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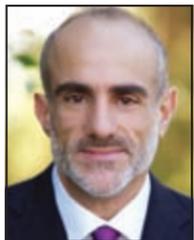
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Newt Gingrich, Feb. 16

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Prince Talal of Jordan, Feb. 25

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# ON A WINNING STREAK

Seminole Immokalee Casino is flourishing with a \$22-million expansion project under way



BY BILL CORNWELL

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**R**ONNIE LEE ALMOND'S WALLET WAS \$113 lighter after two hours at the Seminole Immokalee Casino, but he had no complaints.

Of his monetary setback, Mr. Almond, a 32-year-old plumber's assistant from Detroit who had come south to visit relatives, said: “Big deal. Hell, you can drop that much on drinks and dinner with friends. Either way, you don't got much to show for it afterwards. I said I would quit when I lost a hundred bucks, and I just went a little over that. No regrets at all. It was fun.”

As visitors to the casino go, the genial Mr. Almond, who had fed slot machines while his



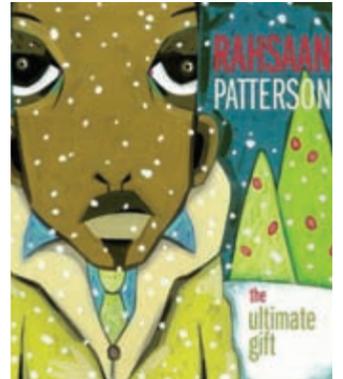
Gambling at the Seminole Immokalee Casino

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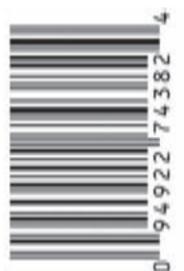
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# Conversion: L'Chaim



*Editor's note: Mr. Williams was in frigid Colorado last week tending to matters that matter. This is a column he wrote in 2007. We're rerunning it because we think it's special. We hope you feel the same way.*

My grandfather, Walter Nash, sat straight in the saddle on his quarter horse, Cherokee, watching me become a Jew last Saturday night. It was the fifth night of Chanuka (a.k.a. Hanukkah, or Hannukah).

His rope, neatly looped, remained secured to the saddle and hanging over his right leg. He wore blue jeans and a long-sleeved white shirt that rose, buttoned, all the way to his neck. Above that, his dark Stetson, the working hat, sat straight on his head. His left hand closed the reins in a calloused grip about a foot above the horse's mane, and his right rested where it should, on his upper thigh, ready for anything required.

Cherokee was wired tight, a muscled mahogany bay with three white socks. His nostrils flared while his ears turned backward to listen to the rider, who could track a cow across glass or cut a calf from a herd of nervous mothers as easy as slipping a knife from butter.

Walter set his boots deep in the stirrups with the heels down, rarely employing his small spurs; none had a better seat than he did. He was ready to ride, and would — after our ceremony.

My grandfather said nothing as we played dreidel in the living room, while a Chanukah meal evolved in our kitchen, where exceptional fare is the rule. My wife, Amy, opened

the Chanukah CD she'd picked up at the supermarket, and pretty soon I was clapping and hopping and crowing with all the grace of an injured rooster, while some men apparently shouted, "Schlemiel! Schlemiel! Verklemt! Schlemiel!" over and over again. In every song.

It was arguably the most awful joyous music I'd ever heard — awful not because of the music itself, I suspect, but because of its execution, and I mean murder, by a bunch of brassy singers from New Jersey, or somewhere.

My grandfather didn't care. His character was a tight weave of tolerance and a lifelong determination to judge other people only by whether they kept their word, minded their own business and tried hard.

The guys singing Chanukah songs tried very hard. Neither my grandfather nor I, however, had any idea what the words meant, or whether they kept them. But the way he held his horse told me that he approved of my new religion, with a caveat: When you ride into unknown country, keep your eyes open, and think for yourself.

So we did. Amy and I, with our two youngest boys, D.P. and Nash, had decided that since no one was going to choose us, we'd just up and choose ourselves to join the tribe of Israel, the chosen people.

One of the wonderful things about the Jews we've known is that they don't proselytize. We were compelled to conversion only by Nash, who, at 5 years of age, has no problem proselytizing, or at least asking insistently.

Nash has stumbled into a moment of magical good fortune this year, and with him, us: he's become the ward of a public school kindergarten teacher who is extraordinary, to use that word precisely. Somehow, without sentimentalizing it or patronizing them, Ms. Chernow can teach the world, and its

basics, to 18 children arriving from almost every corner of our national experience.

She can coax from each little person a triad, joining their delight, understanding and even the first semblance of hard, factual knowing. Now, they can count, they can write, and they can read. They can even ask how, or why.

So Nash, with his classmates at Alva Elementary School, had been drawing dreidels, and then playing that little top-spinning gambling game since Chanukah's eight-day celebration began on Dec. 4.

His teacher fetes a variety of cultures and customs the same way when they appear on the calendar, giving some of her children their first glimpses of a world beyond their own.

In this case, she drew in part on her own experience. Her mother was a Scottish immigrant and her father a Jew who owned one of the only shops maintained by an anglo in New York City's Chinatown, decades ago, she told me. Her tales of battles and food and candles that wouldn't stop burning (a huge appeal to a candle-loving kid) captured the fancy of young Nash. Why couldn't we become Jews, too, he reasoned?

But how, and which Jews? we asked, applying typical adult obfuscation. Should we become the orthodox or Hassidic ones, the irreverent ones, the eastern European ones, the Israeli ones, the American or Canadian ones, the wandering ones, the sad ones, the mad ones, the tolerant ones, the judgmental ones or the happy ones?

And then we answered our own question with another: Who cares?

We decided to define it for ourselves. Amy and I have long admired what we take to be the classic middle-of-the-road American Jew: not orthodox, and not entirely lost to ancient traditions, either. Someone who reveres family, celebrates the culture, loves the democracy, refuses to hit anybody over the head with their Judaism or their patriotism, and takes great pleasure in the gifts and opportunities of the world: food and intellec-

tual sparring and sex and achievement and philanthropy and the arts and sciences.

Someone passionate about education, and someone who isn't afraid to debate or question authority — the authority of parents, politicians, police, preachers or rabbis, or even the authority and judgment of God, in true old Testament and new American comedic fashion. Someone who remains a good-hearted skeptic, in other words — an experienced, and perhaps a sobered optimist.

And someone who loves food. Amy and the boys manned the kitchen, where she had them peeling potatoes and making latkes (fried potato pancakes), along with homemade applesauce. They bent to it with a will, shying away from the special bean dip she made to go with the broccoli, and wary (in Nash's case) of the darkly burnished cast of the Sephardic chicken, roasted and fragrant with fruits and nuts.

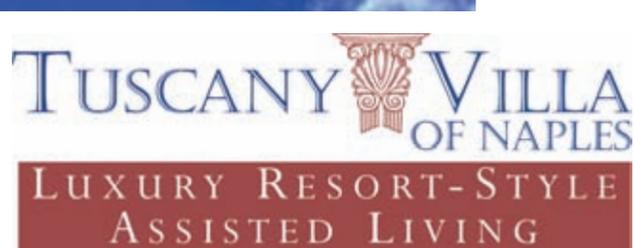
The Chanukah menu, of course, came from a food resource named after some old Greek — Epicurious.com. But that's a Jewish tradition: adopt and adapt and make the best of the moment. Which is pretty much what my grandfather, that tougher-than-rawhide rancher, thought, too.

When Amy finally settled the feast on the table, Nash and D.P. lit the candles on the hanukiah (as distinguished from the Temple menorah, which originally had seven oil-burning wicks). The hanukiah, which many call the menorah, has a single shamash or helper candle mounted above a star of David, and flanked by four candles on each side. The Shamash is used to light the others.

And then we ate and laughed and fancied for an hour or more, while Nash's great-grandpa Walter Nash, framed in an old photo on my desk, rode off into the night, almost grinning.

Another day, no doubt, we'd be celebrating something else, and we'd become something else, but on this night, we were the chosen ones.

And we celebrated only l'chaim. ■



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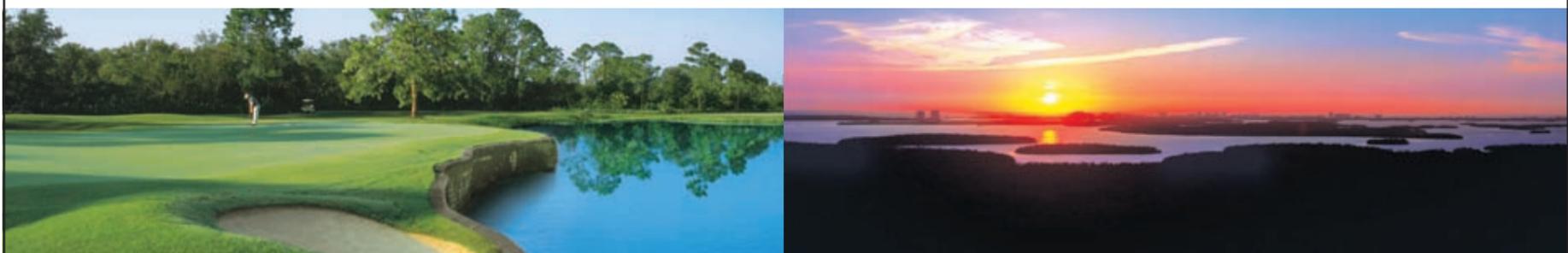
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# OPINION

## Barack Obama: Steady as she goes

BY RICH LOWRY

Change has rarely looked so much like continuity.

Barack Obama's leftward positioning and achingly idealistic rhetoric in the Democratic primaries harkened back to George McGovern or Robert Kennedy. His personnel choices during the transition instead recall Michael Dukakis, the Massachusetts technocrat who notoriously ran on competence.

Mr. Obama is too savvy a marketer to have tried to make a campaign slogan out of practicality. But who would have guessed that when he lit up the crowd back in 2007 at Iowa's Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner with his signature speech denouncing the ways of Washington and Democrats who accommodated Bush foreign policy, he harbored a secret desire to draw on experienced Republicans to manage his national-security policy?

Mr. Obama has selected a former Marine commandant close to John McCain, Gen. Jim Jones, as his national-security adviser; asked President George W. Bush's defense secretary, Bob Gates, to stay on; and selected Hillary Clinton, a relative centrist who denounced Mr. Obama's naiveté in the primaries, as

secretary of state.

It's as moderate as any Democrat's national-security picks could possibly get. Just when it seemed that the hawkish Scoop Jackson wing of the Democratic Party was dead forever, a jerry-built version of it is making a comeback via the impending administration of a man championed by anti-war zealots. Yes, God does have a sense of humor.

The success of the surge in Iraq made Mr. Obama's pragmatic turn easier. Perhaps never has someone owed so much to a policy he opposed so vehemently. First, the success of the surge diminished the Iraq War as an issue in the general election. Second, it makes it possible to contemplate a responsible drawdown in Iraq.

A kind of continuity is also possible for Mr. Obama because the caricature of Bush foreign policy as dangerously radical never accurately reflected reality.

President Bush wants U.S. troops to "return on success" in Iraq — so does Mr. Obama. Mr. Bush supports a buildup in Afghanistan — so does Mr. Obama. Mr. Bush wants a larger military — so does Mr. Obama. Mr. Bush has launched raids against al-Qaida into the tribal areas of Paki-

stan — Mr. Obama wants to do the same. Mr. Bush wants to close Guantanamo Bay, but has been bedeviled by the difficult choices inherent in its shuttering — Mr. Obama will be, too. Mr. Bush has put out diplomatic feelers to Iran, while warning of the unacceptability of its nuclear program — Mr. Obama has done the same, although with more of an accent on diplomacy.

Perhaps Mr. Obama is simply bowing to the exigencies of American foreign policy, defined by a few ineluctable realities: We are the sole superpower in a dangerous world, full of enemies that only we have the military resources to defeat and of rival powers with interests divergent from ours.

The great theorist of realism Hans Morgenthau warned against the illusion that "the final curtain would fall and the game of power politics would never be played." At times during the past two years, Mr. Obama seemed to believe in the curtain fall. His new national-security team holds out hope that he never did, or doesn't anymore. This is change you can respect. ■

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## GUEST OPINION

### Bad news for newspapers



If you're reading this, chances are you're one of the people who still care about newspapers. And if you are, you might have noticed that, in the newspaper business, the recent news has been anything but upbeat. This past week was especially brutal, with the Tribune Company, which owns the *Los Angeles Times* and the *Chicago Tribune*, filing for bankruptcy, and The New York Times Company planning to mortgage its stake in its Manhattan headquarters in order to head off cash-flow problems.

The woes of Detroit automakers and Wall Street financial firms have made the big headlines during this recession, but less-noticed has been the plight of those who write, print and distribute the headlines themselves. All over the country, newspapers and newspaper companies are struggling. Some, like the Gannett Company, which publishes *USA Today*, *The News-Press* in Fort Myers and scores of other papers, have undertaken layoffs. Others, such as *The New York Times* and The McClatchy Company (America's third-largest newspaper company) have had

to scramble to meet their debt obligations. And still others, like *The Miami Herald*, are on the selling block.

There are particular circumstances to the troubles faced by these newspapers and publishers. But the surmounting problem with which all print publications — or, "dead tree media" as some now not-so-flatteringly call them — must come to terms is the encroachment of digital media. Especially, of course, the Internet.

It's not just that a whole world of news is now available, free of charge, at the click of a mouse. It's also that a whole generation has now grown up with this reality as the status quo. Most people under 30 never got into the habit of reading a newspaper. Newspaper circulation numbers are down, and those who still read print editions skew older, away from the most desirable 18- to 35-year-old demographic. This has meant that newspapers, having already all but lost classified- and personal-ad buyers to the Internet, have seen their revenue from retail advertisers fall substantially as well.

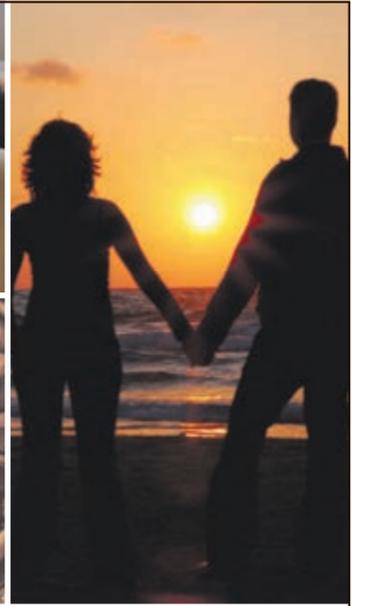
But wait, you may say, what about the fact that much of the news one reads on the Internet comes from the online editions of these very same newspapers — isn't there money in that? The answer is yes, but so far not enough, as online advertising just

doesn't garner the same kinds of rates that print does, and the product itself is being given away.

The old model of delivering the news is giving way, but the new model does not yet support what is, after all, an expensive endeavor. It takes a lot of money to staff a newsroom in a way that allows for real reporting, especially of the investigative variety. It takes even more money to do international reporting, and more money still to maintain overseas bureaus.

Even if you don't count yourself among those who care about newspapers per se, you should know that when these institutions are endangered, so is journalism as a whole. Journalism in all media leans heavily on the reporting and the editorial decisions made by newspapers. And Internet-only news gathering (as opposed to commentary) on national and international (as opposed to local) stories, though growing, is still in its infancy. On the content side, just as with the revenue side, the new model isn't yet ready to step in as the old model breaks down.

If you care about citizens making informed democratic choices, you care about news. And if you care about news, there's plenty to be concerned about in recent headlines about the newspaper business. ■



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# 15 MINUTES

## Love in a time of the Everglades

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Sandee Harraden was as good as gold. She lived on the beach in Southern California. She had an enviable career as a counselor and university instructor. She owned a Volkswagen bus and a truck, and she had no obligations. She was also young, but not too young to know better — about 31.

None of which alters a well-known fact: Those who venture deeply into the Everglades never return, or at least they never return as the same person.

One evening nearly 20 years ago, Mrs. Harraden turned on the television and watched a PBS show describing Peter Matthiessen's then-new book, "Killing Mr. Watson," which was set in the Ten Thousand Islands. The show explicitly depicted the Everglades.

"It looked creepy, like alligators and snakes, and it was something I'd never done before," she remembers. "I'd grown up in Hawaii and California, but I wanted to paddle into the 'glades." And not just into the 'glades, but way back into the 'Glades, where most people never go.

She began making long-distance calls to guides. None could satisfy her — that is, until she reached David Harraden at The Ivey House in Everglades City.

Mr. Harraden, originally from Connecticut, owned the inn along with a backcountry canoe and guide service.

He let her believe she could journey on her own into the backcountry, with some care and preparation. So for the next six months she got ready.

She read and researched, paddled and worked out, and periodically talked to Mr. Harraden by telephone. She even arranged a sabbatical from her teaching duties.

Then, in April 1990, she flew to Florida and drove into Everglades City to pick up her canoe from Mr. Harraden, the stranger in whom she'd placed her trust. She was now ready to begin a nine-day journey by canoe along the Flamingo Trail, a 100-mile waterway that stretches from Flamingo to Everglades City.

"David had just been bringing in boats, and his flip-flops were wet, so when he came into the living room he had squeaky shoes, and a cute little Buddha belly and those half reading glasses, and a beard. And this sounds weird, but I knew instantly that's who I would spend the rest of my life with," she says.

And she was right.

Now the couple owns and operates the Ivey House together, the first green lodging in Collier County, so named by The Society for Ethical Ecotourism. It has 30 rooms, a designer pool, free WiFi and a sophisticated "adventure desk" manned by a knowledgeable staff, from which many canoe and kayak tours into Everglades National Park embark.

The Harradens — she's 49 and he's 62 — hired a general manger two years ago and can finally afford to take the



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Sandee and David Harraden

summers off. Last summer, they took their Neapolitan grandchildren, Jared and Amber, both 10, along with Madison, 8, and Alex, 4, on a six-week driving tour of the United States.

Meanwhile, business is not down but up 40 percent over last year, bad economy or no bad economy, because so many Europeans are here, and because Floridians are vacationing close to home now, Mrs. Harraden surmises.

But the old days remain vivid in her mind, especially that first long journey deep into the 'Glades, the one that changed everything. She remembers the fear of the then-unknown — so much fear that when a branch knocked her iconic rubber alligator off the bow of the

canoe, she couldn't bring herself to get into the dark water to retrieve it.

She remembers deprivation and the two bottles of frozen water a guide gave her on day eight. "I just held it," she says. "If he'd given me the choice between gold or that iced water, I'd have chosen the water."

And she remembers learning how to kill mosquitoes — the right way. "You get into your tent (in the dark) and zipper it completely," she explains. "Then you turn on your flashlight and shine it on the ceiling. And then you just squish 'em."

But the thing she remembers most vividly was David Harraden's appearance with one of his sons, on day three. He paddled out with an apple (she was a teacher, after all) and a bottle of wine.

From that point on, she was really a goner, she says. In short order, she was gone from her job ("I quit, and my friends all thought I was crazy"); from her home ("I just moved out"); and from California ("My parents thought I was 'different'").

From there, things just got better. Take David's and Sandee's first date.

"We went way out in his motor boat and it started to rain," she recalls. "It was raining so hard you couldn't see, and we made it to this chickee hut, but two guides were in it taking up all the dry space. The only other dry space was in the toilet."

She really didn't want to, she claims. But she had to. "We spent all afternoon on our first date in an outhouse toilet."

And it really happened just as the poet W.B. Yeats described it: "... Love has pitched his mansion in a place of excrement." ■

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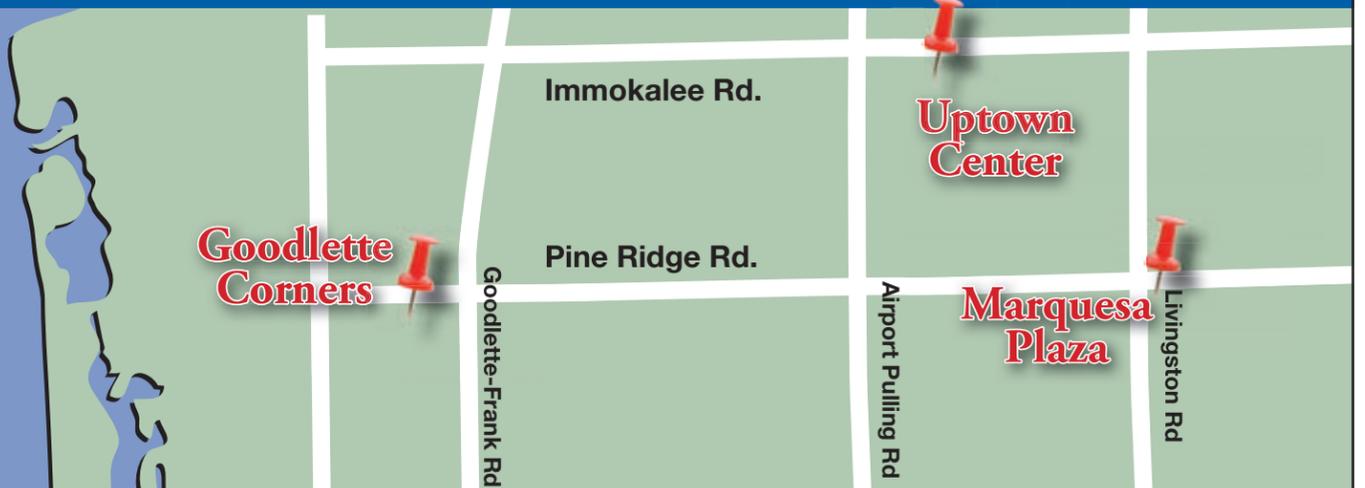


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# WINNING

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relations toiled at their jobs back in Fort Myers, is anomalous. For starters, not everyone loses as cheerfully as he, of course. What's more, the overwhelming majority of players who make their way to the gambling emporium perched on the cusp of the Everglades come from Southwest Florida.

But Mr. Almond is indicative of a counter-intuitive phenomenon: Even in these grinding economic times, the Seminole Immokalee Casino, which operates 24/7, is doing just fine. In fact, the casino is flourishing to the point that it has undertaken a \$22-million expansion. When complete early next year, it will nearly double the casino's size and bring its total square footage to about 75,000 (roughly half the size of an average Target Superstore), according to Gary Bitner, the Fort Lauderdale public relations man who is spokesman for the Seminole Tribe. The expansion will add what Bitner said will be "hundreds of new jobs" to a casino workforce that now numbers about 500.

Additionally, the casino recently added Las Vegas-style slot machines and 12 blackjack tables. The blackjack tables alone — the first to be placed at the Immokalee casino — required 125 new jobs, principally dealers and table watchers.

In these days of cutbacks and layoffs, the Immokalee casino stands in stark relief to the daily fare of gloomy economic news.

What's the deal?

"Even in hard times, people want entertainment," explained Bitner. "That is really what this casino is all about. It's entertainment. And even at the height of a downturn, people will look for ways to be entertained."

Details of the casino's revenues are not released, and Mr. Bitner said the Seminoles are under no obligation to do so. But Dr. Alan P. Meister, an economist who studies such things, estimated that Indian-gaming revenues in Florida last year totaled \$1.6 billion. Dr. Meister's estimate covers the state's seven Indian casinos — six of which are operated by the Seminoles and one run by the Miccosukee Tribe. According to Dr. Meister, Indian-gaming revenues in Florida for 2007 were up 2.3 percent over the previous year.

Since the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, there has been a veritable explosion of tribal casinos and gaming facilities across the United States. There are currently 423 gambling operations run by 225 tribes in 28 states, according to the National Indian Gaming Association. Nationally, revenues have jumped from \$200 million in 1988 to \$26 billion in 2007. Total revenues for Indian gaming facilities in 2007 were more than double the revenues for all casinos in Nevada, the Mecca of American legalized gambling.

Dr. Meister did note, however, that Indian casinos both in Florida and across the nation could face challenges down the road because of the economy and "public policies designed to restrict the supply of Indian gambling."

## DEAL OR NO DEAL?

Florida's Seminoles know something about such restrictive policies. The tribe is embroiled in a complicated legal and political tangle with the state that began last year when it signed a compact with Gov. Charlie Crist that allowed Las Vegas-style table games — such as blackjack and baccarat — in its casinos. Previously, the casinos' major



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draws were poker and slot machines; many gamblers — especially the more seasoned and sophisticated — prefer the action of Vegas table games.

The U.S. Department of Interior, overseer of Indian affairs, approved the compact. What the Seminoles sought and ultimately got from Gov. Crist was an exclusive franchise on the Vegas-style games. The pact contains a pledge that the state will not allow pari-mutuels like dog and horse tracks and jai lai frontons to offer those games. In return for this exclusive right, the Seminoles agreed to pay the state more than \$100 million annually for three years and a percentage of their revenues thereafter, which could exceed the \$100 million figure.

Leaders in the Florida House of Representatives have challenged the compact in court, saying the governor could not unilaterally negotiate such a deal. The Florida Supreme Court upheld the challenge.

In light of the ruling, Florida Attorney General Bill McCollum has asked that the games be suspended. But the controlling agency, the National Indian Gaming Commission, has not done so.

The Legislature will address the issue in its next regular session, which begins in March; lawmakers could formally scrap the plan or they could seek a new compact that calls for the Seminoles to pay even more money to the state. If the state backs out of the compact, the Seminoles say they will seek federal approval of the new games, which they likely would receive. If that occurs, the games will continue, but the state will receive no revenue from them.

## FOR SOME, A LOSING STREAK

The rise of Indian gaming and a staggering economy have emerged as contributing factors in the lagging performance of casinos in the traditional gambling centers of Las Vegas and Atlantic City, analysts say. Localized gambling, such as the Immokalee casino, allows many dedicated and casual gamblers alike to stay home — saving air fare, hotel charges, car rentals and food costs — and still indulge their passion.

Recent financial reports from major gaming companies reflect this trend.

MGM Mirage reported an 8 percent decrease in revenues for the third quarter ended September 30. The company, citing a weak economy and tight credit, shelved plans for a new facility in Atlantic City. Harrah's Entertainment also reported a third-quarter loss. In Las Vegas, three casinos have filed for bankruptcy and the city's unemployment rate is at 5.6 percent, compared to 4.2 percent last year.

"Las Vegas is dipping, and one reason is that people don't have to travel there to have a good (gambling) experience," said Mr. Bitner.

Local gamblers who shun Las Vegas for Immokalee do sacrifice some amenities in the bargain. Pre-casino Immokalee was not much of draw, to put it charitably. The town was known principally for its agriculture and the poverty of its migrant workers. Although Immokalee's Main Street has been spiffed-up, it remains unlikely that a visitor will confuse it with Las Vegas' Strip or Atlantic City's Boardwalk. And while Las Vegas and Atlantic City continue to present top-shelf entertainers, the Immokalee casino fields acts on the order of Blood, Sweat and Tears, aging troubadours who rose to prominence in the 1960s and 1970s and performed there last month. The casino's interior, while replete with the noisy jangle and flashing lights of its 800 slot machines, is cavernous, low on the glamour quotient and lacking the kinetic energy of, say, a big-time Las Vegas establishment. A powerful imagination is required to conjure visions of Frank, Dean and the Rat Pack holding court in the Immokalee lounge.

"The casino by itself hasn't been a large draw to the area," said Jack Wert, executive director of the Naples, Marco Islands, Everglades Convention and Visitors Bureau. "It seems to attract local residents.

"We are primarily a beach and golf destination, but certainly some seasonal residents might be more tempted to (visit the casino) now that it has made improvements and is expanding. We see the casino as an attractive part of the total package that this area offers. We are not known as a gaming destination, but that could change somewhat down the road. You don't know."

Seminole officials hope that the nearby development of Ave Maria, both the town and the university, will spur increased traffic through the casino, although the conservative religious orientation of the school might limit the number of high rollers it produces.

"One reason for the success of the casino has to be that the Seminoles do a great job of running their operations," said Mr. Bitner. "They really do run a top-quality operation, not only here but at their other casinos."

