were trying to capture. This was accomplished using simple building forms to create the romantic feeling that supports a garden.

"Also characteristic of a lot of my work is a garden outside, which is actually a room — these spaces are rooms you can occupy outside," Ms. Brown says. "This expands the interior to the exterior, and you gain ownership of that outdoor space."

She refers to the Vermynens' home as transitional contemporary, saying it has the warmth of a more classical home but with the cool, clean contribution of simple fixtures and clean kitchen surfaces — a subdued interior palate that is then accented by very intense color.

Daylight was a huge factor in the design, something the architect says was important to the occupants of the house.

"There is beautiful light in this house, but you're not being beat down by the sun. Rather, it's a calm presence of daylight," she says.

The slim lighting over the islands encompasses beautifully simple fixtures that offer the length the Vermynens needed. The lights are adjustable, allow-



Cozy placement but with space between furnishings creates an ambiance that's warm yet open in the main living area.

ing them to determine the scale they needed.

### Work in progress

"The one thing you could say about the art is it is a growing collection, and there are a lot of opportunities in a space like this that actually call for a strong art approach," Ms. Brown says. "The acquisition of those pieces is in process and naturally occurs over time."

Both sisters understand and appreciate the process that art is not purchased to match the house, but to bring forward a relationship between art and owner and to work with the space.

Mrs. Vermynen says she would have a lot of blank walls if not for having a mom and brother-in-law who are artists. She also loves a piece in her foyer created by Michael Joy from Chicago, who makes molds for chefs. Mr. Joy created a three-dimensional piece of leaves with one leaf spilling out of the custom frame. "That process is still ongoing, and my sister is unafraid to have a variety of eras represented in it," Ms. Brown says. "This house bespeaks a relationship to the modern, but also a sense of appreciation of a more classical tradition ... It's a warm space, but it takes some chances." ■



Through Dec. 20 at Gardner Colby Gallery as part of the "What's New" show are, from left, "Blissfully Blue" by Eileen Corse, "La Karaoubia" by Olivier Suire Verley and "Low Tide" by Claire Kendrick.

### Gardner Colby Gallery

The Gardner Colby Gallery show schedule for the new season is packed with exhibits that are sure to have art lovers measuring wall space and calling their interior designers.

Through Dec. 20, the "What's New" exhibit showcases new gallery artists Eileen Corse, Doug Foltz, Claire Kendrick, Lisa Noonis and Olivier Suire Verley, as well as new work from the

gallery's long-time favorite artists.

Coming up:

■ **Jan. 16-30 - "Figures & Fantasy"** will focus attention on figurative paintings by Kim English, Jim Lewis, Stan Moeller and Aaron Westerberg and new work by Ran Adler, Claire McArdle and John Schuyler.

Opening reception: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16.

■ **Feb. 13-March 4 - "20 Years, 20 Artists, 20 Works,"** a celebration of the gallery's 20th anniversary, will feature one special work from each of the gallery's top 20 artists.

Invitation-only anniversary gala and opening reception: Wednesday, Feb. 12.

■ **March 5-23: "Frank P. Corso: 20 Years,"** will include new works, retrospective paintings on loan from private

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Tickets are \$125, with all sales benefiting the Harmon-Meek Gallery Fund at the Southwest Florida Community Foundation.

Another upcoming project, the release of Arcadia Publishing's "Images of America: Harmon-Meek Gallery," by J. William Meek III and with foreword by artist Will Barnet, will also benefit the Harmon-Meek Gallery Fund.

Coming up in this anniversary season at the gallery:

- **Dec. 16-27** - "Small Works of Art"
- **Dec. 30-Jan. 17** - "La Dolce Vita," a Bob Kane memorial exhibition
- **Jan. 21-25** - Tobi Kahn solo exhibition
- **Jan. 27-Feb. 7** - "Three Charmed Artists," showcasing works by Baltimore artists Philip Morsberger, Anita Huffington and Herman Maril
- **Feb. 10-22** - "Birds in Paradise" Hunt Slonem solo exhibition
- **Feb. 24-March 8** - "Flower Power," a two-man show of works by Gary Bukovnik and Bob Kane



"Adolescent" by Herman Maril is on exhibit as part of the "Contemporary American Masters" show through Dec. 13 at Harmon-Meek Gallery.

- **March 10-22** - Pop artist Don Nice
- **March 24-April 4** - Richard Segalman
- **April 7-18** - Collage artist Dan Rizzie
- **April 21-May 2** - "Moonscapes" group exhibition

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### Art After Dark

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Through Jan. 7 at Art Gallery Old Naples2, artists Karen Stone and Lynne B. Wilcox present "Partners in Pastel," encompassing pastel paintings, prints and tiles. Harpist Kate Peterson will be in the gallery the evening of Art After Dark.

