

Opera company hopes to get its house in order

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At a time when arts groups around the world are in near panic mode given the current economy, Opera Naples is smiling. Sort of.

The Naples City Council has been in preliminary discussions with developer Jack Antaramian about buying a portion of his delayed Renaissance Village project. Part of the 22-acre downtown site could become a city park with cultural amenities similar to Cambier Park off Fifth Avenue South.

That's where Opera Naples comes into the picture.

Opera Naples CEO Gerald Goldberg said his group believes it could purchase enough land from the city to put for a state-of-the-art, 1,200-seat opera house in the middle of the park. Mr. Goldberg said his board is confident it can raise an estimated \$60 million to \$80 million to pull it off — and that the community will support an opera house without eroding support of its cultural crown jewel: the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

"Naples is already recognized as a cultural hub in the United States for all of the arts," he said. "The addition of an opera house for a regional opera company would only enhance that reputation, not detract from any existing programs."

It's no secret that the board of Opera Naples is determined to build its own facility rather than rely on the availability and largesse of other performance locations in the county. Its current home is the Performing Arts Hall of Gulf Coast High School. It's also no secret that the company is committed to acquiring property



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NOT SO FAST

Slow Food movement urges return to age-old values

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Although they probably don't know it, many people will practice the principles advocated by the Slow Food movement as they celebrate Thanksgiving.

The time-honored, but seemingly endangered, ritual of gathering a family around a dinner table for a homemade meal is one of many traditions Slow Food proponents deem valuable and worth reviving.

But that's just a slice of the Slow Food pie. Locally, the fledgling Slow Food Southwest Florida group has brought together a cornucopia of concerned consumers who

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It's time to talk turkey



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Let us give thanks and talk turkey. I've just received powerful evidence of an imminent economic resurrection. Big developers expect to practice business as usual within weeks or months.

The good news arrives like a big brown bird dropped squarely in the middle of our Thanksgiving table.

Business as usual means doing it like they did back in the '80s and '90s and right up until 2006, when after years of feasting, the table collapsed under the weight of all the turkeys.

Remember when you could build, pave, draw and drain almost wherever you chose, then go sip single-malt Scotch in the clubhouse overlooking the golf course, while people bought your handiwork at exorbitant prices?

We lived well then.

And we will again.

Here's why I know we're about to turn this economy around: Developers are not dumb. Often greedy, yes, but rarely dumb. When more than one of them begins pressing local governments to approve massive projects, things are going to look up for somebody, soon.

In Collier County, landowners and their friends, pushing to develop Big Cypress Town and other communities out in panther-land east of Naples, want to get started right quick. And that's a

good sign for the economy.

You know the drill from the good ol' days: They've proposed shortening the vetting process, with the approval of Commissioner Tom Henning and other officials, by rushing the committees that look at development plans. This would give two county committees (the Environmental Advisory Council and the Planning Commission) a chance to take just a single pro-forma glance at the plans, in the same room at the same time.

That's part of redesigning the rules that govern what can happen on 195,000 acres in eastern Collier, which officials call the Rural Land Stewardship Zone.

And check out this business-as-usual plan: At Big Cypress Town, they want to put up more than 3,500 homes and shops and bring in more than 20,000 people smack dab in the center of what is "panther primary habitat," according to the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

The panther habitat lies at the heart of the Rural Land Stewardship Zone, where the rules might change so much that 18,000 acres originally set aside for development out there would turn into 43,000 acres.

It won't be rural for long, thank God.

And for the good news up in Lee County, The Bonita Bay Group wants a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers to build thousands of homes and shops, plus new docks with almost 600 boat slips, on the north bank of the Caloosahatchee River.

It's been a while since you've heard about somebody just slapping down a vast new community, and squeezing hun-

dreds of slips into a tortured river named in 2006 as one the 10 most polluted in the United States, hasn't it?

Here's what the Army Corp's 42-page public notice of the Bonita Bay plan, dated Nov. 6, says:

"These proposed docking facilities will provide a total of 570 boat slips (96 existing). The waters and submerged bottoms associated with the Caloosahatchee River and the mouths of Trout Creek and Owl Creek have been surveyed for sea-grasses and none found."

No sea grasses, isn't that good luck? They've all been killed off, conveniently, and now they'll never get a chance to grow again.

Ironically, the Army Corp's public notice came out within days of Lee County's decision to purchase the 1,726-acre Argo ranch that flanks the would-be development on the east side and presses up against the southern boundary of Babcock Ranch.

County officials proudly prophesied that the Argo land would be used to filter and clean water running off it into Telegraph Creek, and then into the poor old putrid "C-47" (C is short for canal), as the Army Corps calls the Caloosahatchee.

That's Florida Development Logic (FDL) at its contradictory best.

Here's why: You buy 1,726 acres for \$24 million in taxpayer money, filter miles of water through it, and run the clean stuff into the river, hugely increasing the chance for sea grasses and fish to return from the dead.

In other words, you set up the conditions for a river miracle.

Then you let it flow downstream for about 300 feet. When it gets that far, you let 570 residents at Bonita Bay's new North River Communities throttle up

their powerboats and yachts, dropping a few hundred gallons of oil into the clean water, and you go sip your single malt.

Never mind the deepening recession, caused by greed and excess on the part of bankers and developers. Never mind what we used to call, blithely, the environment. (I'm sick of hearing about that, aren't you?) Never mind the water, the infrastructure or the green space/wet space needs.

The economy is coming back, along with construction jobs, support jobs, service industry jobs, government service jobs and others, like Oh-Aren't-We-Wonderful jobs (in an up economy, PR cheer-leading is a well-paid vocation).

But back in Collier, let me speak frankly about panther land, the 195,000-acre Rural Land Stewardship Zone where developers are planning some of the biggest turkeys of all.

How could 50 or 100 scrawny, smelly, flea-bitten, underfed 100-pound feline coon-eaters be so important that we can't boost the economy and build homes and shops and highways for people with money in their pockets and Florida on their minds?

A million of us now live in Collier and Lee. What about us, the humans, who want that second house and the third car and the much bigger boat?

Here's the thing: Soon again, if we don't surrender to maudlin sentimentality, money will be flowing through our hands like water. Just like it used to.

And speaking of water, we have enough of the darn stuff. With 65 inches of rain a year, it floods everything in sight, so why should we leave two-thirds of Collier County wet and wooded? And especially not for 50 or 100 doggone cats.

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OPINION

Infrastructure spending to nowhere

BY RICH LOWRY

Democrats see the road to economic recovery, and it has been bulldozed, flattened out by a road grader and covered with pavement.

Barack Obama says a fiscal stimulus will be the top priority of his new administration. The initial offer is \$500 billion, 4 percent of U.S. gross domestic product. It will include billions for new construction projects, as the country tries to claw its way back to economic growth one road, flyover and bridge at a time.

Democrats are enjoying a New Deal reverie wherein a Democratic president solves an economic crisis with public-works projects. A recent issue of Time magazine features Obama on the cover decked out in the trappings of FDR. This image would accurately capture the moment, 1) if Obama — president-elect for all of two weeks — had actually accomplished something, and 2) if Franklin Roosevelt's economic program had really ended the Great Depression.

Neither is true. As Amity Shlaes documents in her book "The Forgotten Man," the economy limped along under FDR's stewardship in the 1930s. Many of the era's public-works proj-

ects were undertaken for political reasons as well as economic ones. Government crowded out private initiative and neglected policies to promote the private sector.

In any downturn that doesn't last for years, infrastructure spending suffers from a basic problem: By the time money is actually spent on construction, the recession has passed. "Practically speaking, public works involve long start-up lags," the Congressional Budget Office wrote in a study earlier this year. "Large-scale construction projects of any type require years of planning and preparation. Even those that are 'on the shelf' generally cannot be undertaken quickly enough to provide timely stimulus to the economy."

Infrastructure spending is proffered as a means to stimulate our way out of a potential deflation of the sort that gripped Japan after its stock and real-estate bubbles burst in the 1990s. But the Japanese passed stimulus package after stimulus package, including billions of dollars for infrastructure, to no avail.

The spending failed because it went to wasteful projects favored by politicians for parochial reasons. The Japanese also made the mis-

take of raising taxes in 1997 to pay for all the spending, depressing the economy again. It makes you wonder: What U.S. political leader has been promising more public-works spending — to be allocated by a pork-happy Congress — funded by tax increases? (Hint: See the guy with the cigarette holder on the cover of Time).

The cliché of the hour is that we suffer from "crumbling" infrastructure. There is truth to it. Miles traveled nearly doubled from 1980 to 2005, and the transportation network hasn't kept up. But if investment in infrastructure isn't applied intelligently — more intelligently than it's possible to imagine in the current panic — it will only fund a make-work program to create concrete monuments to pork-barreling congressmen.

"Infrastructure should be seen," writes Sam Staley, co-author of the new book "Mobility First," "as a way to boost the speed of information and movement of goods, not as a quickie jobs program."

No matter. Congress will soon try to pave our way to economic redemption. ■

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GUEST OPINION

The Big Three and the big issues



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Special to Florida Weekly

The more one looks at the issues confronting the automobile industry, the more one is struck by how many of the challenges now facing this country they reflect in microcosm — if one can call a multibillion-dollar industry that employs hundreds of thousands of Americans directly (and millions indirectly) a microcosm.

It's not only because billions of taxpayer dollars are at stake, then, that any government response to the appeals of GM, Ford and Chrysler for a bailout bears close watching — whether it comes now or after the new year. The way this drama unfolds in the days, weeks and months ahead also may tell us much about how Washington might address some of the central issues of our time.

In historic terms, the declining fortunes of the Big Three reflect the larger trend toward a U.S. economy based more on services and ideas and less on manufacturing. Behind this trend lie the tectonic forces of globalism: corporations with worldwide operations have moved manufacturing to places where labor is cheapest and where labor laws are least stringent.

Until and unless international trade

agreements begin to seriously address parity among nations in these areas, U.S. automakers will continue to find themselves driving the wrong way down a one-way street. So one of the big questions facing the Big Three (and the reason why their CEOs were joined by the head of the United Auto Workers in testimony before Congress this past week) is whether they can continue to operate with labor contracts that, despite recent modifications, largely reflect a bygone era of union strength.

Will the inevitable changes to come at the Big Three eliminate the past (as reflected in retirement benefits) and present contract gains of the UAW? And if so, will this sound the effective death knell of America's private-sector unions? Or will our government seek longer-term strategies to bring international labor standards more in line with those in the U.S.? Further, will promised health-care reform relieve some of the burdens of skyrocketing health costs — particularly in care for an aging, retiring population — now placed on American corporations?

And then there is energy policy. For years, the automobile industry lobbied against tougher fuel-economy standards, and the cars it built — the SUVs and trucks it can't sell now — reflected that. But when there's talk about tying demands for better mileage to any bailout, the industry often replies that when fuel prices

are low, consumers will want big gas guzzlers — and if they can't get them from Detroit, they will buy them from Japan. Even at their highs, U.S. gas prices are the cheapest in the industrialized world, and if the government really wants people to buy fuel-efficient cars, so the automakers' argument goes, it should impose a floor on the price of gasoline.

One can decide for oneself whether this argument is made in good faith or simply to call Congress' bluff. But there is logic in it, and with energy reform at the top of President-Elect Obama's agenda, watching Congress' willingness to engage this and related questions now might provide a gauge of the political courage that newly empowered Democrats will bring to the challenges of the present.

Issues relating to globalism, America's declining manufacturing base, energy policy and the future of U.S. labor — not to mention demographic shifts, the credit crunch, the environment, transportation infrastructure and educational policy — can all be found in the crisis facing the Big Three and its possible solutions. As we prepare for an administration that campaigned on promises of "change," the way Congress and the next president handle this situation provides a potential test case for just how much things might actually change in the next four years, and how much they're likely to stay the same. ■

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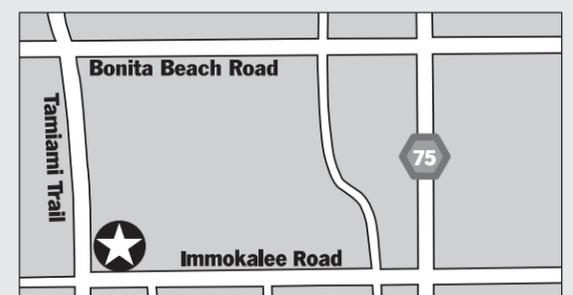
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15 MINUTES

Radiating the warmth of the holiday spirit

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On a blustery November day, Irene Barnhart-Sauceda is a warm maternal sun at the center of a small domestic universe.

She radiates cheer and light well beyond the erratic and joyful orbits of two satellite Saucedas: Jorge, 5, and little Angel, 2, who circle her legs in ovals of trotting energy.

Her light seems to reach past the children; past the long line of deflated holiday artifacts in red, white, green and blue vinyl that lie like the patient dead, awaiting Christmas resurrection on the short dormant grass of her long front yard; and even past the shoulder-high chain link fence that separates her universe from State Road 82, the two-lane strip of highway bisecting northern Collier County.

"I grew up in a family that celebrated Christmas, and so did my husband Eddie's family. He loves to decorate," she explains as she drops what she's doing to invite a couple of visitors through her gate.

"Every year Eddie decorates more and more," she adds, bestowing a smile on all things living — and some not.

Crumpled on the ground in a line 100 feet long: the skin of Santa and snowmen and baby Jesus and Thomas the Train and a plane and reindeer and elves, all set to swell with the season's airy joy, courtesy of an electric pump.

Somewhere in the house, she says, is 10-year-old Abram, who has seen this before.

Out back, Eddie is preparing additional sets for the fanciful days ahead. A senior crew leader for a Collier County maintenance squad during the week, on Sunday, apparently, he's an employee of the Christmas spirit.

Both Irene and Eddie are the children of migrant farm workers, born to traveling people. In a sweet domestic irony, now they harness their home lives to the most traditional and rooted notions of the season's celebration, something they've done in the same house for the last four years.

"I was born and raised in Immokalee. I like it here," Mrs. Barnhart-Sauceda, says, adding that she does have some basis of comparison: the Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, points between. But Immokalee ("My home" in Seminole) is home, and for good reason. "It's a small town. Not as small as it used to be... But it's still nice. Change is gonna come. That's fine."



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Irene Barnhart-Sauceda and her daughter, Angel

The Barnhart family, like Eddie's — he came from Texas and was raised in LaBelle — was big and Catholic and close, Mrs. Barnhart-Sauceda says. She, her two sisters and three brothers all went to Immokalee schools, and now her children do, too.

She works full-time, doing "the ISS" in the middle school, she says, and still knows a lot of people in town.

What does ISS stand for? Internal Sunshine and Sweetness, perhaps?

"No," she says, grinning. "It's the In-School Suspension program."

Mrs. Barnhart-Sauceda is "The Man?" She represents "Authority?"

"Ha!" she says, considering the thought, then shrugging. "Yeah, I do. I like the kids... you gotta like them. They like me. They understand."

Now that's the Christmas spirit, especially when you're dealing with 13-year-olds.

Although both her parents are gone now, she says, their Christmas spirit is everywhere as the seasonal artifacts are laid out on the lawn — but not so

fast. First there's Thanksgiving, and the traditional recipe for potato salad — her mother's, of course, and now hers. "It's not the American version, not quite," she says. "And you gotta have it. You don't go anywhere, to any event if you're Hispanic, without it."

It's a special recipe, and special recipes are often secret. But secrecy is not part of the holiday spirit at the Barnhart-Sauceda home. "It's nothing difficult," Mrs. Barnhart Saucedas says. "Here."

Here, indeed, courtesy of the warm maternal sun.

Irene Barnhart-Sauceda's Plain-Old Hispanic-American Potato Salad

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And God bless, from the Barnhart-Sauceda family. ■

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belong to a growing international movement devoted to the production and consumption of pure, natural food purposefully enjoyed, preferably with family and friends.

Naples residents Albert and Roz Katz will partake in a quintessentially Slow Food Thanksgiving feast as they dine on a Bourbon Red heritage turkey with some 20 family and friends at the Manhattan home of their son, Allen. The meal will also include heritage ducks and stuffing made with Delaware Bay oysters.

Allen Katz is Slow Food USA's chairman of the board. Not surprisingly, his well-informed parents have been Slow Food members for more than a decade. They joined the Southwest Florida chapter shortly after it formed last spring.

The lineage of heritage turkeys pre-dates that of the Broad-breast White turkeys sold commercially. Heritage turkeys have richer, darker meat with more flavor, owing to their longer lives and their diet of grass and insects.

"Flavor is clearly important here," says Mr. Katz. "We'll be using everything that's fresh. We will braise greens, whatever is available at the farmers market, so we don't know ahead of time."

That's the essence of eating the Slow Food way.

Rose O'Dell King is the president, founder and driving force behind the rapidly growing Southwest Florida group, which includes restaurateurs, wine experts, farmers, fish and cheese mongers, home cooks, professional chefs and enthusiastic consumers of food and wine.

A sommelier, graduate of the French Culinary Institute and food and wine writer, Mrs. King takes food seriously. She credits her interest in Slow Food to Chef Martin Murphy, who moved north earlier this year after heading the kitchens at Blue Pepper Gourmet Market in Fort Myers and the Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center in Bonita Springs.

"He valued the integrity of food and was passionate about the bounty Southwest Florida had to offer," Mrs. King says. "Chef Martin was a powerful influence on me, as well as others in the community. Although we didn't know it then, we began slowly building a strong core of passionate, joyful people, all looking to establish a strong, vocal and local food community."

In the beginning

Slow Food Southwest Florida came to life in April and has become one of Slow Food USA's fastest-growing convivia (the plural of convivium, which is what individual chapters are called). The not-for-profit group has attracted 60 members, 130 Facebook fans and 200-plus friends and supporters who attend gatherings and receive updates on the convivium's activities.

The Southwest Florida group — with members from Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties — belongs to the international Slow Food movement, which began 22 years ago in Italy in an effort to combat the homogenization of foods caused by the burgeoning numbers of supermarket mega-chains and fast-food outlets. Today, the eco-gastronomic movement boasts 85,000 members in 132 countries, including seven other Florida locales.

In its first few months, the group has hosted sell-out events including gourmet potluck gatherings, a cocktails competition, an Oktoberfest celebration and a farm-to-table dinner featuring fresh produce from Ken Ryan's all-natural Herban Gardens farm in North Fort Myers, prepared by chef Kristina San



Naples caterer Greg Shapiro with his fruit carvings. Mr. Shapiro is a recent convert to the Slow Food movement.

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Slow Food 101

>> What it stands for (according to the Slow Food USA Web site):

"Slow Food is good, clean and fair food. We believe that the food we eat should taste good; that it should be produced in a clean way that does not harm the environment, animal welfare or our health; and that food producers should receive fair compensation for their work, and that all people should have access."

Among its goals:

- >> Raising public awareness, improving access and encouraging the enjoyment of foods that are local, seasonal and sustainably grown.
 - >> Caring for the land and protecting biodiversity for today's communities and future generations.
 - >> Performing educational outreach within members' communities and working with children in schools and through public programs.
 - >> Identifying, promoting and protecting fruits, vegetables, grains, animal breeds, wild foods and cooking traditions at risk of disappearance.
 - >> Advocating for farms and artisans who grow, produce, market, prepare and serve wholesome food.
 - >> Promoting the celebration of food as a cornerstone of pleasure, culture and community.
- Source: Slow Food USA

Filippo of the Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center in Bonita Springs.

"We do enjoy getting together and eating wholesome, seasonal, well-prepared food, something we do a lot at our events," says Mrs. King. "But we also advocate sustainability and bio-diversity through educational events and public outreach. Through our events we promote the appreciation and consumption of local food and artisanally made foods, and support those who produce them."

People join for a variety of reasons. For Caroline Boland, who made a living as a caterer before moving to Fort Myers from the Midwest, it was an opportunity to learn about local foods and growing seasons.

"I knew about growing zucchini, tomato, lettuce and corn," she says, "but here there's citrus on the trees and neighbors come over with armfuls of avocados. It's an opportunity to educate myself about my new home and I've met great people through Slow Food as well."

Florida native Greg Shapiro, owner of Taste Buds Custom Catering in Naples, discovered Slow Food while watching

cooking shows on television.

"I researched it and fell in love," he says. "I'm a Slow Food preacher. Then I found out about the local group and was hooked."

He'll drive an hour to Immokalee to get fresh local tomatoes and buys his stone crabs right off the boats at Everglades City. While it might take longer and cost more than doing business with national suppliers, "I know what I'm getting," he says.

Spreading the word

It's a mindset Slow Food Southwest Florida wants to cultivate.

To that end, the group ran a limeade booth at the first Taste of Lee, held in August, which featured dozens of local farmers and artisans and drew a crowd of more than 1,100 people.

It's where Dee Hohimer connected with Slow Food. The Indiana transplant grew up on her family's farm.