## THE FINAL PAYOUT

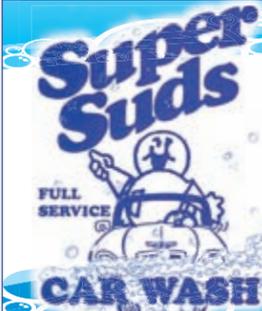
With such large sums of cash on the table, so to speak, a logical question is who benefits from the gambling boon, aside from casino workers and local economies. Mr. Bitner said the real winners are the some 3,300 members of Florida's Seminole Tribe.

"The proceeds (from gaming operations) fund the government of the tribe," he said. This includes financing police and fire services, providing free health care to tribal members and an educational allotment that pays for the college education of any Florida Seminole who wishes to pursue one, Mr. Bitner said. Every Seminole receives an annual "dividend" from the casinos, although Mr. Bitner said the exact amount is not made public. Even children receive this dividend, he said, noting that those funds are put into a special trust.

It is doubtful that gamblers give much thought to their money funding the educations of Seminole children. More likely, they, as gamblers everywhere, seek action, escape and that ever-elusive jackpot. That's what drew Ronnie Lee Almond, and while he left a satisfied customer, he did voice a peripheral complaint.

"Man, getting here is the pits," he said of his journey along the sometimes-harrowing State Road 82 from Fort Myers. "I mean, the trip here ain't long, but it sure sucks." The drive does not deter patrons. It was midday on a Friday when Mr. Almond spoke, but already good parking places in the casino's lot were at a premium.

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# 'An Economy by Design' launches EDC's Project Innovation effort

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Project Innovation, the Economic Development Council of Collier County's initiative to create and execute a plan for economic sustainability, begins Friday, Dec. 19, with the first of seven Community of Innovation participative sessions that will bring national resources to bear on Collier County's economic issues. The series will bring together community leaders to work with some of the best minds in economy building to identify areas of potential and the means of taking charge of the future prosperity of Collier County.



Delaney

John Delaney, president of the University of North Florida and former mayor of Jacksonville, Fla., will discuss "An Economy by Design" in the inaugural Community of Innovation session from 8 to 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 19, at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club.

Long considered a pioneer in innovation and transformational learning, Mr. Delaney spearheaded The Better Jacksonville Plan, a \$2.2 billion improvement plan that gave the city new public facilities and other amenities. He also created the Preservation Project, a massive land conservation program giving Jacksonville the distinction of having the largest urban park system in the United States. During his five-year tenure at the University of North Florida, he has doubled the school's endowment, refocused institutional commitment to individualized learning, strengthened its flagship programs and added new facilities valued at nearly \$200 million.

Don Upton, president of the Tampa-based Fairfield Index, Inc., a company dedicated to helping communities, companies and non-profits become more competitive, will moderate the Community of Innovation series, which continues with:

- The Governor's Innovation Luncheon, featuring Lt. Gov. Jeff Kottkamp, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at Vergina's Restaurant
- "Innovative Benchmarking" from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club

- "Preparing for Global Competition" from 3:30 to 5:50 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club
- "Research, Development and Commercialization of Innovation" from 3:30

- to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19, at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club
- "Regionalism in the Innovation Economy" from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club
- "It Pays to Be Creative," featuring Richard Florida, author and founder of the Creative Class Group, Wednesday, May 20

The Community of Innovation series is one aspect of Project Innovation. Additional components will examine success stories, collect insights and identify resources. Champions of Innovation will offer an inside look at local companies, such as Arthrex, that have capitalized on innovation and productivity; in a series of 12 podcasts, Innovators' Insight will interview individuals who have demonstrated creative thinking and practices. The State of Innovation radio show will allow the community to participate in discussions related to innovation and economy-building programs; the final component, Innovation at Work, will consist of site visits, workshops and discussions that will specify current and potential community assets that can be marshaled for economic development.

Project Innovation ultimately will identify the means of creating a culture that will attract and support world-class, high-wage employees. The process will result in an actionable plan to build a healthy economic foundation for current and future generations in Collier County.

State Rep. Tom Grady, Regional Business Alliance Chairman Dolph von Arx and Naples Daily News Publisher and President Chris Doyle are serving as honorary chairmen of this critical program.

For more information and to reserve your place at the first session Friday, Dec. 19, call the Economic Development Council of Collier County at 263-8989 or visit [www.projectinnovation.cc](http://www.projectinnovation.cc). ■



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# UNDERCOVER HISTORIAN

## Julius 'Junkie' Fleischmann: An unsung Naples hero

BY LOIS BOLIN  
Special to Florida Weekly

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow said, "Lives of great men all remind us we can make our lives sublime; and, departing, leave behind us, footprints on the sands of time." He must have been talking about those mighty unsung heroes who came to Naples between 1930 and 1960 — those giants who not only made Naples a better place to live, but our country as well.

An unsung hero is described as a person who has made substantive, unrecognized contributions or one whose bravery is unknown. One of ours was at one time known simply as the man who served roasted peacocks, a fare once reserved for kings.

His name was Julius "Junkie" Fleischmann, and his life was filled with anything but junk. It was replete with adventure, inspirations and memorabilia that even now lives on in the halls of the Cincinnati Natural Museum and the memories of all who have ever visited the birthplace of Old Naples, or the Caribbean Gardens, now called the Naples Zoo.

### A family on the rise (pennies from heaven)

The Fleischmann story is an America story at its finest. It was a family business from the Civil War until the start of the Depression, wherein the Fleischmanns created a food conglomerate that became known as Standard Brands and ultimately merged with Nabisco in

1980. The Fleischmanns invented the coupon premium, the give-away recipe book and state fair bake-offs.

### Yachting with a mission

While Junkie was born to great wealth, he chose to live a productive existence. This entrepreneurial way of life was encouraged by his paternal grandfather, Charles Fleischmann, who arrived in the U.S. from Hungary essentially penniless but with a recipe for yeast that would change both the way America baked and produced gin.

Junkie did not follow the Great Gatsby-like crowd that was a standard of his time. Instead, he became a student of cultural anthropology — and not an ordinary armchair type, but a hands-on, Indiana Jones type. As earthy as he was debonair, he dabbled in publishing, hotels, philanthropy, Broadway and, when called upon, governmental liaisons.

Junkie was also an expert yachtsman. In his yacht, "Camargo," he sailed the seven seas and immersed himself in natural history, particularly local cultures such as the Cocos Islands, New Hebrides, Solomon Islands, New Guinea, Sri Lanka and the Arabian Peninsula. During a trip to Melanesia in the early 1930s, he chronicled many societies that for all practical purposes had become extinct.

While in the South Pacific with his wife, Dorette, and two small children on board their 225-foot yacht, Junkie secretly created the maps and descriptions that were used by the U.S. government in its attacks on many of the Japanese-

held islands in World War II.

### Third Street South and the Zoo

During the late 1800s, the founders of the fledgling resort community of Naples were honored to get Henry Nehrling, an eminent naturalist, to relocate to Naples. When he died in 1929, Mr. Nehrling's garden, which was filled with exotic plants from around the world, was leased to a son-in-law until it was sold at sheriff's auction in 1931.

In 1951, by which time the land was fading into disrepair, Junkie bought it and rejuvenated the gardens. His show business days gave him the idea to have animals in the garden — but not ordinary animals; he wanted performing animals. So an animal behaviorist was hired, and soon the garden's vaudeville duck had a gig on "The Ed Sullivan Show" and at the Rockefeller Center. The performing duck brought much attention — and many visitors — to the garden.

This past October, The Naples Zoo, formerly Jungle Larry's and The Caribbean Gardens, received a historic designation for 50 trees that are part of Mr. Nerhling's history — trees that would have been lost had it not been for Junkie Fleischmann and his vision.

After World War II, the graceful growth of Third Street South began under the direction of Junkie and Dorette, both of whom were charmed by the area. Their first purchase was the Mercantile Building,

which became the Antique Addict and held many of the treasures from their travels. Today it is home to Campiello Ristorante.

### Legacy in the sand

Mr. Longfellow also said, "The bravest are the tenderest. The loving are the daring."

Junkie was as tender as he was brave, as loving as he was daring. His legacy will linger forever in the shade at The Naples Zoo, in the laughter at Fleischmann Park and on Third Street South, where the Fleischmanns' elegance and charm can be found in each footstep around the birthplace of Old Naples. ■

*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](http://www.naplesbackyardhistory.org).*



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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

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## People different from us

Larry and Diana Moyer set out in November from Beaver Dam, Wis., in their oversized RV to spend some warm days in St. Petersburg, Fla. Since they travel with their pets, Jack (Diana's "service" kangaroo) and Edward (an elderly goat that uses a cart for mobility because of front-leg paralysis), their route south was circuitous because of some states' restrictions on exotic pets. The RV broke down three times. In Florida, Larry had a stroke and

was hospitalized for two days. Then, a fuse box short-circuited, and the RV burned up, torching their money and ID. Diana was hospitalized for smoke inhalation. With Red Cross help, they found a motel that accepted goats (but not kangaroos, so Jack went overnight to a wildlife facility). At press time, according to a Tampa Tribune report, the couple had bought a junk car and were headed home, with Jack curled up in Diana's lap. ■

## Budget relief for the California government

A homeless transient, Steven Butcher, 50, was convicted of starting fires in the Los Padres National Forest near Santa Barbara in 2002 and 2006 (the latter which burned 163,000 acres) and in November was sen-

tenced to nearly four years in prison. When Butcher gets out, he can work on the other part of his sentence, as he was also ordered to pay back the state for the fires' costs, in the amount of \$101 million. ■

## Leading economic indicators

When the Poway Unified School District near San Diego cut teachers' printing budgets this year, some handout-intensive instructors had to dip into their own pockets to keep their students supplied. Calculus teacher Tom Farber decided in September to sell ad space

on page one of his exams, at \$10 for a quiz and up to \$30 on the semester final. As of November, he told the San Diego Union-Tribune, only parent-sponsored inspirational messages have been bought, but he said he would welcome certain retailers' ads. ■

## Economic stimulus:

A British surgeon will spend an estimated 250,000 pounds (\$370,000) to equip her luxury home in Gloucestershire with a state-of-the-art, three-room suite for her two Great Danes, including cameras so that she can monitor them via the Internet while she is away. Instead of an ordinary dog door, a

retina scanner will control entry, and rather than rely on human stewards, the big darlings will be dispensed filtered water and dry food automatically in self-cleaning bowls. A temperature-regulated saline spa is available for relaxing dips before turning in for the night on sheepskin-lined dog beds. ■

## The continuing crisis

A group of recently published cookbooks touting imaginative dishes served by world-renowned chefs includes Ferran Adria's volume on just his everyday fare at the world's top-rated elBulli in Spain. Probably too complex for home cooking are the parmesan ice cream sandwiches, quail eggs with crispy caramel coating,

calamari tube ravioli with coconut gel, and especially the preserved tuna-oil air (to create foam). However, for about \$250, wannabes can purchase Adria's "Sferificacion MiniKit" with utensils and guidance on more manageable possibilities, such as watermelon soup with tomato spheres. ■

## Science on the cutting edge

► "This is a rare occurrence," said a Loyola University (Chicago) neurology professor in September, describing to WebMD.com only the seventh reported case of someone's suffering a stroke during orgasm. Several things must be present in series to create the condition, including having an unnatural opening between the two upper chambers of the heart (a "PFO"). Also, a blood clot must develop and break loose and then get sucked through the PFO at the moment of ecstasy, sending it

directly to the brain.

► In October, ABC News profiled a 6-year-old boy with a rare coordination disorder called Angelman syndrome, which makes the afflicted seem stiff and jerky, but which also fosters a cheerful, gregarious (though non-verbal) personality, leading the disorder to be known as the "happy puppet syndrome." Seizures are a consequence, but so is excessive laughter, which is a major hindrance to early diagnosis, according to a pediatrics professor. ■

## Least competent criminals

► Robert Garrett, 33, and Jesse Dyer, 32, were arrested in Lincoln, Neb., in November and charged with burglary and the theft of a 55-inch TV, which they had taken to their car, only to realize that it wouldn't fit. When a next-door neighbor spotted them, they tried to bribe her for \$100, to hold the set until they could return with a bigger car, but she called the police.

► Joseph Barton, 62, and an associ-

ate were arrested in November by local drug officials in Hurley, N.Y., and charged with a marijuana growing and distribution scheme of "epic scope and sophistication," according to a Middletown Times Herald-Record report. Besides the 45 pounds of marijuana seized, the chief evidence is copies of Barton's self-made biographical DVD chronicling a life of drug deals, describing candidly his adventures and business acumen. ■

## Sat nav issues

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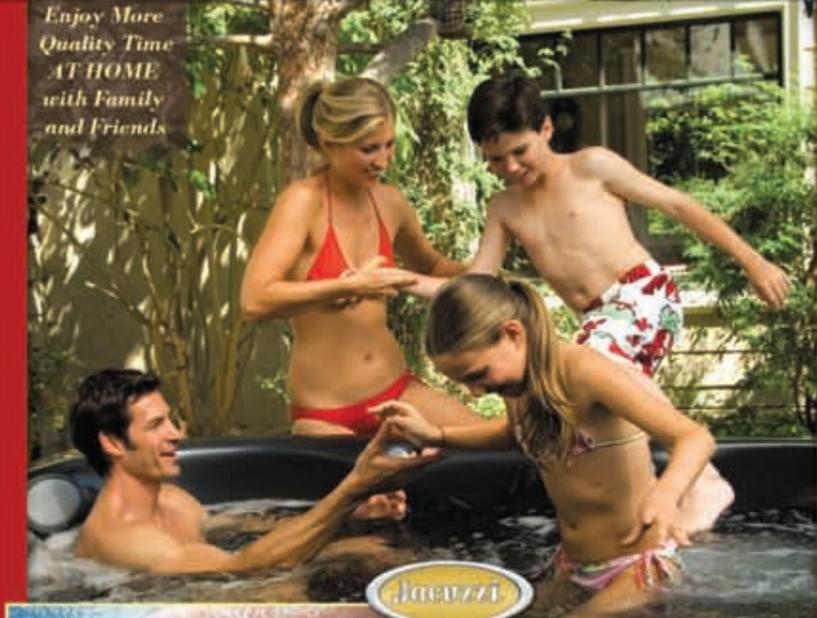
► In July, a group of 10 children and 16 adults from California were stranded in their cars in wilderness near cliffs close to the Grand Canyon, to which they had been misdirected by their navigation system. Rescuers were able to talk them back the next day on their cell phones.

► A truck driver hauling a 32-ton load from Turkey through several European countries headed for Gibraltar in the southern tip of Spain missed his destination by about 1,600 miles, winding up at a dead end in Skegness, England. (Gibraltar is a British territory, though nowhere near the British Isles, but both places have a "Coral Road," which was the destination.) ■


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## Edison State, North Naples Fire and Rescue partner for fire academy certificate program

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Beginning in January, Edison State College will partner with North Naples Fire and Rescue Department to offer a collegiate-level fire academy certificate program.

“Edison State will be able to provide an entire career path for each firefighter,” said Craig Aberbach, ESC coordinator of emergency services. Any student can walk in the door with no certification and become a highly employable, certified firefighter, and continue to become an EMT and paramedic, he added.

Students will be able to earn an associate’s degree in Fire Science or Emergency Medical Services Technology and then transition into the bachelor’s of Public Safety. “All of the prerequisites will be complete,” Mr. Aberbach said.

There is a high demand for firefighters in Southwest Florida right now, Mr. Aberbach said, adding the new program has a waiting list for its inaugural class, with 36 students enrolled and another 100 interested.

The program tests intellect and physical aptitude and requires a dedicated effort in classroom studies, practical activities and physical agility to reach the standards required to pass the state exams. Written exams and practical evaluations follow each unit of study; a physi-

cal conditioning program as part of the class is designed to improve candidates’ overall performance in the practical evolution exercises. Students will be assessed for physical capabilities throughout the program.

Aberbach, who recently retired as Cape Coral fire division chief, says there is a critical need to train new firefighters immediately. “Departments all over Southwest Florida are losing a lot at the top right now because of buy-outs,” he said. “They need new, highly trained crews to fill those spots.”

The 510-hour class schedule is designed for working people. Classes will be held at the North Naples Fire and Rescue Department essential services training facility from 5 to 10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays, from January to July. A second class of students will begin in the second half of 2009.

For more information, visit: [www.edison.edu/academics/fireacademy](http://www.edison.edu/academics/fireacademy). ■



## Naples Backyard History plans reception for great-great-grandson of city founder

Dr. Hugh Cort, the great-great-grandson of Walter Haldeman, the founder of the City of Naples, and Christian Busk, the landscape architect who saved the Haldeman house and restored it after moving it from Naples to Bonita Springs, will be the honored guests at the Naples Backyard History Mini Museum on Saturday, Dec. 27.

The public is invited to meet Dr. Cort and Mr. Busk and to view the filmed interview of Naples city historian Doris Reynolds from 4 to 5:30 p.m. A Southern-style reception will follow from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the mini museum at 1300 Third Street South. Seating is limited for the film screening.

Dr. Cort is a psychiatrist who lives and practices in Alabama. He visited the museum several weeks ago and purchased two copies of Mrs. Reynolds’ book,

“When Peacocks Were Roasted and Mullet Was Fried.” At that time, he expressed regret that he could not thank the author for the dedication she gave in her book to his grandmother, Florence Haldeman Price. When he said he would come back through Naples over the holidays, it was decided to plan a reception for him and Mr. Busk, both of whom are delighted to help Naples Backyard History with its mission to make history “more fun, more meaningful and more available.”

The reception is hosted by Lavern Norris Gaynor, Hodges University and Naples Cultural Landscape, a fund of the Community Foundation of Collier County. Reservations must be made no later than noon Wednesday, Dec. 24. Call 594-2978 or e-mail [backyardhistory@comcast.net](mailto:backyardhistory@comcast.net). ■

## Congress Jewelers welcomes JB Star diamond designs

JB Star will bring a special collection of diamond jewelry to Congress Jewelers’ store on Fifth Avenue South from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20.

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Island in 1983, also has stores on U.S. 41 in Bonita Springs, in Coastland Center in Naples, and on Duval Street in Key West. Its locations offer timepieces from Rolex and Breitling, along with designer jewelry by Roberto Coin, John Hardy, Marco Bicego and Leslie Greene. Congress Jewelers is Southwest Florida’s exclusive

retailer of Bez Ambar and the Sealife by Congress line. For more information, visit [www.CongressJewelers.com](http://www.CongressJewelers.com). ■

## Orchid society members honored for service

Three members of the Naples Orchid Society were honored for their exceptional service to the society at the annual holiday meeting earlier this month.

Norm Dolder, although a fairly new member, has contributed much time and effort in serving as the vice president in charge of programs. He also has participated as co-chairman of the annual orchid show.

Tim and Gayle Nance are longstanding members who have served in many elected and volunteer positions. Mrs. Nance has been the awards chairperson, accessing trophies and providing oversight on awards at annual shows and meeting competitions. Mr. Nance

as also co-chaired the annual orchid shows and provides training on orchid pest and disease management for the annual culture classes. He also assists each year with assembling the orchid shows.

The board of directors also recognized Nancy Ginocchio, president of the society, at the December meeting. ■



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## HANNUKAH EVENTS

### Chabad Naples' giant menorah lighting will include remembrance of victims of recent massacres in Mumbai

Chabad Naples' fifth annual Chanukah Menorah Lighting at the Village on Venetian Bay will remember victims of the Mumbai massacres with special songs and a candle-lighting ceremony Sunday evening, Dec. 21.

Chabad House of Mumbai, where Rabbi Gavriel and Rivkah Holtzberg and four others were murdered during the massacres, is part of the global Chabad-Lubavitch network of more than 4,000 emissary families in 47 U.S. states and 73 countries around the world.

As one of the Chabad branches, Chabad Naples is dedicated to spreading light and goodness in the community. This is accomplished through hosting classes, lectures and workshops on Jewish topics, religious services, Shabbat meals, religious schools, summer



camp and more, all responding to the unique needs of the community. Chabad Naples offers social services as well, including counseling, hospital visitation, prison visitation and programs for senior citizens.

Each year, Chabad Naples hosts a community-wide Chanukah celebration during which the message of religious freedom is brought to the street. This year, in addition to the regular menorah lighting, a special ceremony will be

dedicated to remembering the victims of the Mumbai massacres.

Beginning at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, festivities will include music, crafts for the children, refreshments and the lighting of the giant menorah. Everyone is welcome.

For more information, call 404-6993 or e-mail rabbi@chabadnaples.com. ■

### Bonita Springs festivities set for Dec. 22

Chabad of Bonita Springs and Estero invites everyone to its fifth annual Grand Menorah Kindling and Chanukah Festivities beginning at 5:30 p.m. on the first night of Chanukah, Monday, Dec. 22, at The Promenade Shops, Bonita Springs.

"Chanukah is a holiday that enriches our lives with the light of tradition," said Rabbi Mendy Greenberg, director of the Chabad Jewish Center of Bonita Springs and Estero. "In ancient times, our ancestors rededicated the temple in Jerusalem with the menorah. Today, we rededicate ourselves to making this world a better and brighter place."

Chanukah also propagates the universal message that ultimately good will prevail over evil, freedom over oppression and light over darkness.

This year's menorah will carry an even more prevalent message following the terrorist attacks on innocent civilians in Mumbai, and an attack on the Chabad House.

In its Chanukah outreach campaign, Chabad of Bonita Springs and Estero joins thousands of Chabad centers across the globe that are staging similar public displays of the menorah and its symbolic lights. From Australia to Africa, Columbia to Hong Kong, New York City's ground zero to the White House lawn, hundreds of thousands will experience the joy of Chanukah with Chabad.

The evening at The Promenade Shops will include a live performance of "The Light in the Darkness" by Bella Gutshtein and Boris Sandler of the Russian Music Salon, hot latkes, falafel and donuts, a kosher deli and arts and crafts. Come and do your Chanukah shopping.

Public dignitaries and community leaders will attend the ceremony and will assist state Sen. Dave Aronberg in kindling the giant Menorah of Freedom.

For more information, call Rabbi Mendy Greenberg at 949-6900 or visit www.JewishBonita.com. ■

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## NON-PROFIT NEWS

### 'A Toast to Leadership' aids Scouts

"A Toast for Leadership: Salute to Scouting," a new fundraiser for the Naples Area Boy Scouts, takes place Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009, at Bayfront. Tommy Bahama's and Stoney's Steakhouse are participating in the food and wine event for which tickets are \$50 in advance and \$60 at the door. Live entertainment and a raffle will also be part of the evening. ■

### Ducks lining up for their next big race day

Ten thousand rubber ducks, "adopted" by citizens, will be launched into Venetian Bay to race to the finish line for numerous prizes and a chance to win \$1 million as part of The Great Venetian Duck Race at The Village on Venetian Bay on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009. The Lutgert Companies, which developed the Village 20 years ago, has chosen the Children's Museum of Naples as beneficiary of this year's race.

Ducks can be purchased for \$10 each at [www.naples.com](http://www.naples.com), where duck packages include "Flying Solo," "Six Quack," "Quaker's Dozen" and the "Flocks." All proceeds from duck sales will benefit the Children's Museum of Naples.

Grand prize for the first place duck is a cruise for a family of four; second prize is a two-night stay at the Naples Grande, including a Golden Door Spa package; third place wins a \$1,000 gift certificate to Yamron Jewelers. Contests and prizes for children are planned as well, including the "Best-Dressed Duckling" competition for children 5 years and younger. Judged on originality and creativity, the winner will receive a Gymboree birthday party valued at \$350.

In addition to The Village on Venetian Bay and The Lutgert Companies,

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### Golfing for Youth Haven

The 22nd annual Wyndemere Tradition Golf Tournament for Youth Haven takes place Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, at Wyndemere Country Club. Entry fee is \$225 per player for Wyndemere residents and \$250 for non-residents. The player package includes 18-holes of golf with cart, buffet lunch, golf tips demonstration and clinic, closest-to-the pin events, raffle prizes and team awards and an evening reception with live auction. Registration and lunch begin at 11 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Since the inaugural tournament in 1987, the Wyndemere Tradition has raised more than \$800,000 for Youth Haven's children and families.

Youth Haven is Collier County's only emergency shelter for abused, abandoned and neglected children as well as the sole provider of an array of home-based parenting education and family support programs that divert children from the foster care system.

To register for the golf tournament or for more information about Youth Haven, call Cathy Edwards at Youth Haven, 774-2904, ext. 205, or e-mail [cathy.edwards@youthhaven.net](mailto:cathy.edwards@youthhaven.net). ■

### Pedaling for bicycle and pedestrian paths

Naples Pathways Coalition, a non-profit group working to make a safe network of sidewalks, bike lanes, bike paths and multi-use paths and greenways for cyclists, pedestrians and other non-motorized users throughout Naples and Collier County, is having its third annual Pedaling for Pathways Bicycle Brunch on Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009.

More than 500 riders participated in last year's event, and organizers are planning for 700 this year. Registration is open now; those sign up before Jan. 11 are guaranteed a T-shirt.

The fully supported road ride starts and finishes at Lowdermilk Beach Park,

where continental breakfast will be served beforehand. Brunch on the beach will be provided by Moe's Southwest Grill after the ride.

Riders can choose to pedal along a 10-, 20-, 30-, 62- or 100-mile route; an 85-year-old rider will set the pace for the 10-mile route, and local politicians and celebrities will lead other routes.

Register online at [www.active.com/event\\_detail.cfm?event\\_id=1632905](http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1632905).

For more information about Naples Pathways Coalition, call 690-1152 or visit [www.naplespathways.org](http://www.naplespathways.org). ■

### Luncheon, silent auction and raffle for women's shelter

The ninth annual Mending Broken Hearts with Hope Luncheon to benefit The Shelter for Abused Women & Children takes place Friday, Feb. 27, 2009, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. Keynote speaker will be Jacquelyn Pierce, 2006-2008 president of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs International.

The "Glitter and Go" raffle will be held for a diamond ring and getaway to CordeValle, a Rosewood Resort in California. Raffle tickets are \$35 each or four for \$100; winners need not be present to win.

Among the items in the silent auction are high tea at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples; a Costa Rica fishing trip; a picnic and floral class at The Garden District; a classical concert and lunch in a private Port Royal home; and a carnival-theme party for up to 35 children.

Tickets for the ninth annual Mending Broken Hearts with Hope Luncheon are \$300 per person, \$1,000 for patron and \$3,500 for advocate.

For more information about the luncheon, call 775-3862.

To learn more about The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, call 775-3862 or visit [www.naplesshelter.org](http://www.naplesshelter.org). ■

### School, yacht club collecting food and toys

Cedar Montessori School in North Naples is accepting donations for the Harry Chapin Food Bank through Friday, Dec. 19. The drive is sponsored by SERVPRO of Collier County/Fort Myers South.

Requested items include peanut butter, canned luncheon meats, chili, macaroni and cheese, canned stews, canned soups, full meals in a can, tuna, beans and rice. Infant formula and diapers are also welcome. The food bank feeds as many as 20,000 people each month in five counties in Southwest Florida.

SERVPRO will donate its fleet of service vehicles to deliver donations to the food bank. Anyone who contributes three items or more will be entered into a drawing for prizes donated by area businesses. Cedar Montessori School is at 10904 Winterview Drive, just off Immokalee Road east of Airport Road.

Naples Harbour Yacht Club is holding a toy drive for the Shelter for Abused Women & Children. Gifts for children must be non-violent (remember batteries if needed). Through Saturday, Dec. 20, NHYC will accept unwrapped gifts dropped off in the lobby of the club at 475 North Road. ■

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# Unity Church collects bears for children



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The author and Charlie (in dark jacket) at Unity of Naples Church

BY PEG GOLDBERG-LONGSTRETH  
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Did you ever see something so unexpectedly wonderful it nearly takes your breath away?

Imagine walking into an otherwise empty sanctuary prior to Sunday services, to discover every one of a church's 500 or so seats occupied — by a teddy bear! That's what happened to me early Sunday morning at Unity of Naples Church. I walked to the front of the sanctuary and turned around to see nothing but bears looking back at me in the peaceful silence.

There were big bears. Medium-size bears. Little tiny bears. Golden bears.

Black bears. A pink bear or two. Polar bears. Koala bears. All sitting there quietly, waiting to be dispersed, having been filled with love for the past several weeks by members of the congregation. How?