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"Dancing Trees #5" by Karen Stone of Art Gallery Old Naples2, one of the stops for visitors to Art After Dark in Crayton Cove from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14.

### Up Art and Design

Beginning Dec. 18 through Feb. 5, Up Art and Design will feature topographies by Shirley Kelley, contemporary expressionism by Joan Sonnenberg, "Time and Measures" mixed media by Graceann Warn and "Pop, Rock, Minimalism and Mash" by gallery owner John Carroll Long. The gallery also showcases new glass vessels by Bill Poceta and jewelry works from the Janet Zook collection.

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Coming up this season:

■ **Jan. 2-31 - "Less,"** a celebration of three abstract artists who create with color, line and space. Madeline Denaro's graceful layers of color float through her large, abstract canvases with a subtle edginess. Ms. Denaro's work has been exhibited nationally for more than 30 years. Hyunmee Lee uses simple blocks of color and calligraphic lines to create large, elegant compositions. Ms. Lee came to the U.S. from her native Korea in 1997 and is a

faculty member at Utah Valley University. Susan Venable manipulates copper and other metals to create multi-dimensional sculptures with unusual textures, colors and distinctive shadows. Her work has been featured in films including "Pulp Fiction" and "Fight Club" and is in numerous major private and corporate collections.

Opening reception: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15. Ms. Denaro will be in attendance.

■ **Feb. 1-28 - "Night Music"** will feature gallery artists' interpretations of the night, from dusk to dawn. Featured artists are: Stephen Fox, Sarah Williams, Robert Strifflino, Carol O'Malia, Robin Luciano Beaty, Isabelle duToit and Randall Deihl.

Opening reception: 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, as a benefit for Myra Janco Daniels' Latchkey League supporting the Salvation Army Youth Center. Admis-



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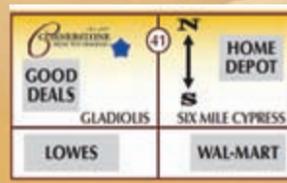
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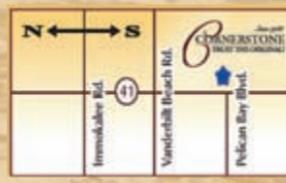
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# Taking rustic to stylish new heights

In a refreshing departure from pastel seascapes and shells, “Modern Rustic” (Ryland Peters & Small) celebrates the more heartfelt side of design, with interior stylings by Emily Henson photographed by Catherine Gratwicke and complemented with Joanna Simmons’ words.

This book showcases the celebration of the fabric of a home from roof beams to brickwork. Readers can become inspired by a plethora of wood, stone and steel, leaving behind the urge to stay married to sleek lines or immaculate finishes and welcoming earthy colors and rich textures merged with natural materials and ruggedly handsome touches.

For homeowners who want to transform a bland kitchen, this is your book, with examples of Pure Rustic (clean lines and muted shades), Bohemian Rustic (a bold mix of texture and pattern with lush color) and even Pop Rustic (unfinished wood teamed with pops of neon and artwork) and Retro Rustic (an ultra-relaxed feel created by the use of things such as wine crates for kitchen cupboards). ■

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Pure Rustic, left, and Pop Rustic, above, are two styles that can spice up a bland kitchen.