"I had a first-hand experience of what it's like to have food that travels less than 100 feet from where you grow it to where you eat it," she says.

Although she rejected that lifestyle when she went off to college, she gradually became aware that her upbringing had made an impact on her.

"It gave me a particular value system for how food is produced," she says. That system mirrors that of the Slow Food movement.

Not surprisingly, she identified strongly with growers, which led her to organize a farmers market in Bloomington, Ind., 30 years ago. That market has grown and flourished over the years. She hopes to help establish one through Slow Food Southwest Florida for the 2009 season. It would consist of local growers (from within about a 100-mile radius), selling the foods they have raised themselves using earth-friendly practices.

"Slow Food producers believe you eat as locally as you can," she says, "and that you use the least amount of fossil fuel possible. The farther it comes from, the less desirable it is."

Growing a movement

Among those who stand to benefit from such a market is Denise Muir, owner of Rabbit Run Farm in Buckingham, who will open her own roadside stand this season.

The financial adviser-turned-hydro-

Slow Food 411

For more information

>> Visit www.slowfoodsouthwestflorida.com for details about the local group and upcoming events. Facebook members can also check out Slow Food Southwest Florida's page.

>> For more about the movement, Slow Food products and articles published in newspapers and magazines around the country, go to Slow Food USA's Web site at www.slowfoodusa.org.

ponic farmer plans to open her U-pick strawberry field and old-fashioned farmers market at her farm in about three weeks. Customers can harvest their own strawberries and then shop in the market, which will offer 13 varieties of heirloom tomatoes as well as squash, zucchini, eggplant, radicchio, greens and other produce she's grown.

Her career switch came after she wrote a paper on the journey food takes from farms in distant states or countries. It's a trip via ship or truck to supermarkets and then to our plates. This massive system has resulted in a homogenization of produce, sturdy items that can be packed and shipped without risk of spoilage.

But that availability comes at a price.

"I was amazed at the environmental aspect of grapes that come from Chile and the tons of emission from the boats and trucks," Ms. Muir says. "People don't realize what produce shipping is costing all of us."

She joined Slow Food because its principles align with her philosophy and she enjoys the camaraderie of like-minded individuals.

So does Ken Ryan, who runs Herban Gardens in North Fort Myers and is a founding member of Slow Food Southwest Florida. It's his microgreens, herbs, edible flowers, vegetables and other specialty items diners enjoy at some of the top restaurants in Fort Myers, Bonita Springs and Naples.

"I don't use a tractor, so there's no diesel fuel or gasoline used," he says. "Everything is done by hand and in containers so it's in its own environment and there's no cross contamination." It's a passion for Ryan, who spent many years as an engineer before striking out on his own green path.

Eye to the future

That passion extends to teaching future generations the Slow Food way. Mr. Ryan and Mrs. King recently spoke to a Florida Gulf Coast University class about the subject.

Associate Professor Patricia Fay's senior seminar on civic engagement explores many subjects, but one about which she feels strongly is food as a form of civic action. The result of the appearance by Mr. Ryan and Mrs. King was an assignment that everyone bring in a dish to share that was organic, locally and/or ethically produced.

Last week, the class filled three long tables with smoked mullet, Key lime pie, cinnamon raisin bread, grouper with organic basil and thyme, fresh orange juice, mangrove honey and other goodies.

"You make food choices three times a day," Ms. Fay tells her students. "There's an impact on your body, on your family, on the planet. Food isn't just a drive-through window."

Mr. Ryan believes that educating people about the importance of good nutrition and pesticide-free foods is vital to improving Americans' quality of life. That's one of the Slow Food goals that attracted him to join. "We need to get away from these chemicals and tractors that pollute the air and cause us to buy so much foreign oil. There are ways to do it rationally. It's not going to happen overnight, but Slow Food can help do it in a slow way." ■

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The Never-Never Land of impossible charm

BY LOIS BOLIN

Special to Florida Weekly

In 1963 Florence Price Haldeman, granddaughter of the founder of Naples, Walter N. Haldeman, stated, "When we returned to Kentucky after a month or so of bliss and a frightful journey that lasted 10 days, Naples became a Never-Never Land of impossible charm... it was our paradise." ("When Peacocks Were Roasted & Mullet was Fried," by Doris Reynolds)

We experienced some Haldeman family charm firsthand recently at the Naples Backyard History Mini-Museum, when through the back door one afternoon walked a man wearing a stylish straw hat. "I am terribly sorry to bother you," he said, "but I saw your sign and thought I would drop by to pay my regards. You see, my great-great grandfather built the first house in Naples."

"The first house?" Lavern Gaynor questioned the good doctor.

"Yes, Mam. Walter Haldeman, do you know of him?"

Kentucky gentlemen with a plan

Prior to 1885, the Weeks and the Wiggins were basically the only families who lived in the area known today as Port Royal to Vanderbilt; but that was soon to change.

Two Kentuckians, Mr. Haldeman, owner of the *Louisville Courier*, and General John S. Williams chartered a

schooner in Tampa and sailed down the west coast looking for a spot to build a resort paradise. It seemed they had been hearing much about the Naples Town Improvement Company and its plans.

They spied a native tending to his cattle and learned he had 5,000 acres in the area we now call Venice. They invited him to come aboard and enjoy some of Kentucky's finest whiskey and conversation, which led to why the native needed to sell his land. A deal was struck. By tomorrow at 10 a.m. he'd be a rich man and the Kentucky gentlemen would start their plans.

But when Mr. Haldeman and Gen. Williams went ashore after lunch, they learned the native's wife had given instructions to beware of "them two that got him drunk and tried to take his land." So they sailed further south, eventually anchoring at the mouth of Gordon Pass to launch their plan to gentrify paradise.

Purchasing the land from Port Royal to the Moorings to Back Bay (Crayton Cove) to the Gulf proved a difficult task, but Mr. Halderman eventually acquired 8,700 acres for a never-nevermore price of \$13,050 (\$1.50 an acre). It was the full holding of what the Kentucky syndicate decided to call The Naples Company. The Fort Myers paper wrote that the company proposed ... "to push the town of Naples for all it's worth." And so they did.

The trip to Never-Never Land

The Naples Company brochure recommended that travelers arrive in Jacksonville on a Sunday and board the train at 11:35 a.m. on Monday. Seven hours later, they'd get to Orlando, stay overnight and leave on Tuesday to arrive in Punta Gorda by 8:30 p.m. At 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, they would board the company steamer, "The Fearless," (which would give me cause) bound for Naples. Finally, after stops at St. James and Punta Rassa, they would arrive at their paradise destination around 3:30 p.m.

Three days, five train changes, an all-day boat ride coupled with the travel from Kentucky, and anyone could own a lot in paradise for only \$10.

A charming legacy

The man who slipped in our back door recently and told us he was Mr. Haldeman's great-great grandson was Dr. Hugh Cort. A psychiatrist from Alabama, he gave us a momentary glimpse into the southern charm Mr. Haldeman must have possessed to sell a 10-day trip that offered very few amenities other than a promise.

Dr. Cort said that he was sorry to see Naples' first home gone from its place next to the Naples Pier, but he was happy to learn parts of it were saved and now rest comfortably in Bonita Springs. We connected him to

the landscape architect who moved it and made arrangements for him to see one of Naples' lost treasures.

To answer Dr. Cort's question: Do you know of him? Well, yes, we do. And we hope to introduce many others to the founder of this Never-Never Land of impossible charm — whether they enter through our front or back door. ■



Lavern Gaynor, Hugh Cort and Lois Bolin at the Naples Backyard History Mini-Museum

Lois Bolin is the co-founder of Naples Cultural Landscape, a fund at the Community Foundation of Collier County. Naples Backyard History is the fund's educational initiative. For more information, visit the NBYH Mini-Museum at 1300 Third St. S., call 594-2978 or visit www.naplesbackyardhistory.org.

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Lavern Gaynor will receive Conservancy's Eagle Award at Magic Under the Mangroves

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In honor of her sustained commitment to the conservation of Southwest Florida's natural resources and the preservation of local history, Lavern N. Gaynor has been selected to receive the 2009 Eagle Award, the highest honor presented annually by the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

A former Conservancy board member, Ms. Gaynor is the honorary chair of the Chairman's Advisory Council. Most recently, she established the Naples Backyard History Project and has supported the Heritage Trails projects.

Among her many honors and awards, Ms. Gaynor has been named the Frances Pew Hayes Child Advocate of the Year Award, the Naples Daily News Citizen of the Year, the YMCA Preeminent Pioneer and Hodge's University Humanitarian of the Year. She continues the

legacy of her parents, Lester and Delora Norris. Mr. Norris was a key founding member of the Conservancy and the driving force behind the preservation of much of Keewaydin Island, Delnor Wiggins State Park and Big Cypress.



Lavern Gaynor.

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Ms. Gaynor is serving as honorary event chair for the Conservancy's 2009 Magic Under the Mangroves celebration. She will receive the Eagle Award during the celebration on March 5, 2009.

The Conservancy is a grassroots organization focused on the critical environmental issues of the Southwest Florida region. Partnering with like-minded organizations, the Conservancy works to manage growth and

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Amateur stem-cell cure

When a four-bedroom house inhabited by 50 tenants partially collapsed in October in Honolulu, at least 10 of the residents said they had been pressured to let the property manager give them experimental "stem-cell" injections. Manager Daniel Cunningham, 56 and a de-licensed chiropractor, said he has been injecting the substance, phenol, into himself for years, to treat gnarled hands (though the hands appeared to

a Honolulu Advertiser reporter to be deteriorating to the point where Cunningham wears socks over them). One man said Cunningham injected him directly into the eye, and others complained of various side effects. Cunningham ran for mayor of Honolulu this year and in the September primary received 737 votes on a platform of complaining about government's meddling into health care. ■

The continuing crisis

► Deceitful mating strategies may be rife in the animal kingdom (especially among humans), but Australian researchers recently documented the sexual guile of a group of orchids that basically trick male wasps into pollinating them by resembling the look and smell of female wasps. Writing in *The American Naturalist*, the authors noted that female wasps reproduce both with and without sperm, with the latter creating male offspring. Consequently, the researchers hypothesized, when orchids commandeer sperm, it indirectly leads to the birth of more future pollinators. (Charles Darwin's subsequent book, after "The Origin of Species," was "The Various Contrivances by Which Orchids Are Fertilized by Insects.")

► The remote Manitoba First Nations tribes in Canada have largely moved away from alcohol abuse, according to an October *Winnipeg Sun* report, to the abuse of much more potent "super-

juice," made with a fast-acting yeast that encourages quick brewing. According to a local probation officer, though, underbrewing results in the swill's continuing to ferment in the stomach after consumption, causing violent pain and progressive inebriation lasting for days.

► In 2003, retired Colorado businessman John Haines, who was concerned about dangerous cracks in the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, went to great lengths to find and purchase a huge slab of the identical high-grade white marble of the Tomb and offered it, free of charge, shipping included, to the Army (which has been considering reconstruction of the Tomb since 1987). In the ensuing five years, according to an August *Denver Post* story, the Army continues to ignore Mr. Haines, yet periodically shows interest in opening the reconstruction to competitive bidding, but mostly just allows the idea to languish. ■

The sacred institution of marriage

► In September, a Wisconsin appeals court suppressed the surveillance video that allegedly captured David Johnson, 59, having sex with his comatose wife in a Portage nursing home, obviously violating the state law against sex without consent. Nursing home caregivers had installed the camera to protect the wife, but the court ruled it an invasion of the privacy of the marital relationship.

► In November, the Bombay high court expunged the arranged-marriage records of an Indian couple who had separated immediately after their 1998 honeymoon when the husband complained that he had been unable to consummate because the bride had large boils on her face. She has since been cured of her disorder and did not want future suitors to read of her past. ■

The new nature of work

► Officer Keith Breiner, suspended from the police force in Beaumont, Texas, for crossing the line during an undercover prostitution sting (that is, he actually had sex), defended himself in an August hearing: "It was a job, sir. I didn't have pleasure doing it." It was, he said, "something I did for the city."

► In his murder trial in October in

Leeds, England, chef Anthony Morley testified that the killing was in self-defense, but he did admit to carving, cooking and eating part of the body afterward. "At some point (the victim's) body had just become something I would deal with at work, a piece of meat. ... That's my daily task, preparing meat." ■

Kids, let a professional handle this

Two high school boys in Markesan, Wis., were hospitalized in September with broken pelvises after a "prank" went bad and a classmate inadvertently drove over them as they lay in the road in front of her car. On the other hand, a professional, Tom Owen (known as the "Human Speed Bump"),

was hospitalized in October with similar injuries after he attempted to break the Guinness Book record by being run over by eight vehicles (with the last one, a box truck, leaving him in bad shape). Owen got certification, though, because the truck did pass completely over him. ■

Failure to keep a low profile

► University of New Hampshire officials banned Bert Allen III, 44, a convicted sex offender, from campus in September for posting fliers without permission, seeking a "trophy wife." To further draw attention to himself, Allen sued for a restraining order (unsuccessfully) to allow the continued solicitation.

► Police in Covington, Ky., arrested Gregory Griggs, 19, in October at the USA Motel, a suspected drug market. Though several people were booked that night, Mr. Griggs was the one wearing the T-shirt that read, "It's Not Illegal Unless You Get Caught." ■



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Something to be thankful for: Tips for conserving water during the holidays

BY THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

What does water have to do with the holidays?

It impacts everything from food preparation to the clean-up process.

From growth to preparation, the food in a typical holiday turkey dinner for eight requires more than 42,000 gallons of water — enough water to fill a 30-by-50-foot swimming pool.

This time of year, indoor water use escalates largely because of the clean-up process — before visitors arrive and after the big holiday meals. Dishwashers, clothes washers, showers and toilets, are being used more often, and by more people. However, there are ways to save water while celebrating the holidays.

The South Florida Water Management District offers these tips to help everyone do their part without having to compromise convenience and comfort during preparation for, celebration of and clean-up after the holidays:

- ▶ Defrost frozen foods in the refrigerator the night before they are needed instead of running hot water over them the same day.

- ▶ Rinse vegetables and fruits in a sink or pan filled with water instead of holding them under running water. As a double bonus, use water from the pan on houseplants after your produce is clean.

- ▶ Select the proper size pans for cooking. Large pans require more cooking water than may be necessary.

- ▶ Scrape food scraps into the garbage can or a composting bin, rather than rinsing them into the garbage disposal.

- ▶ Run the dishwasher only when you have a full load of dishes.

Each person in South Florida uses about 175 gallons of water every day. While more than half of that goes for outdoor irrigation, indoor water use is also significant. And although the fall weather is ideal for vacationers and family visiting from up north, Florida is a state of weather extremes and this is our dry season, when water demands typically rise as replenishing rainfall decreases.

Any of the five simple practices above can result in savings of 10 gallons of water. If every American household reduced their water use by 10 gallons on just Thanksgiving Day, it would save more than 1 billion gallons of water, as well as save any energy or materials used to pump or treat tap water.

By 2025, 6 million new residents are projected to make Florida their home. Conservation is the key to ensure a future supply of water for those of us who are already here, for those yet to come, and for the environment that attracts us all in the first place.

For more information on saving water year 'round, visit www.savewaterfl.com.

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. The oldest and largest of Florida's five water management districts, its mission is to manage and protect water resources by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades. ■

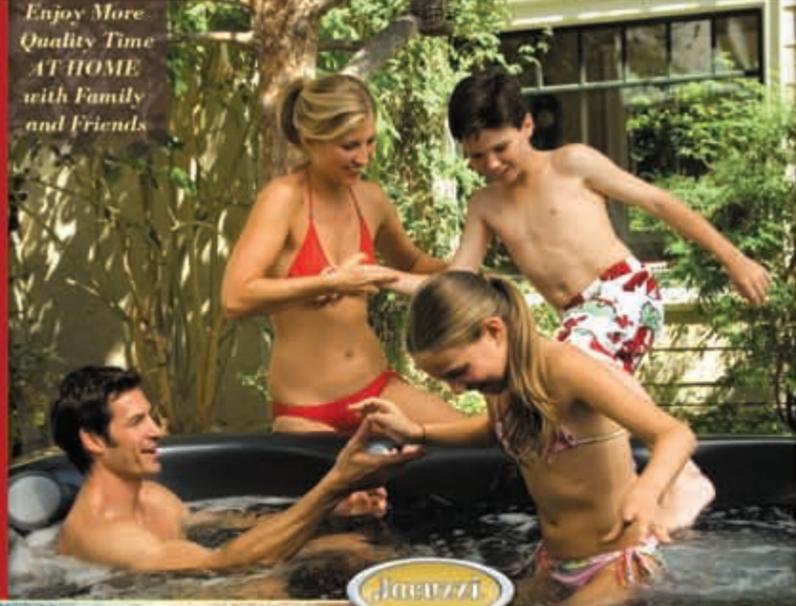


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Track your diet online. Dieting or getting fit is easier with food journals

BY ADDIE BROYLES

Cox News Service

Whether you want to lose or gain weight, run a marathon or just get fit, keeping a food journal is one of the first things many dietitians and nutritionists will suggest.

Just as so many forms of communication and record-keeping have moved online, so have food diaries, but by moving this information online, you don't just track what you eat and how much. Web-based programs allow you to calculate a plethora of information that would take much longer to find out by hand.

For example, on many sites, you enter what you had for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and the program will tell you how many of your calories are coming from fat, if you're getting enough vitamins and minerals and, on some of the more sophisticated sites such as MyFoodDiary.com, find out what the effects on your body would be if you ate like that every day for a month or even a year.

Jenni Balthrop, 27, was using Weight Watchers but stopped seeing progress about a year ago. She felt that the program oversimplified nutrition. "You're only looking at certain attributes of food," she says in reference to the Weight Watcher point system. "And if you're an active person like me, you aren't getting the complete picture."

Balthrop, who is now training for a half-marathon, had a different goal in mind when she started using SparkPeople.com in January. "I wanted to look fabulous for Elton John" at one of his concerts in March. The online food tracker took into account her Pilates classes and running, and she got off the weight-loss plateau.

Another Central Texas dieter, who preferred not to be named, is a 35-year-old in the tech industry who lost 30 pounds. He also lowered his cholesterol and got his sodium intake under control using MyFoodDiary.com, one of the few companies that charges users.

"I wasn't brought up to understand what foods do to our body," he says. "At the end of the day, it tells you if you continue to eat this way, you will be likely to have a high risk of this disease or another problem." When he was able to see the long-term effects of his eating habits, he was motivated to alter his food choices.

He says he learned that you cannot work out enough to compensate for a poor diet. "You have to face the results every day" when you track your food intake every day, he says. "You have to be honest with yourself. We want



Food journal sites at a glance

- **TheDailyPlate.com:** Database with nearly half a million foods help you track what you eat and calculate calorie, protein and carbohydrate intake. It will also suggest healthy alternatives based on your nutrition goals. Free, but you can sign up for a gold membership for \$60 a year.

- **MyFitnessPal.com:** Free service relies on user-generated food library to calculate nutritional information of food intake. Also offers forums and allows users to blog about their experiences.

- **MyFoodDiary.com:** In addition to the services provided by other free programs, MyFoodDiary.com focuses on long-term nutrition goals, allowing you to track the short- and long-term impacts of current

eating habits. \$9 a month.

- **TweetWhatYouEat.com:** Very basic free service uses Twitter updates (either via the Web or SMS text messages) to keep track of what you eat, how many calories a food item has and how much you weigh.

- **MyPyramidTracker.gov:** Free government-sponsored diet tracker offers basic calculation of nutrition based on food diary.

- **FitDay.com, SparkPeople.com:** Free programs analyze calories, carbs, fat and protein from the food data that you enter while taking into consideration your activity level, to recommend calorie intake to reach nutrition or health goals. ■



to forget the dessert or queso," but keeping the online journal keeps you accountable for every bite.

This dieter stuck with the program for three months, which he felt like was enough time to learn what he needed to learn and change his behaviors. Several years later, he's kept the weight off.

It can be annoying to input everything you eat, but the payoff is worth it, most people said.

To make it easier, most companies offer nutritional information on food items from popular restaurants and hundreds of brand-name products, so you don't have to read the labels and enter that information yourself. For the home chef, many sites allow you to save certain dishes that you cook frequently so you don't have to input the ingredients each time you prepare it.

Nearly every diet tracker has a place to input exercise activity, including the exercise you get by doing simple things like walking around the office or household chores, so as to more accurately track your progress and calculate calorie-intake recommendations.

Sara Robertson, 31, says she never kept a food diary because she didn't think she could stick with it. "I don't even keep a checkbook balance," she says. When she started using TheDailyPlate.com in February, it took more time to enter food data because she hadn't built up a quick list of foods she usually eats. "You kind of eat the same foods over and over again," she said, and The Daily Plate allows her to store her favorite foods.