Beginning shortly before Thanksgiving, Unity of Naples members bring bears to church with them on Sundays and leave them behind in the pews after the worship service. In time for Christmas, the bears given to the neediest children in our community.

My friend Roger Arbury, a member at Unity of Naples, told me about the project. "Each Sunday," he said, "everyone picks up the bears, sits with them throughout the service, hugs them, holds them up, fills them with love for the spe-

cial mission they are about to perform." And a very special mission it is.

This year the hundreds of bears are about to bring joy to pre-K and kindergarten students at the Avalon School in East Naples. For many of these children, a bear will be their only gift.

Other bears will be designated to ride with Collier County deputies, to be given as needed to children whose families are in crisis. Still other bears from Unity will go to Youth Haven, Collier County's emergency shelter for abused, abandoned and neglected children.

And so, after a sleepless night thinking about the joy these very special bears are about to bring to scores of needy children and their families, I returned to the church early Monday morning, this time with Charlie, my family's very special antique bear, in tow. I knew Charlie would want to see all the happiness I had spent Sunday evening trying to describe to him. (Everyone already knows I speak to cats and dogs, so it should come as no surprise that I also talk to teddy bears.)

Neither of us was disappointed. There they sat, knowing they were about to be disbursed to hundreds of homes where they would bring, if only for a little bit, such happiness to so many innocent victims of the economic woes with which our country is struggling.

So while corporate America is trying to explain away its unbridled greed, while the auto industry is on its knees begging for help, wouldn't it be wonderful if the rest of us quietly went out, bought a bear, filled it with love and made certain every needy person in our country was the recipient of such a gift of love? ■

## On foot or by canoe, explore the outdoors this holiday season



Collier-Seminole State Park has several activities on the schedule this and next week for those who want to get away from the hustle and bustle of the holidays and get back to nature:

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► Guided night hikes on which park naturalists take brave souls where no city lights interfere set out from park headquarters at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 27 and 28. This two-hour outing is fun for ages 6 and older; \$10 per person.

Entrance to Collier-Seminole State Park is at 20200 U.S. 41 in East Naples.

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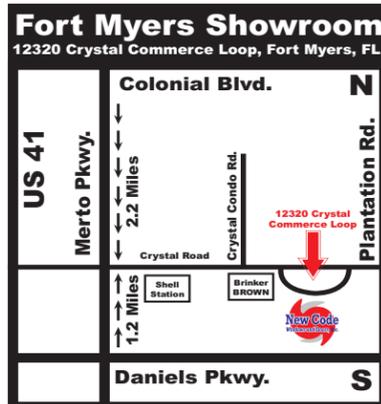
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## HEALTHY LIVING

Just say NO to  
overeating

BY PHIL KLOER AND HELENA OLIVIERO  
Cox News Service

When Kathy Ward found a recipe for Chocolate Creme Pumpkin Pie, she knew she just had to make it for Thanksgiving dinner. The recipe, however, was in a magazine in her doctor's waiting room, not too far from where she had just weighed in on those dreaded doctor's scales. (You know, the ones that are always set eight pounds heavy.)

Fortunately, Ward was down a few pounds on this visit (she lost 75 pounds in 2007 and has kept it off in 2008), so she copied the recipe and looks forward to making the pie. She'll have one slice — "a normal piece, not some diabetic sliver" — and that's all.

"People eat like crazy on Thanksgiving and Christmas," said Ward, a sixth-grade science teacher at Veterans Memorial Middle School in Covington, Ga., who runs a small pastry chef business on the side.

"You know, you're not on Death Row," she adds. "You can get more. They have these things called stores. Eat one meal, then wait awhile and do it again."

Such common-sense advice seems to fall on deaf, or maybe inattentive, ears during the weeks between Thanksgiving and New Year's, when temptations seem to multiply, including the temptation to postpone a diet until January.

The good news is it may not be as bad you think. The average American gains about one pound during the winter holiday season, far less than the five to eight pounds commonly believed, according to the National Institutes of Health.

But the bad news is that people often don't lose the weight and it can pile on

over the years. People who are overweight are more likely to gain five pounds during the holidays, according to the NIH.

Ward used to be among them. Diagnosed as "morbidly obese" by her doctor, she hooked up with a fitness contest called Rockdale Scale Down, joined a gym, and fell in love with the best-seller "You: On a Diet."

When she makes her chocolate pumpkin treat, for example, she will use half whole wheat flour in the pie crust instead of all white flour, because that adds fiber, which can make the body feel satisfied sooner.

"If you're

talking about how you're going to live for the rest of your life," she said, "have whatever you're thinking about. But be moderate. If you feel deprived, it's gonna be an obsession. You're gonna dream about it."

Experts agree it's perfectly fine — even healthy — to indulge during the holidays, just don't go bonkers. No matter what you do, don't starve yourself or skip meals because that only sets you up for grabbing the closest plate of brownies.

Gelsie Lessig, a registered dietician, suggests eating a substantial snack — such as a half sandwich — before going out to a special meal.

"Because if you go out and are so hungry, it's all downhill from there," said Lessig, also co-owner of Inlighten Health Seminars, a business catering to people who seek to lose at least 50 pounds.

When you're at a holiday party, scan the table of delectables to decide which three, high-calorie foods you really want. Devote half of your plate to waistline-friendly choices such as sliced fruits and vegetables, experts suggest.

And remember, all of those bites of food (broken Christmas cookies included) really do count. Another way to stave off weight gain is by exercising.

Experts suggest families weave walking or playing games into their holiday rituals. Not only will it burn calories, but it will also help take the focus off food. ■

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EATING  
UNDER CONTROL

- **Don't skip breakfast.** If you starve yourself, you're more likely to reach for the wrong things (and eat too much of them).

- **Balance it out.** If you are going to a party, eat small, healthy meals beforehand such as a low-fat sandwich for lunch.

- **Never go to a party hungry.** Take the edge off your hunger by eating a healthy snack such as apple slices, yogurt or vegetable soup.

- **Drink plenty of water.** And drink a glass before the party to help fill you up.

- **Bring your own guilt-free dish** to the party so you know there's at least one you can splurge on.

- **Use a small plate** so it looks full.

- **Remember, you can eat whatever you'd like,** as long as it's in moderation.

- **Don't drink your calories.** Consume alcohol in moderation, if at all.

- **If you want dessert, eat fewer calories during dinner** and eat only the desserts you really want. ■

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SERVICE



Chef Dean Dupuis of South City Kitchen in Atlanta displays his cider and chile-braised pork shank. He serves it with such sides as stone-ground grits.

## Some pork cuts fit your diet

When dining out, dieters often scan the menu for chicken and fish to find dishes lower in fat and calories. They may even search out a lean cut of beef — such as top sirloin or strip steak — and order it sliced on top of a salad. But pork often gets overlooked as a lighter protein entree possibility.

It's true that nutrition facts reveal a full rack of baby back ribs slathered in barbecue sauce can add up to 1,000 calories, but there's more than one way to serve a pig. Many cuts of pork are actually as lean as skinless chicken.

The National Pork Board Web site is proud to report that "Through changes in feeding and breeding techniques, pork producers have responded to consumer demand for leaner pork. Today's pork has 16 percent less fat and 27 percent less saturated fat than 15 years ago."

Pork tenderloin is famously fit for weight control and meets U.S. Department of Agriculture guidelines for "extra lean" (less than 5 grams fat per 3-ounce serving). In fact, a 3-ounce portion of pork tenderloin contains less than 3 grams of total fat and only 120 calories.

Registered dietitian Ceci Snyder with the National Pork Board says, "The best way to find leaner cuts of pork is to look for the words 'loin' or 'chop' on the

menu. When you see a center cut pork chop, it's taken from the loin so will be a lean choice with 153 calories and about 6 grams of fat per 3-ounce serving." Of course, a 3-ounce serving isn't the usual size served in restaurants, but you can use that as a comparative guide.

Chefs at the two South City Kitchen locations in Atlanta consistently feature pork on their menus. At the Vinings location, chef Chip Ulbrich grills center cut pork chops and serves them with sauteed mustard greens, and tosses in another nod to the pig with tasso ham mac and cheese. Chef Dean Dupuis at the Midtown location braises pork shank in cider spiked with chile and serves it with stone-ground grits, green tomato chow chow and brussels sprouts accessorized with Benton's bacon. Snyder points out that "The pork shank, which is from the leg, is lean because it's a well-exercised part of the pig."

Another menu trend "is to pair leaner cuts of pork with the flavors of fattier cuts on the same plate," Snyder says.

Snyder says pork is best when cooked to medium doneness (an internal temperature of 160 degrees Fahrenheit). "Because today's pork is so lean, it's important not to overcook it, so it's juicy and tender. Think slightly pink."

Dupuis says five years ago if he'd

serve pork with a little pink in the middle, his customers would send it back, but "It's not as bad as it once was when everyone freaked out." If worries about trichinosis still haunt you, know that it's nonexistent today. If it were present in pork, food safety experts say that cooking to 137 degrees Fahrenheit would kill it, and that temperature is well below what's recommended.

Pork is a good source of:

- **Thiamin.** This key vitamin supports the metabolism of carbohydrates, protein and fat. Pork contains 54 percent of the daily value needed for thiamin.

- **Niacin,** involved in the metabolism of sugars and fatty acids.

- **Riboflavin,** which has an important role in the release of energy from foods.

- **Vitamin B6,** which plays a critical role in the regulation of carbohydrate metabolism.

- **Phosphorus,** which strengthens bones and generates energy in cells.

And the meat is a good source of:

- **Zinc,** key in energy metabolism. ■

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## David Lawrence Center offers anger-management group therapy for children

“Talk It Out: Helping Kids Deal with Anger” is a new outpatient group therapy program offered by the David Lawrence Center for children ages 6-12 who struggle with impulse control, anger control, aggression and problem solving. The goal of “Talk It Out” is to teach children coping skills, relaxation techniques and anger-management strategies. The program uses role-playing, informal discussion and music and art therapy to engage participants and help them open up.

The group therapy format allows children to learn and practice in a structured, social therapeutic setting with their peers. Two groups for children ages 6-9 and 10-12 will be held weekly. Program length is typically eight sessions, although some children may benefit from additional sessions. As the program develops, more groups and times will be added if necessary.

The addition of this program is part of the Children’s Outpatient Services expansion that began last summer, when the David Lawrence Center transitioned from children’s residential to outpatient care in order to better meet the needs of Collier County families.

“Because of the dramatic increase in the amount of children

being served in our newly expanded Children’s Outpatient Services department, the clinical team saw a growing number of younger children having difficulty coping with anger,” says David Schimmell, CEO of the center. When

parents are stressed by things like the economy, he added, that stress affects children. “Our goal is to prevent younger children from learning to express anger with violence.”

Children must meet certain clinical criteria in order to enroll in “Talk It Out.” To obtain an initial assessment or to learn more about the program, families should call the David Lawrence Center Access Center at 455-8500. The center is a not-for-profit, community mental health center that provides affordable mental-health and substance-abuse services in Southwest Florida. In addition to helping children with behavioral, emotional and substance-abuse challenges, the Center provides counseling and rehabilitative services to adults in crisis and individuals with persistent mental illness.

David Lawrence Center has eight locations in Collier County and touches the lives of more than 17,000 people each year. For more information, visit [www.davidlawrencecenter.org](http://www.davidlawrencecenter.org). ■



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# OUTDOORS



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Red river hogs contemplate where to dig in to their holiday treat at the Zoo.

## Naples Zoo residents enjoy special holiday treats

The 12 days of Christmas are filled with wild surprises at The Naples Zoo, where zookeepers are feeding their charges special meals now through Wednesday, Dec. 24. Visitors can watch lions claw into beautifully decorated presents filled with meat treats, hyenas lick candy canes made from blood and ice, lemurs nibble fruity treats off a decorated train and red river hogs dig into an ice sculpture. Here is the schedule of feedings:

- Thursday, Dec. 19: White-handed gibbons, noon
- Friday, Dec. 19: African wild dogs, 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 20: Alligators, 11 a.m.; red river hogs, noon; "Planet Predator" program during which various animals are fed, 2:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Dec. 21: African lions, 12:30 p.m.; "Planet Predator" program, 2:30 p.m.; alligators, 3 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 22: Spider monkeys, 12:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 23: Leopards, 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 24: Lemurs, noon

Recreating a veritable subtropical Santa's workshop, residents at nine locations of Brookdale Senior Living communities from Naples to Punta Gorda are making the animal-friendly treats; ice sculptures are being donated by Cold Cuts, Inc.

Construction is under way on the zoo's new black bear hammock, which will be the largest black bear exhibit at any Zoos and Aquariums-

accredited zoo in the country when it is completed next spring. Until then, the two bears that will inhabit the exhibit already reside, behind the scenes, at the Zoo.

The non-profit zoo has launched the Bear Essentials Campaign to help raise the remaining funds needed to complete construction. The second annual ZOO-bilee fundraising event is planned for Friday, Feb. 20, 2009, with guest of honor Jim Fowler on hand to help celebrate Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens' 40 years as a zoo, 55 years as a public attraction and 90 years as a botanical garden.

More than two-thirds of the funding has been secured from generous donors and grants.

The Zoo suggests a Bear Minimum donation of \$40. Donors who give \$100 or more receive a full-color poster of "Black Bear in Hammock" painted by renowned artist John Agnew. Mr. Agnew painted the original for auction at ZOO-bilee 2008, which raised money for the new exhibit. Donors who give \$1,000 or more receive a gallery wrap mounted giclee reproduction of "Black Bear in Hammock." ■



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Campers will learn about the unique Everglades ecosystem, why the Everglades is important to our future and

what they can do to help preserve this unique environment. The camp adventure includes two guided day trips into the Everglades with a Conservancy naturalist.

Space remains, but is limited. The cost is \$249 for Conservancy members and \$299 for non-members. Camp hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Before and after care is available. For more information or to register, call 262-0304, ext. 266 or visit [www.conservancy.org/camp](http://www.conservancy.org/camp). ■

# PET TALES

## Easy life for older dogs

BY DR. MARTY BECKER and GINA SPADAFORI  
Universal Press Syndicate

People flip over puppies, but to us, a well-loved older dog is one of the most beautiful creatures on earth. An older dog has a nobleness, a look in the eyes that speaks of years of the special love that only a pet can give — trusting, nonjudgmental and unwaveringly true.

Your dog's health in later years is not entirely in your control, but you can have a real impact on a pet's attitude. Your dog doesn't know he's getting older. His gray hairs concern him not, nor does he worry about the other visible effects of time — the thickening of his body, the thinning of his limbs. He doesn't count the number of times he can fetch a ball before tiring and compare that to his performance when he was a young dog in his prime.

A dog lives in the now. Just as he doesn't reflect on his past, he can't imagine his future. Your dog takes his cues from you. When you're upbeat, encouraging and loving, he'll be at his best no matter his age.

This time can be a special one for both of you, and it's up to you to make the most of it.

As your dog ages, increase the frequency and diminish the intensity of his exercise. Instead of taking your dog to the park once a week to chase tennis balls until he's exhausted, take him for a long walk daily. If your dog is having problems

with physical activity, talk to your veterinarian. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications may help, as may supplements such as glucosamine or alternative treatments such as acupuncture.

Your dog has no real sense of shame or embarrassment, so he suffers no loss of face if you come up with some ideas to make his life a little easier. Truly, the number of ways you can give your oldster a break is limited only by your imagination. Here are a few tips to get you thinking:

- Beds. Think soft. Think cushioned. Think low. Think heated. Your dog will thank you for all of these thoughts, especially in cold weather.

- Clothes. Older dogs, like older people, have a more difficult time maintaining their body temperature. This problem is even more pronounced in slender, short-coated breeds like the greyhound or whippet. So check out the sweater selection at your local pet-supply store, repurpose thrift-store children's clothes, or make your own if you're crafty.

- Ramps and steps. If your dog is allowed on the couch and the bed, get steps to help him if he can no longer make it in one jump. You wouldn't want to watch TV without your dog at your side, would you? A permanent ramp going down the back-porch step or a slide-out ramp to help your dog get into the car will also be appreciated.

While you're making household adjustments, don't forget to make an



Heather, a 12-year-old retriever, has slowed down and gone gray, but she still enjoys long walks and a good swim.

appointment for a senior dog check-up. Your veterinarian may recommend some diagnostic tests in addition to a physical examination — typically, bloodwork and an X-ray — to spot problems early or to establish a baseline of what's normal for your dog. You should also consider having your dog's teeth attended to, because gum infections and mouth pain will severely affect the comfort and health of your dog. Most veterinarians recommend twice-annual exams for senior dogs, by the way.

The senior dog checkup is also a good time to determine if your dog's slowing down means his diet will need to change to take excess weight off his joints.

Helping to keep your older dog healthy and fit will mean his senior years will be happier and more comfortable as time goes by. And that will be good news for you both. ■

### Pets of the Week



>>Ringo Star is a 3-year-old pit bull with a calm, somewhat shy disposition. Quiet and patient, she loves being outside but waits to be invited instead of barking to go out.



>>Lance is a neutered black-mouth cur who loves to romp around and is curious about almost everything. He's about 1 year old.



>>Lizzy can be a little quiet, but she isn't shy. A brown tiger cat with short hair, she's about 1 year old.



>>Bobcat is about 5 months old and still very playful. He loves to climb into a lap and settle in for some petting, too.



>>Arnie is an extremely shy, neutered gray tiger cat who's about 5 months old. He doesn't get along with other cats, but once he warms up to a person he gives his full attention.

### 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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**A**h-ah-ah-CHOO!  
I come from an area of the country that suffers miserably with hay fever and other allergies in the late fall and spring. When the flowers bloom in the spring, sending billions of pollen spores into the air, people start sneezing. Their eyes itch miserably, they cough uncontrollably, and they feel exhausted.

Allergies can be truly debilitating. An inflammatory response, they can affect any part of the body, with a wide variety of symptoms. This week's column, though, is limited to the histamine response.

I have developed a nearly sure-fire natural way to dampen down your body's histamine reactions and bring you relief, without side effects.

Here it is:

Eliminate any foods or environmental exposure that are "filling your allergy bucket." In other words, don't eat dairy products if you have a sinus or bronchial condition, because milk products often form excess mucus. Wheat products can trigger sinus problems (like snoring), so eliminate those from your diet. By getting rid of common triggers, you give your immune system the opportunity to calm down.

Freeze-dried stinging nettles are an effective, mild antihistamine. Take one or two capsules whenever you have symptoms of runny nose, itchy eyes and sneezing due to allergies or colds.

The homeopathic formula Allergy Relief is a combination of several homeopathic preparations that eases the symptoms of hay fever and other allergies. Take one tablet under the tongue twice per day, whether or not you have symptoms, and over time, your body simply becomes less reactive. Also take one or two whenever symptoms flare; generally within a few minutes, they simply go away.

A combination of quercetin (from onions) and bromelain (from the green stem of pineapple) twice per day between meals will reduce the inflammation brought on by an allergy attack. When taken over a period of time, it also helps the body become less reactive.

And finally, if you are still struggling after all this, go for the big guns: pantothenic acid.

I recommend 1,000 mg twice per day during hay fever season to eradicate hay fever symptoms even in the worse cases.

Most people report great benefit from this protocol. If it doesn't work, you might need to see a physician to work on your immune system, adrenal gland or digestive system. ■

— Carol Simontacchi is a certified lifestyle educator at the offices of Dr. Alan Gruning in Fort Myers.



## Web site can connect owners with lost pets

Collier County Domestic Animal Services encourages anyone with a lost or found pet to register or search for the animal at [www.petharbor.com](http://www.petharbor.com).

DAS posts all lost, found and adoptable animals to this Web site, which can link pet finders with owners. The public can also register lost-and-found pets through this free online service.

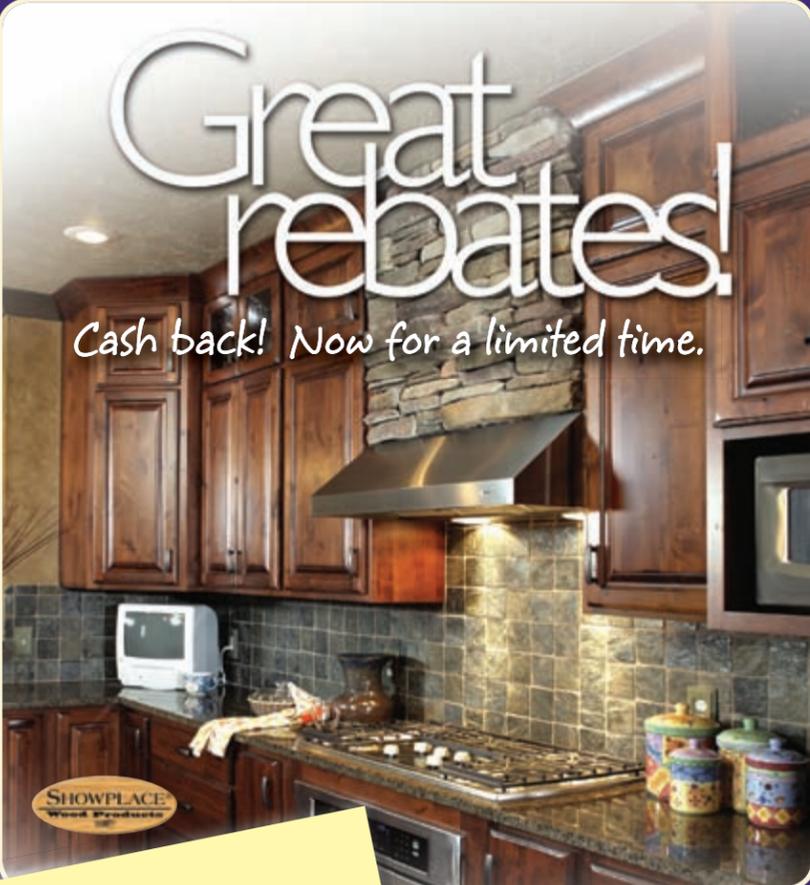
Anyone who reports a lost pet on this site will receive an e-mail from Pet Harbor if a found animal matching the lost animal's description is registered in the database.

"Before we started using the online lost-and-found feature, we had to impound every lost animal to give its owner a fair chance at reclaiming it," says DAS Director Amanda Townsend. "Now, Good Samaritans who are willing to house the pets themselves can get the word out that they have found a lost animal." In addition to saving tax dollars by having fewer animals at the shelter, Ms. Townsend says, several lost animals have been reunited with their owners through [www.petharbor.com](http://www.petharbor.com).

After the first of the year, DAS will offer a public access terminal to [www.petharbor.com](http://www.petharbor.com) in the lobby of the shelter at 7610 Davis Blvd. People will be able to register lost-and-found animals and search the DAS kennels. If they find their lost animal, staff will reunite pet and owner. ■

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# MUSINGS

## Now, really....



Even though pirates are accused of being hard of heart, the real essential nature of the pirate is a profound love of the fuzzy.

The meaning of the word *fuzzy* is fuzzy. The word can refer to both those wonderfully warm sentimental feelings and to a lack of clarity. The fuzzy word *fuzzy* originates from the Low German word which means loose or spongy.

Now, we all know that pirates are loose. But spongy needs some explaining, I believe.

Well, the wonderful thing about sponges is their fuzziness. While the unspecialized cells of most creatures can change to become specialized, even the specialized cells of sponges can change to become cells with different specialization. That is extreme cellular fuzziness. And these sponge creatures are also environmentally fuzzy. They have no defined nervous, digestive, or circulatory systems. Instead they open themselves up so completely to water flow through their bodies that it is the water itself which does their physiological work of feeding, oxygenating, and waste removal.

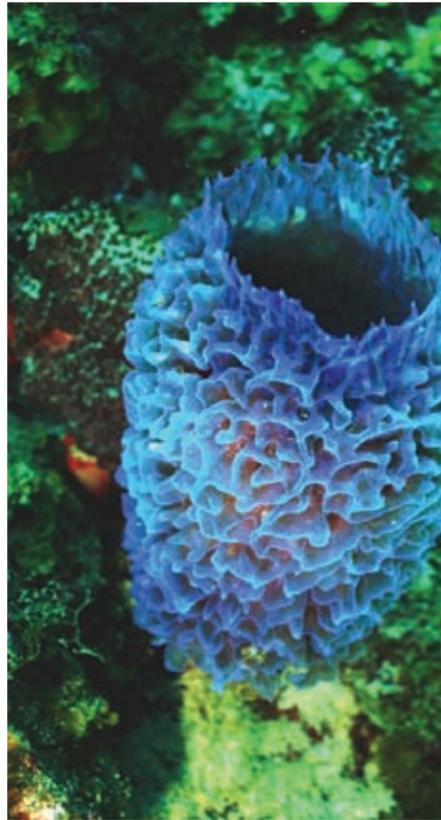
They really go with the flow. Sponges are fuzzy creatures in both senses of the word. They are, ah!, so unclear.

Sponges are indeed pirate inspiration, giving courage beyond rum and reason in the search for the beloved fuzzy. And it is pirate belief that the human bodies we embrace, our own or other's, are loosely spongy and fuzzy, too. Really, I can find the fuzzy now anywhere.

Let me retell you a story from the ancient sea mists. After King Minos of Crete defeated the Athenians, he demanded that every seven years, seven unblemished Athenian male youths, and seven beautiful females as well, would be taken to the labyrinth to be devoured by the monstrous Minotaur. This would appease his appetite and spare King Minos' people. Theseus, an Athenian hero, decided to rescue Athens from this curse.

He went as if he were one of the young men destined for the sacrifice. With the help of a woman smitten with love for him, he negotiated the labyrinth and pummeled the Minotaur to death with his fists. He returned to Athens a hero. So Theseus' ship became a memorial, sailed only ritually, once a year.

As the ship of Theseus was memorial in the Athenian waters, over hundreds of years, there was the natural rotting and breakage of its parts.



In time, every part of the ship was replaced. And now the beloved fuzziness emerges.

Is the ship with all parts replaced still the ship of Theseus?

And what about the paradox of the heap? Suppose we take a heap of sand and remove the grains from it one at a time. When is the heap not a heap? Are two grains a heap?

Is one? Or none? There it is again: beloved fuzziness.

And what of Loki, the Norse trickster god pirate? Have you heard of the bet he made in which he gave his head as collateral? When he lost the bet, he came forward without protest to give his head as he promised. But he warned that no part of his neck could be taken. No one could decide exactly where his head ended and his neck began. Blessed be the fuzzy: Loki kept his head.

Let my waxing narrative eloquence bring fuzziness to the fuzziness for you.

For this spongy pirate, the fuzziness of essential enduring identity brings that warm fuzzy feeling to a heart free, with no hard edges. I have become my beloved, the sea, granting her full access to my innards. And this sea she does all for me, even the most intimate firing of neurons, the dance of culinary innards, the flow of blood like airy winds, the seminal works wandering abroad, exposed.