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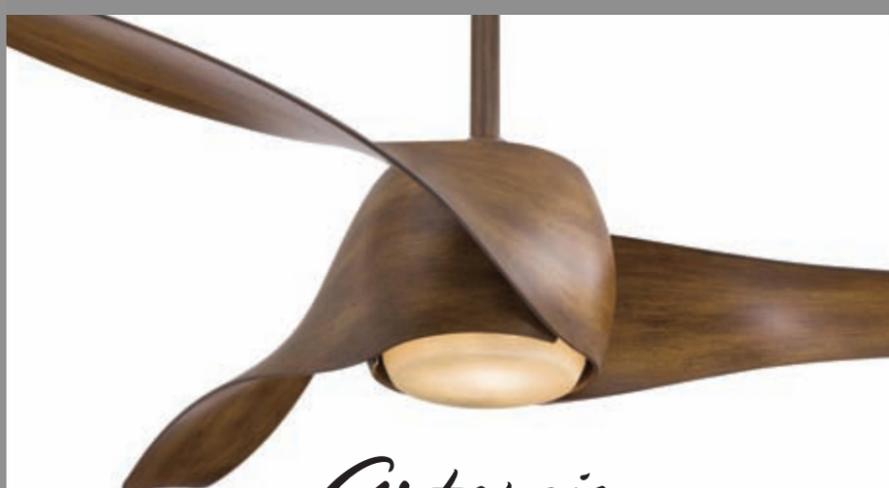
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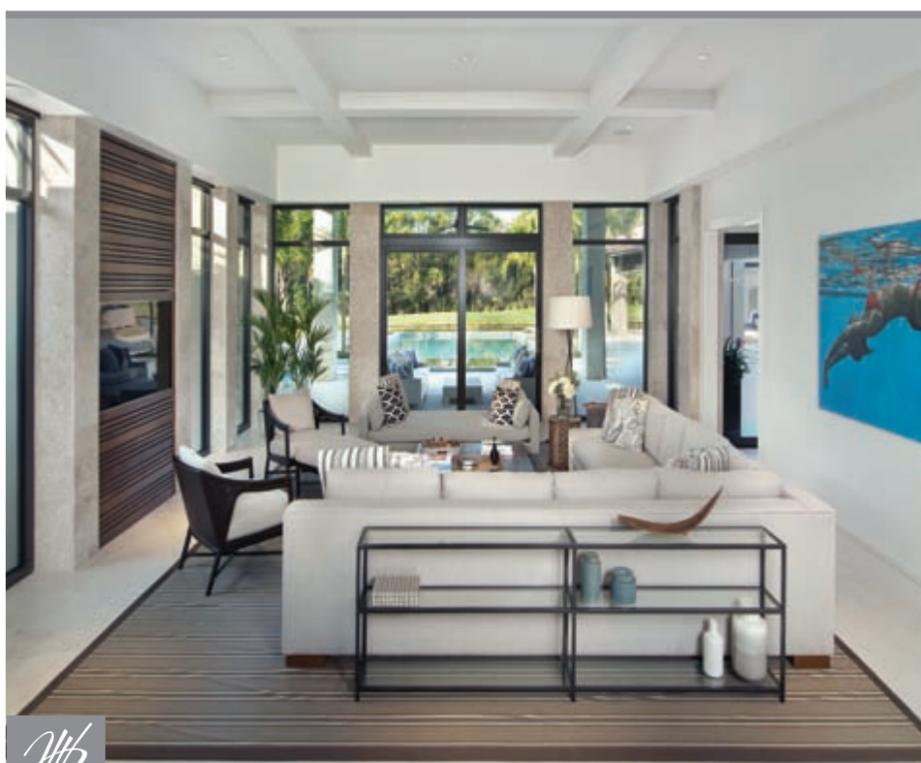
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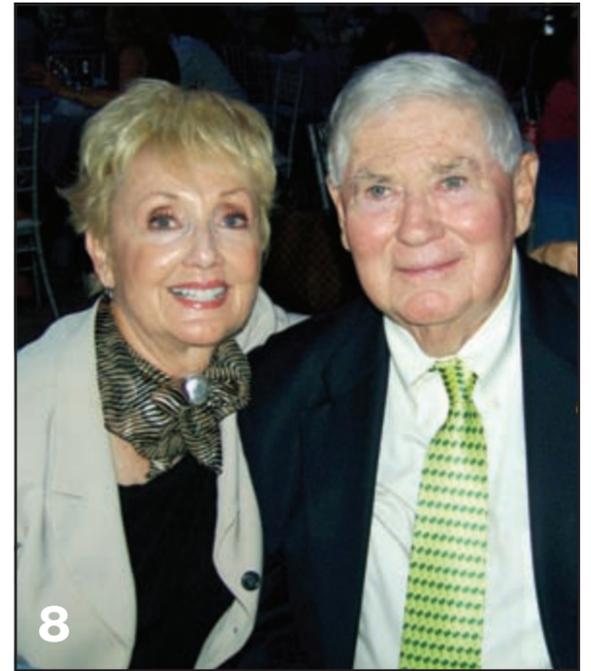




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Lake views abound in Gulfshore Homes' newest model in Ravenna at Miromar Lakes.

### Gulfshore Homes model taking shape at Miromar Lakes

A new model by Gulfshore Homes is close to completion in Building 5 in the Ravenna neighborhood of Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. One of six residences in the three-story building, the second-floor model is targeted to open Dec. 23. With two bedrooms, three baths and a library, it has 2,761 square feet of air-conditioned living space, much of which has views of the lake. In addition to the great room, there is a formal dining room and a summer kitchen on the tiled balcony. The kitchen is outfitted with a Viking stainless steel refrigerator, wall oven, dishwasher and six-burner cooktop.