Robertson, who lost about five pounds using the online journal, said having to track what she ate made her more aware of portion size, which many dietitians say is a big key to managing your weight. "I figured out what a cup of something or what 4 ounces looked like," she says. She also wasn't sure how many more calories she should eat on the days she exercises.

Most online food-diary programs offer a social media or support component, where you can join virtual groups or chat on message boards to find other people who have the same nutritional goals. ■



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Hyperbaric oxygen therapy accelerates the body's natural ability to heal

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

It has long been understood that healing cannot happen without sufficient oxygen levels in the tissues, where most illnesses and injuries occur and often linger.

"Oxygen is the basis of life," explains vascular and endovascular surgeon Hiranya A. Rajasinghe, medical director at the new Center for Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Medicine at Physician's Regional Medical Center in Naples.

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) is administered to speed recovery time and promote healing in the management of conditions in which oxygen transport to the tissues has been disrupted by radiation, traumatic injury, infection, inflammation or edema.

"Hyper" means an increase in the quantity or quality of something; "baric" relates to pressure. HBOT thus refers to treatment of the entire body with 100 percent oxygen at greater than normal atmospheric pressures.

During treatment that is non-invasive, the patient breathes 100 percent oxygen while fully enclosed in a chamber in which the atmospheric pressure is two to three times greater than the atmospheric pressure at sea level. This fosters a higher level of oxygen dissolved into the bloodstream, which in turn stimulates blood vessel growth and enhances the immune system and the body's natural ability to heal, Dr. Rajasinghe explains.

"The earth's atmosphere normally exerts approximately 15 pounds per square inch of pressure at sea level," explains Dr. Rajasinghe. "That pressure is defined as one atmosphere absolute (abbreviated as 1 ATA).

"In the ambient atmosphere, we normally breathe approximately 20 percent oxygen and 80 percent nitrogen," he adds. "With HBOT, the pressure is increased up to two times in 100 percent oxygen."

While HBOT is best known for its use in treating scuba divers suffering from decompression sickness or "the bends," it is also the primary treat-

ment for certain wounds or infections and radiation-damaged tissue. It's also used to counteract carbon monoxide poisoning.

What are hyperbaric oxygen treatments like?

Hyperbaric oxygen treatments consist of three phases: compression to the prescribed treatment pressure, the prescribed time at pressure, and decompression back to surface or atmospheric pressure.

- **Compression:** During this phase, patients feel a "fullness" in their ears similar to what is experienced as a commercial airliner lands. Swallowing or yawning equalizes this increase in pressure on the eardrum. The temperature in the chamber also increases slightly during compression.

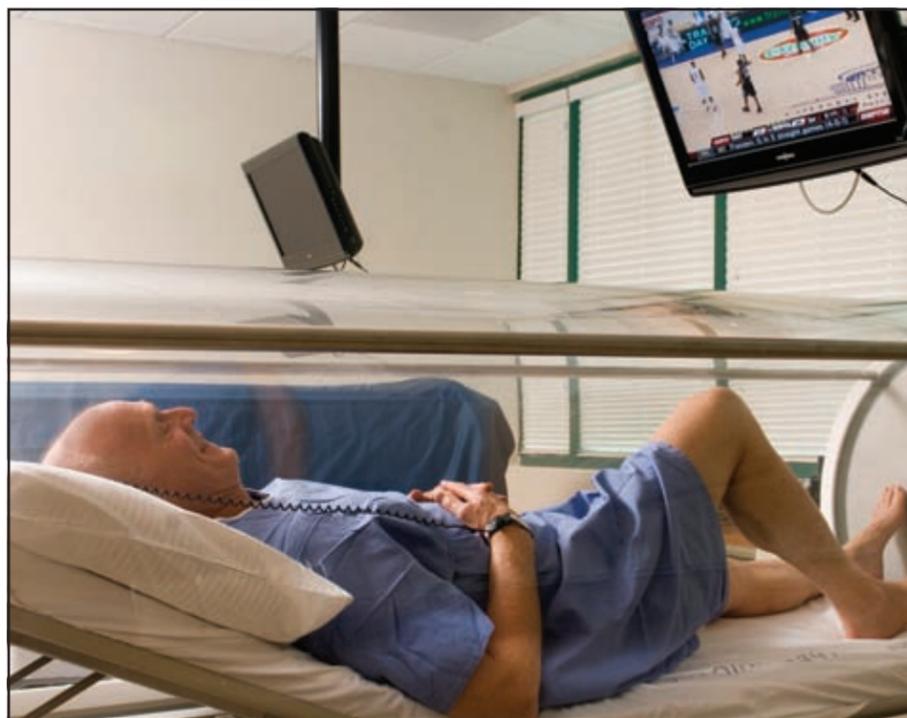
- **Treatment:** This phase begins when the pressure reaches the prescribed level. The patient breathes 100 percent oxygen with brief interruptions to breath air. Patients may rest, sleep, listen to music or watch television during treatment.

- **Decompression:** During decompression, the pressure within the chamber is reduced to that at the surface, at which time the treatment is completed.

HBOT requires a prescription, and is approved by the American Medical Association, the Food & Drug Administration and Medicare. It is typically used as part of an overall medical treatment plan. While HBOT is sometimes used as a primary emergency treatment, it is more often applied as a cost-effective adjunctive or enhancement therapy.

The Center for Wound Healing & Hyperbaric Medicine is in the Medical Arts Building at Physician's Regional Medical Center — Collier Boulevard. All treatments are provided in an out-patient setting.

For more information, please call 354-6425. ■



A patient in the hyperbaric oxygen chamber at the Center for Wound Healing



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downtown in order to achieve that goal.

In just four years of existence, Opera Naples has managed to garner the support of some heavy-hitters around town. "We're confident that the people of Naples will be highly supportive of the plans for the park and its cultural amenities," Mr. Goldberg said.

Others could benefit as well, should city buy part of Renaissance Village. The Naples Art Association has said it

wants to expand. So has Florida Gulf Coast University.

Mr. Antaramian's development is approved for 300 residential units and 205,000 square feet of commercial use, for shops, offices or cultural facilities. The parcel is bordered by Fifth Avenue South and Goodlette-Frank Road.

Just a few months after signage went up on Goodlette-Frank Road announcing the beginning of Renaissance Village, the project was halted without a shovelful of dirt being turned.

Antaramian's attorney, John Passidomo, confirmed his client's willingness to sell either five acres or 17.5 acres of the property to the city at fair market value at a recent city council meeting.

Should the city agree to purchase the 17.5-acre parcel, that land, combined with the Naples Depot, would create a park 2 1/2 times larger than Cambier Park, according to Mr. Passidomo.

The project will be discussed again at a city council workshop planned for Friday, Dec. 5. Possible uses for the site, should the plan proceed, still remain to be agreed upon.



PHOTOS PAT SHAPIRO

Opera Naples "Stars under the Stars" at Cambier Park on Nov. 21



The Opera Naples Women's Chorus in "Stars Under the Stars"

If the council decides to recommend purchase of the property for a city park, a referendum would be scheduled for Naples citizens to vote on the matter. If approved, Mr. Goldberg said he and the Opera Naples board anticipate negotiating a long-term lease with the city for the portion of the Renaissance Village property the opera house

would require.

"We've been working quietly on this idea for months, ever since it became apparent that Renaissance Village was not going to proceed as planned," Mr. Goldberg said. "We're very happy it's something the community can talk about and learn more about now." ■

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Communication key to veterinary partnership

BY GINA SPADAFORI
Universal Press Syndicate

Many pet lovers make the mistake of believing veterinarians are pretty much interchangeable. In fact, you're doing your pet a disservice if you don't put a little effort into choosing the right veterinarian.

Any veterinarian you consider should be technically proficient, current on the latest treatments, and willing to seek out more information on your pet's behalf or work with a veterinary specialist. A good vet should be able to explain what's going on with your pet in a way you can understand and be willing to answer your questions, so you can make a responsible decision on your pet's behalf.

Ask friends, co-workers and neighbors for recommendations. Over the years, animal lovers can tell which veterinarians are knowledgeable, compassionate and hardworking. Those veterinarians are always talked up by satisfied clients. Other factors may help you narrow down your list of possibilities:

- Is the clinic or hospital conveniently located, with hours you can live with? If you have a 9-to-5 job, a veterinarian with a 9-to-5 clinic doesn't do your pet much good. Many veterinarians are open late on at least one weeknight and for at least a half-day on Saturday.

- What kind of emergency care is available, if any? Although emergency veterinary clinics are prepared for any catastrophe, they are not familiar with

your pet. If your veterinarian's practice does not offer 24-hour care, does it work with one that does?

The final call on whether a particular veterinarian is right for you comes down to intangibles. If you don't feel comfortable, you're less likely to ask your veterinarian questions, and the lack of productive communication hurts your pet in the long run. ■



Make sure in choosing a veterinarian that you've found someone you're comfortable asking questions.

Cut food when using treats

If you are using treats to train your dog, reduce the amount of food you provide during meals to keep your dog at a healthy weight. Treats are an important part of training, but you don't want to end up with a well-mannered pet with weight problem.

If your dog is always a little hungry, you may be able to use 10 percent of his daily kibble for training and save treats for teaching him new behaviors.

If your dog does not work for kibble, even when hungry,



then you may need to increase daily exercise during training. Exercise is a great relationship builder, as your dog associates you with an enjoyable excursion. Exercise is also a great stress reliever and may help your dog focus better during training sessions. ■

(Animal behavior experts Susan and Dr. Rolan Tripp are the authors of "On Good Behavior." For more information, visit their Web site at AnimalBehavior.net.)

Pets of the Week



>>Mandy is a female pit bull mix with a sweet disposition. At 1 year old, she still acts every part the puppy and loves to play and nap.



>>Dexter is a 2-year-old Rottweiler who thinks he's still a puppy. He loves roughhousing and thinks everyone can be his best friend.



>>Tila is a small German shepherd-boxer mix. At 7 months old, she's completely in love with life. Her favorite game is tug-o-war.



>>Karrot is a calm and loving 4-month-old kitten who loves to play, but waits for someone else to initiate the games.



>>Tang is a 2-month-old male tabby mix with a fiery passion to catch the feathered toys in the room, as well as the tails of other cats.

To adopt a pet

There are many pets awaiting adoption at the Collier County Domestic Animal Shelter, 7610 Davis Blvd. Adoption fees are \$65 for cats and \$80 for dogs; the shelter also regularly has rabbits, ferrets, gerbils and guinea pigs.

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Hobbling around



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If you have wandered into my store lately, you will have seen me hobbling around on crutches. I tripped over my dog gate and landed on my knee. Twice.

To be sure, the knee injury is no big deal. It does not hurt and does not impede my walking. The knee is just a little swollen. What hurts are the crutches. I am not accustomed to lifting my body weight with my two spindly arms, over and over again. After trying to use crutches for two days and suffering such excruciating pain in my arms, chest, and back that I could not raise my arms above my waist, I will gladly suffer whatever will happen to my knee if I just walk on it and try to be careful.

Please do not tell my doctor, however. When he saw me without crutches the other day, he yelled at me. I responded by saying, "When you didn't follow my diet instructions perfectly, I didn't yell at you..." but he was not amused. So I got back on the blasted things and spent the weekend on the couch with my leg propped up over my head.

I am taking my own advice about anti-inflammatories very seriously, however. At his instructions, I am using 4,000 mg. of MSM daily, along with fish oil, a blend of herbs, and now I've added

bromelain, a very powerful anti-inflammatory from the green stem of pineapples.

Bromelain is one of the best anti-inflammatories on the market, in my opinion. Bromelain is an enzyme that works by causing the release of a kinin which stimulates the production of the anti-inflammatory prostaglandin E1 compounds. Best taken on an empty stomach, it is used to treat acute postoperative and post-traumatic conditions of swelling.

I am using it for my knee. It is also very effective in treating swelling in the sinus (think snoring...), and when used with other enzymes in treating osteoarthritis.

If you are using blood-thinning medications, you may need to use caution, as it might cause additive anticoagulant/antiplatelet effects and increase the risk of bleeding.

Taken over a long period of time, bromelain can also be irritating to the GI tract, so short-term use is better. Fortunately, you can often get a good result in the short term. ■

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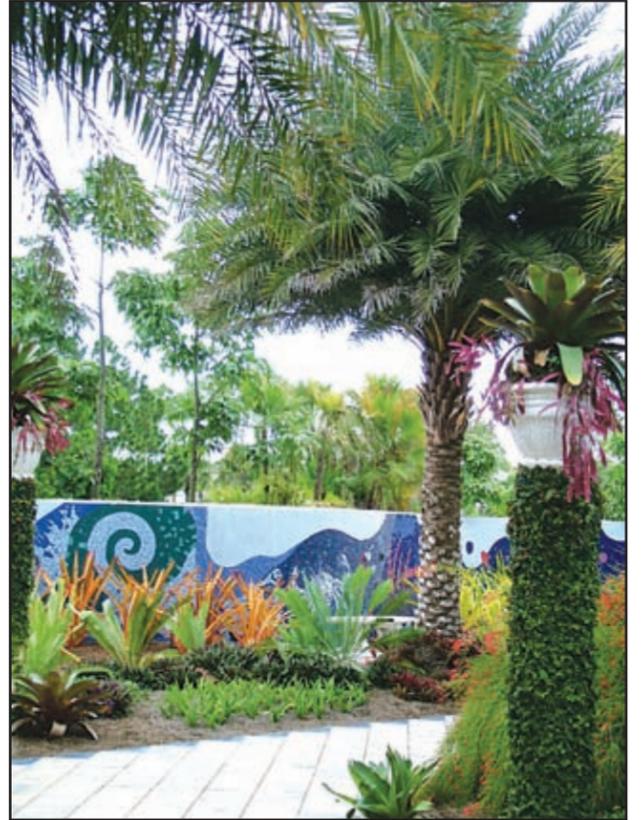
Visit the Garden after Thanksgiving

Naples Botanical Garden invites the community to continue the holiday weekend celebration by visiting the Tropical Mosaic Garden with family and friends free of charge from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, Nov. 28, and Saturday, Nov. 29.

The Garden is closed to the public because of expansion and renovation work now under way, and visitors must register in advance for the special after-Thanksgiving opportunity to visit the property. To register, call 643-7275.

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MUSINGS

Mix (it) up



Have you had the pleasure of knowing many pirates? I don't necessarily mean "knowing" in the Biblical sense. But if the knowing of a pirate is not a knowing in the Biblical or some other sacred sense, can there be any knowing at all? Can anyone really know a pirate?

How would you recognize one? It might be easy if you saw the matey on a pirate vessel. Certainly, context aids recognition.

Or perhaps context is recognition. Perhaps context is monotheistic creator of identity.

Or would you be able to recognize a pirate sitting in the midst of what you would deem an unusual context? Let's see: What might be an unusual context? Teaching a Sunday school class? Working in a candy factory? Demonstrating the fine art of French cuisine?

Ah, now I have gone far enough. I do know of a pirate who was a French chef. Allow me to introduce you: To Julia Child, often known since 1964 as The French Chef. Before she died in 2004 she wrote many books and did her famous television series. She was larger than life, a breathy baritone

of opulence of spirit. Her very being legitimized decadence. The epicurean dream became awakened in her presence, entering through pixels and cathode tubes into the bounded, real life of the early '60s. I believe she played a part in the revolution of that day, bringing the French spirit to the newly unfolding world more obviously courted by the British sound waves that followed the Beat poets.

Julia's first meal of oysters, sole meyniere, and an exquisite wine was, in her words, "an opening of the soul and the spirit for me." Her bon appetit was indeed good, and even beyond good into the realm of the transpersonal sacral, into the heart of piracy.

Take it from Julia: Everything you need to know about piracy you can learn from the folding in of egg whites. This infolding, like the embryonic infolding of migrating cells in gastrulation, is a delicate operation. And just like in the embryonic cellular infolding, there is the promise of the new.

We must not lose the air that has been brought into the whipped whites to create the delightfully buoyant foam. Mindful care is of the essence. We must use a clean, dry, room-temperature copper bowl, with no trace of oiliness. A bit of salt or acid in the form of cream of tartar or lemon juice firms up the proteins.

After careful preparation, when we

begin the actual folding in, we must reach deep down through the center of the foaming whites with our rubber spatula. We introduce our batter into the mix, gently, repeatedly. All this is happening without loss of firmness of the whites.

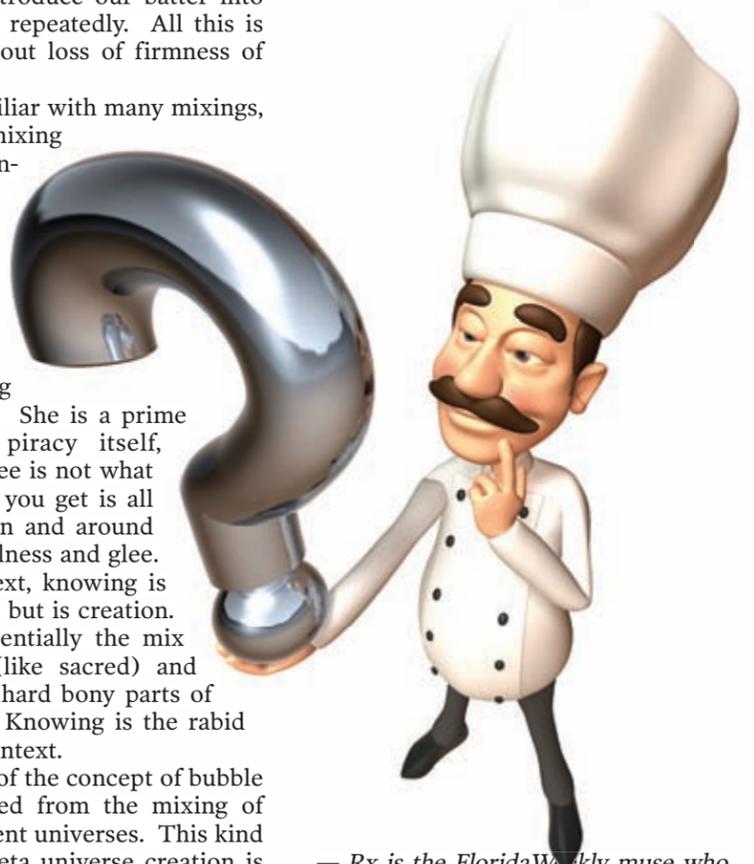
Julia was familiar with many mixings, including the mixing in of cunning linguistic codes. After all, she served in the OSS, an international spy ring, a prototypical CIA, created during WWII by FDR. She is a prime example, like piracy itself, that what you see is not what you get. What you get is all mixed up and in and around with great artfulness and glee. In such a context, knowing is not recognition, but is creation. Knowing is essentially the mix of the sacral (like sacred) and the sacral (like hard bony parts of lower bodies). Knowing is the rabid disruption of context.

There is talk of the concept of bubble universes created from the mixing of the foam of parent universes. This kind of multi and meta universe creation is mirrored in the delicious infolding of original cells and meringues.

Piracy is racy, is creation, is tasty. Piracy is life itself, rejoicing in mixing it up. And the mixed mind of piracy is the fun of moving below deck toward courting wavy depths. But all this is to

be done gently, with a care not to bruise or deflate or collapse.

Let's mix it up, lovingly. ■



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

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“Open-air and pedestrian-friendly communities make everyday living much easier and more enjoyable.”
— Howard B. Gutman, president of The Lutgert Companies.



Artist rendering of The Strada at Mercato

COURTESY RENDERING

New Urbanism: Drive less, accomplish more

Mixed-use communities revert to concepts hundreds of years old

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

With conveniently located land becoming a scarcity in Southwest Florida, an increasing number of planners and developers are shifting toward “new urbanist” style communities.

Residents of these diverse communities can dine, shop, run errands, catch a movie or celebrate a special occasion without having to get in the car and drive anywhere.

Termed as New Urbanism, this real-estate and planning strategy is a growing movement based on principles of planning and architecture that work together to create open-air, walkable communities. This trend follows the policies of “smart growth” and is resulting in vibrant places to live and work. And by driving less, new urbanist dwellers can reduce their fuel consumption and save both time and money.

In places like State Street in Chicago and Washington Township, N.J., new urbanists are creating streets that are safe, comfortable and interesting for

people to walk and meet. Buildings of all styles and functions open onto sidewalks, rather than parking lots, while providing comfort and convenience for pedestrians, bicyclists and others.

Among such communities in Southwest Florida is The Mercato in North Naples. On 53 acres at the intersection of U.S. 41 and Vanderbilt Beach Road, it’s a joint venture of The Lutgert Companies and the Barron Collier Companies. When completed early next year, The Mercato will have nearly 330,000 square feet of main street-style retail and restaurants, 140,000 square feet of Class A office space and 175 luxury residences, all interconnected by deck parking.