And if this be pirate body, how much more fuzzy be pirate mind that generates pirate words? Pirate words can be naught but poem, extraordinary groanings that dethrone the ordinary, not by pummeling or decapitation or butchering. But rather by embrace into the fuzziness itself. Right now, really. ■

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

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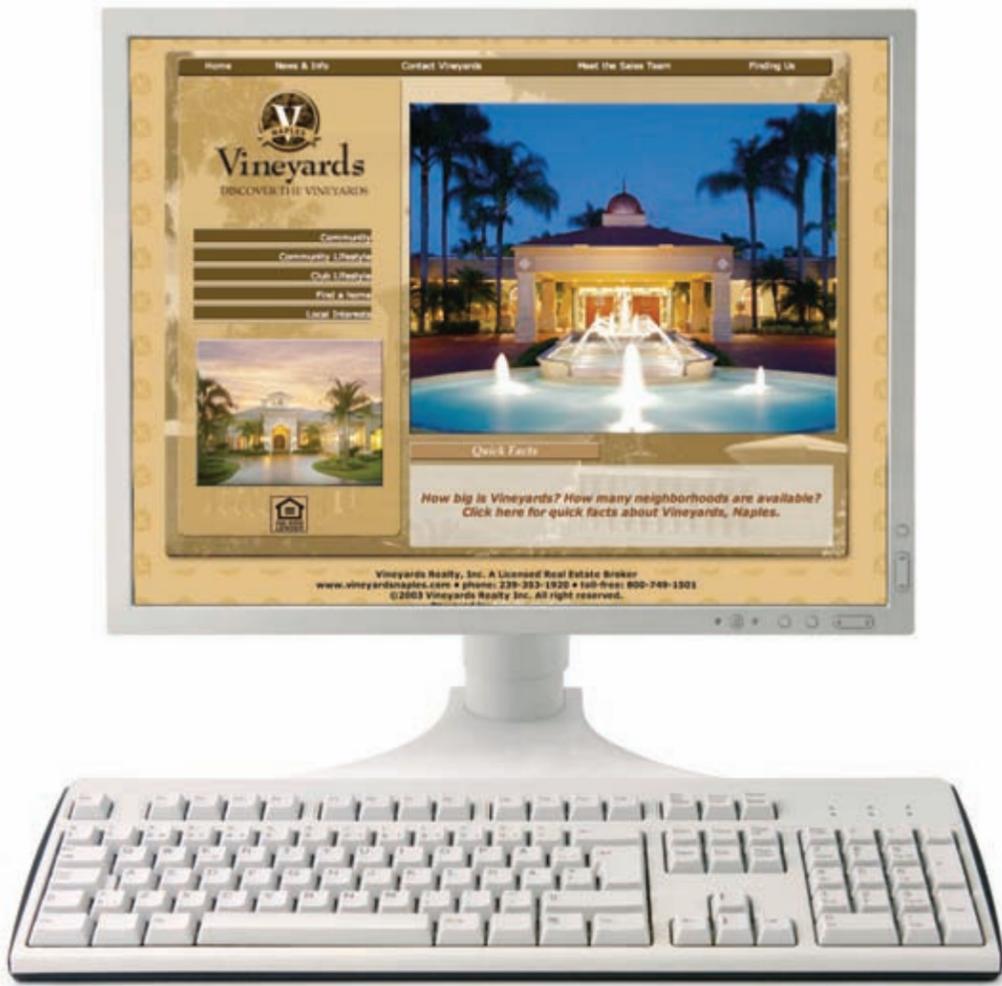
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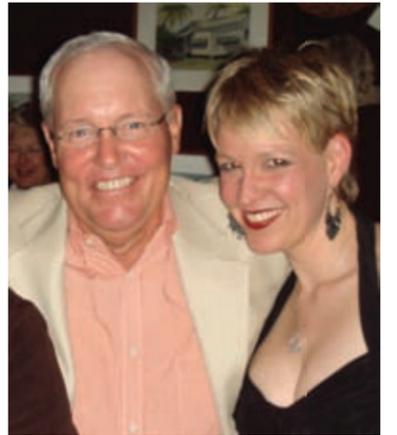
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# Clicking for customers

## Internet marketing business proves itself a powerful business tool

**BY EVAN WILLIAMS**  
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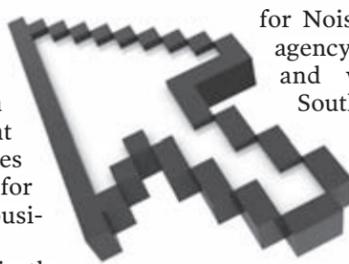
It's the Internet, more than traditional forms of marketing like television, print or newsletters, that helped many Collier County businesses grow this year — especially local ones.

"On a local level, there is a lot of opportunity to market your products or services even though the Internet has always had a larger, more global feel," said Zach Katkin, CEO of Atilus, a Collier and Lee county Web development and Internet marketing firm. "The Web

is getting local, and so is Internet marketing, Mr. Katkin said adding he attended a seminar recently that quoted online searches as being 95 percent for local services and business.

"Online marketing is the most measurable form of marketing that is providing tremendous return, much more than conventional advertising," Mr. Katkin said.

John Sprecher, chief creative officer



for Noise, a multi-media branding agency based on Sanibel Island and with clients throughout Southwest Florida, agreed. Mr. Sprecher calls the Internet "a phenomenal marketing tool."

"The Internet is where people, more than ever, go for their information, and certainly as it relates to business," he says. "It's the front door for a lot of businesses."

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# Naples businesswoman Abbie Sladick grabs a great award

**SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY**

The non-profit business program Make Mine A Million \$ Business has selected Abbie Sladick of Naples-based Great Grabz as one of five business women to win the Micro to Millions awards package. More than 1,500 women applied for the package that includes up to \$5,000 in financing, coaching and membership in a nationwide community of women business owners helping women business owners grow their companies to million-dollar enterprises.

Ms. Sladick is the president of Great Grabz, a company that manufactures a line of decorative grab bars and bathroom accessories. Great Grabz's products are distributed throughout North America for the hospitality and residential markets. She is also a licensed building contractor, wife, mother and mentor.

Launched in 2005 by Count Me In for Women's Economic Independence and founding partner American Express OPEN®, the Make Mine a Million \$ Business program was created



Sladick

to help post start-up, women-owned businesses grow to \$1 million in annual revenue. Since its inception, the program has hosted 18 competitions in cities around the country and grown into a nationwide movement.

"We are thrilled by the eagerness of women across the country to grow their businesses, create jobs in their communities and create stability for their families and the national economy," said Nell Merlino, founder and

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# BUSINESS PROFILE

## Joe and Sandy Waite come clean after 20 years

BY CLAY CONE  
Special to Florida Weekly

Joe and Sandy Waite don't generally think of themselves as risk takers. But in 1989, the then-newlyweds took a personal gamble when they both quit their jobs and purchased a small, unknown dry-cleaning business in Naples.

Today, on the eve of the business' 20th anniversary, Platinum Total Fabricare stands as one of the region's leading custom dry cleaners, offering everyday services as well as specialty services through stores in Naples and Bonita Springs. The Waites credit their success in growing the business to the implementation of cutting-edge technology and an emphasis on customer service.

"The dry-cleaning business, in general, is a fairly antiquated business with the process having changed very little over the years," says Joe, a second-generation dry cleaner who left his job managing the dry-cleaning operations of The Registry Resort at Pelican Bay to run his own business. "With everything we do, we try to see if there is a better, more efficient way to do it."

The Waites' decision to purchase the dry-cleaning business was reflective of Joe's knowledge of the industry and Sandy's understanding of fibers, fabric and clothing construction.

In addition to professional dry cleaning of everyday items such as shirts,

pants, skirts and blouses, Platinum offers "Select" couture garment services with hand cleaning and finishing. The company also offers "Forever" services to preserve or restore keepsakes and heirlooms as well as "Home" services for table linens, bed linens and coverings.

Since purchasing the business, the Waites have worked to automate operations, combining conveyors, distribution, assembly and storage by computer. Most recently, the couple began using radio-frequency chips that can track any of the estimated 1,800 articles of clothing that move every day through the company's plant on Commercial Boulevard.

It hasn't always been easy for the Waites. In their early years, the couple faced difficulties in understanding the seasonality of the Naples market and the challenge of securing financing since most banks were not loaning to the industry due to environmental concerns. The Waites also had to manage and control the growth of the company while maintaining their high standards.

For the past several years, Platinum has been listed among America's Best Cleaners, a national accreditation organization that strives to locate and recognize the best dry-cleaning establishments in major metropolitan areas throughout the country. In order to be selected as one of America's Best Cleaners, a company must be recommended by top fashion designers by people in



Sandy and Joe Waite

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their respective markets.

The Waites have further expanded their client base by providing home and office delivery to clients in Naples, Marco Island and Bonita Springs as well as shipping services to their seasonal clients while they are traveling.

"We enjoy the business opportunities that Naples has offered us for 20 years," says Sandy. "The diversity of clients and staff in the local market brings a unique quality to our business which

we enjoy."

Among others, Platinum is recognized as a Certified Environmental Dry Cleaner and Certified Professional Dry and Wet Cleaner as well as a Certified Garment Care Professional. Joe and Sandy Waite have been involved in many state and national organizations focused in these areas.

In the local community, Joe is involved as a mentor in Take Stock in Children and Leadership Collier. Sandy dedicates much of her time and talents to the American Business Women's Association-Neapolitan Chapter, and to the Education Foundation of Collier County, United Way of Collier County and The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. In their spare time, the Waites are avid sailors and enjoy the outdoors. They also enjoy weekend getaways to Gainesville during college football season to watch the University of Florida Gators.

In the New Year, Platinum Total Fabricare will launch its "Be Clean, Be Green" Campaign. For every hanger that clients return to the business, Platinum will make a financial contribution to United Way. Most types of wood, plastic and metal hangers will be accepted. Many will be reused in the business; those that are not reused will be shipped to a recycling facility.

"It may not save the world, but it's a start," says Joe. ■

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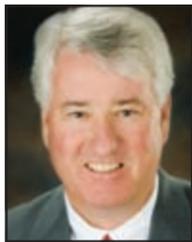


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# ON THE MOVE

## Banking



Rasmussen

**Jay Rasmussen** has been appointed president of Collier County operations for **Encore Bank**. Mr. Rasmussen will be responsible for developing and implementing regional strategies, including commercial,

business, private and retail banking within Collier County. His office is at Encore's regional headquarters in Naples. He joins Encore Bank following 17 years in positions of increasing responsibility within the banking industry. Most recently, he developed the commercial loan portfolio and depository relationships at CNL Bank. Mr. Rasmussen is a graduate of Florida State University and has lived and worked in the Naples area for more than eight years.



Wagner

**Fred Wagner**, senior vice president of **Bank of Florida-Southwest**, has been promoted to senior lender, responsible for all lending activities for the bank's five financial centers.

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in Fort Myers. Mr. Wagner began his banking career in 1971 in Michigan and was associated with Michigan National Bank, Fifth Third Bank and others before relocating to Fort Myers to join Florida Community Bank in 2005. In early 2007, he joined Old Florida Bank, which was acquired by Bank of Florida-Southwest later that year. He graduated with honors from the National Commercial Lending Graduate School in Norman, Okla., and is a member of the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce.

## Real Estate



Nasol

**Linda Nasol** has joined the staff at **Florida Home Realty**. A native of Ohio, Ms. Nasol has been in Naples since 1998 and obtained her real-estate license in 2002 and her broker's license in 2007.

**Debbie Laites** of **Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate** has been awarded the National Association of Realtors' Green Designation after completing 18 hours of course work ensuring comprehensive knowledge of green homes and issues of sustainability in relation to real estate.

**Dennis Brando** was top producer for November for **VIP Realty Group of Naples**. As manager of the Vanderbilt Naples office, Mr. Brando oversees the day-to-day sales operation.

**Harley Conrad** was VIP's listing leader for November. The team of residen-

tial specialists **Christina** and **William DeHaan** was sales leader for VIP Realty Group of Naples for November.



Brando



Conrad



Christina DeHaan



William DeHaan

## Chamber of Commerce

**Christine Ross** has been named the new president and CEO of the **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce**. Ms. Ross is currently the president and CEO of the Falmouth Chamber of Commerce in Falmouth, Mass. She will begin her new appointment on Jan. 5, 2009. Her leadership responsibilities will include implementation of the chamber's 2008-09 business plan and continuation of its five-year strategic plan. A graduate of the Institute of Organizational Marketing, Ms. Ross has a master's degree in business administration and a master's degree in marketing. She has been in chamber work since 1999.

## Employment Services



Kratt

**Rebecca Kratt** has been named director of client care and benefits administration at **Veritas Employer Services**. Ms. Kratt will administer all client benefits programs including medical, disability, dental and

various life insurances, and will coordinate Section 125 and 401(k) plans. She is also in charge of database management and strategic partnerships. A graduate of Barry University with a master's in human resources development administration, Ms. Kratt has more than 20 years of experience in training, education, recruitment, human resources and employer benefits. She is a member of Professional Human Resources and the Society of Human Resources Management and is on the board of the Collier Chapter of Human Resources.

## Non-Profits



Weston

**David Weston**, CFO of **Naples Lumber and Supply**, was named Distinguished Alumni of the Year by the Leadership Collier Foundation. A 15-year tradition, the award recognizes a Leadership Collier graduate

whose recent activities have exemplified the highest standards of Leadership Collier and whose efforts have achieved results or set an example of community or statewide significance. Mr. Weston is involved in organizations as diverse as the Collier Building Industry Association, the Neighborhood Health Clinic and the YMCA. He also volunteers as a coach for the USA South Volleyball Club.

**The Southwest Florida Chapter of the American Society for Training and Development** has elected its board of directors for 2009. New officers are **Carole Kaptur**, president; **Lorna Kibbey**, president-elect; **Michael Fischer**, treasurer; and **Peggy Wilbur**, secretary. New chairpersons are **Cheryl Vanande**, programs; **David Jaffe**, membership development; **Susan Anderson**, communications; and **Charles Ingram**, community outreach. Directors-at-large are **Nancy Smith** and **Edwina Sanders**. Past-president is **Geri McArdle**. ASTD members are practitioners, managers, administrators, educators, consultants, researchers and students who work in the field of training and human resource development. ■



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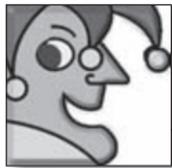
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As Brigham Young University math professor Tyler Jarvis once pointed out: "The chances of winning the California Lotto Jackpot are approximately one in 18 million. If you have to drive 10 miles to buy this ticket, you are three times more likely to be killed in an automobile accident on the way than to win the jackpot." He added that if you stood all the losers of this lottery in a line, it would be 6,800 miles long, more than the distance from Manhattan to Tokyo. Here's another way to think about it: If you bought 50 tickets per week, you ought to win once every 6,923 years. So you should have won by now — if you'd started playing around 5000 B.C.

McMaster University professor Fred Hoppe asked this question: "Would you pay \$1 to bet on 24 'heads' in a row? The chances of that happening, as anyone who flips coins knows, is virtually impossible." Yet millions play lotteries,

pinning hopes on similar odds. Hoppe has explained that if you spend \$25 on lottery tickets each week for 20 years (total: \$26,000), you can expect to lose \$13,000. The Gambling Free Tennessee Alliance reported that "If a person bought 100 \$1 lottery tickets every week for his entire adult life from age 18 to 75, that \$296,400 investment will still only give him less than one chance in 100 of hitting the jackpot."

Payout rates for lotteries stink. Lotteries often keep about 50 percent of gambled money, while slot machines keep 5 to 25 percent, roulette games keep 5 percent, and horse racing keeps 13 to 17 percent.

The biggest lottery losers are the poor, who are much more likely to play the lottery, heavily, than wealthier folks. As many have quipped, lotteries are "a tax on people who aren't good at math."

Don't buy more than occasional tickets for fun. As humorist Fran Lebowitz has reportedly noted, "I figure you have the same chance of winning the lottery whether you play or not." ■

## My Dumbest Investment Broker and Broker

In 1984, my wife and I had saved \$15,000 and wanted to invest. At a big brokerage, we were mighty impressed with our broker's three-piece suit and the photo on his desk of his loving wife and children. He convinced us to invest \$5,000 in a limited real estate partnership, \$5,000 in a gas and oil company, and \$5,000 in his company's aggressive-growth mutual fund. Well, in less than seven years, the first two investments went bankrupt. Imagine if he had just recommended blue-chip stocks. We've since invested in Hewlett-Packard and IBM.

— Joe Yarborough, Tampa, Fla.

**The Fool Responds:** This is a good reminder that not all brokers are brilliant or are working in your best interest. (Many earn commissions by getting you to invest in this or that, or by getting you to trade frequently.) Many blue chips can be hard to beat. Hewlett-Packard has averaged about 10 percent per year over the past 20 years, and a market-trouncing 3 percent over the past decade. IBM has grown more slowly, but has still grown, beating the market. ■



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

## Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to a British soapmaker in the 1890s. Today I'm a global food and hygiene leader. I'm the world's largest ice cream maker, with U.S. brands that include Ben & Jerry's and Breyers. Some of my 400 brands include Axe, Bertolli, Caress, Country Crock, Degree, Dove, Hellmann's, Klondike, Knorr, Lipton, Popsicle, Promise, Q-Tips, Skippy, Slim-Fast, Suave, Sunsilks and Vaseline. Around the world, someone chooses one of my products 160 million times a day. I raked in almost \$10 billion in sales in 2007 and employ nearly 180,000 people in 100 countries. Who am I? ■

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## Ask the Fool

### The Forced Selling Snowball

**Q** What's "forced selling"? — T.W., Panama City, Fla.

**A** You'll hear about forced selling these days because the many big drops in the stock market that we've seen recently suggest that it's going on. Plus, once it starts, it tends to snowball.

Imagine that you own shares of a mutual fund, and it has fallen in value by 30 percent, as has happened with some funds lately. In many cases, it's best to just hang on, waiting for a recovery — at least as long as you still have faith in the managers. But many shareholders will bail out, in fear or anger. When they do, the managers have to sell off some of the fund's holdings in order to generate the cash needed for withdrawals. With many funds thus selling lots of stocks, that sends the price of the stocks downward. This then causes more investors to sell, putting further pressure on stocks. Ironically, at a time when many fund managers see bargains galore, they're forced to sell, not buy.

Meanwhile, other investors, big and small, have bought stocks "on margin," meaning with borrowed money. If those stocks fall sharply, they need to put in more money, or sell. And many sell, further exacerbating the problem.

**Q** Are there some Web sites where I can learn about companies engaging in shenanigans?

— K.N., Greensboro, N.C.

**A** There sure are. Click over to [www.footnoted.org](http://www.footnoted.org) to learn about surprising information buried in financial reports, [www.fundalarm.com](http://www.fundalarm.com) for mutual fund shenanigans, and [www.thecorporatelibrary.com](http://www.thecorporatelibrary.com) for insights on how well companies govern themselves. Our Fool writers have also been known to uncover some shenanigans — you can check out our recent articles at [www.fool.com/foolwatch](http://www.fool.com/foolwatch). ■

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

## Name That Company

I was founded in 1868 on a salt dome island in Louisiana by a guy who made a sauce out of peppers from Mexico or Central America and French wine vinegar. Legend has it that he first packaged the product in used perfume bottles. In 1892, he founded a bird colony on the island to protect egrets that were being killed for their decorative feathers. He soon added plant life, and today his famed



Jungle Gardens and Bird City attract visitors from all over the world. Each of my 2-ounce red bottles contains at least 720 drops. 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

### Applied Materials

Shares of semiconductor equipment-maker Applied Materials (Nasdaq: AMAT) have been bouncing around lately, even after the company delivered some good news.

At the headline level, you'd be hard-pressed to call the company's fiscal 2008 anything but a poor performance. Sales plummeted 16 percent for the year. The operating margin shed around 8 percentage points to end at 16.4 percent. And the diluted earnings per share plunged about 42 percent.

But consider this: In the final quarter of Applied Materials' fiscal year, sales amounted to just \$2.04 billion. But the company took in new orders of \$2.21 billion. The backlog of work to be done now stands at \$4.85 billion —

33 percent higher than at the end of the last fiscal year, implying future sales growth.

Furthermore, heading into fiscal 2009, Applied Materials' CEO promised to "implement further cost-reduction actions" that could produce annual savings of as much as \$400 million — thus answering the unvoiced rhetorical question: What goes great with better sales? Improved profit margins.

Need we say it? Trading with a price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio of around 12, with analysts predicting 10 percent long-term profit growth over the next half decade and backlog trends supporting these growth predictions, Applied Materials looks cheap. If you're still skittish, add it to your watch list and consider buying it on a further drop. ■

# BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ **The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** invites members and future members to its holiday party beginning at **5:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18**, at The Naples Hilton. Bring an unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. Admission is \$30 (\$20 for reservations made before noon Dec. 18 at [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org)).

■ **The Young Professionals of Naples and Chanel** at Saks Fifth Avenue invite women-only to "Champagne at Chanel" from **5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 18**, at Saks Fifth Avenue in Waterside Shops. Donations are encouraged for the Shelter for Abused Women and Children. Chanel makeup artists will demonstrate techniques, and make-up gift bags will be given to those who attend. Hors d'oeuvres will be from Brio Restaurant.

■ The next Accelerated Networking Luncheon for members of the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** takes place from **11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8**, at M Waterfront Grille in The Village on Venetian Bay. Admission is \$15; reservations must be made by Thursday, Jan. 1, at [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org).

■ **The Southwest Florida Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association** presents PR University 2009: "Weathering the Storm," a one-day seminar for public relations professionals from **8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9**, at Hodges University in Fort Myers. Public relations professionals from throughout Florida will share their insights and innovations about crisis management, surviving tough economic

times and fool-proofing your career in a series of dynamic, fast-paced presentations. Attendees will also hear from a lively keynote speaker and participate in a crisis-related tabletop exercise. To register or find more information, visit [www.fpraswfl.org](http://www.fpraswfl.org).

■ Catch the Buzz and **Young Professionals of Naples** are planning "Diamonds are Forever," an evening of mixing and mingling along with food, wine, music and diamonds from **5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15**, at The International Diamond Exchange. For more information, e-mail JoeJo Jennings of YPN at [JoeJoJennings@yahoo.com](mailto:JoeJoJennings@yahoo.com).

■ **The Institute for Responsible Corporate Governance** at the Lutgert College of Business at Florida Gulf Coast

University presents "Seismic Changes in the Washington Landscape and Their Effect on Corporate Governance" from **3 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15**, at FGCU's Sugden Welcome Center. Guest speaker will be John Castellani, president of The Business Roundtable and frequent guest on "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer" and "Meet the Press." Cost is \$25. Seating is limited and reservations can be made by calling Kay Wingert at 590-7381 or e-mailing [kwingert@fgcu.edu](mailto:kwingert@fgcu.edu).

■ **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. ■

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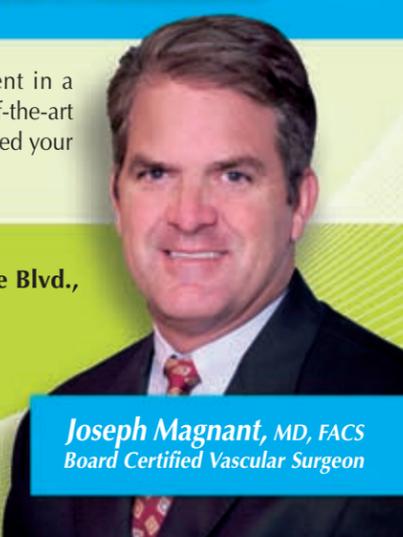
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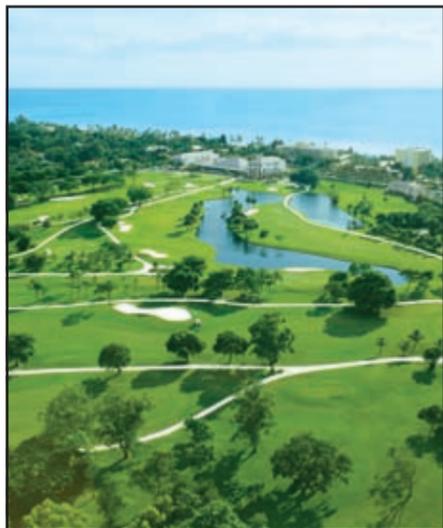
## Vanderbilt Bay gets contract for airport

Vanderbilt Bay Construction, Inc., has been selected as general contractor by the City of Naples Airport Authority for the expansion/renovation of the general aviation terminal at Naples Airport. The two-story, 8,000-square-foot expansion of the existing 11,700-square-foot airport will add parking, equipment storage, administrative offices, pilot offices as well as an extensive renovation to, and expansion of, the passenger arrival/departure area. The upgrades to the facility will serve the growing demand of flight operations and increased aviation traffic that the Naples Airport is experiencing.

## Naples Beach Hotel wins Award of Excellence

The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club has received the 2008 Award of Excellence from Corporate & Incentive Travel magazine. Corporate & Incentive Travel subscribers voted for those properties that best served their corporate meetings and/or incentive travel programs during the past year.

The award was presented to Jim Gunderson, general manager of the 318-room resort. "We are very proud of this award



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Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club aerial

because it shows that The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club is an outstanding choice for meetings, incentive programs and conventions," Mr. Gunderson said. "This award recognizes our resort for our exceptional recreational offerings, great accommoda-

tions, beautiful setting and our first-class service."

With 34,000 square feet of conference and event space, the resort completed a multi-million dollar renovation of its guest rooms in early 2008. Rooms and suites now feature luxurious new bedding and fabrics, flat-panel televisions, new furnishings and fresh tropical décor. This project followed a six-year, \$40-million enhancement and expansion project that was completed in 2006.

Owned and operated by the Watkins family for more than 60 years, The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club occupies 125 acres with 1,000 feet of white sand beach on the Gulf of Mexico. For more information, call 261-2222 or visit [www.NaplesBeachHotel.com](http://www.NaplesBeachHotel.com).

## 24 new members join Naples Chamber

The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce welcomed the following new members in October and November: A. Leonard's, AI Family and Home Solutions, Auto Europa, Bobby Jones, Boy Scouts Southwest Florida Council, Collex Collision Experts, Collier Health Services/UF Pediatric Dental Center, E&S Insurance, Fifth Gear Productions, Florida Enterprises, King Richard's Family Fun Park, Life's Next Steps, M&I Bank Marco Island, Marriott Spring Hill Suites, McCormick & Schmick's, Michele Harrison - John R. Woods Realtor, Old Naples Computer, QFA, LLC - An Investment Advisory Firm, Shine and Dine, Sunrise Building Company, Tavern on the Bay, The Creation Station WEE Christian Learning, The Lock Up Storage and Wm. Roberts Electrical and Mechanical.

To learn more about new chamber members, visit the chamber's online business directory at [www.napleschamber.org](http://www.napleschamber.org). For information about chamber membership, call Don Neer at 403-2906.

## FGCU students draft business plans for contest

Students at Florida Gulf Coast University recently competed in the EaglePlan business plan contest. An initiative of the university's Institute of Entrepreneurship, the competition was open to all current FGCU students regardless of major. Entrants' business plans were first evaluated by a panel of judges composed of FGCU faculty Darlene Andert, Daniel Borgia and Alan Platt; they in turn decided which three applicants would continue to the final round of judging by Dan Regelski and Susan Specht from the FGCU Small Business Development Center and local entrepreneur James Shaw.

"Free Water Solutions," a plan developed by Nate Beachy, Pierre Grilo, Harrison Mayer and Nikita Reese, was awarded first prize.

Second place went to John Baker and Michael Zecchino for their "MyCollegeBookBag.com."

Third place went to Ryan Lucas, Brad McIntyre, Brad Metzger, Michael Munsell and Rebecca Munson for "Open Water Aquaculture."

The FGCU Institute of Entrepreneurship thanks the following contributors: Gold Eagle sponsors were Kevin Hawkesworth, president and CEO of Shaw Development of Bonita Springs, and an anonymous donor. Silver Eagle sponsor was John DeAngelis-Diamond, co-founder of DeAngelis Diamond Construction of Naples. ■

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## Mediterra WRAPs up Collier County award for waste reduction

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The golf course operations division at Mediterra has won the Waste Reduction Awards Program award from the Collier County Commission and Solid Waste Management Department. WRAP recognizes businesses and institutions for enhanced and innovative recycling programs.

This is the first time the award has been presented to a golf course. Michael Seabrook, general manager of The Club at Mediterra, and the community's golf course operations staff members Claudia Lampston, Vicki Aguirre, Raul Limon and Carlos Watkyns accepted the award.

“The entire team at Mediterra is honored to be recognized by Collier County with the first WRAP award bestowed upon a golf course,” Mr. Seabrook said. “We hope this program encourages others

to reduce waste and increase recycling.”

Mediterra was recognized for its contribution to the greater good of all of Collier County by being a green company, thereby helping to prolong the usable life of the Collier County Landfill. Mediterra Golf Course Operations has adopted the following eco-friendly business practices:

► Waste water from cleaning lawn mowers is collected for treatment in an on-site cleaning system.



Seabrook



Lampston

► All horticultural clippings and waste are recycled.

► Golfers' and employees' plastic, aluminum cans and glass beverage containers are recycled.

► Obsolete and used containers of oils, paints, pesticides, fertilizers and used florescent bulbs are properly disposed of with a private recycling firm.

► Used oil, tires, batteries and cleaning rags are recycled.

► Mediterra awards its employees gift cards to promote stewardship of the environment and to demonstrate to employees the benefits of recycling and to help sustain recycling efforts.