With a casual coastal theme, the décor reflects natural elements and a neutral color palette of taupe, beige, cream and off-white, with accents of grays and blues to complement the lake views, the sky and floods of natural light. Ivy Scheinholz of Design West led the design team.

For more information, call 947-2929 or visit [www.gulfshorehomes.com](http://www.gulfshorehomes.com). ■



One of London Bay Homes' Girona models in Mediterra.

### Romanza has designs on new Girona villa at Mediterra

London Bay Homes' newest Girona model home at Mediterra will feature interiors by award-winning designer Michael Scott of Romanza Interior Design.

In the Cortile neighborhood of Mediterra, the three-bedroom, 3½-bath villa will be the third Girona model designed by Mr. Scott and the fourth built by London Bay Homes in the North Naples

community. The home has 3,526 square feet of air-conditioned living space in a great room design. It will have wide-plank French oak hardwood flooring, sand dune and sea salt colored walls, furnishings with neutral upholstery, airy woven window treatments and soft wool area rugs.

For more information, visit [www.londonbay.com](http://www.londonbay.com). ■

### Karen Benson named Designer of Distinction

Miromar Design Center has named Karen Benson its December Designer of Distinction. The owner of Benson and Associates Interior Design, Ms. Benson has more than 30 years of experience in the architectural and interior design business. She is a graduate of the University of Florida, a professional member of the American Society of Interior Designers and a certified relocation and transition specialist.



Each month Miromar Design Center recognizes interior design professionals based upon nominations from representatives of the center's 45 home furnishing stores. The center is on Corkscrew Road in Estero, east of I-75 at Exit 123. For more information, visit [www.MiromarDesignCenter.com](http://www.MiromarDesignCenter.com). ■



Karen Benson designed this room for a client.

### A holiday showcase on high

The American Society of Interior Designers-South Florida Chapter hosted a holiday showcase at Tavira at Bonita Bay in November. Guests arrived with unwrapped toys for donation to underprivileged children. The high-rise happening put holiday décor ideas from the following interior designers in the spotlight:

- Aniko Brittingham, Aniko Design
- Lori Christy, Denise Ward Interior Design
- Mickey Dickson, Elliot Interiors
- Pam Durkin, Pamela Durkin Designs
- Allison Fenn, Fenn & Company Interior Design
- Claudia Galeano, Claudia Designs
- Peggy Oberlin, Peggy Oberlin Interiors
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The Tavira at Bonita Bay high-rises.



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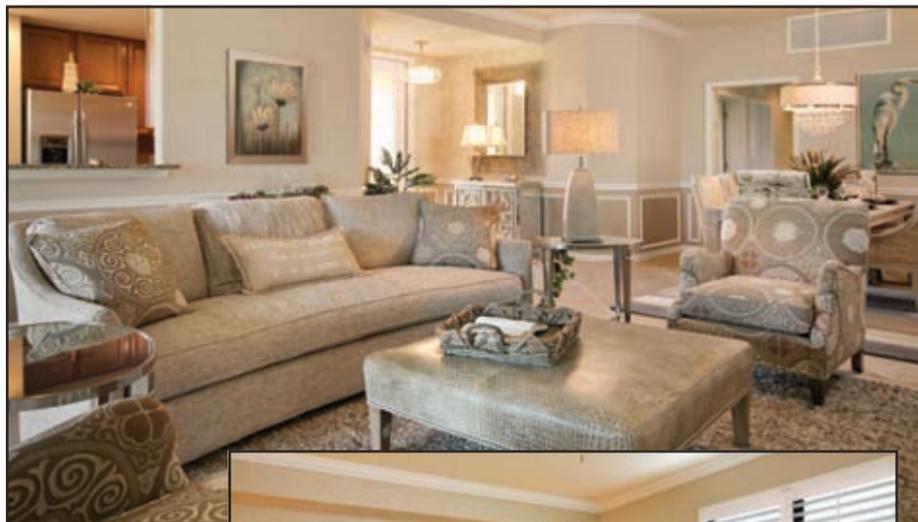


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The living room, above, and master suite in one of Lennar's Florence models at Fiddler's Creek.