“Open-air and pedestrian-friendly communities make everyday living much easier and more enjoyable,” said Howard B. Gutman, president of The Lutgert Companies.

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The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club goes green

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The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club, a certified participant in the Florida Green Lodging Program, has earned the prestigious One Palm rating by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. The core requirements of the One Palm program include water conservation, energy efficiency, waste reduction, clean air and communications.

To achieve the green certification, the resort has adopted practices for staff and guests that reduce waste and



Porte Cochere at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club

COURTESY PHOTO

conserve natural resources. These included installing water-efficient showerheads, implementing an extensive recycling program throughout the property, installing high-efficiency air filters and high energy-efficient lighting, and communicating to guests ways that they can help.

The staff uses “Green Sealed” cleaning products and detergents that reduce toxicity, as well as a single-step, low-alkaline laundry detergent The

SEE BEACH, B10 ▶

BUSINESS PROFILE

The business of beauty

Weakened economy not slowing down Dr. Patrick Flaharty

FLORIDA WEEKLY STAFF REPORT
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As the holidays approach, and another season of galas and social events begins to unfold, facial cosmetic surgeon Dr. Patrick Flaharty is providing lots of “instant gratification” to those wanting to put their best face forward. Through a complement of non-invasive enhancements, Dr. Flaharty is able to rejuvenate a patient’s face in minutes, often with very little recovery time. The doctor has three recommendations for people with busy social calendars, who want optimum looks with minimum hassle and expense.

The first is injectable fillers. Many patients come to Dr. Flaharty just before a special event, and receive what he calls “the liquid facelift.” With the injectable filler Restylane®, for example, Dr. Flaharty can quickly eliminate hollowness of the lips and cheeks, as well as lines and creases around the mouth. “You can get an unbelievable rejuvenation of the face,” he says. “An instant result.”

“The filler industry started off as a solution for creases and folds,” says Dr. Flaharty, “but it’s now hitting its full stride. Fillers add volume to the face,” he says. They fill in shadowy areas; they add volume to the cheeks, making them fuller and higher. They can lift

the corners of the mouth by filling in the creases. They offer very amazing, powerful, and dramatic improvements in a simple in-office procedure.”

“For so long we focused on lifting and tightening,” he says. “But it’s actually deflation that makes a face look wrinkly and shadowy,” he explains, equating youthfulness with fullness. “Adding volume pushes the tissue out and up, replacing what the body loses as it ages: a tissue-plumping protein that has a high affinity for water.”

The newest filler on the market is Evolence®. Dr. Flaharty is one of the few local cosmetic surgeons approved to use it, but says he’s also excited about another filler, Artefill, that is permanent. “I like it a lot,” says the doctor. “I started using it selectively and I’ve been very, very happy with the results. “It’s a little more expensive and does require serial treatments two months apart. But it seems to hold up much better than anything else we have. To me,” he says, “that’s the most exciting thing happening in fillers.”

An unexpected group often benefit; most from fillers: “Those people in their 40s and 50s who are thin and athletic,” says Dr. Flaharty. “Their faces tend to age more rapidly. The face loses fat over time anyway, and as a result of athleticism and low body fat, they can look



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Flaharty

gaunt from being in really good shape. Fillers give them a youthful fullness and a roundness to the face. I’ve done half a dozen patients like this in the last few months, and they really look marvelous now. We’ve turned the clock back.”

Dr. Flaharty recommends patients receive fillers 7 to 14 days before any special event.

Botox is another way to get instant gratification, according to the doctor. “You see an immediate reduction of

crows’ feet, wrinkles in the forehead, or the frown lines between the eyebrows that can make you look angry or stressed. Eliminating those frown lines makes people look much more pleasing. Botox® is a very powerful tool.” Unlike fillers, Botox® actually weakens the muscles and softens the creases caused by muscle activity. “It gives significant improvement in a day,” says Dr. Flaharty, “but its peak effect is excellent in two weeks. That’s the ideal timing.”

Professional facials are the third way to really make a quick difference. “It’s amazing how much better my own skin looks after an intense hydrating facial,” says Dr. Flaharty. “It gets rid of some of the dead surface cells, drives moisture into the face, and gives a healthy glow. It is also very relaxing,” he says.

Dr. Flaharty, who just expanded to include a Coconut Point location, admits he is extremely busy despite a weakened economy and stock market drops. “We are very busy with surgery, but we are also seeing more people who want to do fillers and Botox® instead of surgery at this time,” he says. “They’re deferring a little on the traditional facelift,” opting instead for liquid facelifts. “It goes in different cycles,” says Dr. Flaharty, of the business of beauty. “But holidays and season are some of our busiest times of the year.” ■

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Banking & Finance



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client service. She earned her master's degree in English education from New York University and has more than 20 years in the securities/brokerage industry developing customer service skills and knowledge of investment concepts and products. Her most recent position was as trust officer with National City Private Client Group. She has received her Series 7 brokerage registration and completed the Florida Bankers Association Trust School.

Architecture

SchenkelShultz Architecture received the 2008 AIA Unbuilt Honor Award from the American Institute of Architects' Southwest Florida Chapter for its design of Edison State College's new \$3.4 million, 10,000-square-foot Early Childhood Development Center at the Collier County Campus. Designed to be the college's first LEED®-certified facility, the center will serve more than 100 children from infancy through 4 years of age. The underlying operating philosophy of the center is based on the Reggio Emilia approach, which affects design through building an environment that functions as an additional "teacher" for the students. The seven classrooms will be designed to nurture and support the inquisitive nature of young learners. There also will be areas for both quiet and active play and exploration. Many wall-size windows will allow for an easy flow between indoor and outdoor areas and encourage an awareness of and respect for the environment. Integrated within the building will be dedicated spaces where parents can meet, where health screen-

ers and therapists can work with children, where teachers can prepare materials and share ideas and resources, and where classes and community seminars can be held.

Education



Teprovich

Edison State College welcomes **Amy Teprovich** as the new district director of student life. Ms. Teprovich will develop and promote campus life through programs and activities to boost student learning and development. Among her many duties, she will provide support to Edison State clubs, organization and student government. Ms. Teprovich holds a master's degree in higher education administration from Canisius College, Buffalo, N.Y.

Real Estate

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My Dumbest Investment

Stopped and Lost

My dumbest investment was in Intel stock. I bought 100 shares in 1995 at what was then \$62 per share. They advanced to \$78. Then my broker advised me to enter a "stop-loss" order to protect my profits. Duh ... sounded like a good idea. Sure would hate to lose those profits. So we placed an order to sell if the shares fell to \$74. Of course, they did, and my shares were sold. A few years later, they were at \$165! Thump! That's the sound of me kicking myself.

— Matt Sigman, Santa Clarita, Calif.

The Fool Responds: Your purchase price, adjusted for splits, would be around \$7.30 per share, and Intel was recently trading around \$14.20, which would have only doubled your money in 13 years. That's an annualized growth rate of about 5 percent. You'd have increased your investment 10-fold, though, if you'd sold in 2000, before the bubble burst. We're wary of stop-loss orders. Yes, one can protect your profits, but it can also kick you out of something that will rise to great heights later, just because it temporarily dips. Proceed with caution. ■



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

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Last week's trivia answer

I'm a top global brand, having begun with a handful of beans in Seattle's Pike Place Market in 1971. In 1991 I became the first privately owned U.S. company to let part-time workers participate in a stock option program. I went public in 1992. You'll find my more-than-10,000 retail locations in China, Kuwait, Indonesia, Switzerland, Peru and elsewhere. I offer more than 30 blends of coffee, along with teas, other beverages, foodstuffs, music and more. Customers have loaded more than \$2.5 billion onto my cards. I was a first-mate pursuer of Moby-Dick. Who am I? ■

(Answer: Starbucks)



Write to Us! Send questions for Ask the Fool, Dumbest (or Smartest) Investments (up to 100 words), and your Trivia entries to Fool@fool.com or via regular mail c/o this newspaper, attn: The Motley Fool. Sorry, we can't provide individual financial advice.

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Ask the Fool

Pure Plays

Q What's a "pure play" company? — M.J., Tucson, Ariz.

A Unlike conglomerates, a pure play is a company that focuses on one single business. When investors are drawn to a particular industry, they may look for a company that's a pure play, so their invested dollars won't be spread out over other, less desirable businesses.

If your research suggests that the lightbulb industry is one of the most attractive and profitable ones around and you want to invest in it, you might invest in General Electric, which makes everything from lightbulbs to airplane engines. Or you might try to find a pure-play lightbulb company. The hypothetical Bright Idea Lightbulb Co. (ticker: UREKA) might fit the bill. Funds in UREKA would be focused solely on lightbulbs, while GE also makes everything from security systems to NBC to aircraft engines, with each operation having varying profitability characteristics.

Coca-Cola is a beverage pure play, unlike PepsiCo, which has a giant snack operation in Frito-Lay. Barnes & Noble is a bookselling pure play, while Amazon.com sells books and much more.

Q Where can I go to figure out how much inflation has occurred within a certain time span?

— B.C., Midland, Mich.

A Click over to the Web site of the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics and you'll find a handy inflation calculator: <http://data.bls.gov/cgi-bin/cpicalc.pl>. If you want to know how much buying power \$100 in 1970 would have today, just ask. The answer: \$564. (Another good calculator: www.westegg.com/inflation.)

To learn the average inflation rate over a period, visit www.measuringworth.com/growthandselect "Consumer Price Index." (From 1977 to 2007, it was 4.2 percent.) ■

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

Name That Company

You may not know my name, but I'm a multinational holding company with subsidiaries making high-performance coatings, sealants and specialty chemicals, primarily for maintenance and improvement. I rake in more than \$3 billion yearly. I've posted 60 consecutive years of record results, issued 11 stock splits since 1975, and completed more than 100 acquisitions in the last 40 years. I've also upped my annual cash dividend for 34 years in a row.



My brand names include Zinsser, Rust-Oleum, DAP, DIF, Bondex, Plastic Wood, Varathane, Testors, Day-Glo, Dryvit, Carboline, Euco, Fibergrate and Stonhard, among others. Who am I? ■

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

The Motley Fool Take

Still Going Strong at MasterCard

Credit card runner-up MasterCard (NYSE: MA) reported better-than-expected third-quarter earnings recently — impressive for a financial firm these days. Revenue was up 24 percent over the year-ago quarter, and net income rose 7 percent.

Shares have been lopped in half over the past six months, amid fears of recession. But MasterCard is still growing at a pretty healthy clip: Purchase volume increased 13 percent to nearly half a trillion dollars, while total transactions grew 13 percent, to 5.4 billion. As has been the case for a while, global growth led the way, with 25 percent purchase volume growth in the

Asia/Pacific region, 25 percent growth in South Asia/Middle East/Africa, and 19 percent growth in Latin America. Few complaints there. U.S. purchase volume grew at a much more modest 7 percent ... by far the slowest growing segment.

Shares have recently been cheap enough, in the \$160 range, to justify buying, but the near-term future is bound to be anything but easy. A prolonged global recession could keep consumers suppressed and spending less. If you have the guts to dip your toes in, you'd be well-advised to check your lofty expectations at the door, have a long-term time horizon, and be prepared for an all-out fallout of the global consumer market over the next year or two. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ The next **N.A.P.L.E.S. (Naples Area Professional League of Executive Services)** meeting takes place Thursday, **Dec. 4**, at Shula's Steak House in the Naples Hilton, 5111 Tamiami Trail N. Networking begins at **7:30 a.m.** and the meeting starts at 8 a.m. Guest speaker Cindy Cryzter, a Toastmaster speaker for more than 10 years and co-owner of Diamond Title Company, will discuss "Communication Skills: The True Keys to Success in Business."

For more information, call Tim Tillapaugh with Prudential Florida Realty, 825-7711, or Jay Civetti with Stock Financial, 449-3700, or visit www.naplesgroup.net. N.A.P.L.E.S. membership in several categories/industries is available for qualified applicants.

■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Accelerated Networking Luncheon from **11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4**, at Tavern on the Bay in Bayfront. Luncheon sponsor is Comcast Spotlight. Cost for members only is \$15; and reservations must be made by Friday, Nov. 28.

Visit www.napleschamber.org.

■ The **Naples-on-the-Gulf chapter of the Women's Council of Realtors** holds its annual Dessert and Gift Auction "Tea by the Tee" on **Friday, Dec. 5**, at Grey Oaks Golf and Country Club. Reservations are required, and cost is \$35 per person. Call Robyn DeVille at 261-6300 or robyndeville@earthlink.net.

■ The **Christian Chamber of Southwest Florida's** next Business Card Exchange begins at **8:30 a.m., Friday, Dec. 5**, at Christie's Flowers and Gifts, 7740 Preserve Lane, Naples. Jennifer Cummings is the hostess. The Christian Chamber's monthly Collier County luncheon takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, at the Naples Hilton.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 481-1411, by e-mailing christianchamber@embarqmail.com or by visiting www.ccsfw.org.

■ The **Economic Development Council of Collier County's** Annual Pre-Legislative Luncheon with the Collier County Legislative Delegation begins at **11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10**,

at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club, 896 River Point Drive. Cost of the luncheon is \$45 for EDC investors and \$45 for others; Jeremy Giles hosts.

Registration online for either program at www.eNaplesFlorida.com.

■ The **Florida Institute of Government at Florida Gulf Coast University** offers two professional development workshops designed to teach effective communication skills for dealing with difficult people and demanding customers. Ava Fluty facilitates both workshops in the Sugden Welcome Center at FGCU on **Tuesday, Dec. 9**.



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An aerial view of Mercato.

MERCATO

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architects and planners in the 1970s and 1980s, the trend toward New Urbanism has taken hold in a big way. According to the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU), more than 600 towns, villages and neighborhoods are planned or under construction in the United States using the principles of New Urbanism. Many of these concepts are not new and, in fact, have been around for hundreds of years.

But after World War II, a new system of development was implemented nationwide resulting in what is now called conventional suburban development with ever outward sprawl of housing tracts, strip malls, parking lots and highways across the landscape. The majority of Americans today live in

suburban communities built within the last 50 years.

The first new urbanist town to be built from the ground up was the coastal town of Seaside in the Florida Panhandle. Started in 1981, Seaside proved developments that function like traditional towns could be built in this era. The 80-acre community has become internationally famous for its architecture and the quality of its streets and public spaces.

Several other new urban towns and neighborhoods are substantially built, including Laguna West in California and Kentlands in Maryland. Other suburban and new town communities are under construction in most states nationwide.

Among the mixed-use developments in progress in Collier and Lee counties are Coconut Point in Estero, Ave Maria, Bayfront and the Fifth Avenue South District in downtown Naples. Such developments are also being explored in the downtown Fort Myers area as well as in the eastern Lee County.

Diverse uses for active lifestyles

A couple of factors are fueling the new urbanist trend locally, says Damon Romanello, senior associate for the architecture and planning firm of architecture inc.

"Historically in Southwest Florida, the trend was toward larger golf-course communities to serve primarily retirees who were moving to the region," Romanello says. "But there's been a shift toward providing a more active urban lifestyle. We're seeing more buyers who want vibrant communities with diverse uses and residents of diverse age groups."

Romanello, who presented a program on New Urbanism for the Urban Land Institute Southwest Florida District Council, said the increasing scarcity of larger, vacant parcels of real estate is also driving more "in-fill" development with these types of communities.

Aside from the many social advantages, meeting the growing demand for conveniently located homes in

diverse, walkable neighborhoods could also significantly reduce the growth in the number of miles Americans drive, shrinking the nation's carbon footprint.

The ULI published a comprehensive review of dozens of studies in which researchers conclude urban development is both a key contributor to climate change and an essential factor in combating it. Depending on several factors, compact development reduces driving from 20 percent to 40 percent, and more in some instances.

"Curbing emissions from cars depends on a three-legged stool: improved vehicle efficiency, cleaner fuels and a reduction in driving," said leading urban planning researcher Reid Ewing, research professor at the National Center for Smart Growth at the University of Maryland. "The research shows that one of the best ways to reduce vehicle travel is to build places where people can accomplish more with less driving." ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

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Beginning at **8:30 a.m.**, "Exceptional Customer Service" will teach participants how to effectively respond to complaints that result in a satisfied customer. Cost is \$69. Beginning at 1 p.m., "Diplomacy and Difficult People" will let participants practice using more effective communication skills with difficult people and discover individual roadblocks using the SELF profile. The \$79 cost includes the SELF profile.

For registration and additional information, visit www.fgcu.edu/iog or call 590-1096.

■ **Young Professionals of**

Naples holds Casino Night on **Sunday, Dec. 7**, at Club Ultra. Admission of \$40 per person includes a beverage coupon, appetizers and \$5,000 in gaming chips. Call Amber Shemansky at 248-2599 for more information.

For more information about Young Professionals of Naples, visit www.yppnaples.com.

■ **The American Business Women's Association Neapolitan Chapter** holds its holiday party at **5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 16**, at the Naples Hilton. The meeting will include a program on "The Power of E-mail Marketing." Reservations must be made by noon Thursday, Dec. 11. Regular meetings

of the ABWA Neapolitan Chapter take place on the fourth Tuesday of each month, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Hilton. The Woman of the Year Award will be presented at the Jan. 27 meeting.

Call 592-1875 or visit www.abwaneapolitan.org.

■ **Business Network International** holds its weekly meeting at **7:15 a.m. Thursdays** at St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 7100 Airport-Pulling Road N., North Naples. For more information and to make a reservation, call 354-3224.

■ **Goal Setters Business Network International** holds its weekly breakfast meeting at **8 a.m. Wednesdays**

at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1225 Piper Blvd. For information, call Lola Moore at 398-3006 or Kelly Salmons at 597-0787.

■ **The Zonta Club of Naples** holds business luncheon meetings beginning at **11:30 a.m.** on the **first Tuesday of each month** at the Hilton Naples. To make a luncheon reservation, call Sally Sitta at 262-1283. Members and guests are reminded to save the date for the Zonta's fourth annual Fashion Show and Luncheon on Friday, March 20, at The Strand Country Club. Tickets are \$80 and can be reserved by calling Honey Gardiner at 598-9058. ■

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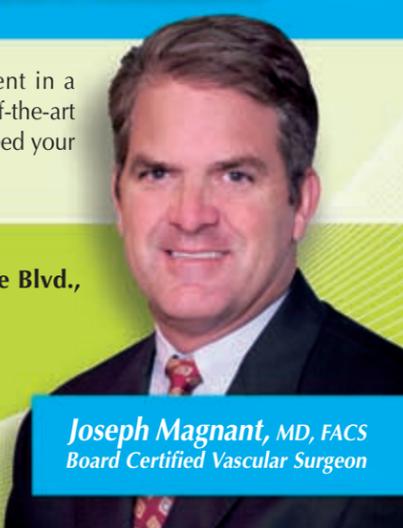


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"All of this has resulted in a very positive response from our guests and groups," says Jim Gunderson, general manager of the 318-room resort. "We are pleased to be a participant in the program, and we are very proud of the recognition."

The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club is Southwest Florida's only resort directly on the beach with on-site championship golf, a world-class spa, and an award-winning tennis center. It has been owned and operated by the Watkins family for more than 60 years.

A multi-million dollar remodeling of its guest rooms was completed in early 2008, following a six-year, \$40 million enhancement and expansion project that was completed in 2006. The resort is at 851 Gulf Shore Blvd. N.