Bonita Bay Group is developing Mediterra in North Naples with the same commitment to planning, environmental stewardship, integrity and attention to detail that is evident at its flagship com-

munity, Bonita Bay in Bonita Springs. The master plan for the 1,697-acre community may include up to 950 residences and more than 1,000 acres of open space.

Mediterra has been named Community of the Year by the Collier Building Industry Association for five years, has received the Award of Excellence for Open Spaces from the Florida Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects and has been honored with the Environmental Leaders in Golf Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and Golf Digest magazine in the private course category. It was the first-ever 36-hole course to earn Audubon International's Silver Signature Sanctuary status.

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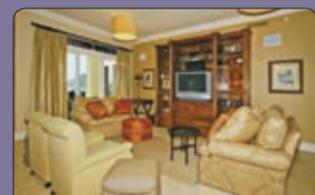
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# Bonita Bay communities report sales up 38 percent

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38 percent higher during the first three quarters of 2008 than during the same period of 2007. Residential sales in Mediterra and TwinEagles in Naples, Sandoval in Cape Coral, Verandah along the Orange River in Fort Myers, and The High-Rises at Bonita Bay in Bonita Springs totaled 306 for the first nine months of 2008.

“Traffic remains steady, and the percentage of qualified buyers is higher,” said Vice President Gary Dumas. “Sales incentives, which included club memberships and master homeowner association fees, had a positive influence on purchasing decisions, and our builders have worked hard to make home prices a good value.”

Kelli Eastman, director of sales for Verandah, Mediterra and TwinEagles, reports a shift in buying patterns. “Buyers seem to be more serious and are making decisions more quickly,” she said. “Fifty-four percent bought within a month of their first visit to a community. In the past, it often took months and several visits before buyers signed contracts.”

Bonita Bay Group continues to offer buyer incentives on homes and homesites in its communities.

“Our residents always have appreciated the recreational amenities and environmental sensitivity of our communities, as well as our longevity in the market,” Mr. Dumas said.

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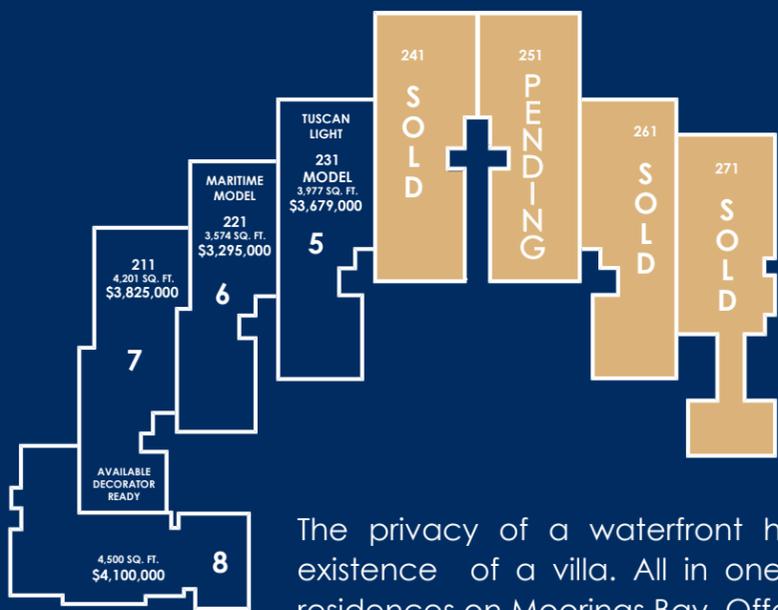
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Firano at Naples, a Toll Brothers community off Davis Boulevard, invites the public to its holiday event Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 20 and 21. Two model homes are decorated for the holidays. There will be activities for children, as well as pets for adoption from the

Humane Society Naples and a drop-off location for Toys for Tots.

Firano at Naples offers a total of nine home designs from 2,058 square feet to 3,753 square feet. Prices begin in the upper \$300,000s. For more information, visit [www.FiranoatNaples.com](http://www.FiranoatNaples.com). ■

## CLICKING

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The Conservancy of Southwest Florida, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the natural environment, is one that has taken full advantage of e-marketing opportunities. Until recently, the Conservancy had a clunky, outdated Web site, according to Barbara Wilson, director of communications. Last month, however, it jumped to the cutting edge with a redesigned site that aims to attract members, donations and environmental activism with a bold, colorful look and interactive features.

"It was a very static Web site," Ms. Wilson said about the previous design. "It was difficult for people to find their way around. It was definitely not exciting." Now the site contains new information almost every day. And "everything connects," Ms. Wilson said. "Part of the overall design was to make sure we have content to bring people back to the site on a regular basis."

Visitors can make donations or become a member of the Conservancy online. They can browse interesting scientific studies about things like sea-turtle hatchlings, check out a calendar of events to see when, for instance, they can sign up for a winter camp held in the Everglades, or view a slide show of animals in the Conservancy's wildlife rehabilitation center.

One of the most successful aspects of the site, Ms. Wilson said, is the "Policy in Action" section where visitors can learn about hot-button environmental issues in Southwest Florida. A conspicuous green "Take Action" link leads to a page that tells you which public officials to contact for each issue. Visitors can send a form letter to the official, choose from a list of bullet points to e-mail them about, or create their own letter to send.

Eventually, Ms. Wilson said, the Conservancy's site will host an online community of bloggers and offer more of the Conservancy's 45 years of collected scientific data. Currently, she added, "You won't find a report from 30 years ago, but you might find out

about the report online and let us know if you want a copy."

### A call to action

Noise CFO Mr. Sprecher said interactive features on the Web create unique marketing opportunities. "What you want to get to is a relationship with your customer that goes beyond just viewing the Web site," he said.

For some hotel clients, Mr. Sprecher designed sites where customers can post photos of their vacation time at the property. Then, he said, they might tell their friends about where to see the photos. "That's free advertising."

Naples Vineyards, a luxury country-club community, has revamped its Web site to help usher in potential homebuyers. Because traffic is easy to track, they can see it's working.

Vineyards began several "search advertising" campaigns earlier this year: They pay for keywords that Web surfers might type into a Google or Yahoo searchbox that cause the Vineyards site to come up near the top of the list. Last month, their Web site traffic was up 45 percent higher due to the initiative.

"We really kicked off an expanded program about four months ago," said Jim Schuetz, vice president of marketing and sales for Vineyards Development Corporation. "We've actually seen an increase in visitors coming through the door."

The Web site has also attracted more visitors from other states and overseas, allowing the community to reach more potential customer. Although it's hard to measure exactly how many home sales are created from Web traffic, Mr. Schuetz estimated four homes were sold due to the search advertising campaign and a more attractive, redesigned Web site.

Web-design firm CEO Mr. Katkin said that while a Web site is not the "end all of Internet marketing," its ability to provide information on a wide range of services is unmatched. "A majority feel (having a Web site) is necessary, like a business card is a necessary, as a tool to establish your business' stature and legitimacy," he said. "Many don't realize how powerful a tool a Web site can be." ■

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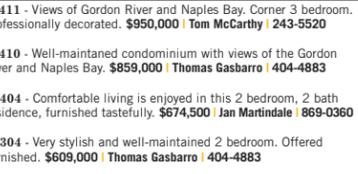
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**\$459,000 | Kathy Morris | 777-8654**

DOCKSIDE 1323 Chesapeake Avenue #1-c  
Wonderfully remodeled waterfront condominium-moments away from Naples Bay. Gulf access with no bridges. Furnished.  
**\$450,000 | Ruth Trettis | 434-2424**

SANDPIPER WEST 1625 Chesapeake Avenue #204  
Western facing lanai overlooking pool and boat dock. Two bedroom waterfront condominium with views of waterway.  
**\$375,000 | Bernie Garabed | 571-2466**



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**15TH AVENUE SOUTH ▲**  
Two blocks to Gulf! 4 bedroom plus den, 5.5 bath Bermuda-style home. Saturnia floors, tray ceilings, fireplace and pool/spa.  
**\$3,797,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**



**14TH AVENUE SOUTH ▲**  
Exquisite 2-story, 4 bedroom with a den/office boasts 4,110 SF A/C. Quality craftsmanship throughout. Summer kitchen.  
**\$3,695,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**



**LAKEVIEW TERRACE ▲**  
725 West Lake Drive - Florida-style cottage built in 2008. Over 5,000 SF living area, 5 bedrooms, 6.5 baths, gas heated pool/spa views Spring Lake.  
**\$3,695,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**



**GORDON DRIVE ▲**  
New luxury construction. Four bedrooms, each with private bath, summer kitchen, sitting area complete with fireplace.  
**\$3,650,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**



**LAKEVIEW TERRACE ▲**  
Custom 5 bedroom plus den home. Volume ceilings, maple floors, granite and stone floors, private pool and summer kitchen.  
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**13TH AVENUE SOUTH ▲**  
Under construction home, 4200+ SF of living area, 4 bedroom plus den, 5.5 bath. Blocks to beach. 5-car garage, heated pool/spa.  
**\$3,195,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**



**GARDEN TERRACE ▲**  
Soon-to-begin new construction on a tree-lined street just steps from the beach. Each villa has a private pool/spa.  
**\$2,995,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741**



**14TH AVENUE SOUTH ▲**  
Views of Crayton Cove and Bay! NEW Caribbean architecture, 4 bedrooms, den, pool/spa, summer kitchen and 3-car garage.  
**\$2,995,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**



**CENTRAL AVENUE ▲**  
Totally renovated. French limestone floors, kitchen and bathrooms feature marble and onyx tops. Security system and pool.  
**\$2,850,000 | Carolyn Weinand | 269-5678**



**GULF SHORE BLVD. SOUTH ▲**  
Fabulous site on beach block, just two homes from the Gulf. Livable home on property. Being sold "as is".  
**\$2,500,000 | Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304**



**616 GULF SHORE BLVD. NORTH ▲**  
Over 1/2 acre site on Alligator Lake. Build a new home or enjoy the existing 3 bedroom cottage surrounded by landscaping.  
**\$2,495,000 | Chris Yanson | 434-2424**



**ORCHID PLACE ▲**  
435 - 3rd Ave. S. - Only one remaining! Perfectly located, 2 blocks to 5th Avenue South and 3 blocks to beach. Patio area with private pool.  
**\$2,495,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**



**CASA BELLA ▲**  
Newly renovated. A private elevator, master retreat with fireplace, sitting room with balcony, media room, and more.  
**\$2,395,000 | Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304**



**RIDGE LAKE ▲**  
Built on 200' x 104' homesite with three separate dining and lounging areas. Private pool, spa, waterfall, koi pond.  
**\$2,250,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741**



**PALM CIRCLE WEST ▲**  
Classic Florida architecture with a large courtyard entry, three bedroom suites, formal dining, and pool. Furnished.  
**\$2,199,000 | Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9091**



**14TH AVENUE SOUTH ▲**  
Charming cottage-style home has undergone additions and renovations in the '90's. Many one-of-a-kind features.  
**\$2,095,000 | Karen Coney Coplin | 261-1235**

## Single Family Homes

483 Palm Circle West  
Custom-built home with 4 bedrooms, 5 baths, den and reading room, a loft/media area. Maple floors, granite, heated pool.  
**\$2,245,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**

877 - 7th Street South  
Expansive 2-story living room, wraparound porch, oak floors, three bedrooms, and outdoor living area. Furnished.  
**\$1,895,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**

RIDGE LAKE 659 Palm Circle East  
Fabulous lake view! Remodeled 3 bedroom! New kitchen, baths, windows and roof. Two-car garage. Blocks to the beach.  
**\$1,749,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**

456 - 9th Avenue South  
Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath cottage. Granite, faux finishes, hand-painted murals, open heated tropical pool.  
**\$1,350,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**

1341 Gordon Drive  
1920 vintage Old Naples cottage plus charming guest cottage. Lot is 50'x166'. Blocks to the beach. Sold "as-is".  
**\$1,250,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**

RIDGE LAKE 627 - 5th Avenue North  
Beautiful 90'x158' lot 6 blocks to the beach. Being sold "as is". Elevation (13.1), survey available.  
**\$1,080,000 | Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9091**

## Condominiums/Villas

VILLAS ESCALANTE 290 - 5th Avenue South #C-6  
This villa has 3,881 SF, 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths and 4 terraces. Marble flooring, private elevator and 2-car garage. A Christie's Great Estates Property.  
**\$2,495,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**

625 FIFTH AVENUE SOUTH CONDOMINIUM 625 - 5th Ave. S. #PH-301  
Rarely available penthouse. Wood and marble flooring, marble baths, volume ceilings. Building with 24-hour security.  
**\$1,839,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**

CATELENA ON 3RD 319 - 7th Avenue South  
Treetop views. Tropical grounds surround pool/spa. Large "Florida Room", three bedroom plus den residence.  
**\$1,695,000 | Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304**

## Condominiums/Villas

**OPEN SUN. 1-4** CATELENA 306 - 6th Avenue South  
Lush tropical landscaping wraps corner condominium built in 2004 in privacy. Two bedrooms plus den. Well-appointed.  
**\$1,390,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**

**OPEN SUN. 1-4** OLD NAPLES VILLA 1070 - 5th Street South  
Over 2,100 SF of living area, 3 bedroom plus den in the downtown historical area! Heated pool, 4.5 blocks to beach.  
**\$1,250,000 | Marty/Debbi McDermott | 564-4231**

780 FIFTH AVENUE SOUTH CONDOMINIUM 780 - 5th Ave. S. #307  
This 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath has high ceilings, 2 skylights, and beautifully detailed moldings. Completely furnished.  
**\$1,150,000 | Judy Perry/Linda Perry/Penny/Bob Lyle | 261-6161**

COLONNADE ON 5TH 631 - 6th Avenue South #304  
Spacious and lovely floor plan with 2 master suites. Granite counters, built-in wine refrigerator, and hurricane windows.  
**\$999,000 | Kevin Rathburn | 269-4575**

PERGOLA VILLAS 985 - 7th Street South  
Corner villa with upgraded flooring, granite, custom plantation shutters, heated pool and private elevator. **\$945,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**

VILLAS RAVELLO 842 - 9th Avenue South #105  
Private tropical 2-story villa, with an attached garage, courtyard heated pool, 2 bedrooms plus den. Walk to 5th Ave.  
**\$945,000 | Cindy Thompson | 860-6513**

NAPLES BAY RESORT - THE HOTEL 1500 - 5th Avenue South #244  
Turnkey furnished, 2 bedroom with an expanded patio and southern exposure. Marina view. Rentable by day, week or month.  
**\$895,000 | Linda Sonders | 860-0119**

PETTIT SQUARE 292 - 14th Avenue South #F  
Renovated inside and out, 1,640+ total SF home is the only 3 bedroom. Marble floors, open great room plan.  
**\$889,000 | Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9091**

WHARFSIDE 830 River Point Drive #4  
Located directly on Naples Bay with a 30' boat dock. All new granite counters, stainless appliances, and a 2-car garage.  
**\$879,000 | Lindsey Forte Smith | 572-2663**

OLDE WEST LAKE VILLAS 706 West Lake Drive  
Totally renovated condominium. Stainless kitchen appliances, granite counters, new cabinets and bamboo wood floors.  
**\$765,000 | Mary Riley | 595-1752**

## Lots

13 Gulf Shore Blvd South  
Gulf front building site. Just south of Naples Pier and Walking distance to 3rd Street. Lot Size 100' x 400' x 230' x 100'.  
**\$6,950,000 | Michael D. Browne | 272-3331**

175 South Lake Drive  
Serene lakefront property just 3 houses from beach. Exceptionally large Alligator Lake lot is a rare offering.  
**\$3,795,000 | Linda Sonders | 860-0119**

PAR LA VILLE 355 - 4th Avenue South  
Multi-family site zoned for six villas, each being 3,000 SF. This lot is located three blocks to Naples beaches.  
**\$3,650,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741**

205 South Lake Drive  
Magnificent views of Alligator Lake from this secluded half acre lot. Close to the beach and 5th Avenue South and 3rd Street South.  
**\$2,950,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**

115 - 5th Avenue South  
SELLER FINANCING EXTENDED. Corner of Gulf Shore Blvd. and 5th Avenue South. High, natural elevation.  
**\$2,950,000 | Jim Barker | 250-6342**

58 - 3rd Avenue South  
Vacant and ready to develop up to 6 residential condominiums in Old Naples. West of 41 and 5 blocks from the beach.  
**\$2,950,000 | Mark/Laura Maran | 777-3301**

81 Gulf Shore Blvd. South  
Homesite is ready-to-go for your dream home. Steps to Gulf. Plans for a 4 bedroom Stoff Cooney design available.  
**\$2,375,000 | Ruth Trettis | 434-2424**

690 - 13th Avenue South  
Build new on corner homesite with southern exposure. Close to Naples Yacht Club, access to Bay and Gulf-no bridges.  
**\$1,195,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**

663 - 11th Avenue South  
Beautiful homesite close to marina, restaurants and shops. Two alleyways for a flexible homesite, survey available.  
**\$999,000 | Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9091**

751 - 11th Avenue South  
Amazing centrally located residential lot in the heart of Old Naples. Lot size 67' x 150' with alley access!  
**\$950,000 | Tom McCarthy | 243-5520**

## BEACHFRONT



**MARCO ISLAND - HIDEAWAY BEACH ▲**  
Spacious beachfront estate home built in 2003 with 4 bedrooms, 4 full and 3 half-baths and 9200 SF. Exceptional views of Gulf.  
**\$12,000,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**



**MARCO ISLAND - CAPE MARCO - BELIZE ▲**  
#PH-2506 - Penthouse perfect and on the beach. Unsurpassed views and total luxury. A Christie's Great Estates Property.  
**\$11,900,000 | Laura Adams/Chris Adams | 404-4766**



**MARCO ISLAND - HIDEAWAY BEACH ▲**  
Exquisitely furnished. Rare beachfront home, 6 bedrooms, 8,894 SF under air. A Christie's Great Estates Property.  
**\$9,400,000 | Jim/Nikki Prange | 642-1133**



**MARCO ISLAND - MADEIRA ▲**  
#PH-202 - Beachfront penthouse with 6,500+ SF of living area. Gulf, beach and island vistas from 2,140 SF of multiple terraces.  
**\$7,495,000 | Brock/Julie Wilson | 821-9545**



**PARK SHORE - REGENT ▲**  
#6N - Custom to Perfection! Explosive views and architectural refinement. Tropical, seaside, beachfront. Uncompromised.  
**\$7,200,000 | Barbi/Steve Lowe | 216-1973**



**PARK SHORE - LE RIVAGE ▲**  
#11N - Design by Collins and DuPont. Furnished to perfection! Over 6,500 SF of living area, library and 4 bedroom suites.  
**\$6,500,000 | Barbi/Steve Lowe | 216-1973**



**PARK SHORE - ARIA ▲**  
#PH-1701 - Gulf, Bay, and city views. Three bedrooms plus den plus family room with a fireplace, gourmet kitchen with a wine cooler. **\$4,395,000**  
**Bette Helms/Anne Killilea/Marion Bethea | 261-6161**



**VANDERBILT BEACH - THE VANDERBILT ▲**  
#PH-02 - Views of Gulf, waterways and all the way to Sanibel. Rooftop patio with spa, outdoor movie theater and summer kitchen.  
**\$4,200,000 | Jennifer/Dave Urness | 273-7731**



**NAPLES CAY - SEAPOINT ▲**  
#12-N - Amazing uninterrupted views overlooking Gulf and Clam Bay from this exquisite 4 bedroom plus den residence. Furnished.  
**\$4,100,000 | Paula Sims | 262-6600**



**MOORINGS - SANCERRE ▲**  
#703 - Private seaside residence overlooks Gulf. Polished marble salon with fireplace, high-tech den, morning bar in master.  
**\$3,995,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**



**BAY COLONY - CONTESSA #1804 ▲**  
COMPLETELY REMODELED! Three bedroom plus den, 3.5 bath beachfront residence with everything new! Over 3,200 total SF and professionally decorated by Robb & Stucky. **\$3,195,000**  
**Leah D. Ritchey/Marlene Abbott-Barber | 594-9494**



**COQUINA SANDS - VIA DELFINO ▲**  
#301 - On the beach location and renovated with European craftsmanship. A gourmet kitchen, complete with a wine storage area.  
**\$2,395,000 | Karen Van Arsdale | 860-0894**

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**Open House are Sunday 1-4, unless otherwise marked**

## >\$300,000

**1B** • Pelican Marsh • 1515 Clermont #102 • \$369,000 • Bridgette Foster • 239-253-8001 • Amerivest Realty  
**2B** • WYNDEMERE - COMMONS • 200 Wyndemere Way #303 • \$325,000 • Kathryn Hurvitz 434-8770. • Premier Properties of SWF, Inc. • 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

## >\$400,000

**1C** • \$410,000 • Chateaumere Royale • 6000 Pelican Bay Blvd • Marya Doonan • 239-450-4000 • Downing-Frye Realty, Inc.  
**2C** • \$495,000 • FAIRWINDS • Catherine Backos • 239-947-0040 • Pegasus Realty Group, Inc. • Daily 10-5

## >\$500,000

**1D** • \$549,000 • VILLAS OF PELICAN BAY • 6620 Trident Way • Marya Doonan • 239-450-4000 • Downing-Frye Realty, Inc. • Sun., 1-4  
**2D** • \$595,000 • CALAIS IN PELICAN BAY • 7032 Pelican Bay Blvd. - #104 • Nancy Kreisler • 239.784.1460 • Downing-Frye Realty, Inc. • Sun., Nov. 1-4  
**3D** • Pelican Marsh: 1895 Les Chateaux Blvd. #202 • Bridgette Foster • Amerivest • 239-253-8001 • \$649,000  
**4D** • WYNDEMERE - GOLF COTTAGES • 26 Golf Cottage Drive • \$575,000 • Kathryn Hurvitz 434-8770. • Premier Properties • 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm  
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## >\$600,000

**1G** • OLDE CYPRESS • 2925 Lone Pine Lane • \$649,900 • Sandra McCarthy-Meeks 287-7921. • Premier Properties

## >\$700,000

**1E** • TREVISO BAY • 9004 Tamiami Trail East • From \$700,000 • Call 643-1414 • Premier Properties • Mon-Sat. 9-5 & Sun. 11-5  
**2E** • \$700,000 • 2400 Grey Oaks Dr. N • 239.262-5557 • Grey Oaks  
**3E** • MEDITERRA - MONTEROSSO II • 15513 Monterosso Lane #102 • \$729,900 • Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell 213-7420. • Premier Properties  
**4E** • PARK SHORE - TERRACES • 4751 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. #1402 • \$799,000 • Polly Himmel 290-3910. • Premier Properties

## >\$800,000

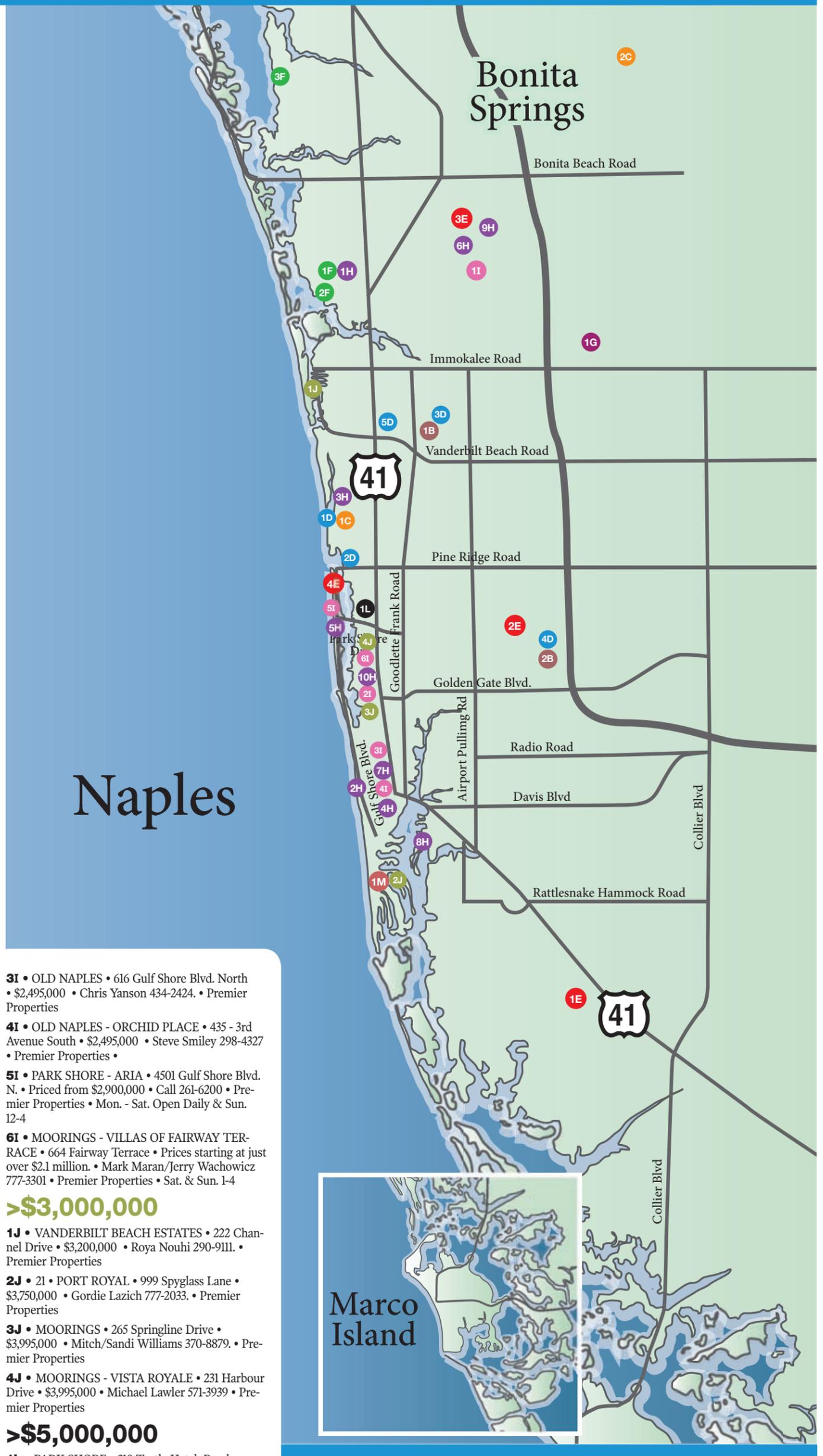
**1F** • \$838,000 • Audubon Country Club • 241 Charleston Court • Sharon Saunders • 239-269-7632 • Downing-Frye Realty, Inc.  
**2F** • Pelican Isle Yacht Club • 435 Dockside Dr • \$795,000.-\$1,899,000 • Bridgette Foster • 239-253-8001 • Amerivest Realty  
**3F** • BONITA BAY - ESPERIA & TAVIRA • 26951 Country Club Drive • New construction priced from the \$800s. • 800-311-3622. • Premier Properties • Mon-Sat. 10-5 & Sun. 12-5

## >\$1,000,000

**1H** • \$1,049,000 • Audubon Country Club • 209 Charleston Court • Sharon Saunders • 239-269-7632 • Downing-Frye Realty, Inc.  
**2H** • \$1,499,000 • 660 East Lake Dr. • Terry Warren • 239-434-8049 • Downing-Frye Realty, Inc.  
**3H** • PELICAN BAY - ST. RAPHAEL • 7117 Pelican Bay Blvd. #307 • \$1,075,000 • Jean Tarkenton 595-0544. • Premier Properties  
**4H** • OLD NAPLES - OLD NAPLES VILLA • 1070 - 5th Street South • \$1,250,000 • Marty & Debbi McDermott 564-4231. • Premier Properties  
**5H** • PARK SHORE - ALLEGRO • 4031 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. #10D • \$1,295,000 • Dave/Ann Renner 784-5552. • Premier Properties  
**6H** • MEDITERRA - VILLORESI • 15746 Villoresi Way • \$1,297,000 • Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell • 213-7420 • Premier Properties  
**7H** • OLD NAPLES - CATELENA • 306 - 6th Avenue South • \$1,390,000 • Marty & Debbi McDermott 564-4231 • Premier Properties  
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**10H** • MOORINGS • 614 Bowline Drive • \$1,995,000 • Michael Lawler 571-3939. • Premier Properties