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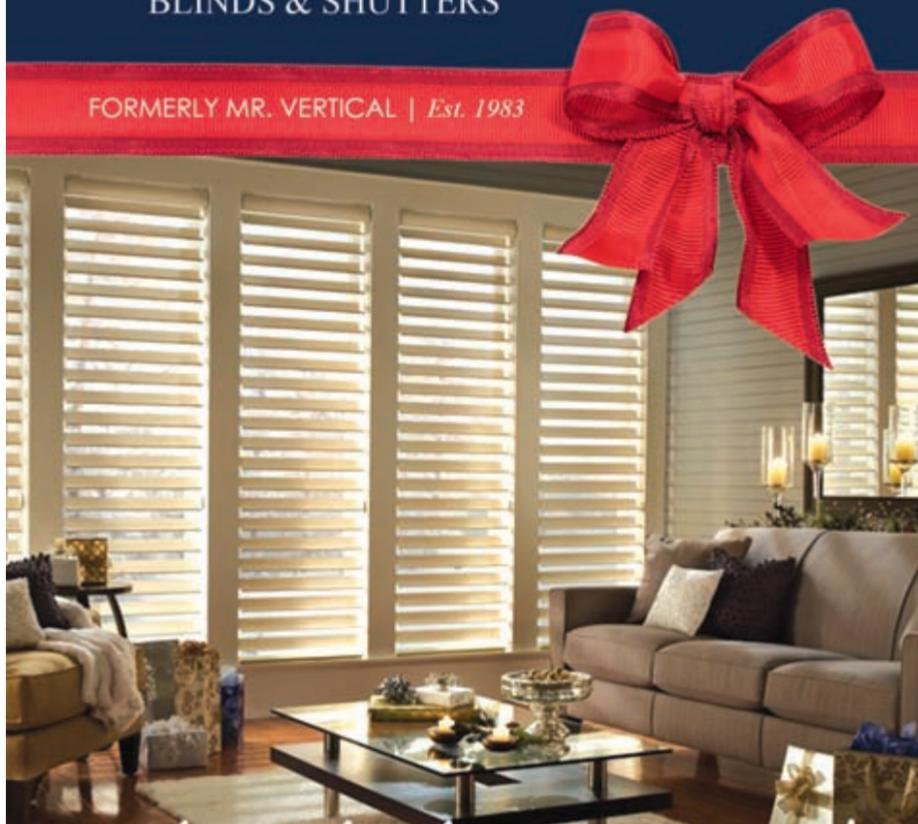
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FROM THE HO-HO-HOMEFRONT

# I believe in Santas

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Ten days before Christmas last year, probably feeling guilty about not sending out holiday cards for the first time in forever, I posted a picture on Facebook of one of my many vintage Santas. I added a silly message, something along the lines of, "He sees you when you're sleeping ..." and promised a Santa-a-day until Dec. 25.

As more of a passive lurker than engaged participant on Facebook, I was quite surprised when more than a few friends and even friends of friends "Liked" my post. Many of them commented on it, too.

The "Likes" and comments continued the next day, and the next. I thrive on positive reinforcement, and this was

akin to a heartfelt pat on the back from the boss every few minutes — so much so that I continued posting pictures of chipped, threadbare, curious and sometimes creepy Mr. Clauses all the way through the Twelve Days of Christmas. Truth be told, I could have kept going until Valentine's Day, maybe even Easter.

Yes, Virginia, there really is a Cindy's Vintage Santa Christmas Countdown. It's a tradition now. So motivated was I by its inaugural success, I could hardly wait to get started this year. I did so on Dec. 1, before the Thanksgiving leftovers were pitched from the refrigerator. (In case you're wondering, I do not collect shabby pilgrims or mid-century ceramic turkeys.) Here's a recap of that post (with a couple of changes as, always the editor, I couldn't keep myself from tweaking when I copied it from Facebook to repurpose for this column), along with pictures of the first few Santas of 2013 and several jolly old souls from the 2012 lineup. Enjoy!

"Well ... The Santas are begging to be let out of the closet under the stairs. This big guy (at right) watches over them all. He's about 5 feet tall, and he always brings to mind this story about my Dad:

"It was the December before he died, and he was feeling about as low as a man could feel. He came home one day to find a Santa similar in size to mine — but a new model, all bright velvet and white fur (and sans the somewhat fusty smell, no doubt) — keeping sentinel on the stair landing.

"As his wife tells it, Dad turned to her and, with a twinkle in his eye the likes that she hadn't seen in weeks as he descended into the depression from which he would not be able to claw his way out this time, he managed a grin and said to her: 'Please, tell me he's rented.'

"Not a day goes by that I don't miss that man. Here come the holidays, everyone. I hope my parade of kitschy St. Nicks brings a twinkle to your eye. Here we go ... Ho! Ho! Ho!" ■



1. Smooching Santa
2. Sparkly Santa
3. Twisted Santa
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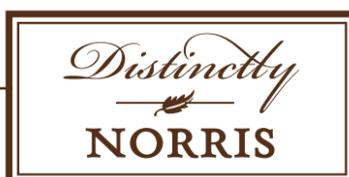
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