For more information, call 261-2222 or visit www.NaplesBeachHotel.com. ■



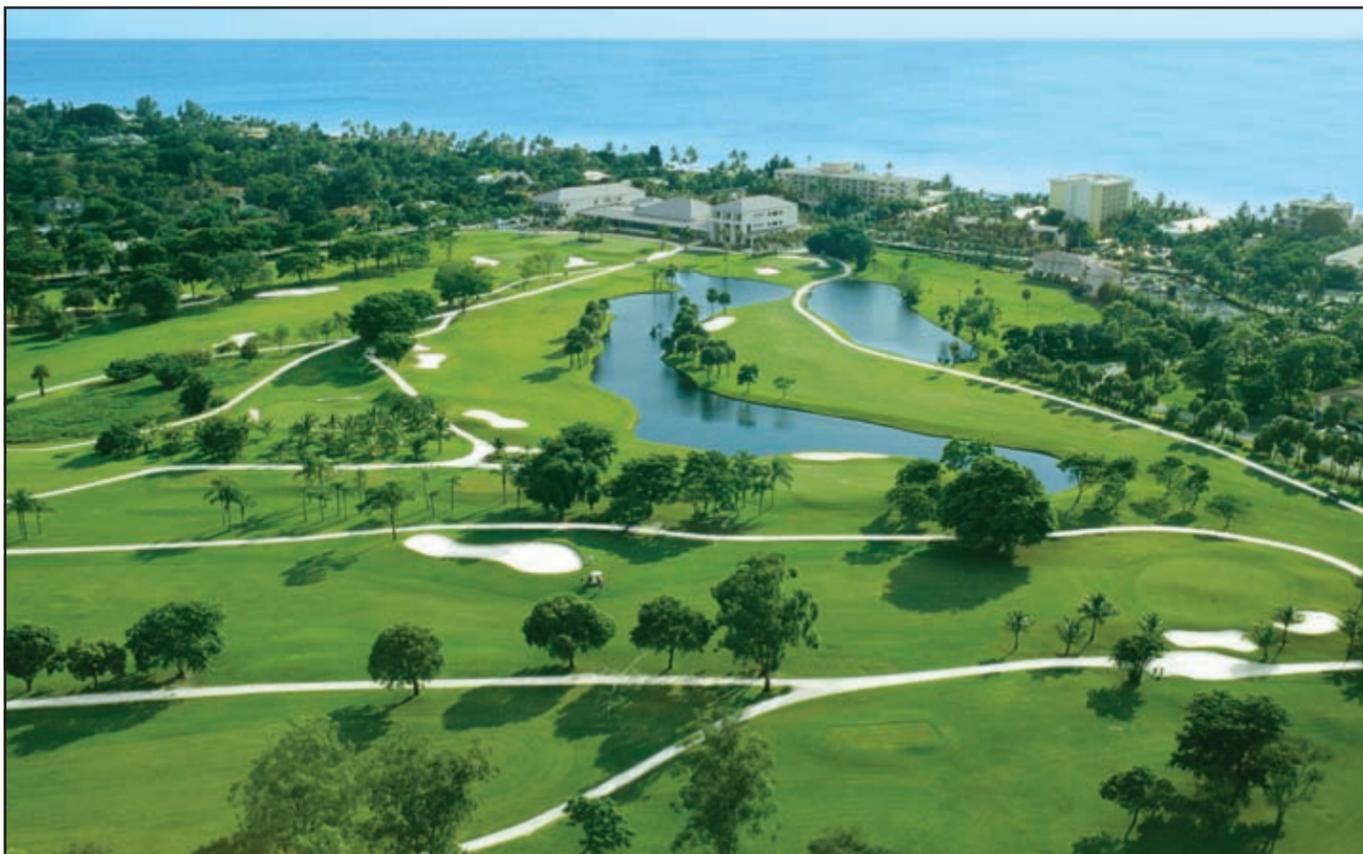
Family time

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The clubhouse and spa

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Aerial view of the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club, a certified participant in the Florida Green Lodging Program

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With nearly 7,000 total square feet, the Capistrano has three bedrooms and a separate guest cabana.



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Custom features include media and display built-ins, coffered ceilings, travertine floors and faux-finished columns. The home is offered for \$3,195,000, furnished.



SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Capistrano, a new single-family home in Mediterra, is designed around a courtyard, giving most of its 3,965 square feet of living space views of the tumbled rock waterfall, circular stacked-stoned spa and custom-designed pool. The McGarvey Custom Homes residence also has a 470-square-foot guesthouse.

The three-bedroom home has four full baths and a powder room and offers 6,764 total square feet, including a two-car garage, entry tower and 1,472 square feet of covered outdoor living space. It also has an octagonal dining room and study, a columned galleria and a living room with a fireplace.

Custom features include multilevel tray and coffered ceilings with molding, faux-finishing and travertine floors. Built-in cabinetry is found in the study and living room.

SEE CAPISTRANO, B15 ►

His dream come true

There's a putting green and bocce ball court out back, and a game room upstairs complete with a pinball machine and a poker table. And don't forget the fitness room and the eight-car garage in this 1-acre-plus Quail West estate that has golf and lake views. With more than 7,500 square feet under air, the home has five bedrooms and 4 full and three half baths. It's listed for \$4,950,000 by Ryan Chiodo of Affluent Homes of Naples. For more information or to schedule a private viewing, call 248-0551 or visit www.AffluentHomesOfNaples.com. ■



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Changes to TwinEagles golf course complete

Recent modifications to The Aerie, the Gary Player-designed championship golf course at The Club at TwinEagles, affected 15 holes and included the redesign of the third green. "The changes make The Aerie more playable," head golf professional Nathan Groce said. "We eliminated a lot of waste areas and grassed them in to create more effective playing room." Some of the holes involved "just a little tweaking," he added.

The modifications were recommended by a committee of nine club members and representatives of Bonita Bay Group, which is developing the 1,115-acre TwinEagles in North Naples. The project overseen by Gary Player Design also included replacing turf that didn't survive last winter's drought, extending fairways and adding formal bunkers — all with the goal of making the course less penalizing. Littoral plantings were installed along lakeshores, and waste areas were sodded with Bahia grass, which requires less water and maintenance.

Jeff Burgoyne, director of golf course operations, said the most noticeable change is the third green. "We lowered it and reconfigured it to better accept shots," he said.

The changes, however, haven't made The Aerie easier or lowered scores, several golfers have said. "It's more playable but still very challenging," said

long-time member Russ Berkoben. "Before, you could hit a good shot and be penalized."

TwinEagles was named to Golf & Travel magazine's list of the 12 Most Intriguing Golf Communities in America, was included in Travel + Leisure Golf's list of the top 100 golf communities in America for two consecutive years and received a top award from the Council for Sustainable Florida. ■



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Looking toward the outdoor kitchen and living area from a seat in the the spa

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The kitchen has stone countertops, a center island and wood-clad ceiling. It also offers a breakfast bar and walk-in pantry. The adjoining family room has media and display built-ins and pocketing sliding doors leading to the entry loggia, which has a summer kitchen overlooking the courtyard.

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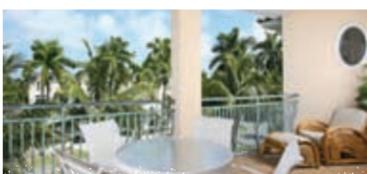
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MARA VILLA 996 - 8th Avenue South #203
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Lots & Acreage

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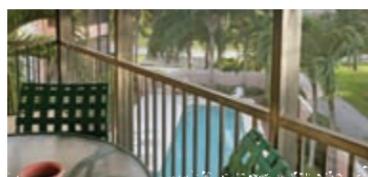
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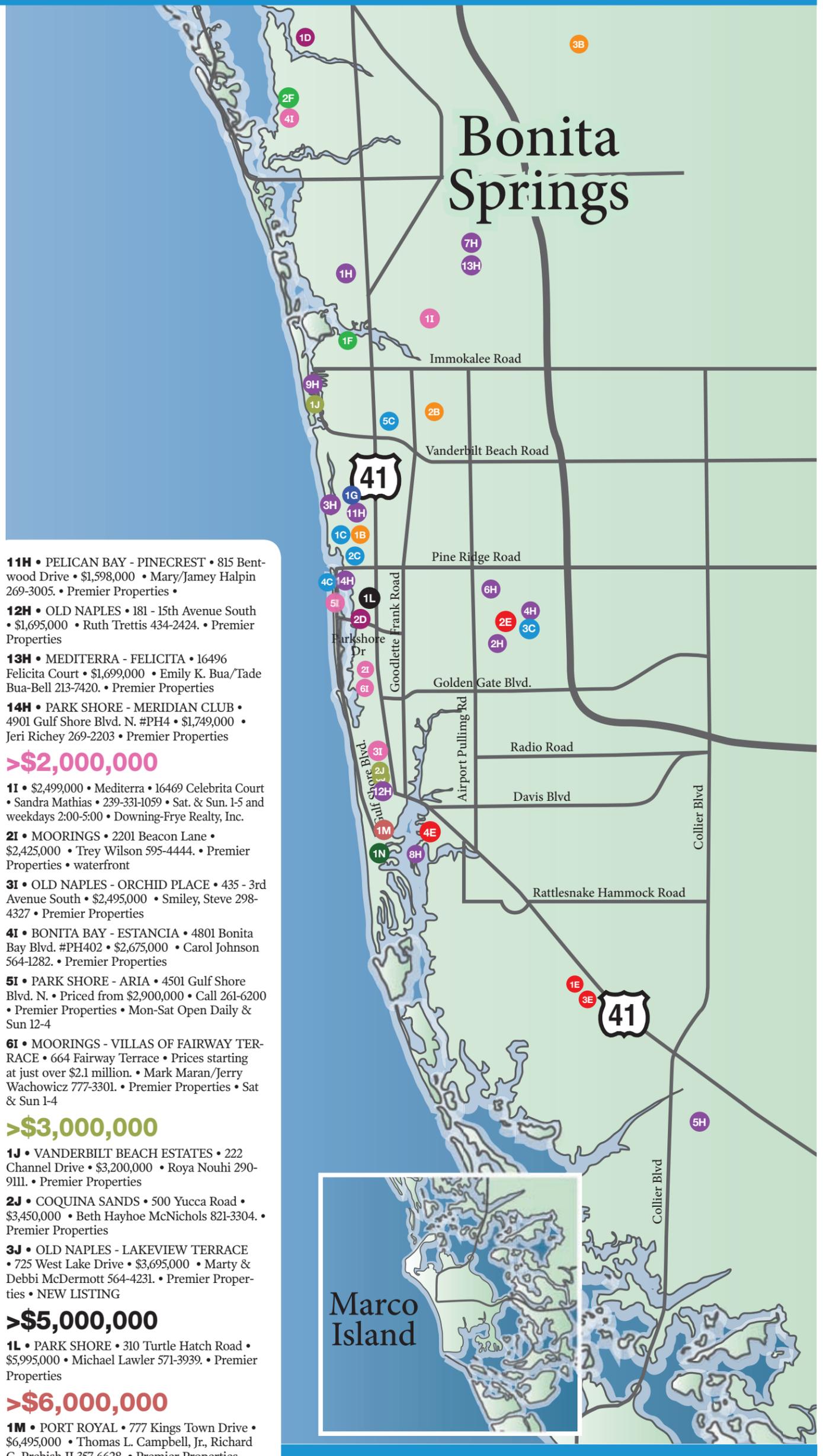
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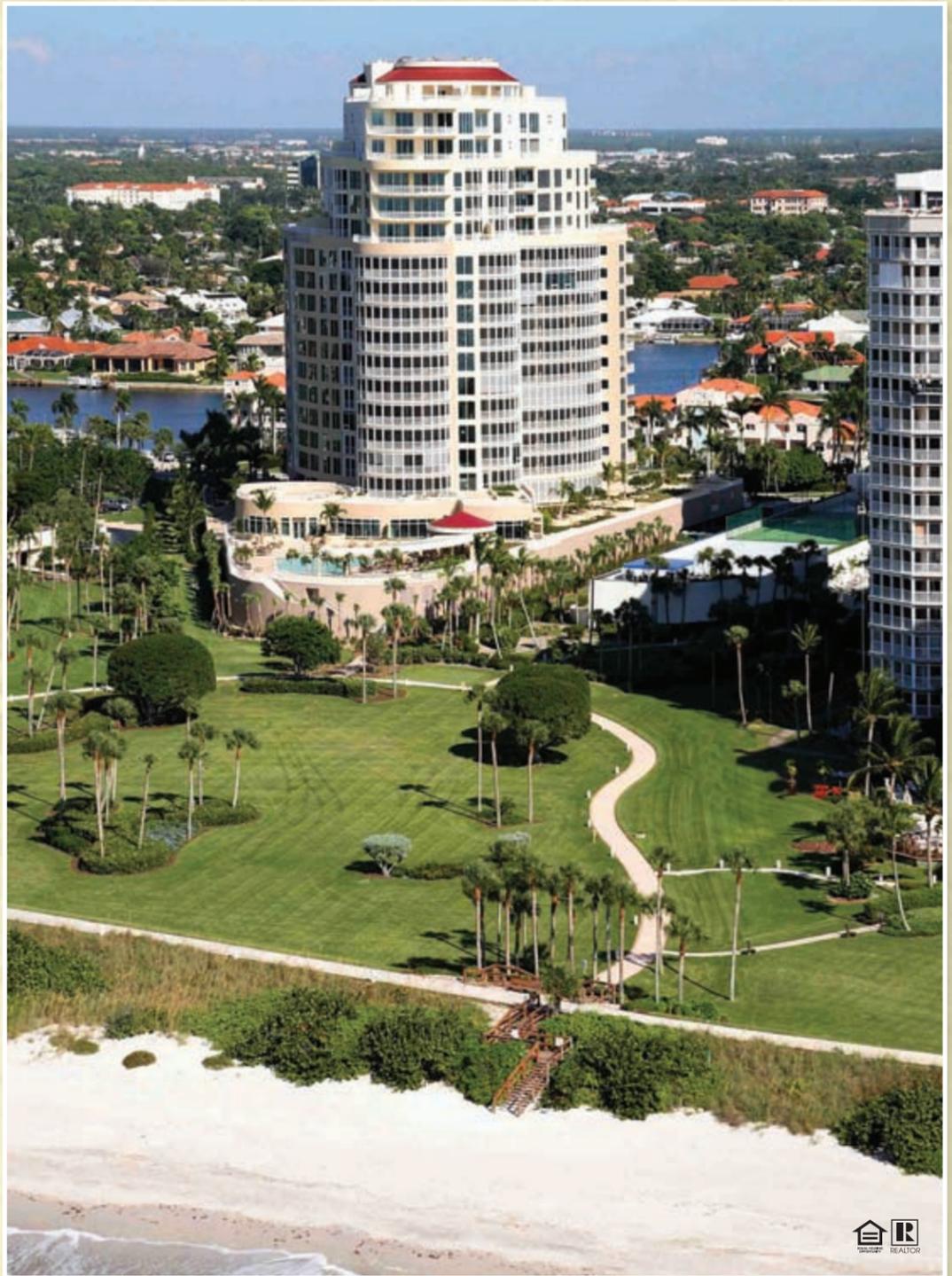
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A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



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"Rigoletto," coming in March

Opera Naples always hits the high notes

BY PEG GOLDBERG LONGSTRETH
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My, how time flies! It seems just yesterday since a handful of opera aficionados banded together in Naples to create a regional opera company.

Unlike the opera series at the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts, which features international touring groups, Opera Naples established itself with a commitment to ferret out and utilize Southwest Florida talent for its chorus and orchestra, and to hire national mega-talents for the key roles.

In just four years, the company has already produced some memorable operas, introduced several young emerging talents to local audiences and created a considerable amount of buzz over its fundraising raffles (heretofore a Jaguar; next: a classic car TBA).

The addition of Robin Frank as chorus master has proven to be an excellent choice, and last year, as part of its community outreach program, the company took 13 performances of "Little Red Riding Hood" to schools throughout Collier and Lee counties. Another popular addition to the educational component of its programs has been the weeklong Gilbert and Sullivan Boot Camp for kids ages 12 to 20.

We knew Opera Naples had real possibilities at its very first performance, when the audience cheered and gave a prolonged standing ovation, not for the performance, but because of the set design by architect Sam Vasquez, husband of Steffanie Pearce, the artistic director and founding member of Opera Naples.

My favorite production thus far was last season's Tanglewood version of "Cosi Fan Tutti," hands down. I had difficulty focusing on the singing because of the hysterical adaptation of Mozart's masterpiece

SEE OPERA, C8 ►



The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940

>>Inside:
Details about tickets
and performance
dates at the Sugden
C4

The serious business of comedy involves finding where the funny is

BY NANCY STETSON
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First of all, let's get some things straight. "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" is a comedy.

It does include murder.

And yes, it's set in 1940. It is not, however, a musical. "It's a spoof," says Megan McCombs, who's directing the

Naples Players' production of the play. "It has a little of that film noir to it, but it's a spoof of that."

The play by John Bishop is about people in a musical auditioning at the home of their wealthy backer. The last how they were in was cut short when the Stage Door Slasher murdered three chorus girls. As their audition progresses, the actors begin to realize the Slasher might still be in their midst.

Dot Auchmoody, the Players' resident costume designer/costume shop supervisor, describes it as "very slap-sticky."

>> Seated: Carla Grieve. Standing lethally (from left): Jim Heffernan Jr., Lucy Harris and Brad Goetz

SEE MURDER, C4 ►

WEEK at-a-glance



Cheers to Thanksgiving

Thanks to Noodles for sharing recipes for the smooth Pumpkintini and the Toasted Pumpkin hot toddy. C18 ►



Christmas is coming

You better watch out for 'Another Night Before Christmas' starring Ashley Gonzales and Paul Romero. C17 ►



Bogie and Bacall

"Casablanca," one of the great movies of all time, comes out on DVD in the ultimate collector's edition. C11 ►



Just Koz

Dave Koz and Friends bring a smooth jazz Christmas to the Phil on Dec. 2. C6 ►

PHOTO SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Bedposted

“I mean, if we’re not going to do it more than a couple of times a week,” he said, “that’s just not enough for me.”



My friend Mike is getting divorced. It’s no surprise, really, given today’s relationship environment, but what is surprising is that it’s his second divorce. From the same woman.

When I found out Mike had managed to patch things up with Rachel, I called to congratulate him. “How’d you pull that one off?” I asked.

“It’s just like volleyball,” he said. “Sometimes you get to call a do-over.”

The do-over lasted less than six months. The next time I spoke to Mike

—this time to commiserate on his recent divorce (part deux)—I asked why things had gone south the second time around. Despite all their efforts to the contrary, he told me, he and Rachel ran into the same problems they faced during the first marital attempt.

“Such as?”

“We just weren’t having sex enough.”

Yikes, I thought. Is that really grounds for divorce?

“I mean, if we’re not going to do it more than a couple of times a week,” he said, “that’s just not enough for me.”

At this point in the conversation, I had to cover the mouthpiece of the phone because I was laughing so hard. A

couple of times a week isn’t enough for him? Most guys should be so lucky. At least Mike isn’t living in Japan, where a recent government study says Japanese couples are foregoing sex all together. In a story reported by Reuters in early November, more than a third of married couples surveyed by the Japan Planning Association said they had not had sex in over a month. Husbands blamed post-work fatigue, while wives cited the hassle of intercourse.

While I’m sure the Japanese study is accurate—37 percent is statistically significant, after all—I wonder, in Mike’s case, how much is true and how much is a case of misremembering the facts. So often in relationships, we recon-

figure the past to confirm the point we’re making in the present.

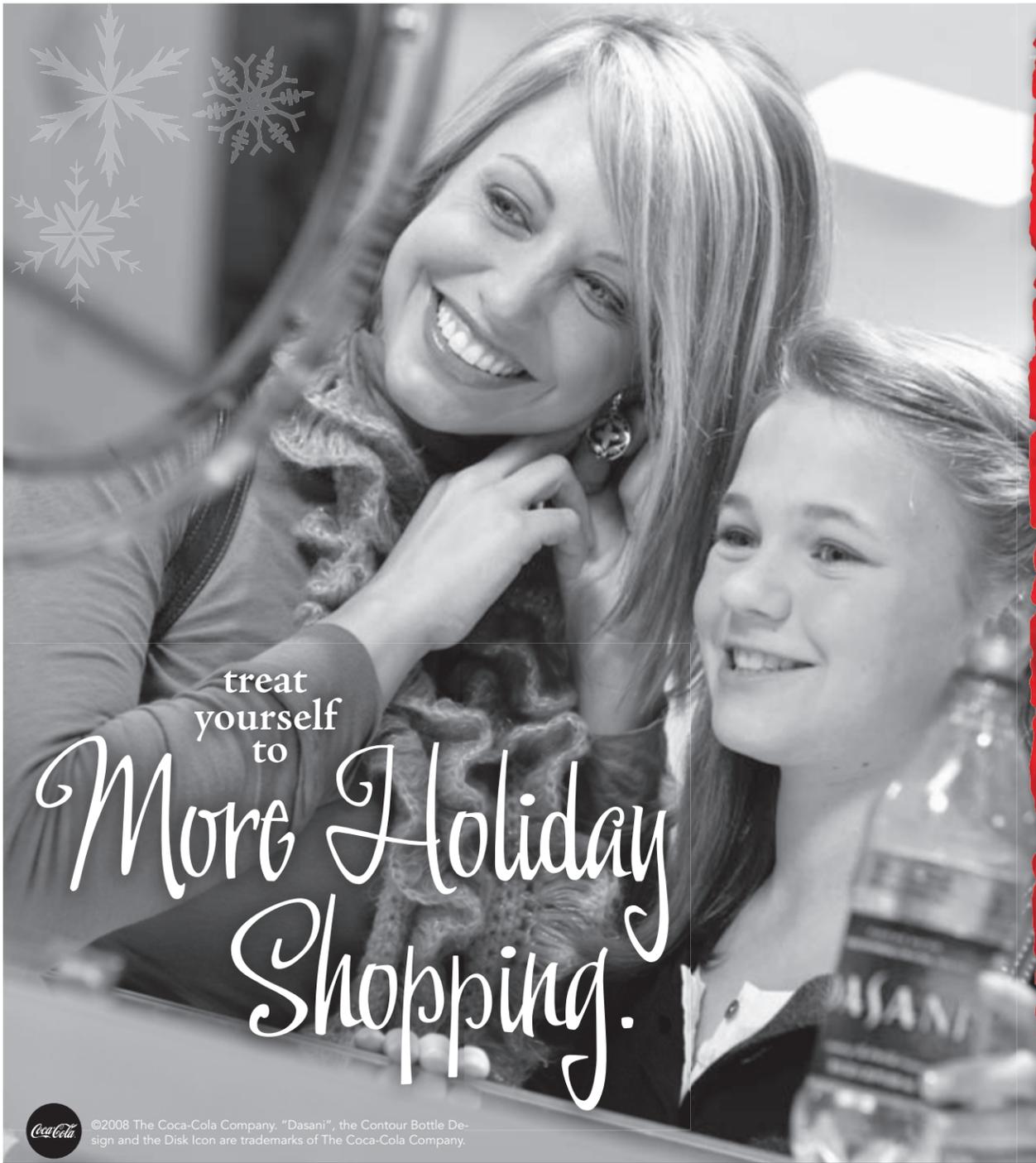
How many men have I heard complain that relations were hot and heavy in the dating phase but dropped off after marriage? Too many. I’ve started to wonder if things were really as passionate as they say or if they aren’t playing into the sex-starved-husband cliché. If I’m going to be sympathetic, I’ll need proof.