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## >\$5,000,000

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**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**PARK SHORE ▲**  
310 Turtle Hatch Road - New construction home on Venetian Bay. Four bedrooms, library, game room, study, heated pool/spa, dock/hoist. **\$5,995,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939**



**PARK SHORE ▲**  
Bay views from this 5 bedroom, 6.5 bath home with 2 masters, spacious kitchen & great lanai with kitchen, pool/spa and 80' dock. **\$5,500,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939**



**PARK SHORE ▲**  
Fountains grace entry of this 4 bedroom plus den two-level home. Overlooks bay. Leisure room, office, studio, pool/spa, dock. **\$5,495,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939**



**PARK SHORE ▲**  
On Venetian Bay with 165' on the water. Four bedrooms, 4.5 baths, 28' ceiling, fireplace, koi ponds and dock. **\$5,475,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939**



**PARK SHORE ▲**  
New "on the water" home in Addison Mizner-style (to be constructed in '09) is a true showpiece. Floor plan available. **\$4,795,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741**



**PARK SHORE ▲**  
This expansive 2 story home offers 5 bedrooms plus den, 5.5 baths, 3-car garage and a sizable pool. Boat dock and lift. **\$4,295,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939**



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**MOORINGS - VISTA ROYALE ▲**  
231 Harbour Drive - Luxuriously appointed waterfront villas offer exquisite views from multiple balconies overlooking Moorings Bay and include gourmet kitchen, private pool/spa and deeded boat slips. **FROM \$3,295,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939**



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**MOORINGS ▲**  
265 Springline Drive - Overlooking Compass Cove. Boat lift on bay, sea wall and Gulf access. Negative-edge pool/spa, dream kitchen. **\$3,995,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741**



**PARK SHORE ▲**  
Fresh new look! Stunning home to be built. Gorgeous Bay views, 4 ensuite bedrooms, fireplace, and walk-in wine cellar. **\$3,950,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741**



**MOORINGS ▲**  
An incredible waterfront homesite. Three bedroom plus den home with Bay views. No bridges to the Gulf. **\$3,650,000 | Michael Lawler | 571-3939**



**COQUINA SANDS ▲**  
Nestled lakefront 5 blocks to Gulf. Gourmet kitchen, impact glass on windows; infinity-edge pool with spa. **\$3,450,000 | Beth Hayhoe McNichols | 821-3304**



**SEAGATE ▲**  
WOW! The most spectacular view creating a feeling of total security. Four bedrooms, 3 baths and 2,900 SF of living area. **\$2,495,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**



**MOORINGS ▲**  
Completely renovated! Western sunsets over Compass Cove. Travertine marble, stainless appliances, granite counters. **\$2,425,000 | Trey Wilson | 595-4444**



**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**MOORINGS ▲**  
649 Bowline Drive - Five bedrooms plus den, 5 full baths, 2 half-baths. Home theatre with full bar. Space over the three-car garage. **\$2,195,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552**



**MOORINGS ▲**  
Spectacular .46 acre point lot with 184 ft. of waterfront and wraparound bay views. Spacious 4 bedroom, 3 bath pool home. **\$2,190,000 | Dave/Ann Renner | 784-5552**



**OPEN SAT & SUN. 1-4**  
**MOORINGS - VILLAS OF FAIRWAY TERRACE ▲**  
664 Fairway Terrace - Magnificent 1 & 2-story villas built BCB Homes and designed by Stoff Cooney Architects. Choose from 4 floor plans with outstanding amenities. Just over \$2.1 million **Mark Maran/Jerry Wachowicz 777-3301**



**MOORINGS - VILLAS OF FAIRWAY TERRACE ▲**  
Three bedrooms, den and pool. Chef's kitchen. Outdoor screened living room with summer kitchen. **\$2,149,000 | Mark/Laura Maran | 777-3301**



**COQUINA SANDS ▲**  
Fabulous opportunity to build your dream home. Lot size is 113' x 197' x 110' x 195' Close to beaches, shopping and dining. **\$1,640,000 | Emily K. Bua/Tade Bua-Bell | 213-7420**



**PARK SHORE AREA - LUSSO VILLAS ▲**  
Luxury new construction villa. Outside fireplace and a grand pool/spa. Each villa has an elevator and 1st floor master, 2nd floor with a morning kitchen. Includes Premier Membership to Naples Grande. **FROM \$1,400,000 | Jerry Wachowicz | 777-0741**



**PARK SHORE ▲**  
This spacious 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath offers neutral tile in main living areas, newer carpet in bedrooms and is freshly painted. **\$1,250,000 | Kathryn Tout | 250-3583**



**MOORINGS ▲**  
Charming 5 bedroom, 4 bath home nestled on a large, quiet lot. New gourmet kitchen. Backyard putting green and pool. **\$999,000 | Mary Riley | 595-1752**



**MOORINGS ▲**  
This home is in pristine condition with many recent upgrades. An outstanding view of the Moorings Country Club. **\$849,000 | Jeri Richey | 269-2203**



**NEW LISTING**  
**MOORINGS ▲**  
Walk to private beach/park! Three bedroom professionally decorated and furnished. Oversized lot (98' x 170') with pool. **\$839,000 | Virginia/Randy Wilson | 450-9091**



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## PARK SHORE

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## music

BY NANCY STETSON  
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With apologies to Louisa May Alcott and her character Jo, Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas without tunes.

And every year, there's a new wave of Christmas CDs by artists of every genre and stripe: rock, pop, folk, jazz, folk, soul, rock, country, easy-listening.

Some succeed by staying faithful to traditional tunes while others put a new spin or interpretation on familiar classics. Some attempt to pen songs that will join the ever-growing canon of Christmas songs. Some are instantly forgettable, but some become new favorites.

Here's a look at just a small sample of new Christmas CDs that were released this season. They cover R&B, country, soul, jazz and rock.

### "The Ultimate Gift" / Rahsaan Patterson

Rahsaan Patterson's Christmas CD, "The Ultimate Gift," is cool.

How cool? As cool as the North Pole. That's how cool.

Hands down, this is probably the hippest Christmas CD released this

SEE MUSIC, C4 ►

## WEEK at-a-glance



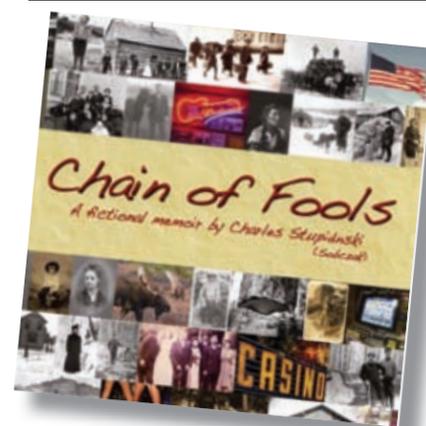
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## Naples' new Arsenault Gallery mixes art with green and global concerns

### SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Naples artist and activist Paul Arsenault has opened a new gallery in The Plaza at 1170 Third St. South, next to Blu Sushi.

Throughout his 35 years in Naples, Mr. Arsenault has focused his career on environmental conservation, health and historic preservation efforts. A native of Montreal, he grew up in Hingham, Mass., where his love for the sea and travel emerged. Following graduation from the Art Institute of Boston, he worked a six-month stint as a deckhand on a research vessel and then began his professional painting career. With Naples as his base, Mr. Arsenault has embarked on painting trips

to the Caribbean, Central and South America, Asia, the South Pacific, Indonesia, Australia, Hawaii, and Europe.



Paul Arsenault

COURTESY PHOTO

Paintings from his trips hang in both public and private places as well as corporate collections around the world.

Featuring many green directives, The Arsenault Gallery is the latest effort in that vein, as it will be home to a series of events benefitting both local and global non-profit organizations. The gallery offers several yoga lessons each week, green tea matinees, dinners, lectures and exhibits to raise awareness of and money for a number of charities. Currently, the gallery is supporting New Horizons of Southwest Florida, an after-school program that provides academic tutoring to at-risk youth.

Besides showcasing Mr.

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### Ho Ho Ho

"Another Night Before Christmas" is the latest offering from the Gulfshore Playhouse. **C8** ►

# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## Love is a quality of attention



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My friend Anna, whom I've known since college, sent a recent e-mail update.

"I moved back to New York from London and I couldn't be happier," she gushed. She'd just gotten downsized from her sweet investment banking job at Merrill Lynch, and her on-again, off-again relationship with a Belgian noble (no joke) had come to a definitive end.

What was the source of this happiness, so intense I could feel it glowing from my computer monitor? Anna has a new love, and without her having to say it, I can tell he's The One. Now that Anna has found the real deal, she sees the disaster in her old relationship.

Love — especially long-term, marriage-worthy love — is a paradoxically simple thing. When we're in the thick of a complicated relationship, we wonder if we're with the right person. We debate with ourselves and meditate on the merits of our partner. But the act of questioning our relationship is, in fact, the answer. When love is right, there's no room for doubt.

Even knowing this, I still grapple with the is-he-or-isn't-he dilemma.

An old crush, Justin, started calling over the summer. He spaced his calls out over two weeks, then dropped out of communication for two months. He resurfaced right before Thanksgiving and asked if he could take me to dinner.

On the way into town, I laughed and asked if he remembered the times I served as designated driver when our group of friends went out to the clubs. "You'll have to take it easy tonight," I said. I pointed to the stick shift. "I can't drive a manual."

Justin reached across the car and placed his hand over mine. The blood rushed to my cheeks, and I felt the tips of my ears burn. He picked up my hand and moved it to the gear shaft. "I'll teach you."

He kept his hand over mine as he talked me through the gears. A fist of warm energy started in my belly and opened upward, so that my temples were sweating by the time we reached the restaurant. He pointed to the side windows and laughed. "Looks like we steamed up the car."

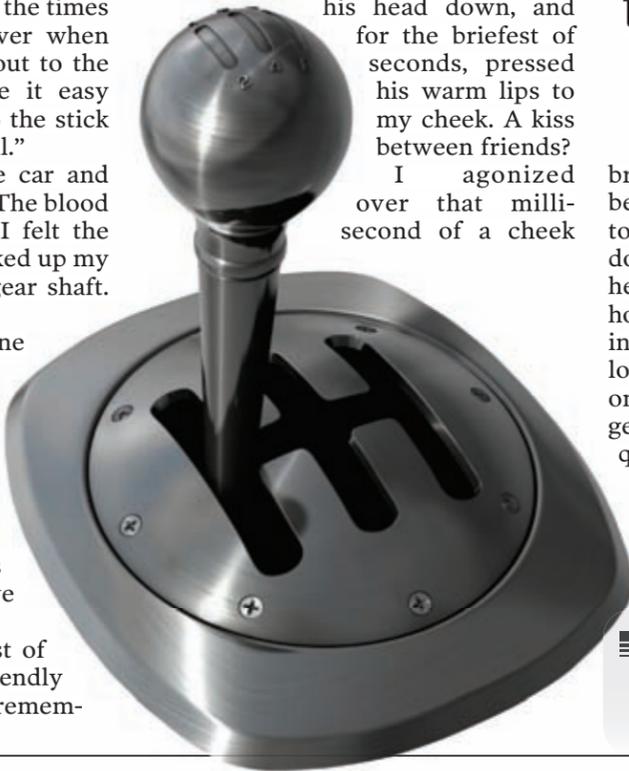
At dinner and for the rest of the evening, Justin was friendly and funny — just the way I remem-

bered him — and perfectly platonic. Did I imagine the steamy intensity of that driving lesson?

At the end of the night, he walked me to my door — a chivalrous gesture.

"It was great seeing you again," he said. He opened his arms for a hug — the classic goodbye between friends — and I stepped into them. He leaned his head down, and for the briefest of seconds, pressed his warm lips to my cheek. A kiss between friends?

I agonized over that millisecond of a cheek



"He kept his hand over mine as he talked me through the gears. A fist of warm energy started in my belly and opened upward, so that my temples were sweating..."

brush for two weeks. Two weeks, because that's how long it took him to call again. I felt myself tripping down the familiar does-he-or-doesn't-he route when I came across my horoscope (oh, great giver of advice) in the morning paper: "The one who loves you is easy to spot. It's the same one who calls, writes, can't seem to get enough of your time. Love is a quality of attention."

With that, I summarily placed him back in the friend category, where perhaps he had been all along. ■

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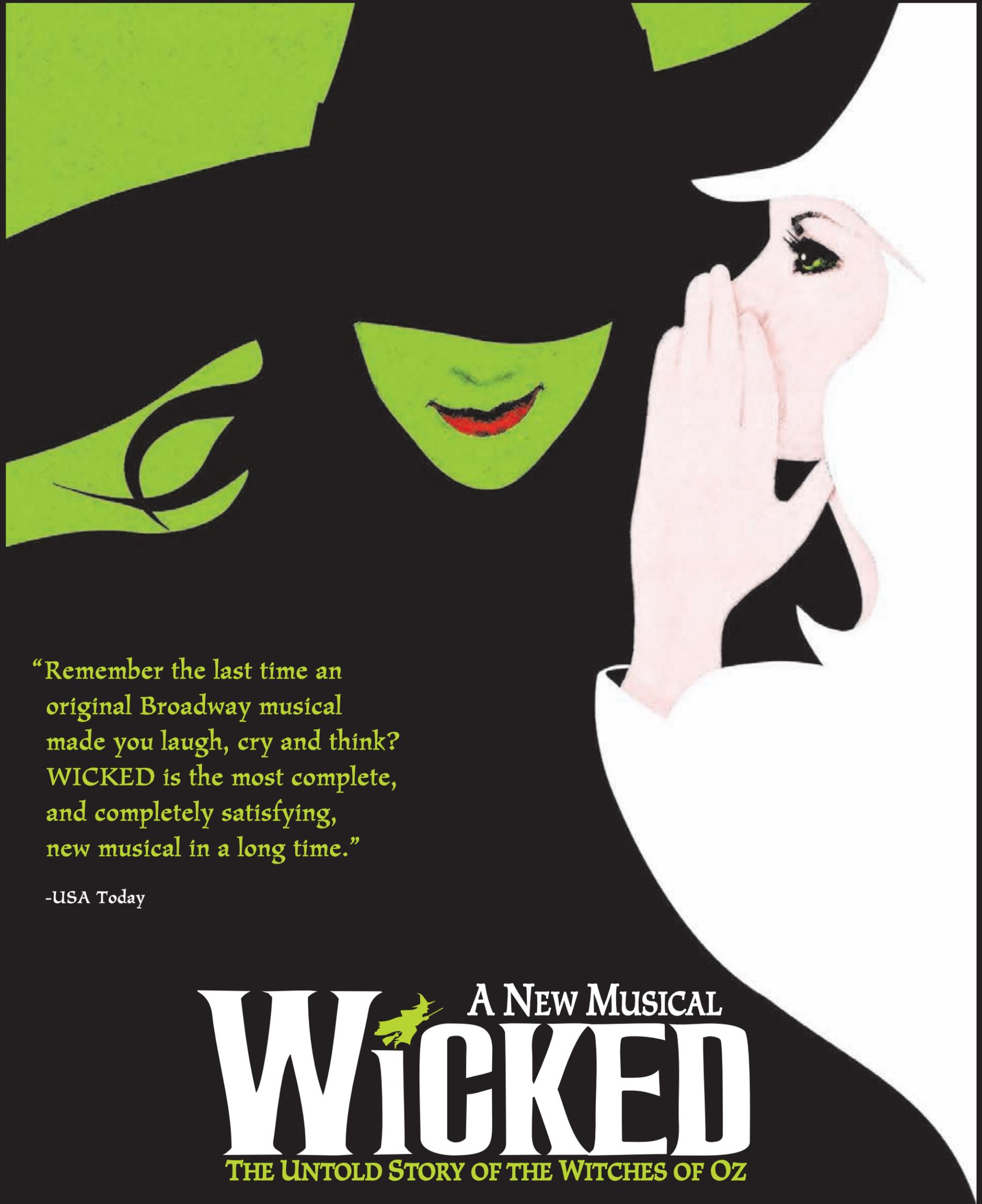
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# MUSIC

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year: suave, funky, soulful. (And check out the quirky cover, painted by Paul Moschell.)

"The Ultimate Gift" is already in heavy rotation in my CD player.

This CD's mostly original music, with a few covers (Paul McCartney's "Wonderful Christmastime," "What Christmas Means to Me," and a funky, stripped-down version of "Little Drummer Boy" featuring drumming, handclaps and vocals.)

But all the rest are original songs. That's a brave move, but Mr. Patterson, who released "Wines & Spirits" late last year, is more than up to the task.

"That First Christmas" is about spending that first Christmas without the one you love. "Christmas At My House" looks back at how Christmas was when he was a kid, sung to a charged up, funky beat — a song you could dance to in a club.

Mr. Patterson sounds like the musical love child of Sly Stone and Prince.

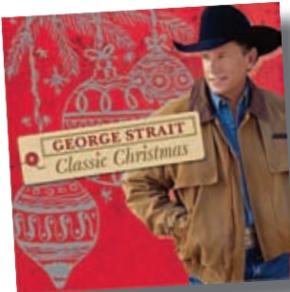
And he's not afraid to wear his heart on his sleeve. In "This is the Season," he unabashedly sings in the chorus: "It's so, so lovely/It's so, so good and sweet/It's so, so heavenly to me."

A pretty accurate description of Mr. Patterson's "The Ultimate Gift," itself.

## "Classic Christmas" / George Strait

No frills, nothing fancy.

No vocal theatrics or quirky arrangements.



George Strait's "Classic Christmas" is 10 traditional Christmas songs sung and performed in a straightforward (no pun intended) way.

There are hymns such as "Joy to the World," "Silent Night," and "O Come, All Ye Faithful," and less religious fare such as "Up on the Housetop" and "Deck the Halls."

You'd think with such simplicity this would be a boring Christmas CD.

But it isn't.

It's far from ho-hum. It's comfortable in the way a well-worn pair of jeans or your favorite leather jacket feels.

With 10 songs — and all but two songs less than three minutes long — it's a quick spin. But it feels leisurely, not rushed.

Wish I could say the same for the disc jacket. The information is minimal; no mention of musicians playing on the CD,

or what instruments. (The band seems to include a fiddle and a mandolin... and maybe a steel guitar? In any case, Mr. Strait's voice isn't the only thing that twangs.)

A note from Mr. Strait says he picked his favorites, the ones he grew up hearing and singing, "and added a little country flavor to make them sound more like me."

They do.

This is Christmas music, George Strait style, and it sounds good: traditional holiday music done traditional country-style.

## "Home for Christmas" / Sheryl Crow

I was in a Hallmark store a few weeks ago, shopping, when I began paying more than passing attention to the Christmas music they were playing.

It wasn't yet December, but I was intrigued by the sounds I was hearing: a woman soulfully singing "Go Tell It On the Mountain," "White Christmas," "The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire)." It had a retro feel, and I wasn't sure if I was listening to something modern or something recorded decades ago.

There's a snail's pace version of "I'll Be Home For Christmas" that sounds as if it came right out of the 50s; you could slow-dance to it to the low glow of only the Christmas tree lights. Ditto for "The Bells of St. Mary's."

The voice sounded familiar, but I just couldn't place it.

When I went up to the counter to purchase my cards, I saw the CD: it was "Home for Christmas" by Sheryl Crow. Without hesitation I bought it. And have had absolutely no regrets.

It's a mellow-sounding CD, with Booker T (of Booker T and the MG's) playing organ on four of the cuts and a horn section that also helps give it a sassy feel.

The beginning of "O Holy Night" starts with horns playing "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," with street sounds of cars and traffic in the background. Ms. Crow sings the first verse (while someone shakes a handbell to solicit donations), then segues into "O Holy Night."

Ms. Crow penned one song for the CD: "There is a Star That Shines Tonight."

## "This Christmas Aretha" / Aretha Franklin

Aretha Franklin is the undisputed Queen of Soul.

No one can put across a song the way she can.

And Aretha Franklin singing Christmas Merry Little Christmas."

Unfortunately, "This Christmas Aretha" is initially a disappointment.

It opens with "Angels We Have Heard on High," and Ms. Franklin is all over the place while singing her "glorias." It's just too much — frills upon frills upon frills.

With the next song, she sings Donny Hathaway's "This Christmas" with her son, Edward Franklin. It opens with a little skit that's far too cute to be listened to more than once: Ms. Franklin getting a phone call while cooking Christmas dinner. (The CD also ends with a strange rewritten version of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" that seems out of character with all that has come before.)

But things start sounding like classic Aretha with "The Lord Will Make a Way," especially with the extended jam at the end. There's also a great closing jam on Gamble and Huff's "Christmas Ain't Christmas (Without the One You Love)" with Ms. Franklin and background singers proclaiming over and over, "Jesus! He is the reason, reason for the season!" Then, on "Silent Night," we have the Queen seated at the piano, accompanying herself.

I think, simply, she tries too hard with this CD at times, throwing in any and every vocal pyrotechnic in her arsenal.

She grew up singing gospel music; if anyone should put out a superlative Christmas album that's meaningful and moving, it's Ms. Franklin.

All singers' voices change as they age; I only wish Ms. Franklin made a Christmas album a decade or more ago, without all the overproduction.

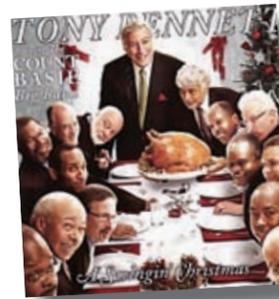
## "A Swingin' Christmas" / Tony Bennett

Tony Bennett recorded "A Swingin' Christmas" just before he turned 82. His voice, too, has changed over the years, becoming a little more textured, no longer what it was in his prime.

But still, this CD works. It's partially due to Mr. Bennett's skill in singing and phrasing — the man can still swing — but also due to the first-rate musicians he chose to accompany him: a four-piece band, led by pianist Monty Alexander, and the 13-piece Count Basie Orchestra.

This is a Christmas album that's bold and brassy.

He's chosen traditional songs: "I'll Be Home For Christmas," "Silver Bells," "Winter Wonderland," "Have Yourself a



But there are quiet moments too: "Christmas Time is Here," "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," "The Christmas Waltz." He also sings a duet with his daughter, Antonia Bennett: a sweet version of "I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm." Ms. Bennett has a sultry voice, and I wish she'd been featured on a couple more songs.

Listening to this album, you can picture Mr. Bennett on stage in a little jazz club, singing, pausing to let a musician solo. (There are nice piano solos by Mr. Alexander throughout, including on "Silver Bells" "My Favorite Things," and a harmonica solo by Toots Thielmans on "All I Want for Christmas is You.")

The CD jacket includes two winter scenes painted by Mr. Bennett. And the cover photograph — 14 people seated around a table, about to eat a Christmas turkey — is a clever re-creation of Norman Rockwell's iconic "Freedom From Want" painting.

"A Swingin' Christmas" is just what you'd expect from Mr. Bennett: a class act.

## "What a Night! A Christmas Album" / Harry Connick, Jr.

Has Harry Connick Jr. ever released an album that isn't impeccable?

"What a Night! A Christmas Album" is no exception. Mr. Connick's released at least two other holiday albums; he's an old pro at this.

Mr. Connick's a triple threat, singing, playing the piano, and arranging.

"What a Night!" is jam-packed with Christmas music: 15 songs, four of them original. This is the musical equivalent of a hearty Christmas dinner...with seconds and dessert too.

Everything is delivered in his bright, brassy Big Band sound, with the New Orleans flavor coming out strongly on songs such as "Please Come Home for Christmas" and "We Three Kings." ("Santariffic," a Mr. Connick original, sounds almost like stripper music!)

Mr. Connick's always trying new things with his arrangements; check out the unusual piano accompaniment on "O Come All Ye Faithful." And his version of "Dance of the Sugarplum Fairies" is soulful and funky.

The only misstep seems to be "Winter Wonderland," on which he lets his young daughter Kate sing. ■

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## 'Seasonal Treasures' is a trove of choral and orchestral gems



Saturday evening marked the eighth year I have reviewed the Naples Philharmonic's annual "Seasonal Treasures" concert. The single evening, always a sell out, is held in the downtown Naples First Presbyterian Church, rather than at the Phil. Brice Gerlach, the Phil's accompanist of chorales, serves as director of music and organist at the church.

This year, in a packed sanctuary, on a stage filled to overflowing, were James Cochran, director of the Philharmonic Center Chorale, the 70-member Chorale, a harpsichord, the magnificent organ and the most members of the Philharmonic Orchestra utilized to date for this program. I briefly wondered if concertmaster Glenn Basham exhaled too vigorously, whether or not he and his chair might fall off the edge of the platform, where both he and Cochran were precariously perched.

Unlike previous years when I've always had strong personal favorites, this year the entire program was so uniformly special, I am hard pressed to give any single selection more of a gold star than another. The wonderfully balanced chorale did itself proud; there were non-stop key performances by every section of the orchestra; Michele Byrd, Gerlach's wife and a beautifully voiced soprano, gave as fine a performance as I have heard her give; and Cochran's accompaniment on the harpsi-

chord, in addition to his conducting, were top drawer.

The audience was completely engrossed in the program, singing along from time to time as requested and — even more fun — quietly joining in even when not requested. But why not? I looked up during one of the splendid arrangements by the late, great Robert Shaw and saw several members of the orchestra smiling and singing along.

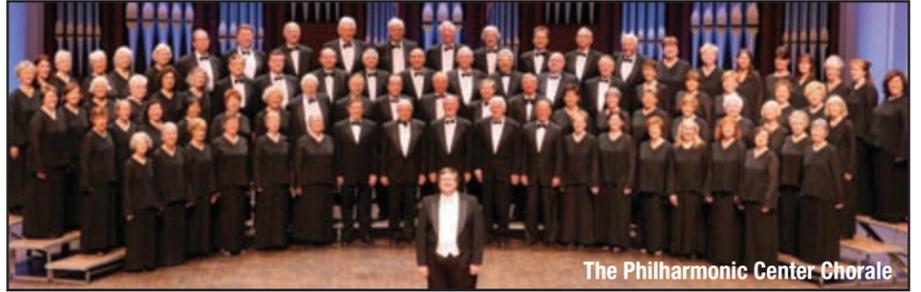
That's when you know it's a truly great concert!

The program opened with a glorious performance of "Winchester Te Deum" by contemporary British composer John Rutter, one of the greatest vocal composers of all time, who is known for his lush, otherworldly harmonics. "Te Deum" was, from its first few notes, breathtakingly fine. "We acknowledge thee to be our God," intoned the chorale, the joyful notes issuing from the hammered chimes the perfect icing on the cake.

The program could have ended right there, and everyone in the audience would most assuredly have gotten their money's worth.

But the evening of pearls was just beginning.

For one of Johann Sebastian Bach's greatest works, his Cantata No. 51 "Jauchzet Gott in allen Landen" ("Praise God in All the Land"), Matt Sonneborn, the Phil's principal trumpet, moved front and center to join Cochran at the harpsichord in accompanying Michelle Byrd. I gained a new appreciation for Sonneborn's technical and aesthetic facility, since it would be very easy for a trumpet to overpower



a single voice. Instead, Sonneborn's beautiful performance, including some finely executed trills, made the first movement even better.

After resting during Byrd's "Wir beten zu den Tempel an" ("We Pray to Him in our Temple"), he joined concertmaster Basham and principal 2nd David Mastrangelo as the Cantata burst forth in the final "Alleluja."

Next up was a very different kind of joyous music: Robert Shaw and R.R. Bennet's First Suite of the "Many Moods of Christmas." Any album featuring the Robert Shaw Chorale was a "must have" for wonderfully creative arrangements of the "old familiars" during the '60s and '70s. Saturday evening, these selections, during which the audience had moments to sing along as well, were hugely popular with the crowd. After all, unless you are from a different planet, who doesn't recognize "Good Christian Men Rejoice," "Silent Night" or "Oh Come, All Ye Faithful"?

The almost obligatory Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" from "Messiah" ended the first half of the program, the audience rising to join their voices with the Chorale.

Hanukah was by no means ignored in the

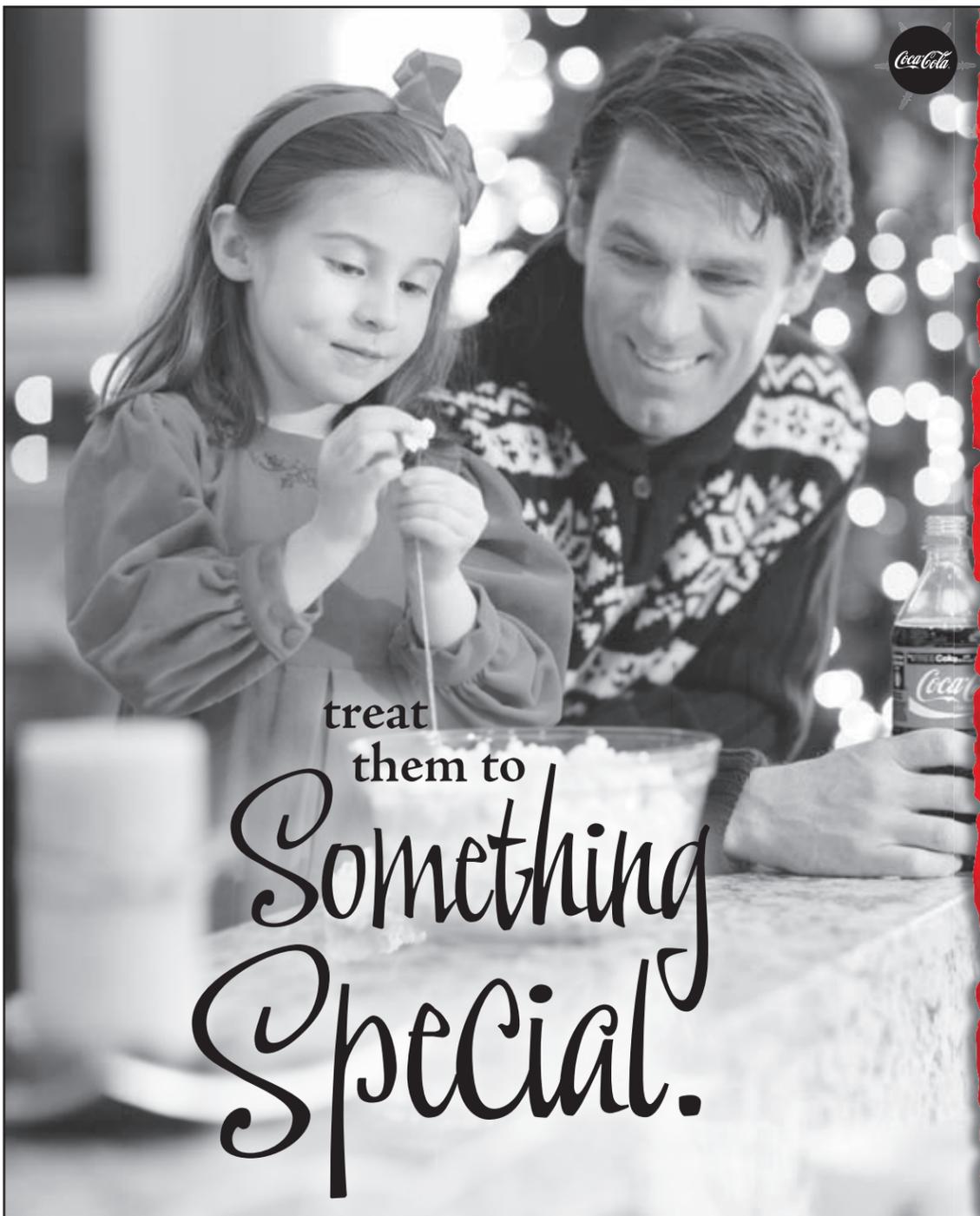
program, as the second half opened with a brisk arrangement of "Traditional Sounds of Hanukah." Several members of the audience nodded to the energetic music.

Before the program concluded, there were opportunities for everyone to enjoy numerous fine contributions by Dickie Fleisher, principal harpist; Suzanne Kirtton, principal flutist; Judy Christy, principal oboe; Andrew Snedecker, co-principal oboe; Adam Satinsky, principal cellist; and non-stop excellent contributions from the strings, percussion and brass sections.

An absolutely gorgeous performance of Mozart's "Laudate Dominum" ("Praise be to God"), the eerily different "Carols of the Night," a standing ovation, and it was too soon over.

This choral music concert is always on my short list of "must-see" events. At \$28, it's one of the best bargains in town. Make a note to watch for the chorale the next time I recommend a program of theirs. You won't regret it. ■

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# WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

## This week's theater

■ **Musical Comedy Murders** - "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940," a comedy by John Bishop, presented by The Naples Players, is on stage 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 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets for the production are \$30 for adults and \$10 for students; call the box office at 263-7990.

■ **Gulfshore Playhouse** - Gulfshore Playhouse opens its season with the Florida premiere of "Another Night Before Christmas." The play runs through Dec. 21 at the Norris Center in downtown Naples. 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? For information about show times and tickets, call (866) 811-4111 or visit [www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org](http://www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org). Regular tickets are \$30; rush tickets are \$10 one hour before each performance, subject to availability.

■ **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](http://www.BroadwayPalm.com), call 278-4422 or stop by the box office at 1380 Colonial Blvd.

■ **Indian Blood** - "Indian Blood," by A.R. Gurney, runs at Florida Repertory Theatre through Dec. 21. The *New York Times* called "Indian Blood" a "snow globe for the stage," a touchingly funny family portrait, and a perfect comedy for the holiday season. Call 332-4488 or go to [www.floridarep.org](http://www.floridarep.org).



"Another Night Before Christmas" is on stage at the Gulfshore Playhouse through Dec. 21.

## This week's symphony

■ **Holiday Pops at the Mann** - "A Very Merry Pops" by the Southwest Florida Symphony is featured at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21. Conducted by Joseph Caulkins, this heartwarming holiday concert is a family favorite - a time to relax, enjoy great music and celebrate the season with family and friends. This year it has a Celtic flair. For tickets, contact the box office at 418-1500.

■ **Holiday Pops at the Phil** - 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, Thursday-Sunday, Dec. 18-21, at 8 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 20, at 2 p.m. Tickets 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](http://www.thephil.org).

## Thursday, Dec. 18

■ **Christmas Concert** - Opera Naples presents a Christmas Concert at 7 p.m. at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbor Dr., Naples. Call 287-8694 or e-mail [info@operanaples.org](mailto:info@operanaples.org). Suggested donation: \$20 to benefit the Opera Naples Educational Outreach Program.

## 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](http://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](http://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.

■ **Andy Warhol** - "Andy Warhol: Select Works" is the December exhibit at Art Modern Gallery downtown at 751 12th Ave. S. The show features numerous works by the pioneer of the Pop Art movement of the late 1950s. Art Modern Gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call 263-1137 or visit [www.artmoderngallery.com](http://www.artmoderngallery.com).

■ **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.

■ **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. A right fielder for the Pittsburgh Pirates (1955-1972), Clemente earned 12 Gold Gloves, appeared in an equal number of All-Star games, won four National League batting titles, and was twice named the league's MVP. Off the field, Roberto Clemente is remembered as a selfless humanitarian. For more information, please contact the Exhibit Hall at 252-4060 or 252-4024.



Avocado and Papaya, oil, by Jim Brynjulson, at the Naples Art Association Exhibit.

■ **Juried exhibition** - The Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center is having its 47th Founders Juried Awards Exhibition through Jan. 18 at the art center, 585 Park St. in Naples. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Suggested donation is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 10 and older. The public may call 239-262-6517 or visit [naplesart.org](http://naplesart.org) for more information.

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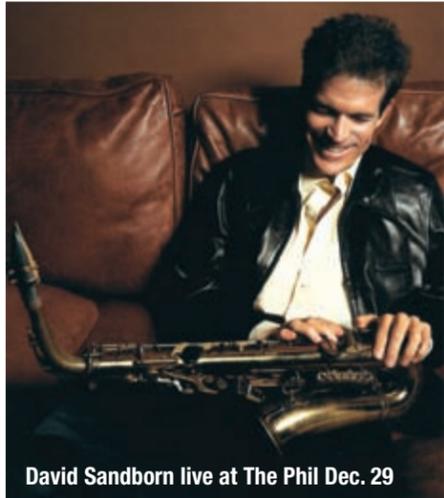
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# WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

## Upcoming events

■ **Movin' Out** - the Tony Award-winning new musical conceived, choreographed and directed by Twyla Tharp and based on 24 classic songs by Billy Joel, plays in Naples at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts Friday, Dec. 26 through Sunday, Dec. 28, and tickets are on sale now. 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](http://www.thephil.org).



David Sanborn live at The Phil Dec. 29

■ **David Sanborn** - Alto sax master David Sanborn, who has played a key role in establishing the sound of contemporary jazz and instrumental pop over the past 35 years, will perform live with The David Sanborn Group at the Philharmonic Center on Monday, Dec. 29, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$54. 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](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **New Year's bash** - Celebrate the New Year with a spectacular Big Band Bash, featuring conductor Jack Everly and the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, as part of the Philharmonic Center's New Year's Eve Gala, Wednesday, Dec. 31. A buffet reception at 7 p.m. will be followed by the performance at 8 p.m. Joining the orchestra for this unforgettable, fast-paced evening of music and fun will be Broadway singing star Judy McLane, acclaimed clarinetist Jon Manasse and the one-and-only Capitol Quartet saxophone ensemble. Tickets to the New Year's Eve gala are \$150. Ring in the New, a repeat of the New Year's Eve performance, without the reception, will be presented Friday, Jan. 2, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$79. 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](http://www.thephil.org).

■ **Mist, Myth, and Mystery** - World Fusion, Jazz, and Elemental Music will be performed in a fundraiser for Florida Repertory Theatre at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at the Arcade Theatre, 2267 First St., Fort Myers. Emmy Award-winning and Grammy nominated flutist and composer Kat Epple will be joined by many renowned musicians and performers. This annual event is notorious for being an evening full of unique music, performance art, fun, and surprises. Ms. Expel will be playing flutes from around the world, including Celtic, Native American, African, Sluing, and bass flute. She will be performing with special guest musicians and performers, including: Chuck Grinnell, keyboard, DL Turner, harp, Darrell Nutt, percussion, Shirley Lorene, guitar and vocals, Pond Water Experiment, and surprise guest performers. Tickets are \$20. Call the box office at 332-4488.

■ **Visiting Artists** - The Art League of Bonita Springs presents Visiting Artist Workshops with Janet Rogers (Expressive Flowers & Portraits in Watercolor) and Caroline Jasper (Power Color Painting) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 5-9 at the Center for the Arts, 26100 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. Cost varies with artist and length of workshop. The Roberts workshop is sold out. Ms. Jasper's workshop is for intermediate/advanced students. Space is still available. \$525 member/\$575 non-member. Contact the Art League for further information at 495-8989.

■ **Art Fest** - The Art League of Bonita Springs presents the Bonita Springs National Art Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 10-11 at The Promenade at Bonita Bay, U.S. 41 in Bonita Springs. A \$3 donation at entrance gates benefits the Art League of Bonita Springs. The first of two highly ranked outdoor festivals hosted by the Art League of Bonita Springs during 2009, the Bonita Springs National Art Festival welcomes thousands of visitors to view and purchase artwork from 208 artists. Participating artists come from the U.S., Canada, Mexico, South America, and Europe. Known for high quality artwork and a very pleasing venue, the festival continues to grow in popularity. For information, call 495-8989.

■ **Art in the Park** - The Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center in Naples hosts Art in the Park Jan. 3. Naples' oldest outdoor art festival celebrates its 52nd season by showcasing artwork from Naples Art Association members from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Park Street, alongside The von Liebig Art

Center. This juried festival, held the first Saturday of the month from November through April, is a great way to meet the artists and enjoy their original work in a relaxing atmosphere. Free admission. This month's featured artist is Charles O'Neal. The center is located at 585 Park Street in Naples and features an extensive art library and gift shop. Call 262-6517 or visit [naplesart.org](http://naplesart.org) for more information.

■ **Workshop** - The Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center in Naples presents a workshop, "Ultimate Art: The Essence of the Creative Event" Jan. 5-7. This fast-moving workshop with instructor Genie Kell explores the having, doing and being of art-making. It takes a group of artists who are active, but dissatisfied with their work, to a new level of appreciation of their individual talents, skills, and uniqueness. The center is located at 585 Park Street in Naples and features an extensive art library and gift shop. Call 262-6517 or visit [naplesart.org](http://naplesart.org) for more information.

■ **KidzAct** - KidzAct classes begin Jan. 12 and continue through the winter at the Sugden Community Theatre, 701 5th Avenue South, Naples. Call 434-7340, ext. 10 or 39, or visit [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org).

■ **Moon Over the Brewery** - The Naples Players presents the comedy "Moon over the Brewery" Jan. 14 - Feb. 7 live on the main stage at the Sugden Community Theatre, 701 5th Avenue South, Naples. Tickets are \$30 (adults); \$10 (students). Call 263-7990 or visit [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org)

■ **Menopause** - "Menopause The Musical Out Loud: Breaking the Silence of Ovarian Cancer." will be presented by the Jeanie C. Linders Fund at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7. The musical is a spirited celebration of real women during an unsettling time in their lives called "The Change." A portion of the proceeds will benefit local and regional ovarian cancer chapters. For tickets, contact the box office at 418-1500.

■ **Visiting Artists** - The Art League of Bonita Springs hosts a Visiting Artist Demonstration with Janet Rogers (Watercolor) from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4. The cost is \$15 per person. The league hosts Caroline Jasper (Oils) from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4. Visiting artists offer a two-hour demonstration as a prelude to their weeklong workshops. This is an opportunity to see great artists from around the country and beyond sharing their artistic techniques. Location is the

Center for the Arts, 26100 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. Contact the Art League for further information at 495-8989.

■ **Last Comic** - You've seen them on TV, you voted for them, and now they are here. An evening of great stand-up comedy featuring the five finalists from NBC's Emmy-Nominated laughfest, "Last Comic Standing," plays at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3. Come see Marcus, Jeff Dye, Louis Ramey, Iliza Shlesinger, and Jim Tavaré as they ignite the stage with the jokes and laughter that made them the final five in America's funniest reality show. For tickets, contact the box office at 418-1500.

■ **Golden Dragons** - The Golden Dragons perform at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4. The ancient art of Chinese acrobatics is an old and long-running tradition that began in China well over 2,000 years ago. World-renowned impresario Danny Chang and choreographer Angela Chang combine award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes, ancient and contemporary music and theatrical techniques to present a show of breathtaking skill and spellbinding beauty. For tickets, contact the box office at 418-1500.

■ **The Sauce Boss** - The Sauce Boss brings his blues, his band, his spices and his ladle to The Norris Center for one performance Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m. The Sauce Boss cooks gumbo while he sings and plays the blues. At last count, sauce man Bill Wharton has fed about 100,000 concert-goers. He's also the man Jimmy Buffet sings about in his "I Will Play for Gumbo." Mr. Wharton's songs "Let the Big Dog Eat" and "Great Big Fanny" appear on the Jimmy Buffet compilation album "Margaretville Café Late Night Menu." For ticket information, call 213-3049. For more information about The Sauce Boss, visit [www.thesauceboss.com](http://www.thesauceboss.com).

■ **Barrage** - Barrage, a high-octane fiddle fest that features an international, multi-talented cast performing an eclectic mix of music, song and dance, will perform at the Philharmonic Center on Saturday, Jan. 3, at 8 p.m. The group of six violinists/vocalists, a drummer, bass player and guitarist offers up a diverse fusion of cultures, musical styles and performance vitality. Tickets are \$39. 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](http://www.thephil.org).

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## ARTS COMMENTARY

# 'Another Night Before Christmas'



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**P**ity the poor playwright and lyricist who attempt to write a Christmas show.

There's "A Christmas Carol." And "The Nutcracker." And "Amahl and the Night Visitors." There are well-known and beloved movie classics, from "It's a Wonderful Life" to "Miracle on 34th Street" to "Scrooged."

The advantage is, the elements you use are already familiar to your audience.

Unfortunately, that's also the disadvantage.

It's a double-edged sword. How to be original?

Sean Grennan (book and lyrics) and Leah Okimoto (music), the same creative team who created "Married Alive!" wrote a new musical for the season: "Another Night Before Christmas."

Produced by Gulfshore Playhouse, it's enjoying its Florida premiere at the Norris Center (755 8th Avenue South, Naples). The show runs through Dec. 21.

The premise: Karol, a 30-something social worker, meets a homeless man on the street, and gives him her leftover dinner. Later, he breaks into her Boston apartment. (Apartment # 1225 — get it? — is the same date as Christmas.)

"The Guy," as he's referred to in the program, tries to convince her that he's Santa Claus. And, because Karol is cynical and hates the holidays, he also tries to restore the joy of the season to her.

Karol, played by Ashley Puckett Gonzales, first thinks he's a burglar, then just a homeless person who needs shelter for the night.

The premise is a little hard to swallow, and "The Guy," as his character is written, is difficult to take at times.

Ever have a pushy salesman try to convince you of something?

Ever have a guy at a party try too hard to convince you that he's Mr. Wonderful, so he inundates you with bad jokes and impressions and just makes you wind up disliking him even more?

That's kind of what this play felt like for me.

(I know, I know. If that guy's really

Santa, then I'm getting coal in my stocking this year.)

It wasn't the actor's fault (a talented Brian M. Gonzales, who is also Ms. Gonzalez's husband off-stage.) It was the lines he's stuck with.

He has to say things such as, "I'm not husky. I'm luscious."

He thinks they should remake "Miracle on 34th Street" and have George Clooney play him.

He not only has to do a soft shoe, but also Moonwalk. (Does anyone Moonwalk anymore? Astronauts don't even moon walk!) He also has to perform hip-hop moves and sing "The Big Guy's in the house."

Santa, I hate to say — or at least, The Guy who claims to be Santa — is sort of a wise-ass and kinda obnoxious. He tries much too hard to jolly her.

The show's heart is in the right place, but its material, for the most part, falls flat.

The songs, unfortunately, aren't all that memorable.

One showed promise. It's about Karol's desire to kill Bing Crosby because she's so sick of hearing his version of "White Christmas." (Song titles aren't included in the program.)

And the two harmonize nicely, especially when they're singing a duet about the Christmas moon.

But the show drags. There's the requisite history about the origins of Santa and the various names by which he's known. There's the complaint about how the Christmas season seems to begin earlier and earlier each year. There's the nagging phone call from the parents.

There are some sparks, though.

A renegade alarm system continually malfunctions by calling her by a different incorrect name each time. It's a running joke throughout the show.

One of the evening's biggest laughs occurred when Karol expresses surprise that Santa's elves have a union. And The Guy/Santa says: "Please! I'm not Wal-Mart."

And then there's a moment

when The Guy says to Karol: "You feel what a lot of people feel: that it's happening somewhere else for someone else." I wish Mr. Grennan had thought to mine that thought a little deeper, because he hit a rich vein there.

The ending — which I won't give away — contains a transformation that's a little too much of a leap to take.

I will say this, though: It does pack an emotional wallop.

But it sure felt like a long time getting there, like someone who overtells the leadup to a joke, diluting the punchline. At times I felt it might've made a better "Saturday Night Live" skit than a two-hour show.

Curtis Lee Jones provides the set, a solid apartment with upscale furniture, and Jacqueline Morelisse's costumes help Santa look like a homeless man and Karol look like the uptight person she is.

The musical accompaniment (piano by Justin Hatchimonji and drums) was good, though sometimes drowned out the singers.



Brian Gonzales as Santa

LAURA RICHARDSON / SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY



Ashley Puckett-Gonzales and Brian Gonzales in "Another Night Before Christmas"

The playhouse's producing artistic director, Kristen Coury, directed the show. I wish she'd made it a little edgier, and had directed Mr. Gonzales to come across a little softer, not like a guy at a bar giving you the hard sell.

She picked the play when it was just newborn, based upon seeing it at a reading. (I suspect it might work better in a more intimate setting.)

But the small audience at the Norris Center loved it, and was very appreciative.

So maybe Ms. Coury knows her audience after all.

If you dislike cute Christmas shows, my advice is: Stay home, drink some eggnog (spiked or not) and watch "Bad Santa."

But if cute is your thing, this just might be the jolly new Christmas show you've been looking for. ■

If you go

- >>What: "Another Night Before Christmas"
- >>Where: The Norris Center, 755 8th Avenue South, Naples
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# GIVING

## Part 2: Meeting some members of the Professional Advisors Council

The Community Foundation benefits from many volunteers who, as members of the Professional Advisors Council, provide a wealth of knowledge and experience that guide all aspects of the organization's work. The PAC is made up of attorneys, financial planners, accountants, insurance professionals and trust officers who share a commitment to philanthropy and an understanding of the benefits they can provide their clients through the foundation.

The PAC meets quarterly to review what's new at the foundation and to exchange ideas about how the foundation can improve its services for donors and the professionals who assist donors with their charitable planning. Members of the PAC also serve as resources for



the foundation when legal, accounting or financial questions arise. In addition, many offer their time by writing articles and presenting seminars regarding the benefits of charitable giving.

The Community Foundation views its relationship with professional advisors as a pivotal element of its efforts to educate the public about the value and benefits of planned giving strategies and tax-deferred charitable vehicles. This is the second in a series of articles contributed by members of our Professional Advisors Council. ■

## Giving advice to financial advisors

BY LAIRD A. LILE, ESQ.

Board-certified attorney in wills, trusts and estates law  
Fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel

Today we find ourselves at the convergence of two forces in society: an enormous increase in the wealth of our clients and a substantial concern for community. At the same time, people from all economic backgrounds are giving back to the community in record numbers.

Community-based philanthropy is at the forefront of this movement.

If you are not using the resources of the Community Foundation in delivering charitable giving knowledge and opportunities to your clients, you are likely reinventing the wheel. The foundation staff can be a valuable resource in addressing the charitable objectives of your clients.

Community foundations are established for donors to give through; they are not the end-users of charitable dollars. In 2005, Florida's community foundations distributed more than \$69 million to charitable organizations. Most of those funds came from donor-advised or donor-designated funds.

Community foundations are also a resource for you. For example:

► Community foundations have expertise and technical information on a range of planned-giving options to assist you in developing specific ideas for your clients.



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► They have in-depth information on local needs and non-profit organizations. They are in touch with local organizations and activities addressing the broad spectrum of community needs — from the environment, arts, education and economic development to special programs for youth, families and senior citizens.

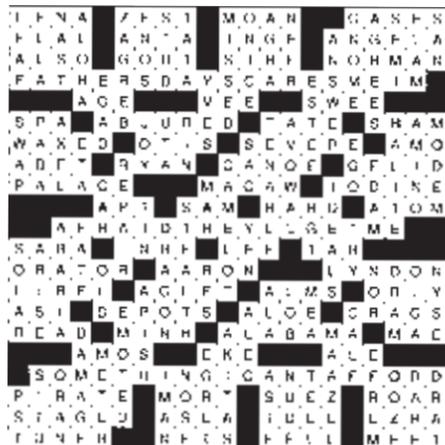
► They can serve as the vehicle for your clients' charitable giving through the establishment of donor-advised funds and areas-of-need funds. A donor-advised fund is a popular mechanism through which your client can make a charitable gift and stay involved in suggesting uses for that gift over time. Community foundations are frequently named in bequests as stewards for estate assets that a client wishes to direct to specific areas of community need in perpetuity.

For more information, call William Franz at the Community Foundation, 649-5000, or contact your professional advisor. ■

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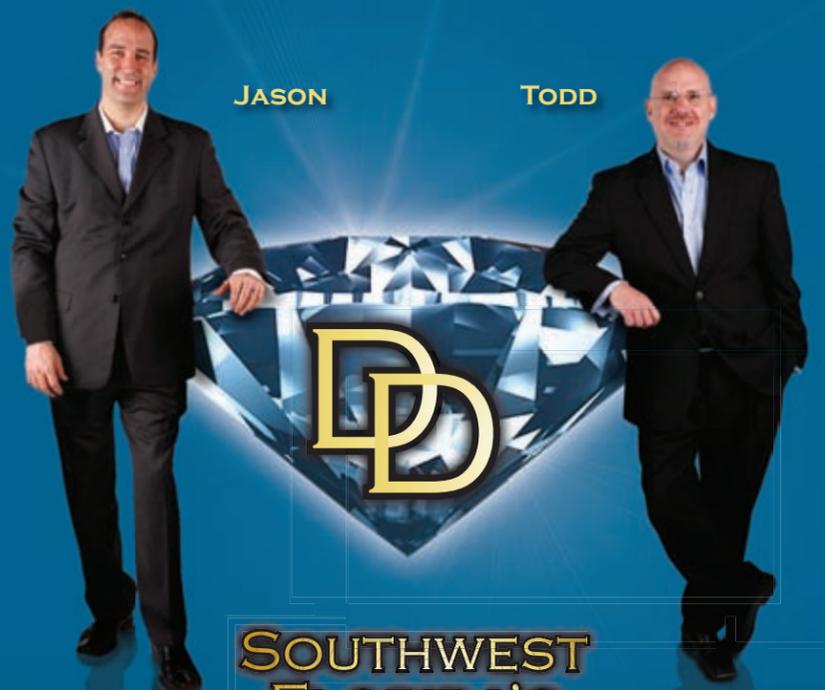


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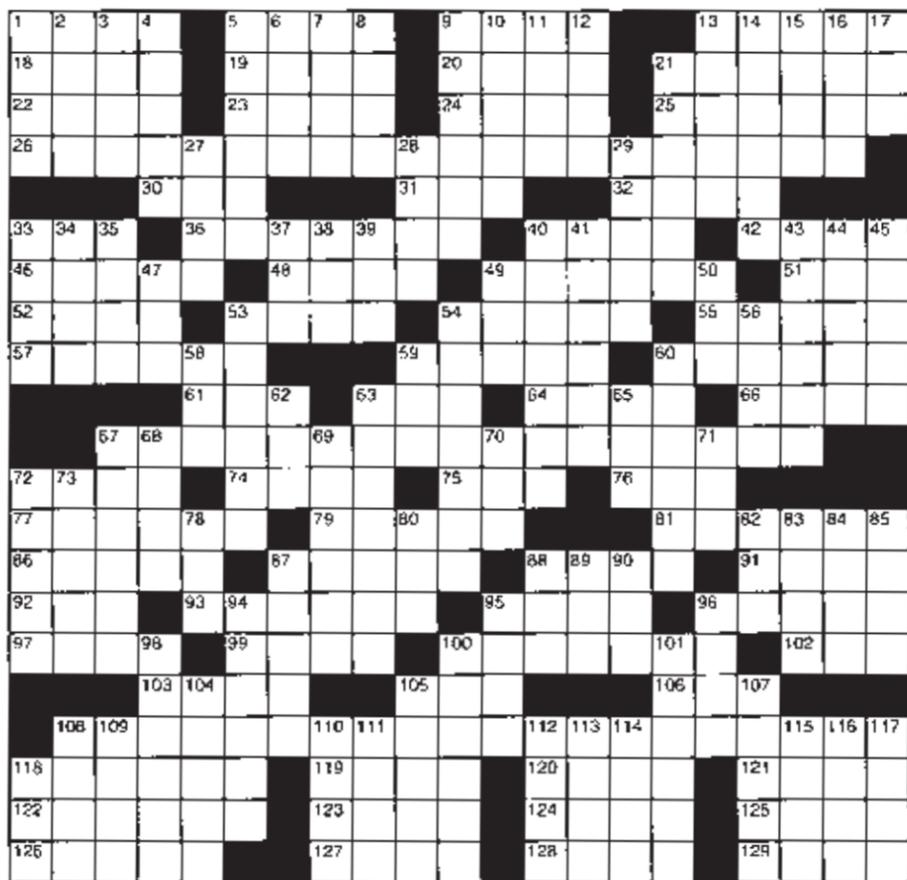
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  - 30 Iron —
  - 31 Center of gravity?
  - 32 — Pea (Popeye's kid)
  - 33 Heath resort
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  - 40 "Little Man —" ('91 film)
  - 42 Mock
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  - 53 Baseball's Nolan
  - 54 Hiawatha's transport
  - 55 Very cold
  - 57 King's quarters
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  - 61 Prone
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  - 64 Poet in the past
  - 66 Particle
  - 67 Middle of remark
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  - 74 Memo start
  - 75 Brenda or Brandon
  - 76 Gob
  - 77 Speaker (Popeye's kid)
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  - 92 "Unappos- tamed — am . . ."
  - 93 Storage sites
  - 95 Burn remedy
  - 96 Steep rocks
  - 97 Curl up with Cather
  - 99 Ho Chi —
  - 100 Mobile home?
  - 102 Dogpatch's Daisy —
  - 103 Famous fellow?
  - 105 Scrape by with "out"
  - 106 Stout relative
  - 108 End of remark
  - 116 "Peter Pan" extra
  - 119 Comic Sahl
  - 120 Seaport or Canal
  - 121 Circus sound
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  - 129 TV's "— the Press"
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  - 3 "Boss" Tweed's nemesis
  - 4 Hilo hello
  - 5 Croatian capital
  - 6 Slaughter or Cabell
  - 7 Lobe probe?
  - 8 "Cheerio!"
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  - 10 In reserve
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  - 12 — do-well
  - 13 Lawn ornament
  - 14 Comes to terms
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  - 17 — Bernardino, CA
  - 21 Response
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  - 66 Menu phrase
  - 89 Tennis stroke
  - 90 "— culpa"
  - 94 Hammed up "Hamlet"
  - 95 Pianist Templeton
  - 96 Baby bovine
  - 98 Mar
  - 100 Powerful pooches
  - 101 Maestro Loren
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  - 105 Snowy bird
  - 107 —
  - Zimbalist, Jr.
  - 108 in — (archaeology term)
  - 109 Mediter- ranean port
  - 110 "No Way Out" actress
  - 111 Scenter of your face?
  - 112 Like
  - 113 Bare
  - 114 Swiss sharp-shooter
  - 115 Seep
  - 116 Seldom seen
  - 117 "Confound it!"
  - 118 Oregon hrs.