Enter, bedposted.com. The Web site, which bills itself as “a personal Web application that will give you some insight into your sex life,” is still in the beta phase, but individuals can sign up to take part in the initial trial. Once you log in, you enter the specs of your most recent encounter and answer questions like: What time did you start? and How long did it last? There’s even a rating section (up to five stars). The site then keeps track of your experiences in an easy-to-monitor monthly chart.

For Mike, this would have been an invaluable tool. Instead of complaining abstractly that he wasn’t getting enough, he could have provided factual documentation. Not that it would have saved his marriage, but at least he could have had more sympathy from his divorce attorney. ■



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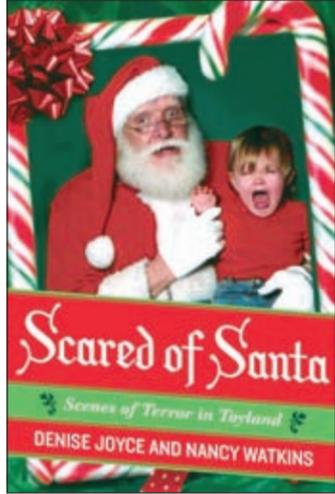
BEACH READING

Scared of Santa: Scenes of Terror in Toyland

By Denise Joyce and Nancy Watkins
(Harper Collins, \$9.95)

REVIEWED BY KATY OLSON
Special to Florida Weekly

'Tis the season: December brings warm gingerbread and heaps of toys, stuffed stockings on the mantle and magic in the air. But it also brings on screaming, crying and sheer panic! Christmas comes just once a year, but with the terribly hilarious image of howling children squirming atop the knee of a podgy, white-bearded stranger, it's a wonder that kids still make the annual trip to Santa's lap. *Chicago Tribune* editors Denise



Organized by category, including reactions from the blasé veteran Santas to the shrieking baby's first visit, the work comes to life with witty captions. You might assume, as Joyce did before starting the project, that "once

Joyce and Nancy Watkins take a look—and a laugh—at some of the funniest, creepiest and downright scariest Santa photos ever taken in their collection, "Scared of Santa: Scenes of Terror in Toyland."

After overwhelming response to a newspaper feature that culled funny photos from good-humored families, the authors realized that what made each universally hilarious, were, as Joyce says, "all the endless variations on how everything can go wrong." This book pokes fun not at the scared kids, but at the wacky expressions, cheesy costumes and wild outbursts that ensue in Santa photo-ops.

you've seen one kid crying on Santa's lap, you've seen them all," but these photos are unique. Vintage black and white snapshots from the 1920s prove that Santa-dread is a timeless phenomenon, while the matching mother-and-son holiday sweaters donned in a recent mall photo ensure that this tradition will continue as long as loving parents have a wicked sense of humor.

"Visiting Santa is such a rite of passage. We even found a picture of a parent crying on Santa's lap with her child!" says Joyce. "Whatever your traditions might be, if you celebrate Christmas, Santa is always part of it." ■

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MURDER

From page 1

"It's just *fun*," Ms. Auchmoody says. "It's not meant to be taken seriously. It reminds me a little bit of 'Clue.' It's just a hoot."

The show runs at the Sugden Community Theatre through Dec. 20.

The theater is advertising it as a "comic romp (not a musical)" — not a bad selection during a time when people are longing for escapism.

The characters consist of all kinds of theatrical stereotypes, including the vain actor, preening director and drunken lyricist. They're such stereotypes, they're easy to costume.

"You have to condense it down to a look that personifies that type of person," Ms. Auchmoody says. "You've got to shrink it down to one essential look, so they come out of the door and boom! you know who these people are."

"There is no great depth or meaning to anybody there."

Director Ms. McCombs describes them as "stock characters that are pretty funny. It's an absurd situation. All these characters with some Nazis thrown in. What could be better?"

You don't have to necessarily be a theater buff to enjoy it, she says. "Theater people are just fun to make fun of. And theater people love to portray theater people (on stage.)" That's probably because they enjoy making fun of themselves and each other. "We've all worked with the vain stars and the temperamental people. It's fun to make fun of ourselves."

But don't let the laughs fool you; comedy is hard work.

"It is always a question of finding the style and also not going too far," says Ms. McCombs, who has a highly developed sense of humor herself. "It's very possible in this play to go beyond."

"Comedy is a rather delicate business, actually. You know that old adage that dying is easy, but comedy is hard. That's because it's very technical."

"So when you find where the funny is, you've got to be very clear with it and deliver it properly. There's also a take, or an aftermath, to it. There's all of that."

Paradoxically, it takes a gentle touch. Though their characters are outrageous, they have to send the jokes out with a degree of delicacy to make them work, Ms. McCombs explains. It's difficult, because the actors tend to want to be heavy-handed.

"But that's not the style; it's not really a skit," she says. "It's not like 'The Carol Burnett Show,' which was what I'd call over-the-top comedy. We love 'The Carol Burnett Show,' it's really funny. But the whole idea of a skit or a comedy show... is built more on a vaudevillian style of acting."

"This is a spoof, so you want to find who the character types are, and you want to play it as organically as possible within the style of the piece."

Ms. McCombs knows firsthand how to get a laugh, having acted and directed at the Hilton Head Playhouse and the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina. (She also directs the Players' KidzAct program, a job for which a sense of humor is essential.)

"When I was young and traveling, I worked on comedy," she says. "And what I found was ... that I could walk across the stage and deliver a line straight out, and it wouldn't get a laugh. But if I walked down and turned around, it would get a laugh."

"Now why that is, I can't tell you,"



Jim Heffernan Jr. and Laura Lorusso in "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940"

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Lucy Harris and Brad Goetz

COURTESY PHOTO

she adds. "But it has something to do with physical positioning, it has something to do with turning on the punch. It has something to do with timing. It has to do with the reaction of the people on stage. That's the reason why they have straight people and comedic people. The straight people react, they help the laugh in a way. The dry take is part of what makes a joke funny. And then the take in itself becomes funny."

"The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" does contain some broad comedy, as well as some physical comedy. There are times when characters go over the top, but then have to come back down to stay within the genre of the piece.

"Even a farce is not mayhem all the time," Ms. McCombs says. "(The energy has) to come back down, so it can go back up again."

Comedy is a serious business, she says. They peruse the script, asking themselves: How do we make this funny?

"It's a discovery process," she says.

"Some things are obviously funny when you read the script. And then you can read something and know that there's probably a laugh in this little area, and how do we set this up to coax the laugh out of this little moment?"

"How can the ridiculous behavior grow as it goes along, that it heightens the humor in the piece as the characters begin to get more out of control. That's sort of serious. You have to look at it and say, how are we doing this?"

The actors also come up with ideas, she says: "Can I do this? 'Can I crawl under that?' 'How about if we do it this way?' It makes it a lot of fun."

Some jokes were discovered when the actors began wearing their costumes. For example, one actor recently walked on stage wearing a mink coat and carrying a shovel. "The juxtaposition of the mink coat and the shovel was very funny," Ms. McCombs says. "Now is the audience always going to laugh at it? I don't know, but we fell over when we saw it, because it was a visual that had not occurred to us

if you go

"The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940"
>>When: through Dec. 20 (no performance on Thanksgiving)
>>Where: The Sugden Community Theatre, 701 Fifth Avenue S., Naples
>>Cost: \$30 for adults, \$10 for students
>>Information: Call 263-7990 or go to www.NaplesPlayers.org

before.

"When she was walking around in her rehearsal clothes, we weren't envisioning a mink coat on her. But there it was, and suddenly it was a funny visual."

Sometimes the cast is surprised by what an audience finds funny, and no doubt more jokes will be discovered when the show opens Wednesday, Nov. 26, and there's an audience.

But right now, during rehearsal and without an audience to respond, the cast has to "keep the faith that what they're doing is true to the play and true to the situation, and that they're all within the same style of funny," Ms. McCombs says.

"That's the main thing. If you want to keep them all in the same play, they have to be in the same style of funny. Everyone has a different sense of humor, everybody has a different energy level. To get them to begin to work as a whole and to be in the same style is one of the great challenges of (directing) comedies."

To accomplish that, she says, the cast has to trust her, and trust that when she tells them to pull back on something, she knows what she's doing. They have to trust that she has a good eye. And they have to really listen to each other.

"When they begin to listen to each other, when the play begins to get its rhythm, they can feel it," she says. "And when they feel that, they can begin to get a sense if they go out of it, if they suddenly get too big or off the mark. It's jarring."

Ms. Auchmoody calls the play the "perfect no-brainer show for these difficult economic times."

Ms. McCombs just wants audiences to leave their disbelief at home and sit back and laugh. A lot. ■

'Indian Blood' opens Friday at Florida Rep

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY
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"Indian Blood" by A.R. Gurney, a play the *New York Times* called a "snow globe for the stage," opens at Florida Repertory Theatre on Friday, Nov. 28.

But, before the show opens, the Rep is selling \$10 seats for a special Thanksgiving Day preview on Thursday, Nov. 27, at 8 p.m.



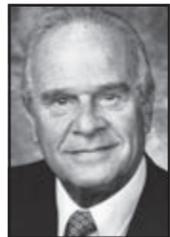
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"Thanksgiving is the beginning of the holiday season," said Producing Artistic Director Robert Cacioppo, "And 'Indian Blood' is a great comedy and beautiful play about a family at Christmas-time in 1946. We want you to kick off your holiday season with us, and enjoy a night at the theater."



BENZING

The holiday season is a time to look back and to look ahead, and this nostalgic southeastern United States premiere does just that. "Indian Blood" is the story of 16-year-old Eddie, who is in trouble at school, finding himself, his WASP family, his city of Buffalo — and even 1940s American society — at a crossroads of sorts. At once hilarious and poignant, "Indian Blood" is a holiday gift



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that audiences will cherish.

In addition to the \$10 Thanksgiving seats, Florida Rep is offering this performance to students completely free of charge. On Thanksgiving Day, the show is free for any high school or college student with a valid student ID. The performance begins at 8 p.m., and \$10 seats are available by calling or visiting the box office at 332-4488.

"It is part of our mission to make theatre accessible to all, and we stand by that mission," Mr. Cacioppo said. "We believe that anyone who wants to see a play here should be able to."

"Indian Blood," by A.R. Gurney, plays at Florida Rep Nov. 28 through Dec. 21. Performances are Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinees on Wednesday, Sunday and selected Saturdays. A special twilight performance will be at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 30. "Indian Blood" carries a PG-13 rating and contains some brief adult language. It is not recommended for young children.

Florida Repertory Theatre is located on Bay Street between Jackson and Hendry in the Historic Arcade Theatre in the Fort Myers River District. Subscriptions and single tickets are available through the box office at 332-4488, or at www.floridarep.org.

Historic Arcade Theatre



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Carrie Lund, Daniel Benzing and Peter Thomasson in "Indian Blood."



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If you go

- >>What: "Indian Blood"
- >>When: Opens Friday, Nov. 28 and runs through Dec. 21. A special Thanksgiving Day preview is at 8 p.m., Nov. 27. Tickets for this performance are \$10
- >>Where: The Florida Repertory Theatre, 2267 First Street, between Hendry and Jackson, in the historic Arcade Theatre in downtown Fort Myers
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WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

This week's theater

■ **Musical Comedy Murders**

- "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940," comedy by John Bishop, presented by The Naples Players, is on stage Nov. 26 through Dec. 20 at the Sugden Community Theatre in Naples. The hilarious play is not a musical, but a spoof of Hollywood film noir thrillers of the 1940s. Performances are in Blackburn Hall at 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday nights with a special performance at 8 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30, and at 2 p.m. Sundays. There is no performance on Thanksgiving Day. Tickets for the production are \$30 for adults and \$10 for students; call the box office, at 263-7990.

■ **Shakespeare** - Bring a folding lawn chair and settle in under the stars for The Naples Publick Theatre's free performances of "All the World's A Stage," a selection of scenes from Shakespeare's plays, Dec. 1 and 4 at 7 p.m. at the Norris Center Amphitheatre opposite Naples City Hall (not to be confused with the nearby Cambier Park band shell). Founder-director Donato Colucci, known for his high-concept Shakespeare productions in Boston, promises a surprised-filled evening. For more information, visit www.naplespublicktheatre.com.

■ **White Christmas** - The Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers presents "Irving Berlin's White Christmas" through Dec. 27. "White Christmas" is based on the movie classic made popular by Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye and Rosemary Clooney. It's 1954 and two army buddies turned show biz partners follow a duo of singing sisters to Vermont where the girls are scheduled to perform over Christmas. The Irving Berlin score includes "Happy Holidays," "Sisters," "Blue Skies," and the title song, "White Christmas." For reservations and show information, visit www.BroadwayPalm.com, call 278-4422 or stop by the box office at 1380 Colonial Blvd.

■ **Indian Blood** - "Indian Blood," by A.R. Gurney, opens at Florida Repertory Theatre Nov. 28. A special showing with \$10 tickets will be held Thursday, Nov. 27, at 8 p.m. "Indian Blood," a play the *New York Times* called a "snow globe for the stage," is a touchingly funny family portrait, and a perfect comedy for the holiday season. The play runs through Sunday, Dec. 21. Call 332-4488 or go to www.floridarep.org.

■ **Love Loves** - "Love Loves a Pornographer," a contemporary comedy of manners by Jeff Goode, opens at Theatre Conspiracy runs through Dec. 6. Lord Love-worthy has a problem. His only daughter

is soon to be married. And the only way to pay for her wedding is to blackmail the vicar who's seducing his wife. But how does a Victorian pornographer commit extortion, without inordinate discord, at tea? Theatre Conspiracy is located at 2711 Park Windsor Dr., suite 302, Fort Myers. Call 936-3239 or go to www.theaterconspiracy.org.

This week's symphony

■ **Meet the Musicians** - Orchestra musicians of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra are participating in this insightful series of interactive performances. Musicians will discuss their instruments and their love of music, answer your questions and perform some of your favorite compositions. Orchestra members, and their children, will be featured in individual lecture/demonstration sessions. All Meet the Musicians events will be held Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Toni Stabile Building. On Monday, Dec. 1, meet flutist Martha Cornell, with Caroline and Nathaniel. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

Thursday, Nov. 27

■ **Mannheim Steamroller** - Get an early start on your "holiday mood" when Mannheim Steamroller kicks off its Christmas tour at the Philharmonic Center at 8 p.m. Started by former ad man Chip Davis, Mannheim Steamroller's signature sound is where classical and modern-day rock, acoustic and electronic music meet. Celebrate the spirit of the season with the "18th-century rock band" that has become one of the most popular and best-selling acts in the last 30 years. Tickets are \$76. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

Saturday, Nov. 29

■ **The Nutcracker** - Miami City Ballet and the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, led by Juan Francisco La Manna, will once again present George Balanchine's "The Nutcracker," at 2 and 8 p.m. at the Philharmonic Center. This delightful holiday season family event features more than 100 dancers, dazzling sets and costumes, brilliant choreography and the famous Tchaikovsky score. Tickets are \$59 for adults and \$25 for students. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at



"Dave Koz and Friends: A Smooth Jazz Christmas 2008," at the Philharmonic Center on Tuesday, Dec. 2

597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900. Tickets are also available online at www.thephil.org.

Monday, Dec. 1

■ **Fall Art Festival** - The Naples Art Association holds its Naples Renaissance Fall Art Festival on 10th Street South from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is an invitational festival for 150 national, regional and local artists who will sell their original watercolors, paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture, ceramics, glass, jewelry and more. It is a perfect opportunity to find a one-of-a-kind gift for someone special. Food vendors and entertainment will be provided.

■ **Latin Dance Party** - Champion dancer Alec Lazo, familiar to Philharmonic Center audiences for his performances with the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, including Fiesta at the Philharmonic, will lead a new series, Latin Dance Party, as part of the Phil's Lifelong Learning arts education classes. This hot class is for upbeat, progressive singles and couples of all ages. Classes will be held in the Daniels Pavilion on Mondays at 7 p.m., on Dec. 1, Jan. 26 and March 9. Tickets for all three classes are \$96 or tickets can be purchased for a single class date for \$32. For more information or to order tickets, contact Customer Service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900.

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■ **Dave Koz** - Four of the top names in smooth jazz team up for one delightful holiday concert, "Dave Koz and Friends: A Smooth Jazz Christmas 2008," at the Philharmonic Center on Tuesday, Dec. 2, at 8 p.m. Since his self-titled debut album went to the top of the charts in 1990, saxophonist Dave Koz has been among the world's most sought-after contemporary jazz artists, known for his hip, uniquely infectious instrumental style. Joining him will be Jonathan Butler, Jeff Golub and Keiko Matsui. Tickets to "Dave Koz and Friends: A Smooth Jazz Christmas 2008" are \$69. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

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Upcoming events

■ **Ave Maria Christmas** - To celebrate Christmas, the University and Town of Ave Maria are coming together to create a Christmas display of dazzling proportions. The displays opens Friday, Nov. 28, and a community Celebration of Lights is Friday, Dec. 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. From the main entrance, along Ave Maria Boulevard, throughout the Town Center and University, and into the neighborhoods, Ave Maria will be decked out in Christmas style.

■ **Christmas Walk** - Fifth Avenue South lights up for the holidays Thursday, Dec. 4, with business open houses and holiday entertainment for the annual Christmas Walk on Fifth Avenue South. Santa and Naples Mayor Bill Barnett will light the 25-foot Christmas tree in Sugden Theater Plaza at 6 p.m. All entertainment stations open at 6:30 p.m.

■ **H.M.S. Pinafore** - Opera Naples' second production this season, "H.M.S. Pinafore," presented in English, will be staged at Cambier Park Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6. Season tickets range from \$289 for premium seats to \$127.50 for general seating at all three operas. Individual tickets range from \$25 to \$95 and are half-price for students ages 16 and older with valid school identification. Information about other tiered-seating ticket options and discounts for groups of 10 or more can be found online at www.operanaples.com or by calling (800) 771-1041.

■ **Mystical Mendelssohn** - The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents "Mystical Mendelssohn," the second program in the orchestra's Classical Series, led by Music Director Jorge Mester. The

concerts take place at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4, 5 and 6, at 8 p.m. The Conductor's Prelude begins one hour before each concert. Tickets to "Mystical Mendelssohn" are \$64 for adults and \$25 for students. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

■ **Nunsense** - Two-time Emmy and Golden Globe award-winner Sally Struthers, best known for her role in the groundbreaking series "All in the Family," stars in the new production of "Nunsense" at the Philharmonic Center on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2 and 8 p.m. The Little Sisters of Hoboken discover that their cook, Sister Julia, Child of God, has accidentally poisoned 52 of the sisters and they are in need of funds for the burials. They decide to put on a variety show — and the result is full of delightful comic surprises. Tickets to "Nunsense" are \$55. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

■ **Christmas parade** - City of Naples Christmas Parade is Tuesday, Dec. 9, from 6 to 9 p.m. The parade route for this festive tradition begins at Third Street South and Broad Avenue and continues north to Fifth Avenue South, ending at Cambier Park.

■ **Phoebe Snow** - Phoebe Snow, who has been one of the most distinctive voices in popular music since the release of her self-titled debut album in 1974, will perform at the Philharmonic Center on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 8 p.m. After years of world tours, platinum records, hit songs

including "Poetry Man" and "Two-Fisted Love," and a cover of Rolling Stone, Ms. Snow took time off to raise a daughter. Last year, she returned with a drop-dead R&B, soul-infused show featuring a new group and a rich catalogue of songs. Tickets to Phoebe Snow are \$42. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

■ **Evening on Fifth** - Enjoy an evening of music, shopping and dining on a world class street at Evening on Fifth, Thursday, Dec. 11, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. A tuba band plays Christmas carols in the Sugden Plaza while competing for the "best dressed tuba" award. A variety of live entertainment venues will be along the sidewalks of Fifth Avenue South.