## HOROSCOPES

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** An early impulsive act causes confusion. But all is smoothed over once explanations are made. Expect a friend or family member to ask for your kind and always wise advice.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** You might have to do some juggling of your priorities, as a personal matter appears to require more time and attention. Put your pride aside and accept help from those who offer it.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Your creative aspect is strong. Not only does it help you accomplish your goals, but it also inspires others. This could lead to a potentially rewarding collaboration opportunity.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Be careful about making major decisions when you're not really committed to them. And resist any pressure to do otherwise. Better to delay action until all doubts are resolved.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** You might be busier than you had expected right now. But between the socializing rounds and the workplace tasks, there are opportunities for special moments with that certain someone.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Your creative approach leads to a quicker-than-expected solution to a workplace problem. Now you can devote more time to that proposal you hope to introduce by midmonth.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Technological glitches create prob-

lems early on. But by midweek, all runs smoothly once again, and you're well and truly on your way toward meeting all your deadlines.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Your energy levels are high, and you feel you can handle everything that comes along. But try to take a break from your hectic pace for some quiet time with someone close to you.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Before you pounce on that shiny new opportunity, take more time to check it out to see how much substance actually lies beneath all that glitter. A family member has important news.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** A personal situation you thought was resolved resurfaces, thanks to a possibly well-intentioned move that went awry. Deal with it as soon as possible. Accept the help of a trusted friend.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** That goal you set way back when is finally in sight. Maintain your focus on achieving it, and don't allow yourself to be distracted by unimportant demands for your attention.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A temperamental flare-up creates negative feelings that need to be dealt with immediately. But things once again go well after the apologies are made and hurt feelings are soothed.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You set goals and are rarely distracted by any attempt to move you off the path you've chosen to reach them.

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## SUDOKU

By Linda Thistle

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## BEACH READING

# Chain of Fools: A fictional memoir by Charles Stupidnski

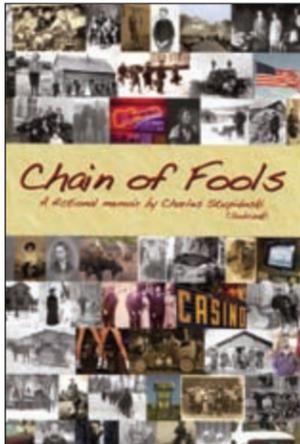
By Charles Sobczak  
(Indigo Press, trade paperback)

**REVIEWED BY PRUDY TAYLOR BOARD**  
Special to Florida Weekly

“Chain of Fools: A fictional memoir by Charles Stupidnski” is the latest offering from Sanibel author Charles Sobczak. Sobczak has written an interesting novel, whose cover blurb says, “When he began looking for dirty laundry, amateur genealogist Charles Stupidnski (pronounced Stupnski) soon discovered his family owned the laundromat.”

“Chain of Fools” is an open and honest book, abrasive and brutal, but genuine. There’s such realism that anyone surviving a dysfunctional family can easily relate. And isn’t that most of us?

The book takes place in northern Minnesota, where Charles — the protagonist, an alcoholic living in the Gold Gate Motel — has begun a novel. His research leads him to his grandmother, One-Eyed Maggie, who is a hoot and a holler and a tragedy waiting to happen. The cast of eccentric but likeable characters includes Chippewa Indians (one is named Dismount Moose Nelson), strippers (in particular, Crystal, who is an exotic dancer at Sugar Daddies) and alcoholics (especially his friend Diz,



who often meets him at the Black Bear Casino where they both gamble).

The book is also interesting because of the structure. Sobczak plays Charles’ story

of his escape and downward journey from a conventional lifestyle into one of an alcoholic nomad moving from town to town, against One-Eyed Maggie’s sad tale. We learn how and why she lost the sight in one eye, the marriage from hell, the death of her first-born son and the betrayal and abuse she suffered at the hands of men she loved.

Both stories are tumultuous and riveting. And although neither story is pretty, Sobczak writes about his characters with wry humor, warmth and acceptance. ■

*Books reviewed in this column are available online or at your local bookstore.*

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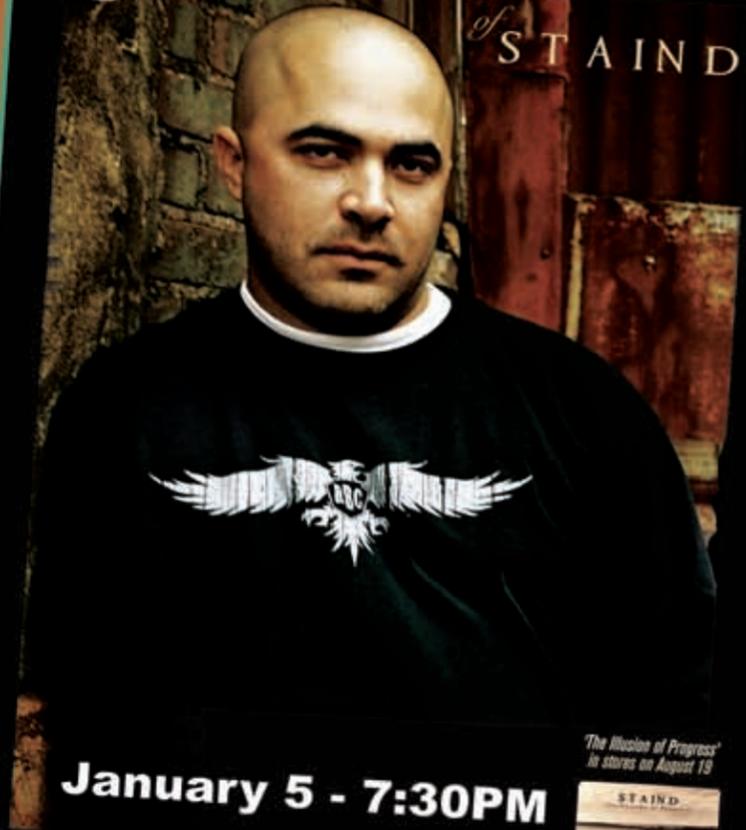
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# 'Live in HD,' The Metropolitan Opera comes to a theater near you

Opera aficionados who can't get to the Met in New York City can see diva Renee Fleming in "Thais" on the silver screen, live in high-definition, at The Hollywood Stadium 20 in Naples. "The Met: Live in HD" will broadcast "Thais" from the Metropolitan Opera at noon Saturday, Dec. 20. The Bell Tower 20 Regal Cinemas in Fort Myers will also show the performance.

Ms. Fleming and Thomas Hampson star in the Met's first new production of Jules Massenet's richly melodic "Thais" in 30 years. "Fleming and Hampson made a heavenly match," *Chicago Sun-Times* critic Wynne Delacoma wrote when this production, which comes from the Lyric Opera of Chicago, opened there in 2002.

Set in Hellenistic Egypt, "Thais" is the story of an ascetic monk, Athanaël (Mr. Hampson), who convinces the beautiful courtesan Thais (Ms. Fleming) to dedicate her life to God, only to find himself tormented by his attraction to her. Jesús López-Cobos conducts the sensuous and melodic score, with tenor Michael Schade as Thais's lover, Nicias. All three singers are performing their roles for the first time at the Met.

The production is by John Cox. Fashion designer Christian Lacroix has designed new costumes for Ms. Fleming. Duane Schuler is the lighting designer, and Sara Jo Slate makes her Met debut as choreographer.

Composed by Massenet as a star vehicle for the beautiful American soprano Sybil Sanderson, "Thais" was staged at the Met for the legendary divas Geraldine Farrar in 1917 and Maria Jeritza in 1922. The 1939 revival featured Helen Jepson and Marjorie Lawrence alternately in the title role, with John Charles Thomas and John Brownlee as Athanaël. The opera was last seen at



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Renee Fleming in "Thais"

the Met in 1978 in a production starring Beverly Sills in the title role and Sherrill Milnes as Athanaël.

John Cox's production is the Met's fourth. The rarely performed opera opened at the Met on Dec. 8 and runs through Jan. 8.

The Saturday, Dec. 20, matinee is the fifth performance of the season to be transmitted as part of "The Met: Live in HD" series. The Metropolitan Opera Radio on SIRIUS channel 78 and on XM Radio channel 79 will broadcast performances on Dec. 20, 23 and 30.

The next "Live in HD" performance will be Puccini's "La Rondine" at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at The Hollywood Stadium 20 in Naples and The Bell Tower 20 in Fort Myers. More than 850 cinemas in approximately 30 countries around the world are participating in "The Met: Live in HD" this season. ■

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# COUCH THEATER

[ DVD PREVIEWS & RELEASES ]

**PICK OF THE WEEK**

► “Ghost Town” - This is one of those little gems that seem to come and go really quickly at the theaters, but hopefully find new life on home video as people discover them.

“Ghost Town” is a wickedly funny romantic comedy starring Ricky Gervais (star and creator of the original “The Office”) as Bertram Pincus, a surly dentist who, after having a near-death experience, discovers he can see and speak with ghosts.

One of the spirits he meets is Frank Herlihy (Greg Kinnear), who wants Pincus to prevent Frank’s widow (Tea Leoni) from marrying a lawyer he believes is only pursuing her for her money. Needless to say, high jinks aplenty ensue.

What sets “Ghost Town” apart from most run-of-the-mill romcoms is that the story doesn’t go for cheap, sappy sentimentality. It’s refreshingly honest and human, and the performances by Gervais and Leoni are wonderful. It’s a rare date movie that even guys will love.

**ALSO**

► “The Duchess” - Oh look: It’s Keira Knightley in a period costume drama! This time she’s stuck in the 18th century as Georgiana, the Duchess of Devonshire, ancestor of Diana, Princess of Wales. And like Diana, Georgiana was also the subject of much scandal, gossip and marital intrigue. You have a choice: You can rent or buy this DVD, or you could just slap a big white wig and corset onto a box kite and make Monty Python noises at it. Guess which one I’m gonna do? Oh, come on. I’m just kidding. I don’t own a box kite.



Keira Knightley in “The Duchess”

**DOG OF THE WEEK**

► “Eagle Eye” - Shia LaBeouf has the dubious honor of being in two of 2008’s big-budget stinkers. The first, obviously, was “Indiana Jones and the Temple of Suck,” the second being “Eagle Eye,” possibly one of the worst films of the year.

Basically, the story is this: A computer that can control everything has gone bat-dookie insano, and then there’s a plot to assassinate the president using a boy’s trumpet, and Stupid McStuperson (LaBeouf) gets led by the nose by a disembodied voice to save the day while avoiding Billy Bob Thornton cuz ... that’s what you do. Seriously. I think it’s a law or something, because I bought a wallet last month and the picture that came with it was of Billy Bob Thornton, and stamped on it was “Avoid This Guy.” True story. ■

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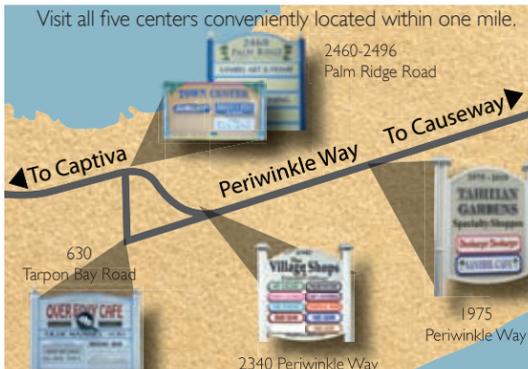
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# Heaven knows, 'Anything Goes!' during Naples Players' auditions

Try-outs take place Saturday, Dec. 20, for The Naples Players production of "Anything Goes!" Auditions are by appointment only in Blackburn Hall at the Sugden Community Theatre; rehearsals begin on Jan. 5, 2009, and performances will be March 3 through April 4.

The 1930s Cole Porter musical will be directed by Dallas Dunnagan.

Roles to be cast are eight men ages 20-55, and eight women ages 18-65, plus a tap-dancing and singing chorus with small speaking parts.

"Anything Goes!" is the age-old story of boy-meets-girl and the amusing complications that ensue aboard a transatlantic ocean liner. The score introduced several songs now considered classics of the American songbook, such as "I Get a Kick Out of You," "You're the Top" and,

of course, "Anything Goes."

Anyone can try out for the cast, but appointments are necessary. Call 434-7340, ext. 10, by 4:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19. Callbacks will be on Sunday, Dec. 21.

Potential cast members will be asked to sing 16 bars of a song of their choice, and should bring sheet music or an instrumental recording; an accompanist will be provided. In addition, all should be prepared to participate in a short movement routine, although dancing will not be required for all roles. Finally, performers might be asked to read excerpts from the script, which is available at the theater box office for perusal for up to 72 hours (with a \$20 refundable deposit).

For more information, call 434-7340, ext. 10, or click on "Anything Goes!" at [www.naplesplayers.org](http://www.naplesplayers.org). ■

## ARSENAULT

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Arsenault's signature plein air paintings, the gallery offers a "painting of the month" especially for charity. December's selection is Mr. Arsenault's painting of the interior of Palm Cottage, headquarters of the Naples Historical Society and the oldest home in the city. When the painting sells, 50 percent of the price will be donated to NHS and the Palm Cottage

House Museum.

"The relationships we've built in Naples over the years have been an integral part of launching this gallery," Mr. Arsenault said. "Naples has been good to me, and I'm glad to give something back."

Anna Visnitskaya, managing director of gallery operations, added, "We look forward to strengthening ties both old and new, while expanding our artistic and educational offerings in the community." For more information, visit [www.arsenaultstudio.com](http://www.arsenaultstudio.com) or call the gallery at 263-1214. ■

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6. Kelly Tetzlaff with Hogan

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# VINO

## Add sparkle to holiday celebrations with a bit of bubbly



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It might not seem obvious at first, but real estate and sparkling wines have a great deal in common.

As everyone knows, the value of real estate depends on three factors: location, location, location. Similarly, the value of sparkling wine depends largely on three factors: terroir, terroir, terroir.

Terroir is a French term that encompasses the soil and other conditions — altitude, rainfall, drainage and position relative to the sun, for example — under which the grapes are grown. Often called microclimate in the United States, it plays a major role in the flavor and quality of the wine and, subsequently, the price.

Also like real estate, a wine's worth does depend on a few other elements. The wine-making method, the grape types and the name on the label all play parts.

A bottle of sparkling wine can range from about \$10 well into three figures. Expect to pay more for champagnes (sparkling wines made in the Champagne district of France and by law the only ones permitted to be called champagne). There are, however, a lot of well-made wines available in the \$25-\$50 range.

I recently chatted with two wine representatives at Total Wine in Fort Myers. When I asked Jean-Remy Rapeneau from G.H. Martel Champagne why his champagne was better

than other sparkling wines, he said champagne has a distinctive flavor that differentiates it from other sparkling wines. In short, it's the terroir.

"We have a lot of limestone in our steep hillside vineyards, and they possess the greatest terroir in the world for any sparkling wine," he said.

Patrick Luquet is the winemaker for Domaine Roger Luquet, a family-owned white Burgundy producer that has made wine for five generations. He was pouring his Cremant de Bourgogne, a 100 percent Pinot Chardonnay (what we simply call chardonnay) produced from the Macon-Villages district of France.

Mr. Luquet explained the difference between the family's Saint Veran and Macon-Villages vineyards to Fort Myers resident Marina McCarthey this way: "The Macon vineyards are in the valley, so the soil is sandy with sedimentary elements, and makes a lighter and fruitier wine," he said. "The Saint Veran vineyards are on a sloping hillside, so there is a lot of clay and mineral mixed in the soil, making a crisp, flinty style of white wine."

Translation: It's the terroir.

Because it's not always possible to taste sparkling wines before you buy them, rely on the experts.

Frank Pulice of Austin's Wine Cellar in Fort Myers said customers sometimes come in looking for champagne but are reluctant to spend the money. So he recommends they consider sparkling wines from other districts or countries. While he believes true champagne is the crown jewel of sparkling wines — "the district is absolutely the best for mak-



Patrick Luquet

ing sparkling wines from the Pinot Noir and Pinot Chardonnay grapes," he says — he also knows not everyone likes the classic taste of champagne.

What makes them distinctive? You guessed it: It's the terroir.

Sukie Honeycutt of Tony's off Third in Naples first tries to establish what her customers' tastes and budget are. Do they like a sweeter sparkler like an Italian prosecco or a drier Spanish cava?

"There are so many good sparkling wines available today," Ms. Honeycutt says. "I fell in love with Tony Soter's Brut Rose from Oregon while I was out there. Made from 100 percent pinot noir, with a bright color and flavor, it's just a delightful wine and my favorite sparkling rosé from the USA."

And so, in the spirit of the holidays, my gift to you is the following list of worthy contenders of varying prices suitable for festive gatherings:

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- Tony Soter's Brut Rose NV: A beautiful Oregonian wine made with 100 percent Pinot Noir grapes, with rich color, full of fresh floral and bright red fruit flavors. About \$52.

- Cava Oriol Rossell Methode Champenoise: A light bubbly, with a hint of lemon flavor and a simple finish. About \$25.

- Domaine Luquet Cremant de Bourgogne NV: Light and bubbly with fresh apple and peach fruit and a light straw color. It's a good aperitif and can also accompany a light dinner or cheese and fruit. About \$20.

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## Blue Water Bistro not just another fish in sea of restaurants

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Those familiar with the Collier County dining scene know the Culinary Concepts chain for its energy, creativity and emphasis on good service. Yabba Island Grill, Pazzo!, and both Chops City Grills (Naples and Bonita) have enjoyed long, successful runs, which is a rarity in today's fickle restaurant business.

With the opening last year of Blue Water Bistro at Coconut Point in Estero, it's likely the group is attracting new fans from more northerly parts of Lee County.

Blue Water bills itself as a casual bistro specializing in seafood, but it's more than that. A large and handsome bar makes an inviting spot at which to while away some time enjoying a creative cocktail or a glass or two of wine — there are about 30 choices by the glass. What's more, you can hang at the bar indoors or out, as the management has thoughtfully placed heaters outdoors to chase away whatever chill might dare try to ruin a star-studded al fresco meal or drink.

Even with heaters, it was bit too cold for this subtropical flower to sit outside on a recent evening. Leaving that domain to visiting northerners, we headed into the dining room, which has the look and feel of gently rippling waters. The walls are Gulf of Mexico blue and curve into a semi-circle, creating an impression of movement. Fish sculptures mounted here and there add to the sea theme.

With about half of the tables occupied, there was a fair amount of noise. In some places that would mean a deafening cacophony, but Blue Water's sound-absorbing ceiling tiles, linen tablecloths and other soft surfaces help diminish the din.

We'd barely settled in at our table when our server appeared to describe the specials and take drink orders. The last part took some time as we perused a wine list

that far exceeds the usual bistro selection. We finally settled on a Pascal Jolivet Sancerre '06. The wine list stated it came from the Les Caillottes vineyard. What we received, however, was a Pascal Jolivet without the Les Caillottes designation. Why does that matter? Because single-vineyard wines are generally more desirable — and more expensive — than those in which grapes from throughout the region are used. Our server went back to the bar to try to get us the one we'd ordered, but there didn't seem to be any. And although we got a less expensive wine, the price we were charged wasn't reduced.

Some may think this is splitting hairs, but it isn't. If you order a premium beer and get a regular one, you'd expect to pay less. The same goes for wine. This is a group whose

as crispy and crunchy, and the creamy, sweet-and-sour citrus sauce accompanying it was a nice departure from the standard marinara.

One companion tried the nightly special, a trio of Hawaiian fish (thresher, monchong and mero). He selected a mango sweet-and-sour sauce from several available and Yukon mashed potatoes. While it sounded good, what arrived was disappointingly monochromatic. The plate was white. The fish were white. The potatoes were white. Only the little cup of sauce added a spot of color. A sprinkle of parsley or a few green beans would have vastly improved its visual appeal for next to no additional cost. The fish were moist and properly grilled, but the nightly special didn't have the pizzazz of other dishes we ordered.

The chicken aqua limone combined tender chicken scallopine and red bell pepper with a tangy lemon sauce, resulting in a simple dish with lots of flavor.

My favorite entrée was the veggie plate. Pick seven vegetable dishes from the list of 14 and small portions of each come beautifully grouped on a rectangular plate. I feasted on broccoli kung pao, onion rings with chipotle barbecue sauce, green beans, mac and cheese, tomatoes with olive oil and basil, potatoes au gratin and sweet potato fries. No, I didn't select two potatoes. I'd ordered zucchini and mixed veggies, but wound up with the sweet potato fries and green beans instead. As it turned out, the potatoes au gratin were just fair, but the crisp sweet potato fries were the best I've ever had. For \$14.90, this is a real bargain.

We finished with warm pineapple upside down cake with rum raisin ice cream and a dense dark chocolate cheesecake with caramel and chocolate sauce. The cheesecake was good but somewhat heavy after a big meal. We all preferred the lighter pineapple cake.

**For a rich dessert that's big enough to share, consider the dark chocolate cheesecake with Oreo crust.**



We ran into another bar-related problem when we inquired about ports. The server returned with a few

names, but didn't have the ages or whether they were vintage or not. She gamely went back to find out, but it would have been quicker and far easier for everyone if they'd been listed on the dessert menu.

There's plenty to like about Blue Water Bistro — the lively and sophisticated ambience, the hospitable service staff and the imaginative menu. With a little work on the bar issues and some fine tuning of the menu, this restaurant should do swimmingly. ■



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**The vegetarian plate is a lovely mix of well-executed side dishes that combine to form a satisfying and inexpensive meal.**

restaurants routinely rank among the Wine Spectator award winners, so this sort of mix up shouldn't happen here.

We nonetheless decided to keep the bottle. It was a citrusy, dry wine with a classic mineral finish that tasted better with food than on its own.

Blue Water offers a goodly mix of appetizers, salads, burgers (for which you can substitute chicken, if desired) and entrees. The back of the menu serves as a glossary of fish, with names and descriptions of each. Not all are available all of the time, but it's a good reference.

Appetizers of king crab and lobster pot stickers, crispy crunchy calamari and morning-after mussels (in a bloody Mary sauce) all arrived hot and attractively plated. The calamari was the best of the bunch, consisting only of rings, no spindly little legs. It was tender as well

If you go

### Blue Water Bistro

Coconut Point, 23151 Village Shops Way, Estero; 949-2583

**Ratings:**  
**Food:** ★★½  
**Service:** ★★★  
**Atmosphere:** ★★½

>>**Hours:** 5-9 p.m. Sunday, 5-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 5-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday  
>>**Reservations:** Accepted  
>>**Credit cards:** Major cards accepted  
>>**Price range:** Appetizers, \$5.70-\$16.90; entrees, \$10.90-\$36.60  
>>**Beverages:** Full bar  
>>**Seating:** Booths, at the bar, conventional tables inside and outside  
>>**Specialties of the house:** King crab and lobster pot stickers, sugar shack shrimp, crispy crunchy calamari, grouper kung pao, black and blue burger, chipotle BBQ baby back ribs  
>>**Volume:** Moderate  
>>**Parking:** Free lot  
>>**Web site:** www.bluewaterbistro.net

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

### diningCALENDAR

\* **Thursday, Dec. 18, 6-7:30 p.m., The Wine Merchant:** Wine tasting, 12820 Tamiami Trail N., Naples. Call 592-0000.

\* **Friday, Dec. 19, 6-7 p.m., Whole Foods Market:** Cooking class with Whole Foods Chef Sumi Do sharing ways to make entertaining easier with bite-sized snacks, free, 9101 Strada Place, Naples. Call 552-5100.

\* **Saturday, Dec. 20, 11 a.m., Whole Foods Market:** Baking class, with instructor Jessica Spray demonstrating how to make your own gingerbread house using Whole Foods' kits, \$15.99, 9101 Strada Place, Naples. Advance registration necessary. Call 552-5100.

\* **Saturday, Dec. 20: 2-5 p.m., Wynn's Market:** Alexander Bernard, chef/owner of Alexander's Restaurant, conducts cooking demonstrations and a book signing at Wynn's Market, 141 Ninth St. N. Call Alexander's at 262-4999.

\* **Saturday, Dec. 20, 7-9 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Five-course Bordeaux wine dinner with Frank Pulice of Austin's Wine Cellar, \$95, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs. Call 390-2222.

\* **Saturday-Wednesday, Dec. 20-24, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 2:30-4:30 p.m., The Ritz-Carlton, Naples:** Teddy Bear Tea featuring stories, visit by Santa, hot chocolate and treats, \$35 children, \$30 adults, 280 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples. Call 598-3300.

\* **Monday, Dec. 22, 6-8 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Cooking class, Holiday Traditions, with recipes for celebrating Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa and the winter solstice, \$45, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs. Call 390-2222.

\* **Wednesday, Dec. 24, 4-7 p.m., Whole Foods Market:** Spice it up with

nutmeg, with tastings of dishes using this seasonal favorite in various departments, 9101 Strada Place, Naples. Call 552-5100.

\* **Friday-Tuesday, Dec. 26-30, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 2:30-4:30 p.m., The Ritz-Carlton, Naples:** Teddy Bear Tea featuring stories, visit by Santa, hot chocolate and treats, \$35 children, \$30 adults. 280 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples. Call 598-3300.

\* **Sunday, Dec. 28, 4-7 p.m., Whole Foods Market:** Visit the wine-tasting bar for a sampling of champagnes and sparkling wines, paired with cheese and snacks, free, 9101 Strada Place, Naples. Call 552-5100.

\* **Monday, Dec. 29, 6-8 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Cooking class, New Year's Celebration, with recipes for festive and indulgent foods for celebrating the holiday with family and friends, \$45, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs. Call 390-2222.

\* **Friday, Jan. 2, noon-8 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** Cooking class, salads as a meal, with recipes for healthy, easy and time-efficient main-course salads, \$45, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs. Call 390-2222.

\* **Wednesday, Jan. 7, 6-8 p.m., Robb & Stucky KitchenAid Culinary Center:** wine pairings with seafood, Chef Kristina San Filippo and wine expert Julie Glenn team up to show how white and red wines complement seafood tapas, \$55, 26501 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs. Call 390-2222.

\* **Thursday, Jan. 8, 6-8 p.m., The Good Life:** Cooking class, Mad About Mediterranean, recipes with Greek, Italian and Middle Eastern flavors, \$50, Collection at Vanderbilt, Suite 176, Naples. Call 514-4663.

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