■ **Band concert** - The Barron Collier High School Band presents its 20th annual Christmas gift to the community on Friday, Dec. 12, at 7 p.m. The band will perform a concert of holiday music at the Cambier Park band shell in downtown Naples. Santa will be available for a chat with the little ones at 6:30 p.m. Baked goods, hot chocolate and other refreshments will be available for sale by members of the band's parent booster organization. For more information, call 254-0124.

■ **Dirty Rotten Scoundrels** - The national tour of the scamming, scheming, double-crossing hit Broadway musical "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" is coming to the Philharmonic Center for the Arts in Naples for two performances on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 12 and 13, at 8 p.m. Based on the popular 1988 MGM film, "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" centers on

two con men living on the French Riviera — the suave and sophisticated Lawrence Jameson, who makes his lavish living by talking rich ladies out of their money; and a small-time crook named Freddy Benson, who, more humbly, swindles women by waking their compassion with fabricated stories about his grandmother's failing health. Tickets to "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" are \$59. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

■ **Boat parade** - The Marine Industries Association of Collier County is hosting its annual Christmas boat parade on Saturday, Dec. 13, beginning at 6 p.m. The public is invited to watch as numerous holiday-clad vessels from throughout Southwest Florida traverse the bay, with all the proceeds raised going to the Ricky King Fund. View the parade from the City Dock located at 880 12th Ave. S.. Additional viewing locations include Bayview Park, Cove Inn, the Boat House Restaurant, Pincher's Crab Shack, The Dock Restaurant & Riverwalk Restaurant. More details and an entry form are available at www.miacc.org.

■ **Holiday Pops** - Back by popular demand. Stuart Malina will lead the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra in "Holiday Pops," a stirring musical celebration of the season, at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, Tuesday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m.; Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 18-21, at 8 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 20, at 2 p.m. Tickets to Holiday Pops are \$47 for adults and \$22 for students. For more information or to order tickets, contact customer service at 597-1900 or toll-free at (800) 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

Ongoing events

■ **Student art** - As is its fall tradition, the Naples Art Association presents an exhibition of works created by students ages 3 to 15 who participated in summer ARTScool classes at The von Liebig Art Center. During ARTScool, students learn about various forms of art, what can be used to create art and about the greatest artists in history. At the end of the session, some of most creative pieces are selected to go on to Naples City Hall. The show runs through Jan. 14 and greets visitors to City Hall at 735 Eighth Street South. To learn more about classes at The von Liebig Art Center, call Abigail Miles, 262-6517, ext. 110, or visit www.naplesart.org.

■ **John Henry** - Internationally acclaimed sculptor John Henry, known for his sky-high steel sculpture, will kick off his seven-city Florida exhibition, "Drawing in Space: The Peninsula Project," at the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts through Feb. 3. Incorporating new works as well as some of his most recognized pieces, the indoor and outdoor exhibition brings together his colorful, monumental works. For more information, visit www.PeninsulaProject.com

■ **NASA Art** - The Art League of Bonita Springs presents "NASA Art: 50 Years of Exploration," a Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition, running through

Jan. 24. More than 200 NASA-commissioned artists experienced a behind-the-scenes look at the agency — the scientists, astronauts, and other personnel who shaped the missions and programs. This fascinating look at our nation's space program will appeal to all ages. Call 495-8989.

■ **Roberto Clemente** - North Collier Regional Park will host "Beyond Baseball: The Life of Roberto Clemente," through Dec. 27. For many baseball fans, Roberto Clemente was simply the greatest Latin American ballplayer ever to step out onto the diamond. Off the field, Roberto Clemente is remembered as a selfless humani-

tarian. For more information, please contact the Exhibit Hall at 252-4060 or 252-4024.

■ **Boys of Summer** - North Collier Regional Park showcases rarely published photographs chronicling the "Boys of Summer" as seen through the lens of award-winning Brooklyn Dodgers' photographer Barney Stein. The 32 black and white images feature Dodger greats Jackie Robinson, Gil Hodges, Ralph Branca, and legendary batboy Charlie DiGiovanna. The "Brooklyn Dodgers Photographs of Barney Stein" exhibit runs through Feb. 1.

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OPERA

From page 1

Jewish American Princesses, daintily sunning themselves with the aid of aluminum reflectors; a contemporary Palm Beach set; threatened suicide by Drano or some such thing — it was all great fun and wildly received by the audience.

Three operas are on the docket this year, plus the company's popular New Year Eve's Ball. The operas are:

Gilbert & Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore," Dec. 5 and 6 under the band shell in Cambier Park

Puccini's "La Boheme," Jan. 23 and 25 at the Performing Arts Hall of Gulf Coast High School, featuring singers from the New York City and Santa Fe operas.

"Rigoletto," Verdi's masterpiece, March 13 and 15, again at the Performing Arts Hall of Gulf Coast High School. Two of the key roles will be performed by returning favorites: Todd Thomas from the New York City Opera, and Stuart Neill from La Scala, Milan. Ashley Howard Wilkinson of The Metropolitan Opera and Jane Redding from The Virginia Opera will round out the cast.

Facing the economic music

"So what measures are you taking to be as prudent as possible, given the present grim financial situation?" I asked Ms. Pearce and Opera Naples board members Eileen Fuller and Gerald Goldberg last week. (This on the heels of Mr. Goldberg's announcement that they believe the City Council will vote to acquire all or part of developer Jack Antaramian's Renaissance Village property, and that Opera Naples will lease a portion of that land and build a 1,200-seat opera house.)

"We've scaled back our biggest fundraiser, thus lowering our possible financial risk," Ms. Fuller told me. Initial plans were for the New Year's Eve ball to be at a major hotel and have 300 people at \$500 per ticket.

Instead, Ms. Pearce said, the event will be in a private patron's home, and for \$300 per person, 150 guests will dine on sirloin and lobster, dance and enjoy several cameo appearances, as well as Act 2 of "Die Fledermaus."



"La Boheme," coming to Opera Naples in January



"H.M.S. Pinafore," on stage Dec. 5 and 6

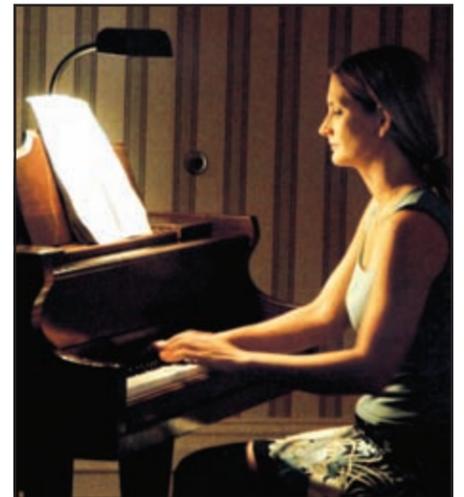
Also, in an attempt to make its programs financially more accessible, Opera Naples will offer a section of \$10 tickets for performances at Gulf Coast

High School.

Is it possible that, in the heart of what surely feels like the beginnings of another Great Depression, this opera



Artistic Director Steffanie Pearce



Chorus Master Robin Frank

company will have the chutzpah — and the ability — to build an opera house in the heart of old Naples?

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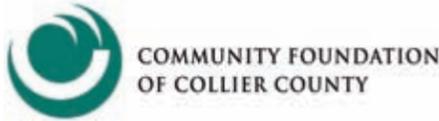
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COURTESY PHOTOS

GIVING

Foundation spotlight focuses on Eden Florida's services for autism families

BY MARY ELLEN BARRETT
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The Community Foundation of Collier County



The Community Foundation of Collier County has adopted a new strategic direction for grant making that will take effect in 2009 and enable us to be more proactive in identifying critical community needs and mobilizing community resources to address them. Meanwhile, we are highlighting some of the many agencies the foundation has funded in 2007 and 2008. This is the third of a four-part series.

Eden Florida was founded in 1996 to meet Southwest Florida's pressing need for specialized services for children and adults with autism.

For the past 10 years, the McBride Center in Fort Myers has served as the home for Eden's School and Clinic Programs. To make more room for students, the central office was relocated to Bonita Springs in August 2006. That same year, Eden's first residential

group home, Spanbauer House, opened in Naples. In August 2008, another milestone was reached when renovations were completed at the Eimerman Education Center in Naples.

The mission of the Eden Family of Services is to improve the lives of children and adults with autism and their families by providing a range of community-based services to meet specific needs throughout the lifespan. The services provided include early intervention, individualized education, group residences and employment opportunities, as well as a comprehensive outreach component that offers expertise and assistance to parents and professionals in the autism community.

For more information about Eden Florida, call Armando Galella at 992-4680, Ext. 201. ■

FOCUS ON FOUNDATION FUNDHOLDERS

The First Book Fund: Established 2006

Could a child learn to play the piano well without practicing at home? In the same way, a child cannot become a reader and develop strong reading skills without books at home. Studies show that the number of books in the home is the critical factor that correlates with children's reading skills — yet more than 80 percent of children living in poverty have no books at all in their homes.

On average, a child from a middle-class home has 13 books. In low-income neighborhoods, there is one book for every 300 children.

First Book-Collier County was formed three years ago to help close this literacy gap by providing a steady supply of new books for children living in poverty in Collier County to read, take home and keep. First Book has given more than 75,000 books to deserving children. First Book works with other agencies to target children in pre-K Head Start classrooms and in kindergarten and first grade in Title I schools, as well as children served by organizations including Boys and Girls Clubs, the Shelter for Abused Women and Children and the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile.

"The joy on the faces of the children when they receive their books is the greatest reward and the most important proof of the power of this program," says Joanne Wyss, First book co-found-



First Book-Collier County happy reader

er and board chair. The First Book Fund at the Community Foundation of Collier County frees the board of administrative and financial record-keeping tasks and enables them to focus their efforts on getting books into the hands of children.

For more information about First Book-Collier County, call 263-6687. ■

With assets of more than \$61 million, the Community Foundation of Collier County manages more than 400 funds established by charitable individuals and organizations. Investment earnings on these funds are used to address community needs. Since 1985 the foundation has granted \$30 million back to our community. For more information, call 649-5000 or visit www.cfcollier.org.

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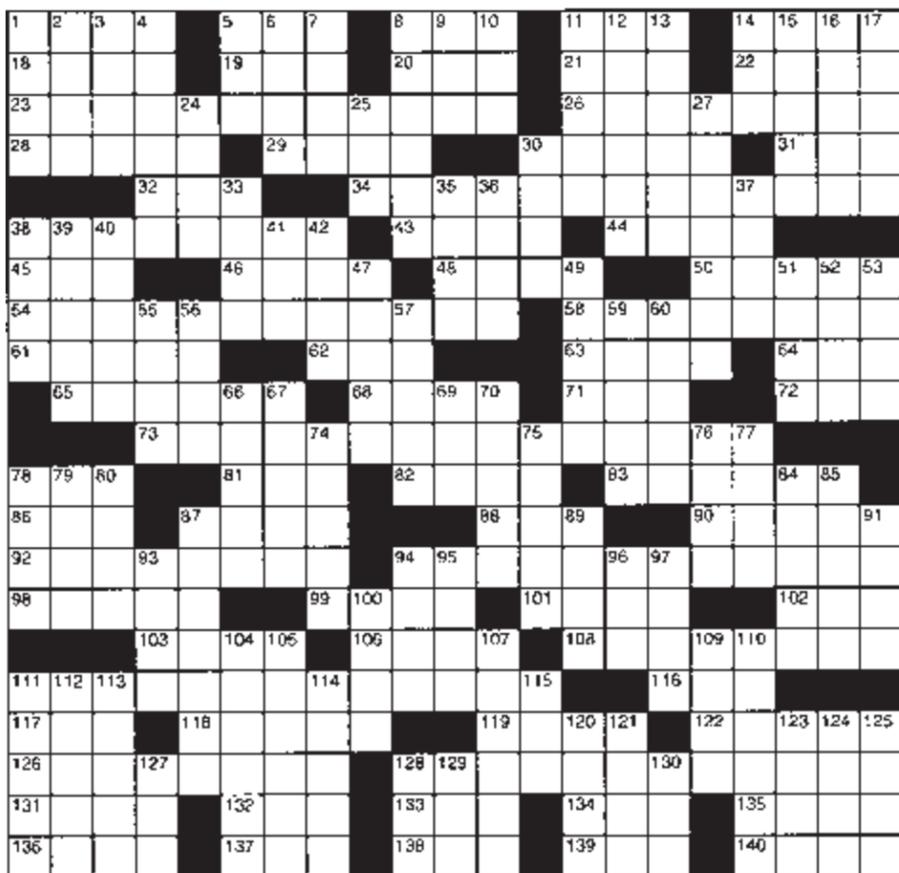
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FLORIDA WEEKLY PUZZLES

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SOMETHING'S FISHY



- ACROSS**
- 1 Stinke-breaker
 - 5 Suffix with seal
 - 8 Salon supply
 - 11 Research site
 - 14 Blind as —
 - 16 — Romeo
 - 19 Word with pack or rug
 - 20 Generation
 - 21 Air-quality org.
 - 22 Pedestal part
 - 23 Fishy actress?
 - 26 Dignifico
 - 28 — Gay
 - 29 Jannings or Gilels
 - 30 — Man (78 song)
 - 31 — kwon do
 - 32 Quiche ingredient
 - 34 Fishy outlaw?
 - 38 Bucolic
 - 43 James of Brian's Song
 - 44 Jacob's twin
 - 45 A mean Amin
 - 46 "Nabucco" number
 - 48 Neighbor of Niger
 - 50 Alcove
 - 54 Fishy film?
 - 58 Future
 - 61 Submarine finder
 - 62 — Tse-tung
 - 63 Lurid Lugosi
 - 64 Chest protector
 - 65 Furl apparatus
 - 68 Supreme reader?
 - 71 Parka part
 - 72 Southern constellation
 - 73 Fishy physician?
 - 78 Use a phaser
 - 81 Letter from Athens
 - 82 "Moin —" ("Cabaret" tune)
 - 83 C&W's Tubbs
 - 86 Seville shout
 - 87 Whirl
 - 88 Actor Tognazzi
 - 90 Cairo creed
 - 92 Collegiate sport
 - 94 Fishy TV show?
 - 98 Crooked
 - 99 French couturier
 - 101 Dashboard feature
 - 102 Cpl.'s superior
 - 103 Border on
 - 106 Bucket
 - 108 Photo writer?
 - 111 Fishy wringer?
 - 116 Squirrel's snack
 - 117 Author LeShan
 - 118 Bell town
 - 119 Pinza or Chaliapin
 - 122 School tool
 - 126 Chunky pasta
 - 128 Fishy novel?
 - 131 Nixon or Johnson
 - 132 "Foucault's Pendulum" author
 - 133 Chicken
 - 134 Cow's comment
 - 135 Unusual Market
 - 136 Common currency
 - 137 DC figure
 - 138 Palindromic diarist
 - 139 Woolly one
 - 140 Part of Micronesia
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Close as can be
 - 2 Family
 - 3 "The Mod Squad" hairdo
 - 4 "Petrouchka" for one
 - 5 Decorative vase
 - 6 Like some excuses
 - 7 Mighty male
 - 8 Medicinal plant
 - 9 Self-esteem
 - 10 Singer Dickey
 - 11 Paul of "American Graffiti"
 - 12 Cochise or Geronimo
 - 13 Washes
 - 14 Fuss and feathers
 - 15 Swahili, e.g.
 - 16 Dwight's competition
 - 17 Fiddled (with)
 - 24 Desdemona's enemy
 - 25 Loon lips
 - 27 '82 Toto hit
 - 30 Sociable stargazing
 - 33 Alum
 - 35 Shoestring
 - 36 Bolger's Healy co-star
 - 37 Throw in the towel
 - 38 Prepares cherries
 - 39 —
 - 40 Tuscan town
 - 41 Pound sound
 - 42 Neeson or O'Flaherty
 - 47 Video game company
 - 49 Exclude
 - 51 Arnaz's country
 - 52 It grows on you
 - 53 Napoleonic site
 - 55 Sleep in the woods
 - 56 Hurler Hershey
 - 57 Booze
 - 58 Brink
 - 60 Glue guy
 - 66 Runs around in circles?
 - 67 Grate stuff
 - 69 Vane d.r.
 - 70 Emulate Roy Clark
 - 74 Like many bathrooms
 - 75 Coaxed
 - 76 "I'm working —"
 - 77 Nuthatch's home
 - 78 "Nana" author
 - 79 "On woe!"
 - 80 Act like a chicken
 - 84 Winter mess
 - 85 Ballroom dance
 - 87 Lake sight
 - 89 Birdsong of basketball
 - 91 Laver or LaBlanc
 - 93 Paper quantity
 - 94 Actor Beery
 - 95 Like a desert
 - 96 Spoil of "Star Wars"
 - 97 King of comedy
 - 100 — facts
 - 104 Opens
 - 105 Daze
 - 107 Tripoli native
 - 109 Knitting stitch
 - 110 Little mouse?
 - 111 Sock a shuttlecock
 - 112 "Farewell!"
 - 113 Light beer
 - 114 Alliance
 - 115 Put away a pickle
 - 120 Any
 - 121 Chilly powder?
 - 123 Involutive sort?
 - 124 Neutral tone
 - 125 Stink
 - 127 Mail address
 - 128 Critic's god?
 - 129 President Bush was one
 - 130 "The Gold Bug" author

SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** An unsettling mood at the start of the week soon lifts and gives way to a more positive attitude as you find fun and friendship beginning to dominate your aspect.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** A delay in firming up holiday plans could work to your advantage. Use this time to scout out possibilities that might be more in line with what those close to you would prefer.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Some people might question some of the new friends you've welcomed into your life. But your ability to see beyond the obvious helps you recognize how special they are.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Financial matters can be especially tricky this week. It's best to follow a conservative investment path for now, and wait for a more fortuitous time to take a bolder approach.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Your Arian penchant for impatience shows, as you consider passing a problem-prone project on to someone else. Best advice: Stay with it and work out those snarls yourself.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Even patient Bovines can be frustrated when carefully made plans go awry. But crank up that "stick-to-it-ivity" you do so well, and you'll soon find that your schedule is back in sync.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Your aspect favors using more resourceful means in dealing with a workplace

situation. Some discreet checking around could help shed light on the root cause of the problem.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** You show an unusually strong streak of stubbornness in rejecting suggestions from friends and/or family members early in the week. But you become more receptive by the week's end.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** The Big Cat might find a gentler approach more effective when dealing with those who resist needed changes. Remember, the word "persuasion" starts with the sound "purr."

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** A disappointing experience with someone you felt you could trust can be painful. But there just might be more to this situation than you're aware of. Press for an explanation.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Changing your views about something you believe in isn't easy. But you might reconsider as the facts come in. Keep your mind open, even if you're uneasy about what you might learn.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** You might have to do some serious shifting of gears to get your project back on track. But cheer up. Your hard work starts to produce some positive results by the week's end.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** Your warmth, your humor and your genuine concern for others make you someone people love to keep close to their lives.

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By Linda Thistle

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COUCH THEATER

[DVD PREVIEWS & RELEASES]

PICK OF THE WEEK

► **“Wanted”** - In a year overflowing with comic-book movies, “Wanted” stands up as one of the better ones. Starring James McAvoy, Morgan Freeman and the always-sizzling Angelina Jolie, “Wanted” is an action-packed flick about a secret society of assassins who possess the ability to bend the trajectory of bullets. If you’re a fan of high-octane action movies, you definitely want this in your video library.



Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman star in “Casablanca.”

CLASSIC FILMS

► **“Casablanca Ultimate Collector’s Edition”** (Blu-Ray) - One of the great movies of all time gets the DVD treatment that film buffs deserve. In addition to the 1942 movie, the set includes a 48-page booklet on the film; 10 cards with reproductions of the one-sheet theatrical posters; archival correspondence; a vintage passport and luggage tag; and a bonus disc featuring a documentary on the life of Jack Warner.

► **“The Day the Earth Stood Still Special Edition”** - The other classic film release this week coincides with the theatrical opening of the Keanu Reeves remake of the 1951 film. Michael Rennie stars as an alien from another planet who comes to Earth to help humanity keep from destroying itself. The DVD includes the shooting script, a discussion of the film’s evolution and a look at the folks who are fanatical about collecting sci-fi props from the 1950s.

ALSO THIS WEEK

► **“The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian”** - The second installment of the adventures of the Pevensie children in the magical land of Narnia. This chapter in the series has much bigger and more impressive battle scenes, but lacked some of the charm of the first film. Still, it’s an enjoyable, wholesome family film and well worth the money.

► **“Austin Powers Collection: Shagadelic Edition”** - This boxed set comes just in time for the holiday gift-buying season. The set contains all three Austin Powers films; hours of special features, including commentary by Mike Myers; dozens of deleted scenes; music videos by Lenny Kravitz, Beyonce and Britney Spears; and much more “mojo.”

TV SERIES

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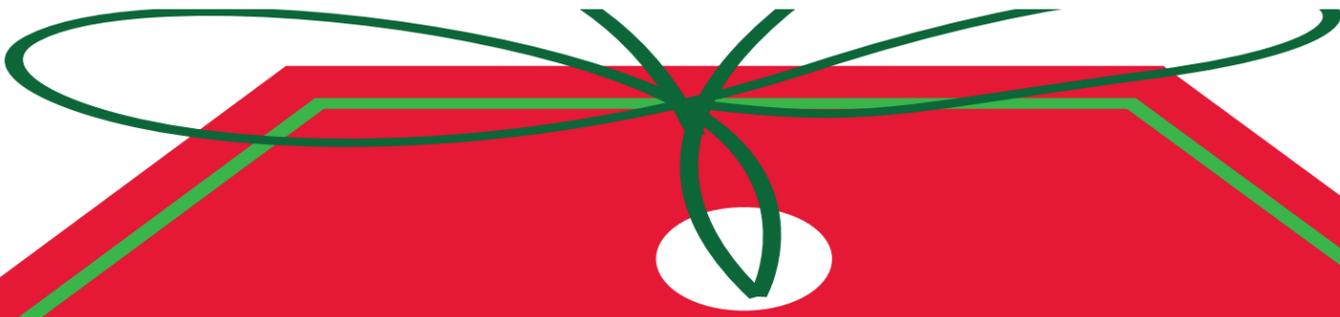
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Winners announced in Naples Art Association 47th Founders Juried Awards Exhibition

The Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center has named 23 artist winners in its 47th Founders Juried Awards Exhibition, which opened Nov. 21.

Ned Rifkin, most recently the under secretary for art at the Smithsonian Institution, served as juror. He selected 104 works by 86 artists from 387 entries by 202 artists. "Selecting one work of art over another always means choosing objects in the context of a situation," Mr. Rifkin said. "There are a good many works that might have been included, but I opted to honor those artists and art works that were my 'priorities,' for a wide variety of reasons, over choosing more to press into the limited space available."

- The winners are:
- M&I Wealth Management Best of Show Award (\$750): **Arturo Samaniego**, Naples
 - Physicians Regional Medical Center First Place Award (\$450): **Steven Todd Beyer**, Naples
 - Juror's Choice Award (\$300): **Helen Febbo**, Naples
 - TCA Graphic Award of Excellence in Acrylic Painting: **Milla Crowe**, Naples; Honorable Mention: **Joan Brechin** Sonnenberg, Naples
 - Award of Excellence in Digital Art: **Carol Orr Hartman**, Cape Coral; Honorable Mention: Cynthia Slack, Bonita Springs
 - Award of Excellence in Fiber Art: **Pat Kunicich**, Naples;
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- Award of Excellence in Oil Painting: **Youngja White**, Naples; Aldecor Custom Framing Honorable Mention for Oil Painting: **Anne Hayes**, Naples
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 - Award of Excellence in Photography: **Jennifer Deane**, Naples; Honorable Mention: **Bettina Edwards**, Bonita Springs
 - Award of Excellence in Printmaking or Drawing: **Andy Owen**, Naples; Honorable Mention: **Lauren DiFerdinando**, Naples
 - Award of Excellence in Sculpture: **Mitch Wolok**, Naples; Honorable Mention: **Ivan Padron Lopez**, Naples
 - Artisan Framers Award of Excellence in Watercolor Painting: **Peter D. Helwing**, Naples; Honorable Mention **Regina Engel**, Naples
- The exhibition continues through Jan. 18 at the art center, 585 Park St. downtown. Suggested donation is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 10 and older. ■

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The holiday musical by Sean Grennan and Leah Okimoto, creators of last spring's Gulfshore Playhouse hit "Married Alive," centers on disillusioned Karol, who suffers from a lack of holiday spirit, and an intruder claiming to be Santa Claus. Is he just a burglar, or is he really the right jolly old elf determined to help her find the meaning of Christmas?

The whole family will enjoy finding out as this heart-warming and funny story unfolds.

The cast consists of New York actors Paul Romero as "the Guy" and Ashley Puckett Gonzales as Karol, both in their Gulfshore Playhouse debut.

Mr. Romero has worked in regional theater across the country and on television on programs including "Spin City," "Law & Order," "Chappelle's Show," "All My Children" and several late-night talk shows.

Ms. Gonzales' regional credits include Kathy in "The Full Monty" at the Jupiter

Maltz Theatre. She has toured nationally with the 30th anniversary production of "Annie" and does voiceover work for a handful of programs on Cartoon Network.

Ms. Coury is directing "Another Night Before Christmas." Previous productions under her direction for Gulfshore Playhouse include "Romeo and Juliet: Redefined," "Oleana," "Life (x) 3" and "Married Alive!" Her feature film, "Friends and Family," has been released worldwide and is available on DVD.



Rounding out the creative team for "Another Night Before Christmas" are: Curtis Jones, set designer; Lisa Soverino, lighting designer; Jamie Carmichael, props master; and Jackie Morelisse, costume designer.

Musical direction and accompaniment are by Justin Hatchimonji, who trained at Yale University and most recently served as assistant musical director for workshop productions of a revival of Cole Porter's "Can Can" and of "Catch Me if You Can," the new musical based on the film of the same title.

"Another Night Before Christmas" will be presented exclusively at the Norris Center, 755 8th Ave. S., Dec. 11 (preview performance with special rates) through Dec. 21. For information about show times and tickets, call (866) 811-4111 or visit www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org. Regular tickets are \$30; rush tickets are \$10 one hour before each performance, subject to availability. ■

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For after dinner, Ms. Hazlett recommends a Toasted Pumpkin made with Kahlua Hazelnut Liqueur, Pumpkin Spice Liqueur and coffee topped with whipped cream and pumpkin pie spice. With notes of graham crackers, vanilla, cinnamon and nutmeg, Pumpkin Spice Liqueur "essentially tastes like pumpkin pie in the bottle," Ms. Hazlett says.

And don't forget the all-important presentation of your Thanksgiving drink. "Give your martini glasses a frosted edge

by dipping the rim into lemon juice and then into a cinnamon-sugar mixture. Or add a cinnamon stick to stir your coffee," Ms. Hazlett advises. She shares the secrets of her Thanksgiving-inspired drinks here:

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1 part Stolichnaya Vanil vodka (or plain)
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Combine in a shaker with ice. Shake vigorously and strain into a cinnamon sugar-rimmed martini glass and serve.

TOASTED PUMPKIN

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1 part Pumpkin Spice Liqueur
Preheat a coffee mug and pour in liqueurs. Fill with hot coffee. Garnish with whipped cream and a sprinkle of pumpkin pie spice (blend ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon, ¼ teaspoon ground ginger, 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg and 1/8 teaspoon ground allspice). ■



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NAPLES DINING NEWS

As we give thanks, remember those who struggle to feed their families

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This space is customarily devoted to the culinary pleasures available in Southwest Florida to those fortunate enough to have disposable income.

Before we get to this week's installment, I'd like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and offer a gentle reminder that in 2007, there were more than 36 million Americans living in what are called "food insecure households." That's almost 24 million adults and more than 12 million children who don't have enough to eat, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Considering what's happened to the economy in 2008, it's safe to assume that number now is much higher.

While it's hard to believe that a vacation paradise such as Southwest Florida could have hungry residents, those who run food pantries and soup kitchens report record demand and doubt their supplies will meet the unprecedented demand this year. New statistics put unemployment at more than 8 percent in Collier County and 9 percent in Lee County, above the national average and substantially higher than this time last year. Many of those who are hungry are young children and seniors on fixed incomes. The Harry Chapin Food Bank estimates there are at least 100,000 Southwest Floridians who fit this description.

Consider making an extra effort to help combat hunger this season. Buy a less

expensive bottle of wine at dinner and donate the difference to the Harry Chapin Food Bank, which is staging a food drive through the end of the year. Both Publix and Sweetbay offer shoppers checking out chances to buy a bag of food to contribute to Harry Chapin. Drop your extra change in the Salvation Army kettles. Hold a canned food drive at your office and donate everything to a soup kitchen or food bank.

It doesn't take a lot to make a big difference in the lives of so many who have so little.

Sea Salt breezes into Old Naples

The stylish Third Street South neighborhood has a new resident with a great moniker. Sea Salt is the name - and inspiration - of Chef Fabrizio Aielli and his wife, Ingrid. It held its grand opening Nov. 21.

The name came to Chef Aielli as if in a dream, says Mrs. Aielli. "He was thinking about what to call this restaurant," she says. "He woke up and said 'Sea Salt!' It really goes well with everything we have here."

Besides a location within walking distance of the Gulf of Mexico, the restaurant features a menu with a boatload of seafood - including five kinds of fish-based carpaccio - and, of course, an assortment of sea salts, which guests may start sampling with the trio delivered to their tables. Among the possibilities are black lava salt from Hawaii, pink salt from Australia as

well as varieties from Cyprus and Greece.

Wild-caught seafood is the star here, but the menu also features organic and locally grown produce, artisanal cheeses and a host of other fresh and seasonal ingredients. The restaurant also has its own Norman Love signature chocolate truffle: vanilla-infused caramel in dark chocolate finished with a sprinkle of red sea salt.

The Aiellis previously owned and operated Teatro Goldoni, an acclaimed Italian Restaurant in Washington, D.C. Chef Aielli grew up in Venice, Italy, and began his professional career there before setting out to gain experience in professional kitchens around the world.

Norman Love Confections' truffles are on the menu, and both the regular and new BLACK dark-chocolate varieties are available by the box in Sea Salt's gourmet market, which also sells sea salts and other specialty items.

The restaurant is open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. It's at 1186 Third Street S., Naples. Call 434-7258 for reservations or online at www.SeaSaltNaples.com.

Even more seafood

McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant is scheduled to open at The Strada at Mercado on Monday, Dec. 1. The upscale-casual restaurant has a menu that changes daily, depending on what's available. It promises a selection of more than 30 varieties of fish and shellfish, with the

origin of each listed on the menu.

Begun in Portland, Ore., in the 1970s, this company-owned chain has 80 locations around the country. The Naples branch is at 9114 Strada Place. For reservations, call 591-2299 or toll-free at (888) 344-6861, or visit www.mccormickandschmicks.com and book online.

Phoning it in

Don't feel like cooking or going out? How about ordering in from Bha! Bhal Persian Bistro, Café Normandie, Pad Thai or Pelican Larry's? Those are just a few of the restaurants participating in Naples Express, a new service that will deliver food from any of a number of local restaurants.

Here's how it works: You go to www.naplesexpressmeals.com, select a restaurant, check out its menu and then order online or by phone. There's a minimum order of \$15 per restaurant, and a \$3.99 delivery fee (more to addresses beyond a 5-mile radius of the restaurant for which the order is placed).

The company says your meal should arrive at your door within 35-60 minutes. For those outside the delivery zone, orders must be placed two hours in advance). All you have to do is pay, set the table and possibly stick a few dishes in the dishwasher afterwards. No driving, no lines, no having to dress. Call 566-3226 or visit online for details. ■

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FLORIDA WEEKLY CUISINE

Take plunge into fine dining that's fun at Sharks Cavern



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Sharks Cavern isn't a name you immediately warm up to. Sharks, after all, aren't known for their warmth and hospitality. Neither, for that matter, are caverns.

But a visit to Sharks Cavern, a newcomer to the expanding retail community at Pine Ridge and Livingston roads, could change your mind on both counts.

Owners Marie Striebel, Richard Jurek and Jessie Jurek, whom the Web site says relocated after running a successful restaurant in Minnesota, have created a uniquely subtropical haven that marries the refreshing coolness of an underwater grotto with warm hospitality. They call it "Midwest service." It's not a term with which I'm familiar, but if that's what we received, this region could use more of it.

Chef Steve Jenkins proves himself a creative force particularly adept with sauces, a trait he shares with many fellow graduates of the Culinary Institute of America.

We dined on a Tuesday night, a traditionally slow day for restaurants. Our reward was one of the roomy booths along the back wall of the dining room, which afforded us a great view of virtually everything going on. That included a prime seat for appreciating the room's focal point: a circular, 2,700-gallon saltwater aquarium complete with coral, spectacularly colorful fish and a fetching little nurse shark.

The bright lights and colors of the aquarium stood out all the more because of the room's cavern-like ambience: black floors, charcoal grey walls and a black exposed ceiling from which hung small pink pendant lamps. Sharks graced most of the framed art work on the walls, although they were difficult to see in the low light. I should note here that although it was rather dark, the pendant lights are strategically placed so that reading the menu and seeing our food wasn't a problem.

We were hardly seated before a server headed over to greet us and take our drink order. From a well-chosen wine list, which included 22 selections by the glass, we

liked both the citrusy Kim Crawford sauvignon blanc and the Beringer Knights Valley 2005 cabernet sauvignon, a robust red with cherry, oak, cocoa and spicy notes.

Dinner began on a promising note with the delivery of house made olive bread with goat cheese served with tapenade and olive oil.

The appetizers we chose both had Asian influence: pan-seared scallops on coconut sticky rice cakes with chipotle pineapple sauce, and the soup of the day, a Thai-style chicken soup with coconut milk, tomatoes and mushrooms.

The scallops — three meaty specimens, each sitting regally upon its own rice cake, then lightly dressed with the smoky-sweet sauce — had huge eye appeal. Although the cakes were tough to cut, their crunchy texture paired nicely with the shellfish. The soup's simple chicken stock contained just enough coconut milk to give it a smooth consistency, and the chicken and vegetables provided substance.

Diners with more Western tastes might consider the crab cakes, fried calamari, sautéed mussels or beef tartare.

When it comes to entrees, those from the sea are far more alluring than those involving land-based protein. There are Angus prime ribs and New York strips, prime filet and center-cut Frenched pork chops and a couple of chicken options, along with a signature dish, an Angus Southwest rib eye. All the beef comes in two or three portion sizes.

It's seafood lovers who get the more inventive options here, including basil lobster ravioli, cioppino, tuna with mushrooms five ways, a grilled grouper tower,

jumbo scallops and prawns on Asian stir-fried vegetables and sea bass with citrus-cilantro salsa. What's more, all of the seafood entrees come with a starch and, in most cases, vegetables, whereas most of the meats are a la carte. Sides, which range from \$3 to \$6, include twice-baked potato, whole roasted tomatoes, sautéed mushrooms and onions, grilled asparagus, Hollandaise sauce and creamed spinach.

We settled on the grilled grouper tower and a 12-ounce prime rib.

The rib came out medium rare, rather than medium, and wasn't as richly flavored as some I've had. However, the creamy horseradish sauce added pizzazz, as did a side order of creamed spinach

served in a small baking dish and topped with golden brown cheese.

The grouper tower resembled an artist's palette, with a good-sized piece of grilled fish balanced atop spinach and truffled mashed potatoes, surrounded by two half-moons of sauce, one a red pepper coulis, the other yellow pepper coulis, both delicate and delicious. Shiitake mushrooms and caramelized onions completed this creative dish.

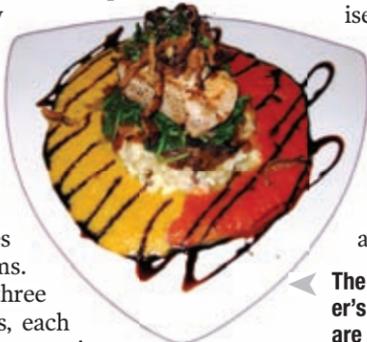
Desserts are house made in pilsner glasses, an unusual but efficient method of fashioning individual servings in advance. The vanilla panna cotta, a mild molded custard, was enlivened by pineapple salsa. The Key lime pie was tart and refreshing.

As noted earlier, the service staff was alert and efficient throughout the meal. The servers were friendly and warm without overdoing it. We never had to ask for refills on beverages or new utensils or to have plates cleared. Courses were well timed, allowing for a short break between them.

My companion and I spent a few minutes admiring the aquarium up close before leaving and were able to get an extended look at the small nurse shark, which obligingly rested in front of us for a while before continuing on its rounds. It displayed no ferocious tendencies and



Seared scallops on coconut sticky rice cakes dressed with chipotle pineapple sauce combine to make an unusual and satisfying appetizer.



The grouper tower's bright colors are matched by the varied flavors and textures of this creative dish.



Key lime pie, left, and vanilla panna cotta with pineapple salsa are among Sharks Cavern's house-made desserts, all of which are served in pilsner glasses.

was, in fact, rather docile and calm, which was much the way we felt as we contentedly took our leave.

Sharks Cavern might be somewhat dark atmospherically, but it's a bright and promising new entry on the Naples dining scene. ■

If you go

Sharks Cavern Restaurant and Bar
13040 Livingston Road, Naples; 643-1113

Ratings:
Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★

>>Hours: Lunch is served 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Friday; dinner is served from 5-9 Sunday-Thursday, 5-10 Friday-Saturday. (The bar is open until 2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays with a late-night menu both nights and dueling pianos on Fridays.)

>>Reservations: Accepted
>>Credit cards: Major cards accepted
>>Price range: Appetizers, \$5-\$15; entrees, \$20-\$48; children's menu with five choices, \$5.99 each
>>Beverages: Full bar
>>Seating: Booths, conventional tables inside and out, at the bar inside and out
>>Specialties of the house: Lobster bisque, crab cakes, seared scallops, grilled grouper tower, basil lobster ravioli, certified Angus prime rib, prime New York strip
>>Volume: Moderate
>>Parking: Free lot
>>Web site: www.sharkscavern.net

★★★★★ Superb
★★★★ Noteworthy
★★★ Good
★★ Fair
★ Poor

diningCALENDAR

*** Monday, Dec. 1, 6-8 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Seafood cooking class featuring recipes for ocean wild and ecologically farm-raised seafood, \$45, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-2222.

*** Tuesday, Dec. 2, 6:30-8 p.m., Artichoke & Company:** Holiday champagne and wine tasting, \$28, in The Village on Venetian Bay, 4370 Gulf Shore Blvd. N.; 263-6979.

*** Thursday, Dec. 4, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Haskell's The Wine People:** Cooking class featuring Chef Ross Peterson with Florida seafood recipes, \$85, 2021 Pine Ridge Road; 254-1120.

*** Thursday, Dec. 4, noon-2 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Cooking class featuring organic micro greens and herbs. Farmer Ken Ryan of Herban Gardens discusses the rules, regulations and realities of organ-

ic food, while Chef Kristina San Filippo shares recipes, \$45, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-2222.

*** Friday, Dec. 5, 5:30-7 p.m., Tony's off Third:** Champagne alternatives wine tasting featuring sparklers from Spain, Italy, California, Argentina, Germany, France, \$20 (includes \$10 coupon for a featured wine purchase or dinner that evening at Ridgway Grill), 1300 Third St. S.; 262-7999 or sukieh@tonysoffthird.com.

*** Friday, Dec. 5, 7-9 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Wine dinner featuring South African wines presented by Linda Bragaw, who represents importer Terry Seitz, and a five-course dinner by Chef Kristina San Filippo, \$95, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-2222.

*** Saturday, Dec. 6: 2-5 p.m., Wynn's Market:** Chef/owner Alexander Bernard of Alexander's Restaurant

holds cooking demonstrations and a book signing, 141 Ninth St. N.; 262-4999.

*** Sunday, Dec. 7, 1-3 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Slow Food Southwest Florida presents a workshop in preserving food, led by Chef Kristina San Filippo and Eva Worden of Worden Farm, \$10 for Slow Food and Worden Farm members, \$15 for others, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; (941) 637-4874 or e-mail office@wordenfarm.com.

*** Friday, Dec. 12, noon-2 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Perfect pasta cooking class, \$45, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-2222.

*** Saturday, Dec. 13: 1-3 p.m.,** Chef/proprietor Alexander Bernard conducts cooking demonstrations and a book signing at his restaurant, Alexander's, at 4077 Tamiami Trail N.; 262-4999.

*** Saturday, Dec. 13, 7-9 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Provence wine dinner with Frank Pulice of Austin's Wine Cellar and a five-course dinner by Chef Kristina San Filippo, \$95, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-2222.

*** Monday, Dec. 15, 6-8 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Wine expert Julie Glenn discusses champagnes and festive wines for the holidays, with tapas by Chef Kristina San Filippo, \$55, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-2222.

*** Thursday, Dec. 16, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Haskell's The Wine People:** Holiday food cooking class with Chef Vincenzo Betulia, \$85, 2021 Pine Ridge Road; 254-1120.

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